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A SOMEWHAT bewildered Editor has been called upon again to write an Editorial which has no excuse for being about the School's age or its numbers, or about the Chapel or a Speech Day. The only other subject which is forbidden to all Editors is to write on the subject that there is no subject to write on.

In Number Twenty Four of *The Stoic* we answered a criticism of our American contemporary, "The Grotonian," which was that English Public School magazines were strangled in a welter of House Matches and other local news, by saying that the Public School Muse had ample scope for expression in "The Gate." It was an unfortunate remark and it has born to the full its evil consequences. For now among all the members of the school there are only two people who seem to realise that *The Stoic* must always have a large literary section besides everything else.

Write to "The Gate" by all means, but do not let *The Stoic* develop into a "Bradshaw's Railway Guide" or a "Practical Handbook for Facts and Figures of Stowe."

We make this appeal in all humility trusting that in next term's number of *The Stoic* there will be something more than a bald record of happenings to place before our public.

## IN MEMORIAM

QUENTIN CHARLES FREDERICK BERTRAM.

Born on March 1st, 1914.

Died on Oct. 10th, 1931.

Quentin Bertram died at his home on October 10th, 1931, at the age of seventeen-and-a-half. He was taken ill just as he was about to go up to Jesus College, Cambridge.

Quentin Bertram and his elder brother were among the first boys to be entered for the School. His brother came in May, 1923 when the School opened and Quentin followed in September, 1927. It was characteristic of his enterprising and independent nature that he insisted at quite short notice on going to Cambridge a year earlier than had been arranged. He carried his point—but Fate intervened.

He was always a little detached from things and from institutions here but never from people, and he was a good friend as well as a good companion. With an unflinching habit of courtesy and consideration he combined a spirited and rather critical attitude towards convention. He was one of those people who keep life sweet because they keep it moving and who by their strong individualities add to its variety and richness. His death means a real loss to us all.

## THE SEAGULL

White shadow circling above the foam,  
 Dark shadow following upon the sea,  
 A waste and yellow wilderness the sand,  
 Heaving towards a gold infinity—  
 O spirit that dost haunt the restless waves,  
 Are you some lonely ghost of ancient pain,  
 Did you meet shameful death beside the shore  
 And so return to these lone sands again?  
 Or were you once a prisoner, and now loosed,  
 Glorifying in life eternal, swift and free?—  
 White shadow circling above the waves,  
 Dark shadow following upon the sea.

P.G.H.G.

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's Examination in July, 1931, the following were awarded School Certificates :—

P. G. Agnew.	M. F. Horne.
J. B. B. Aimers.	P. E. Hughesdon.
J. J.-F. Aimers.	P. W. Kemmis.
R. G. Atkinson.	F. W. Kennington.
H. M. Balfour.	C. H. G. Kinahan.
R. T. Basset.	R. A. H. Knowling.
G. N. Bell.	D. G. Lea.
A. R. F. B. Brett.	T. W. Legg.
P. T. L. Browne.	F. A. H. Ling.
D. H. Buxton.	B. C. Lough.
D. A. T. Carson.	A. L. Maffey.
J. H. A. Carter.	J. T. Melvin.
W. O. Churchill.	G. C. Miall.
A. D. Coleridge.	J. M. Napier.
C. F. Cornford.	N. C. O. Napier.
J. A. Croft.	A. R. G. Pearce.
W. N. Croft.	J. H. Penrose.
G. F. K. Daly.	J. C. Pfister.
P. G. E. Davies.	J. M. N. Pike.
C. R. Davis.	D. C. Powell.
P. E. Dawson.	J. M. Reay-Smith.
P. A. G. Dixey.	C. F. G. Rogers.
J. N. W. Dudley.	P. C. E. Russell.
R. H. L. Farmer.	M. G. Satow.
J. D. Firth.	R. A. Simpson.
D. L. Flower.	R. S. Steavenson.
G. T. B. France.	E. D. Taylor.
J. H. P. Gauvain.	G. W. Thornton.
F. S. B. Gavin.	W. L. Thync.
J. A. F. Gethin.	J. M. Turner.
N. S. Græme.	J. O. N. Vickers.
C. L. Hall.	C. G. Walton.
A. A. Hawker.	A. P. West.
T. B. Henderson.	H. A. Wheeler.
J. P. E. C. Henniker.	S. D. Williams.
A. C. G. Hesketh-Pritchard.	E. J. Wood.
T. F. S. Hetherington.	G. C. Wyndham.
J. P. Hopps.	

## STOICA

*School Officials—Christmas Term, 1931.*

*Prefects* :—C. T. Crowe ; J. R. C. Kenyon ; P. D. Ward ; E. R. Allen ; P. G. Agnew ; J. N. Woodbridge ; H. D. Nelson Smith ma.

*Captain of Football* :—E. R. Allen.

*Hon. Secretary of Football* :—C. T. Crowe.

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We congratulate Dr. L. P. Huggins on his appointment of Headquarters Commissioner of Music to the Scout Movement.

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The son who was born to Mr. J. de P. G. Mayhew (Bruce 1923-1926) on November 16th was entered by telegram for his father's House on the same day. This boy is the first Old Stoic's son to be entered for the School—which, as he is the only Old Stoic's son in existence, is hardly surprising.

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The "Talkies" have proved quite popular—and have not yet infected the School with a "Western-Electric" accent.

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The following visitors have preached in Chapel this Term :—

Oct. 11th.	The Rev. R. N. Neill, Vicar of Christchurch, Cambridge.
Nov. 1st.	The Rev. H. E. Heale, Chaplain to H.M. Forces.
Nov. 8th.	The Rev. S. G. Farrar, Chetwode.
Nov. 22nd.	The Rev. W. L. Anderson, Sparkhill, Birmingham.
Dec. 6th.	The Rev. H. E. Sibree, Westbury.

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*From The Times of August 17th, 1931* :—"The engagement is announced between Robert Raymond Timberlake, of Grafton House, Stowe School, elder son of Mr. J. Timberlake and the late Mrs. Timberlake of Hastoe, Tring, and Elsa Philippa, younger daughter of the late Mr. F. G. Hickson and Mrs. Hickson, M.B.E., of Oldfeld, Swanage."

The cushion recently placed on the desk of the pulpit is (like so many other beautiful things in the Chapel) the gift of Mrs. Radice. The new book-markers in the Bibles come from the same hand. Two are strips of fine old Chinese embroidery and the third is made from the vivid green ribbon of a Persian Order with a bead of malachite at either end.

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The levelling and turfing of the ground in front of the Vanbrugh block will soon be completed. The circle round the urn will ultimately be marked by a stone kerb of the same diameter as that round the fountain in front of the Adam block. There will be grass within the circle and a number of flower beds outside it beyond the circular path.

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Two additional Squash Courts of a new pattern have been built this term and will be ready for use in January. Some improvements have been introduced into the existing courts.

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The "voluntary" labour on the second section of the Palladian Bridge tennis courts scheme has been surprisingly effective. The site should be ready for the En-Tout Cas Company's men by the end of the Winter, but they cannot be summoned until money becomes available to pay for their work. At present there is still a big debt on the first section. The third section of the scheme provides for four courts to be laid down to the South of the first two sections. The work here will happily involve very little levelling.

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Members of the Sixth Form have read the Lessons at Sunday Evening Chapel this term with commendable success and an interesting variety of tone and volume.

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The *Stowe Show* will be held in the Rudolph Steiner Hall (close to Baker Street Station) on Friday, December 18th at 2.30 and 8.30 p.m. The Programme will be carried out by members of the School and will include "Wurzel-Flummery," by A. A. Milne ; "The Thread of Scarlet" by Lord Dunsany ; "The Rehearsal," by A. A. Milne, and various interludes. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. E. Hart Dyke, Stowe School, or from the Rudolph Steiner Hall Box Office (Padd. 8219).

The new House, when old enough to realise that it was not going to be approved by members of Chatham, decided to give up the struggle and died at the tender age of two-foot-six.

The new Screen in the Chapel has been erected by Mr. L. H. Hartland-Swann, the father of J. J. Hartland-Swann, C. H. Hartland-Swann and P. E. Hartland-Swann, in memory of C. H. Hartland-Swann. It bears the following inscription:—

THIS SCREEN WAS PRESENTED  
TO STOWE CHAPEL  
BY  
LOUIS HERBERT HARTLAND-SWANN, C.B.E.  
IN MEMORY OF HIS SON  
CONRAD HARRY HARTLAND-SWANN  
WHO JOINED THE SCHOOL AT ITS  
OPENING. (BRUCE HOUSE 1925-1926)  
AND WHO DIED ON 6TH NOV. 1929.

The following football colours have been awarded this term:—  
*Colts.*—A. E. de la T. Mallett, K. P. P. Goldschmidt, E. M. Ling, R. B. Boulter, S. F. F. Johnson, A. G. Pearce, P. J. Willink, J. H. Bourne, A. E. James, C. E. Crump, J. R. Newman, J. M. B. Poyntz.  
*2nd XV.*—J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis, A. A. Hawker, G. V. Rouse, C. A. La T. Leatham, D. E. Frean, P. W. Forbes, H. E. Josselyn, D. M. Lea, B. Tweedy, A. W. Genth, J. R. C. Kenyon, C. A. Willink, R. T. Basset, J. H. P. Gauvain, J. P. L. Henderson, K. O. Mackenzie, A. F. Weaver, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, F. A. H. Ling, P. B. Lucas, H. D. Nelson Smith.  
*1st XV.*—C. T. Crowe, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, D. E. Frean, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

Mr. Garrett has been appointed Treasurer of *The Stoic*. Communications should be addressed to him at The Lodge, Stowe Avenue, Buckingham.

## OLIM ALUMNI

- MR. B. T. AIKMAN, of Worcester College, finished fifth in the Freshmen's Cross Country Race at Oxford on October 24th.
- MR. P. M. BEECH, of Exeter College, was equal 2nd in the Pole Vault event at the Seniors' and Freshmen's Sports at Oxford on October 31st.
- MR. J. A. HOTHAM represented Cranwell at Rugger against Sandhurst, at Sandhurst, on November 7th.
- MR. I. W. MACPHERSON, of Pembroke College, played in the Cambridge Freshmen's Match (Rugby Football) on October 12th.
- MR. J. B. CHARLES and MR. F. W. B. CHARLES have been playing Rugby Football for Cheshire.
- MR. B. C. GADNEY was chosen to play for the North v. the South on December 5th in the first of the Rugby Union International Trial Matches. He played in the combined Eastern Midlands and Leicestershire team, which was the first to beat the South Africans.
- MR. A. R. C. WATSON has run for the Cambridge University Cross Country Team.
- MR. P. L. SHERWOOD represented Cambridge against Oxford in the Relay Races. He ran in the 100 yards and the 220 yards.
- At the June Army Entrance Examination, MR. W. H. H. WILBERFORCE passed into Woolwich; MESSRS J. C. COMMINGS, A. W. LLEWELLEN PALMER, J. E. L. CORBYN, J. C. A. D. LAWSON and G. V. SEYMOUR into Sandhurst; and MESSRS. L. G. LEVIS and J. A. HOTHAM into Cranwell.
- MR. A. C. C. BRODIE was awarded the mark "Distinguished" in Section 1 of the Examinations and Tests held at Sandhurst in June and July.

The following Old Stoics have been gazetted :

- MR. R. DE Z. MANSER to The Suffolk Regt.  
 MR. A. H. ROOSMALECOQ to the Indian Army.  
 MR. A. B. B. MOORE to the Indian Army.

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MARRIAGES.

- On July 22nd, 1931, MR. J. C. R. TONSON-RYE (Cobham House, 1924-27),  
 to Miss F. B. Drake-Brockman.
- On August 1st, 1931, MR. B. KELLEY (Grenville House, 1923-27) to  
 Miss H. Barlow Smith.
- On September 5th, 1931, MR. G. F. NOXON (Cobham House, 1924-26),  
 to Miss E. T. Lane.
- On September 24th, 1931, MR. A. R. T. COKE (Chatham House, 1925-28),  
 to Miss J. H. Loring.
- On September 26th, 1931, MR. M. A. LLOYD (Chatham House, 1925-29),  
 to Miss B. A. Haward.

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From the Times of November 18th, 1931 :—MAYHEW.—On Nov. 16,  
 1931, at 17, Imperial House, Grosvenor-road, S.W.1, to the  
 Hon. Rosemary Sylvia and JOHN DE PARIGAULT GURNEY  
 MAYHEW, the gift of a son.

We greatly regret to announce that two Old Stoics were drowned while  
 bathing during the Summer holidays—MR. J. H. VILIESID, at  
 West Wittering on August 3rd, and MR. L. G. RIVERS MOORE,  
 near Bognor on August 27th.

MR. L. G. RIVERS MOORE was in Temple from May 1923, the School's  
 first term, until April 1927.

MR. J. H. VILIESID was in Cobham from May 1924 until July 1926.

## ENTERTAINMENTS

### THE CINEMA.

This Term we have been finding our feet after installing 'talkies,' and after much experiment and alteration we now have got splendid sound reproduction on both machines. The Mihaly sound system has been used; it is of the sound-on-film type. The necessary alternating current is supplied by a rotor-converter, and the A.C. is transformed to various voltages for use in the different parts of the apparatus. The sound is given out by two moving coil speakers, standing on the stage on two movable towers, one on each side of the screen.

The turn tables of the Panatrope have been connected up temporarily with the 'talkie' amplifiers, so that, though the Panatrope itself has not yet been able to be repaired, the same effect as before can be obtained through the 'talkie' speakers for accompanying silent films.

Several small alterations have also been made in order to make things more convenient. Among these may be mentioned the addition of a dimmer in order to control the hall lights comfortably. A secondary 12-volt supply has been arranged, batteries being charged through resistances, in order to light the gangways and exits even if the main supply failed.

This Term we have taken the direct booking of films into our own hands again. The weekly programmes have been designed to be alternatively interesting and entertaining. The interest programmes have been the most criticised and are the most difficult to arrange, but a great deal of trouble has been taken over them and I think that before long we may be able to make up a really useful series of educational programmes, though possibly the films will not be found in the current 'educational' catalogues.

R.H.H.

This term we have seen the following films :—

"*The White Hell of Pitz Palu.*" This was an excellent film of German production. The Alpine photography was good all the way through and in the night scenes the effect of the countless myriads of lights of the search party presented a magnificent picture. Of the three principle characters Dr. Kraft was by far the best; from his first dramatic entry to his death he remained the centre of the whole film overshadowing too much perhaps the young man and his fiancée. This was perhaps the best film we have had this term. Our thanks are due to Dr. Huggins for his accompaniment throughout the performance.

"*Rookery Nook*" was our first 'sound' film and it established a worthy precedent. We have come to expect a high standard of excellence from the Aldwych company and certainly this time Ralph Lynn and Tom Walls did not fall below this standard. Their supporting caste—with the exception of Mary Brough, who was as good as ever—did not quite seem to reach first-class standard. Robertson Hare, in particular, somewhat overdid his 'depressed husband' part. The 'sound' throughout was remarkably clear.

"*The Hate Ship*" was interesting as being the first British talkie. In our opinion this was the only reason that it was interesting. The production was weak and the acting, usually, hopelessly overdone. But for Colonel Paget and, occasionally, Arthur Wardle himself, we should have been wafted back to the old days of melodrama. But perhaps this was our sacrifice on the altar of patriotism.

"*Splinters*" was a film depicting the life of a comedy party composed of soldiers during the war. The spirit of hilarity and good feeling was well maintained throughout, while Nelson Keys in a comedian's part was admirable—altogether a very good entertainment.

"*The Last Company*," after a succession of advertisement films, proved very much to the school's taste. It depicted an incident in the Napoleonic War in 1806. The story was well portrayed throughout. Captain Veidt, the hero of the piece, was perhaps the best of the actors. But why must that terrible Dora have been introduced? Her acting was the one weak spot. It seems a pity that American producers cannot be more careful in their translations from the German. Such Americanisms as "Is that so?" seem hopelessly out of place on the lips of a stout Prussian sentry.

In addition three Saturdays were devoted to Interest Films in which we were entertained by zoological pictures and by various people busily engaged in making such pleasing little things as paper, Shell Oil or Exide Batteries. On one memorable occasion we were privileged to see how a narcissus grew!

*Mr. Ronald Frankau's Entertainment.* On Saturday, October 31st, we were provided with a very good entertainment by Mr. Ronald Frankau. Mr. Frankau himself was, as always, first-class, but all too often his caste did not give him adequate support. The proceeds, which amounted to £61, were given to the Buckingham Hospital, not, as is rumoured, to buy the Bursar an even smarter dress-suit.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE record of 1st XV matches up to date is two wins and one draw out of ten matches played, and there is no doubt that the team this season has been rather below the average. Lack of real pace has been the greatest handicap and such has been the dearth of good three-quarter backs that the two players forming the left wing have seldom both kept their places for two consecutive matches. New players have constantly been tried, only to be discarded in turn. The rest of the team settled itself fairly early and up to a point acquitted itself quite well, but in one or two of the matches there was definitely a lack of life about the whole side.

Of the five School matches two—Radley and Oundle—had unfortunately to be scratched owing to illness in these schools, one was lost, another won and the last, at the time of writing, is still to come. The three Oxford Colleges beat us, two of them by very narrow margins, but we did better against the Club sides, beating Richmond and drawing with Rosslyn Park.

The "Seconds" had a disappointing season winning only their first match, that against the Old Stoics. The Colts, however, provided a welcome contrast to the comparative failure of the senior teams and their record holds good hope for the future. One of the two Radley matches and the Oundle match had to be scratched, but the other four they won

handsomely. Indeed it would have been far better if they could have been more severely tested. However, the existence of a strong Colts XV gives promise of better things for the 1st XV in the future, although it must be recognized that we shall probably, again next season, start with the very meagre ration of one old 'colour.'

The leagues were won by Chatham with the excellent score of 58 out of a possible 60 points. Chandos ran them very close and the issue was in doubt up to the final whistle of the last match, when Chatham beat Chandos in the 'A' by 6 points to 5. Chatham in their 'A' matches scored 155 points to 8 and in their 'B' matches 156 points to 3. The attached table shows the full results. An 'A' win counts six points, a 'B' win four.

	Matches.				Points.		Total.
	Won 'A'	'B'	Drawn 'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'	
Chatham .....	6	5	0	1	36	22	58
Chandos .....	5	4	0	1	30	18	48
Bruce .....	3	5	0	0	18	20	38
Grenville .....	3	3	0	0	18	12	30
Grafton .....	3	2	0	0	18	8	26
Cobham .....	1	1	0	0	6	4	10
Temple .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### THE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS.

Played at Stowe on October 3rd, the Old Stoics winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nil.

The School had bad luck in losing, very early in the game, Hammond-Chambers, who sustained a broken collar-bone in a hard tackle. Tweedy was taken out of the pack and the remaining seven forwards proved unequal to the task of holding the strong heavy pack of their opponents. The Old Stoics' forwards, well led by Dashwood, dominated the game and five of the tries were scored by them. Dashwood, who was very difficult to stop, scored twice and the other forwards who scored were Grimley, Lorimer and Barclay. Towards the end the backs took a hand and Rowlatt and Salamon each scored a try; Rowlatt converted his own try and Barclay converted Salamon's.

The School were outweighed and outplayed forward, but they stuck to their work well and were never demoralized. Behind the scrum Davis showed promising form and Collins-Lewis, who moved into the centre, ran strongly at times.

*Teams:*—*The School:* A. A. Hawker; H. E. Josselyn, C. T. Crowe, R. R. Hammond-Chambers, J. W. Collins-Lewis; R. T. Basset, C. R. Davis; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, C. A. LaT. Leatham, B. Tweedy, P. T. Hayman, F. A. H. Ling.

*The Old Stoics:* M. A. R. Sutherland; P. L. Sherwood, T. H. T. Gautby, J. D. Murray, C. E. Salamon; D. F. N. Rowlatt, G. M. Wolfe; J. G. Grimley, M. Lorimer, R. H. S. Clouston, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, H. M. Barclay, P. H. Heygate, J. A. Dashwood, S. Ward.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ROSSLYN PARK A.

Played at Stowe on October 10th, the result being a draw, each side scoring one try (3 points).

The Rosslyn Park pack controlled the game in the first half, and their backs had innumerable chances to score. The School tackling however was very much improved and Rosslyn Park were unable to turn their chances to account. On one occasion, one of their three-quarters got over the line, but, being tackled by Ellis, failed to touch down. Half-time came with no scoring.

In the second half the Rosslyn Park pack tired and, although they brought off some fine loose rushes, the School got much more of the ball from the scrums. Davis and Collins-Lewis played well at half and there was some promising running by the centres, especially Crowe.

Rosslyn Park opened the scoring with a try far out on the left, but Stowe soon equalised. A good movement was checked near the line, but a quick pass to Rouse, who was up, enabled him to throw himself over for a try. Macpherson just missed with a good kick. The School did most of the pressing after this, but Rosslyn Park broke away several times in forward rushes.

Hawker played very well at back, and of the forwards Allen, Ellis, Macpherson and Rouse were the best.

*Team*:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, R. T. Basset, C. A. Willink; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, C. J. Macpherson, G. V. Rouse, C. A. LaT. Leatham, B. Tweedy, F. A. H. Ling, G. W. Emrys-Roberts.

THE SCHOOL *v.* LX CLUB, CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Stowe on October 15th, the LX Club winning by one goal and five tries (20 points) to nil.

The LX Club had a strong side composed of the pick of the Freshmen with a few Seniors who were in the running for the Varsity side. The School did quite well against their opponents, who were considerably stronger in the pack and faster and cleverer behind. The LX Club were unlucky to lose their fly-half before half-time, but with seven forwards they were able to hold the School tight and were more than a match for them in the loose. The School tackling was sound, but a number of likely scoring chances were thrown away, especially in the second half, by bad handling among the backs, Basset being chiefly at fault in this respect. Basset however broke through well on one or two occasions and only wants to learn to hold his passes to become a useful centre. Hawker played very well at full-back, the two halves were sound and of the forwards Allen, Ellis and Rouse were the best.

*Team*:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, R. T. Basset, H. E. Josselyn; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, G. V. Rouse, C. A. LaT. Leatham, B. Tweedy, P. W. Forbes.

THE SCHOOL *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH A.

Played at Stowe on October 17th, the London Scottish winning by three goals and two tries (21 points) to two goals (10 points).

At the beginning the Scottish were getting the ball well in the tight and their fast backs were constantly on the move. Two breaks-through in the centre brought tries and they were quickly eight points up. The School then improved and some excellent passing among the forwards enabled Cameron to score a try, which Macpherson converted. The Scottish however scored again and led 13-5 at the interval.

In the second half the School forwards played very well and fully held their own with the Scottish pack both in the tight and the loose. The backs got on the move quite often but through lack of pace were fairly easily held. After the Scottish had scored two further tries, Collins-Lewis broke through beautifully in the centre and scored near the posts. Macpherson again converted.

The tackling of the whole side was fairly sound and the forwards showed much more dash than they had done previously. Allen, Ellis, Cameron and Forbes were the best of the pack, while behind the scrum Hawker, Davis, Collins-Lewis and Crowe all showed good form.

*Team*:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, A. H. Salomon; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, G. V. Rouse, C. A. LaT. Leatham, B. Tweedy, P. W. Forbes.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on October 24th, Oriel winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to two goals and one try (13 points).

This was a hard match and on the whole a very even one. A very little might have turned the scale and enabled the School to register its first win against Oriel. For the first ten minutes the School were kept in their own twenty-five and then Oriel scored an unconverted try. The School then went much better and Allen broke away and scored beneath the posts for Macpherson to convert. Oriel scored again and then Davis went over untouched from a scrum near the line and, Macpherson again converting, we led 10-8 at half-time.

Play in the second half was always interesting and went quickly from end to end of the field. Cameron got a try after some good combined play among the forwards and on another occasion Allen was unlucky not to score. Oriel got two more tries and just kept their lead till the end.

The School team was much better together than it had been, the forwards particularly showing up well and playing with more dash. Davis and Collins-Lewis combined very well at half-back, and the latter made some fine cuts-through in the centre. Crowe was good in the centre but the wings lacked pace.

*Team*:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, B. Tweedy; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on October 31st, Harrow winning by two goals (10 points) to one try (3 points).

Harrow had a big advantage in weight and pace, especially the former, for we were probably giving away about a stone a man all round. Although the result from the Stowe standpoint was rather disappointing, yet it cannot be urged that we deserved to win. In some respects the team did well; in others it failed. Throughout the match the Stowe pack held its own in the tight scrums; in the second half it even shoved its opponents over the try line, and although no try resulted, the manœuvre was well carried out. In the loose rushes, however, Harrow were superior. Their dribbling was well controlled and well backed up and took a deal of stopping.

Neither of the back divisions shone. Harrow with all their physique were not very difficult to hold and in addition they made it easier for Stowe by frequently missing



passes. Stowe also were unimpressive. The passing was mechanical and there was too little variety about the movements. Crowe was the best of the backs and the wings made valiant efforts against rather heavy odds.

On the run of the play in the first half we were unlucky to be five points down at half-time. For three-quarters of this period we were in the Harrow half and often near their line. Towards the end of the half Harrow worked up and a quick passing movement sent in their right wing.

Soon after the re-start, Harrow broke away on the left. A forward was up for an inside pass and, running strongly through some weak attempts to tackle, he scored near the posts. Stowe improved after this and there were some exciting attacks on the Harrow line. Eventually a quick heel and pass out sent Crowe over, but Macpherson's kick just went past the post on the wrong side. In the remaining time Stowe were more nearly over than Harrow, but the defence on both sides held out to the end.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, P. B. Lucas ; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND A.

Played at Stowe on November 7th, the School winning by five tries (15 points) to two tries (6 points).

Richmond were not so strongly represented as usual, but the School showed quite promising form. The forwards were good both in the tight and the loose. Their heeling was quick and clean and they backed up well. The halves played well and the three-quarters showed more initiative in going through. A number of good scoring chances were lost, however, by faulty passing, and in this respect there was room for improvement.

Stowe pressed from the start and after some time Macpherson scored a good try direct from a line out. Just before half-time Collins-Lewis tried to drop a goal, but the ball went outside the post ; from the drop-out Richmond went straight to the other end and scored a try which brought the scores level.

In the second half Stowe pressed and kept attacking from both set and loose scrums. The pace began to tell on Richmond and four more tries were scored in this half, by Allen, Collins-Lewis (two) and Frean. Richmond scored once, Hart, one of four Old Stoics playing, following up a kick-off very quickly and dribbling right over our line after a misfield by one of the Stowe forwards.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, C. A. Willink ; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, A. W. Genth, B. Tweedy.

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

Played at St. Paul's on November 21st, the School winning by two goals and one try (13 points) to one try (3 points).

The School started in promising fashion. The forwards got the ball in the tight and Davis got it away well to Collins-Lewis. Several dangerous attacks were set up, Crowe being particularly good at cutting through the defence. Some good passing and running on the right resulted in two tries in the first quarter of an hour by Crowe. Allen converted the second. Another certain try was lost when Frean just knocked

on Crowe's pass, after the latter had made a perfect opening. St. Paul's then took the game to our twenty-five and rash passing in front of our own goal allowed them to intercept and send in their right wing man for a try.

In the second half Stowe fell off. St. Paul's got their full share of the ball and were for the greater part of the time in our half of the field. Various rushes relieved the situation, but St. Paul's usually came back to the attack. They never, however, looked really dangerous. After one relieving rush to the half-way line, Crowe picked up and sent Frean off on the right. Frean ran well and outstripping the defence went right round and scored behind the posts for Allen to convert. That settled the issue and play after that was in mid-field till no-side.

The forwards were good at the beginning but fell away in the second half, particularly in the tight scrums. Behind the scrum, Davis, Crowe and Frean were easily the best and played an excellent game throughout.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, P. B. Lucas ; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on November 25th, Christ Church winning by one penalty goal and one try (6 points) to one try (3 points).

There was little between the sides and perhaps a draw would have been a fairer result. The School scored a good try through Frean in the first half after a quick heel from a loose scrum. In the second half, Christ Church scored from a line-out and later kicked a penalty goal, the kick having been awarded for 'foot-up' in the scrum.

The game was rather scrappy and uninteresting with little good football on either side. Collins-Lewis broke through once or twice but the backing up was not as good as usual.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. E. Josselyn, P. B. Lucas ; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, P. W. Forbes, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, F. A. H. Ling.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on November 28th, Trinity winning by one goal, one dropped goal and three tries (18 points) to nil.

The School did not play well in this match. The forwards were beaten for the ball both in the tight and loose scrums and the backs got few chances. In defence the kicking was poor and the tackling, although sound enough on the whole, broke down at times.

Trinity led by a try and a dropped goal—beautifully kicked—at half-time, and, keeping up the attack, scored three times more in the second half. The School hardly ever got within striking distance of their opponents' line.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, H. D. Nelson Smith, P. B. Lucas ; J. W. Collins-Lewis, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on December 5th, Bedford winning by three tries (9 points) to one goal and one penalty goal (8 points).

The match was played in pouring rain from start to finish, conditions which suited Stowe better than Bedford. Bedford with a moderate pack relied on the fast and clever running of their backs and it must be said that their three-quarters handled the wet ball marvellously well and, considering the state of the ground, ran fast and skilfully. Stowe, on the other hand, put most faith in their forwards. The pack played magnificently, Allen being particularly good, and brought off many fine rushes accompanied by quick following up.

Bedford opened the scoring with a try by their right wing, who was fortunate in gathering the ball about the half-way line and who then ran very strongly down the touch line beating both his own opposite number and the full-back. Shortly after this Bedford were penalized and Allen kicked a fine goal. Bedford continued to attack with their three-quarters and before half-time scored two more unconverted tries after some very good combined play, where intelligent backing-up and sure handling played a main part.

In the second half Stowe attacked strongly with their forwards and a try soon came. Allen backed Crowe up well and forced his way over for a try, which he converted himself. For the last twenty-five minutes the match was very exciting with only one point between the teams. Each side persisted in its own game and played it well, but the defence was adequate and no further score resulted.

*Team* :—A. A. Hawker ; D. E. Frean, J. W. Collins-Lewis, H. D. Nelson Smith, P. B. Lucas ; C. T. Crowe, C. R. Davis ; E. R. Allen, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, C. J. Macpherson, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth.

THE SECOND XV *v.* OLD STOICS SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on October 3rd, the Second XV winning by four tries (12 points) to three tries (9 points).

The Old Stoics went off with a rush and were soon two tries to the good. The School then improved but the Old Stoics scored again, before Frean ran in for a try for the School. Half-time came with the score 9—3, the scorers for the Old Stoics being Morison, Ryland and Willett.

Better training told in the second half and Lucas and Frean (2) scored for the School, the last try coming just before no-side.

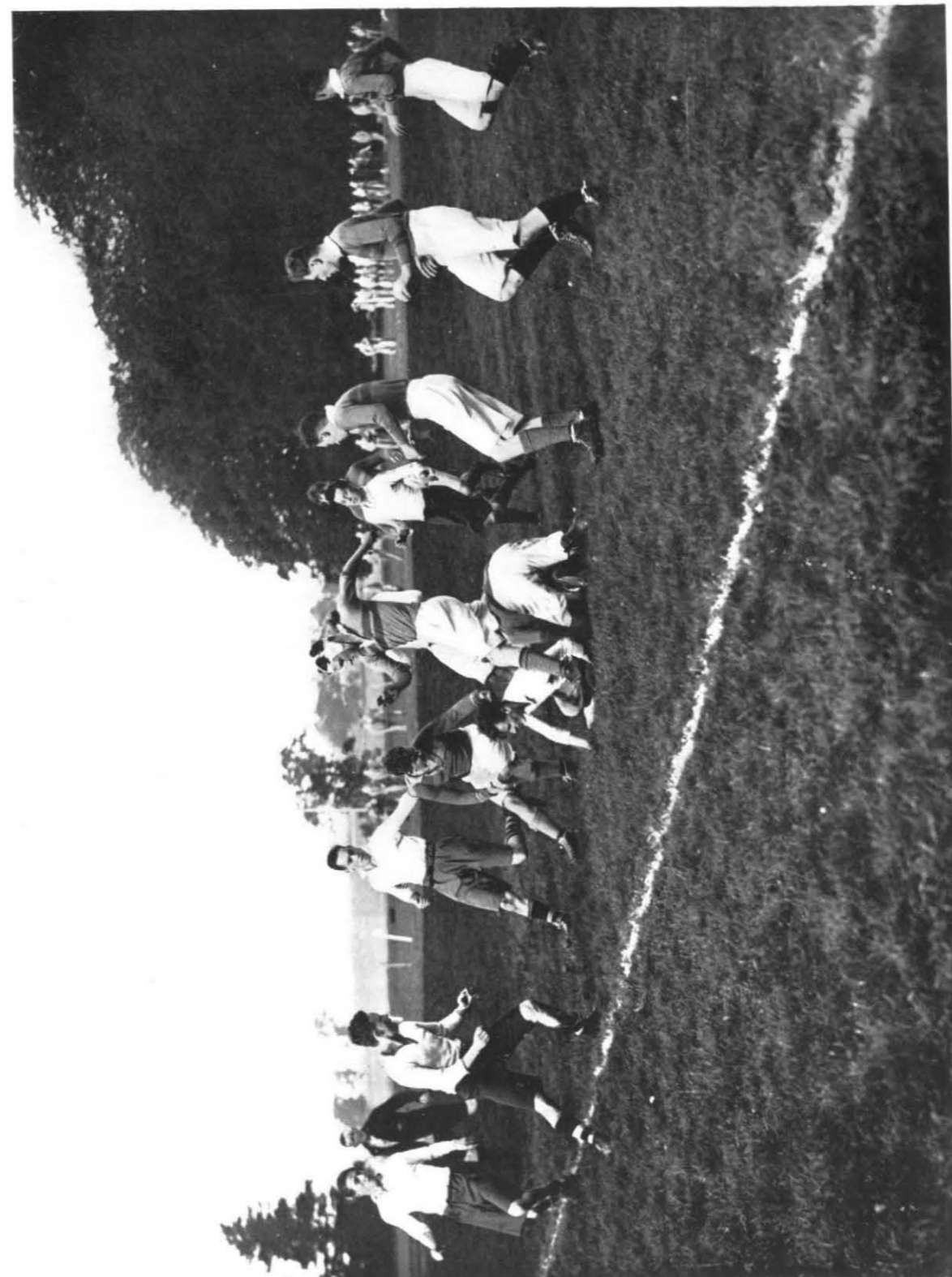
Frean, Lucas, Rouse and Roberts all played soundly for the School, while for the Old Stoics Ryland and Morison did well.

*Teams*.—*The Second XV* :—K. W. L. Roberts ; D. E. Frean, J. P. L. Henderson, P. B. Lucas, A. H. Salamon ; I. E. Hills, T. W. Legg ; G. V. Rouse, J. R. C. Kenyon, J. N. Woodbridge, D. M. Lea, A. F. Weaver, J. H. P. Gauvain, P. W. Forbes, M. J. Macoun.

*Old Stoics Second XV* :—G. R. Moorby ; P. F. Hornsby, K. D. Miall, H. F. King, C. A. Willink ; H. P. Ryland, D. G. Levis ; J. A. Fraser, D. N. Willett, C. I. B. Wells, H. J. Miall, H. P. Croom-Johnson, O. P. Croom-Johnson, H. G. Morison, E. R. G. Ripley.

THE SECOND XV *v.* WELLINGTON COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Wellington on October 17th, Wellington winning by two goals, one penalty goal and five tries (28 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).



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THE "OLD STOICS" MATCH.

The Wellington side was a good deal faster and heavier than ours and playing with a lot of dash ran up a score of 20 points in the first half. In the second half Stowe woke up and went considerably harder. They failed to cross the Wellington line, but Lea kicked a mammoth penalty goal from somewhere in the region of the half-way line.

*Team* :—K. W. L. Roberts ; C. A. Willink, J. P. L. Henderson, R. T. Basset, A. J. Crump ; P. B. Lucas, T. W. Legg ; P. T. Hayman, J. R. C. Kenyon, A. F. Weaver, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, F. A. H. Ling, A. W. Genth, D. M. Lea, J. H. P. Gauvain.

#### THE SECOND XV *v.* OUNDLE SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on October 24th, Oundle winning by five goals and one try (28 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

The set scrums were fairly even, but Oundle got the ball back more rapidly from the loose and their three-quarters ran with a good deal of thrust. The School tackling was weak and failed to prevent attacks from developing. The School backs did not look dangerous in attack but on one occasion Hills ran right through, only to lose the ball over the line. Leatham played well at forward while Lucas was the best of the backs.

Oundle scored three times in each half and it was not until late in the game that Lea put something on the Stowe score sheet by kicking a fine penalty goal.

*Team* :—K. O. Mackenzie ; P. B. Lucas, R. T. Basset, J. P. L. Henderson, A. J. Crump ; I. E. Hills, T. W. Legg ; A. F. Weaver, J. R. C. Kenyon, C. A. LaT. Leatham, F. A. H. Ling, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, J. H. P. Gauvain, D. M. Lea, M. J. Macoun.

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

Played at Stowe on November 7th, St. Paul's winning by one penalty goal and three tries (12 points) to two tries (6 points).

Stowe had more of the game than their opponents but lack of pace behind the scrum prevented their scoring more frequently. The forwards played well together and went very hard.

At half-time St. Paul's led 9—3, having scored a penalty goal and two tries to a try. In the second half Stowe kept St. Paul's on the defensive almost entirely but could score only once more, while St. Paul's also scored again, by a break-away. Hills and Crump were the scorers for Stowe.

*Team* :—K. O. Mackenzie ; A. H. Salamon, J. P. L. Henderson, R. T. Basset, A. J. Crump ; I. E. Hills, T. W. Legg ; C. A. LaT. Leatham, J. R. C. Kenyon, P. T. Hayman, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, F. A. H. Ling, A. F. Weaver, E. R. Farnell-Watson, J. H. P. Gauvain.

#### THE SECOND XV *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH EXTRA B.

Played at Stowe on November 14th, the London Scottish winning by one penalty goal and three tries (12 points) to nil.

The London Scottish brought down quite a good side and the Second XV did by no means badly, as they were overweighted in the scrum and outpaced behind. The School forwards played with considerable dash and tackled well on the whole, but they were unable to give their backs much of the ball. The halves played well in difficult conditions, while in the three-quarters Basset showed the most thrust in attack and Henderson was very sound in defence. Mackenzie, although his fielding was uncertain at times, kicked and tackled well.



"P. T." ON THE SOUTH FRONT.

[Photo by Sport and General.

The game was fast and on the whole fairly even. In the first half the London Scottish got over twice and kicked a penalty goal. In the second half the Stowe forwards brought off some good rushes, but the backs were not fast enough to get away. The London Scottish added one try, a three-quarter dribbling over the line.

*Team* :—K. O. Mackenzie; I. E. Hills, R. T. Basset, J. P. L. Henderson, A. J. Crump; H. D. Nelson Smith, A. R. F. B. Brett; C. A. LaT. Leatham, J. R. C. Kenyon, A. F. Weaver, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, F. A. H. Ling, B. Tweedy, E. R. Farnell-Watson, J. H. P. Gauvain.

#### THE SECOND XV v. HARROW SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Harrow on November 26th, Harrow winning by five goals and four tries (37 points) to one goal (5 points).

The Second made a poor showing in this match, the tackling and marking for the most part being bad. They were undoubtedly seriously handicapped by losing Brett in the first half, but even so the attack, with the exception of Nelson Smith, showed little thrust and vigour. Nelson Smith, after a good run, scored our only try, which was converted by Kenyon. Mackenzie at full back did what he could to stem the tide by some useful tackling.

*Team* :—K. O. Mackenzie; I. E. Hills, J. P. L. Henderson, R. T. Basset, A. J. Crump; H. D. Nelson Smith, A. R. F. B. Brett; C. A. LaT. Leatham, J. R. C. Kenyon, A. F. Weaver, E. R. Farnell-Watson, K. W. L. Roberts, M. J. Macoun, B. Tweedy, J. H. P. Gauvain.

#### THE SCHOOL THIRD XV v. RADLEY THIRD XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 25th, the School winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to two tries (6 points).

*Team* :—J. K. Todd; R. G. Atkinson, Hon. T. C. F. Prittie, A. H. Salamon, P. C. Conran; P. Hutton-Attenborough, T. W. Legg; P. T. Hayman, S. D. Williams, J. N. Woodbridge, P. G. H. Gell, C. L. Hall, V. R. Paravicini, D. L. Reeve, R. F. Storey.

#### THE COLTS v. HARROW SCHOOL COLTS.

Played at Harrow on October 31st, the Colts winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to one goal (5 points).

In the first half the Stowe forwards got the ball frequently and with the backs running and passing well Harrow were kept on the defensive. Mallett, Brown, James and Willink scored tries, one of which Smith converted.

In the second half Harrow started strongly and soon scored a good try, which was converted. But for dropped passes they would have scored again. Stowe rallied and tries were scored by Goldschmidt, Mallett and Boulter, Smith kicking a goal.

Of the forwards Ling was good in the rushes and Watson tackled well. Goldschmidt and Mallett played well at half.

*Team* :—R. B. Boulter; A. E. James, G. E. T. Brown, P. H. G. Smith, P. J. Willink; A. E. de la T. Mallett, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; N. S. Græme, J. M. N. Pike, J. R. Newman, E. M. Ling, A. G. Pearce, N. G. Annan, C. E. Crump, D. M. Watson.

#### THE COLTS v. ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL COLTS.

Played at Stowe on November 14th, the Colts winning by two goals and four tries (22 points) to nil.

The forwards got the ball frequently and the backs, well served by Goldschmidt, were constantly attacking. Johnson, who backed up well, scored two tries and the other scorers were Mallett (2), Willink and Bourne. Johnson kicked two goals.

*Team* :—R. B. Boulter; A. E. James, J. H. Bourne, P. H. G. Smith, P. J. Willink; A. E. de la T. Mallett, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; N. S. Græme, J. M. N. Pike, J. R. Newman, E. M. Ling, A. G. Pearce, S. F. F. Johnson, C. E. Crump, D. M. Watson.

#### THE COLTS v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL COLTS.

Played at St. Edward's on November 18th, the Colts winning by one penalty goal and seven tries (24 points) to nil.

Rain fell during the match. In the first half the Colts scored six tries, but in the second they fell away rather and the game became scrappy. Tries were scored by Smith (3), Mallett (3) and Willink; Smith kicked the penalty goal. Willink's try was an exceptionally good one and Smith and Mallett both ran strongly.

*Team* :—R. B. Boulter; A. E. James, J. H. Bourne, P. H. G. Smith, P. J. Willink; A. E. de la T. Mallett, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; J. M. B. Poyntz, J. M. N. Pike, J. R. Newman, E. M. Ling, A. G. Pearce, S. F. F. Johnson, C. E. Crump, D. M. Watson.

#### THE COLTS v. RADLEY COLLEGE COLTS.

Played at Radley on November 25th, the Colts winning by two goals and eleven tries (43 points) to nil.

As the score indicates, the Colts were much too strong for their opponents. They showed, however, very good form except in the matter of place-kicking. Tries were scored by Smith (5), James (3), Mallett (2), Bourne, Johnson and Pike. Smith and Boulter each converted one try.

*Team* :—R. B. Boulter; A. E. James, J. H. Bourne, P. H. G. Smith, P. J. Willink; A. E. de la T. Mallett, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; J. M. B. Poyntz, J. M. N. Pike, J. R. Newman, C. E. Crump, A. G. Pearce, S. F. F. Johnson, N. G. Annan, D. C. L. Chidell.

## O.T.C. NOTES

**T**HE strength of the contingent, including 50 recruits enrolled this term, is as follows :—  
Bruce, 34; Temple, 44; Grenville, 39; Chandos, 42; Cobham, 27; Chatham, 38; Grafton, 32; Total, 256.

The following promotions and appointments have been made :—

To *Sergeant* : Corporals H. E. Josselyn, R. T. Basset, P. G. Agnew, P. D. Ward, G. V. Rouse, A. R. F. B. Brett, H. D. Nelson-Smith, J. B. Sopper, J. R. C. Kenyon,  
To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals P. W. Forbes, B. Tweedy, I. E. Hills, K. O. Mackenzie, J. W. Collins-Lewis, J. P. L. Henderson, A. A. H. Radice, C. A. Willink, J. N. Woodbridge, R. R. Hammond-Chambers, G. S. C. Trench, C. K. Adamson, J. McTurk, A. R. W. Stansfeld.

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: Cadets R. J. Packe, T. Q. Annan, C. J. Macpherson, A. R. P. Ellis, C. A. LaT. Leatham, N. Fisher, J. M. Ashby, S. M. Sowerby, S. Kilpatrick, D. A. T. Carson, C. E. Woodbridge, M. J. Macoun, R. H. L. Farmer, F. A. H. Ling, I. M. C. Braby, T. W. Legg, D. P. Croom-Johnson, C. L. Hall.

Twenty-eight Candidates were examined in Part I (Practical) of Certificate "A" on October 23rd. Twenty-four passed.

For reasons of economy this term's Field Day was held in the neighbourhood of the school over ground outside the school boundaries.

The scheme, which consisted of an advanced guard action, was well carried out. Platoon commanders showed considerable skill in the use of ground and in the combination of fire and movement.

The training of a team for the "Country Life" competition, which is fired next term, has begun.

#### THE RIFLE CLUB.

The Rifle Club have held a series of fortnightly competitions for silver spoons. The members have been divided into two classes in these competitions:—Class 'A'—Those who have previously won a spoon. Class 'B'—Those who have not.

The results have been as follows:—

#### SPOON WINNERS.

	Class 'A'	H.P.S. 100	Class 'B'	H.P.S. 100
October 3rd.	C. L. Hall	... 95	W. B. Hay	... 91
October 17th.	J. C. Monteith	... 98	J. W. R. Kempe	... 96
October 31st.	W. B. Hay	... 97	D. J. Cater	... 95
November 14th.	J. K. Hay	... 97	K. H. M. Crabbe	... 92
November 28th.	C. L. Hall	... 98	P. C. Mitford	... 93
	J. C. Monteith	... 98		

## STOWE SCOUTS

Considerable alterations have taken place in the organisation of the Scouts this term. Meetings are now held on Tuesday afternoons instead of on Wednesday evenings, as formerly, and the new arrangement is far more satisfactory. There are now two Troops, the 1st Stowe, the continuation of the old Troop, which is restricted to boys over 17, and the 2nd Stowe, which has been formed this term, restricted to boys under 15.

In consequence of the change of time of the meetings, it has been possible to hold almost all of them out of doors, which has made them much more enjoyable. Some tracking has been done, and a few games involving stalking have been played, and have been a success. Practice in signalling has taken place regularly and the Senior Troop is becoming reasonably efficient at it, while in the latter part of the term First Aid has been part of the weekly programme. The patrols have taken it in turn on Tuesdays to cook their own lunch, and this has been a most successful innovation.

There have been no camps this term, but on October 10th the Widgeons went out hiking for the week-end, and on November 17th both Troops spent the day out.

A.G.A.

## THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

Physicians commemorate those they admire in Annual Lectures, and, as years roll by, it becomes more difficult to say anything new about the oft-sung theme. And so it is with me. My inspiration wears thin, and all that I can do is to give a bald record of facts.

Our Annual Summer Camp is mentioned elsewhere. Suffice it to say, that, despite depressing weather, those Stoics and Old Stoics who attended from a sense of duty all confessed to experiencing more than a modicum of pleasure. Camping by Cobham is not the unpleasant process which those in high authority seem to think it.

This term has seen the start of a Scout Troop at the Club under Mr. Basil Green—not, unfortunately, an Old Stoic. He is doing his work exceedingly well and already twenty youngsters, aged from 11 to 14, belong. The Troop uses the gym from 7 to 8.45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and has taken over a room and all the cubby-holes in the basement as its headquarters at other times. We were very pleased to receive £5 sent by the Stowe Rovers. We stand, however, in great need of cast-off kit, as it will take the boys a very long time to save up enough to buy new. Mr. Green would dearly like to see an Old Stoic Rover helping him on at least one night a week.

Football continues as the most popular Club activity. Thanks to the kindness of St. Andrews, we have a pitch of our own at Northolt. Unfortunately, only a few days ago, the changing-rooms and Canteen were razed to the ground by fire. The Senior team is at present top of its Division. We have to thank Mr. L. J. Pearson for organizing the Football. He visits the Club three times a week and takes a team out every Saturday afternoon.

We are pleased to be able to say that the Frognaal Girls' School (Hampstead) has recently started a Club in our neighbourhood. Since its advent, girls have ceased to frequent our doors. Two very satisfactory dances have been held in conjunction with this Club, and we are hoping to be able to work together in many ways. It is much better for boys and girls to meet each other at club dances and socials, where manners and etiquette are observed, than at the street corners.

L.C.C. classes in Gym and Reading, also Boxing, Fencing now organised by Eddie Vince, an old boy, Ping-pong, Draughts, Billiards and Darts go on as usual, and inter-club competitions take place weekly. In spite of all these activities there is often not enough for the 60 to 70 members who attend every evening to do. If anyone who reads this letter has a ping-pong table, or indeed anything in the way of an indoor game, which he or she does not want, they will greatly help the Club by sending them along.

The terminal visit to Stowe, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, was made in a most luxurious charabanc, supplied by Rickards of Paddington at a specially low rate. Thanks to this, the money paid by the boys all but covered the cost of transport. Football (the Seniors losing 3—1 and the Juniors winning 5—2), study teas and the talkies provided the brunt of the amusement. The only blot on an otherwise perfect day was a new traffic edict, forbidding the singing of the Stowe Club song while passing through villages. When one considers that it takes months for each boy to save the necessary 4/6 for the trip, one realises how much it means.

Only four houses have sent visitors to the Club this term. Sporadic visits from Old Stoics—one may mention especially Head, A. Trippe, John Lilley, George Pick, Balfour, A. G. A. Cook and Morison—have been very welcome. Clouston and Cheape have helped with the boxing. At the same time it must be mentioned that only one of the regular helpers is an Old Stoic.

The Canteen has been opened every evening by Claude Douglas and two juniors. Mrs. Lilley has been universally missed and we all look forward to seeing her again on her return from Paris.

*The Club is in great need of old running-vests, shorts and gym shoes.* By the time a boy has paid his weekly 'sub' and football fare, there is precious little left for buying first-hand kit. Miss McWilliam, the Honorary Secretary of the St. Marylebone Committee of Social Service, is hoping to organize a Rummage Sale at, and in aid of, the Club. *Old clothes of any variety will be most welcome* and should be sent to Capt. Lucas at 62, Carlisle St., N.W. 8.

The success of a boy's Club may be judged in many ways. One might consider its sports record or its increase in membership roll. Yet perhaps the most valuable index is the impression one gains from week to week. Taking any of these standards one must admit that the Stowe Boys' Club has improved steadily since the advent of Capt. Lucas, Hone and Betts. The work they are doing becomes dreadfully monotonous at times, and I do feel that a little more personal interest in the Club might be shown by those at Stowe.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN J. L. TAYLOR.

#### SUMMER CAMP, 1931.

In a year when so many camps were washed out by exceptionally heavy rain the Pineapple did well to spend its full eight days at Stowe and yet return to London with regret. Though 27 boys were under canvas, no tent was ever abandoned, even temporarily, and surprisingly little kit suffered damage.

Much of the success of the camp under these conditions was due to the possibilities of the Habitation itself for indoor games and sport on a limited scale. Ping-pong, boxing and fencing bouts were stock amusements when the weather was at its worst. And such opportunities, coupled with Capt. Lucas' effectiveness in getting boys doing something of this sort or keen on watching it, kept cheerfulness alive.

Again, a steady supply of good food from the camp kitchen produced its own contentment. There a waterproof motor-sheet, rigged over the grate by a precarious but efficient arrangement of nails and string, kept storms from soaking the cooks and quenching the fire. It also concentrated the smoke from damp wood in such a way as to blind those who sought its shelter for their work. No little praise is due to this kitchen staff which carried on with smarting eyes and sooty hands without once failing to turn out a highly satisfactory meal.

The Hut "dormitory" for those running the camp was quite comfortably full. Besides the Warden, Vice-Warden and E. J. Pearson from London, T. C. Thompson was welcome as a former official, B. C. Gadney, S. J. L. Taylor and J. W. T. Lilley represented the Old Stoics, while A. B. Clifford was reckoned with P. T. Hayman as a

junior member, because, as people said, he had "not yet left Stowe." This threatened to become an inconvenient distinction when the lamp needed blowing out last thing at night. Camp beds were kindly lent by the O.T.C. and, to judge by vigorous snoring, induced the most healthy slumber.

The advance party got a good deal done on the previous Thursday and Friday, while it was fine. On Saturday, August 8th, the rest, including two on a tandem bicycle, arrived in rain that lasted till the next morning. But as tents were already up and bedding was dry they retired happily to the typical moan-drawn singing of the Club district. A kindly visit from the Headmaster had seen us busily settling down during the evening.

One of the shortest of services in front of the Hut marked Sunday morning; particular effect was gained by concentrating on a few essentials. The Warden read from Galatians. After the Lord's Prayer the Club's own prayer was said. This, known by heart, no little impressed us by the steadiness with which its clauses were repeated.

Then followed two fairly bright days that promised well. On Tuesday the boys went down to Buckingham to watch market-day. The only trouble threatening was that the rainwater-butt was running dry. A storm on Wednesday afternoon, while Shorey's father was on a visit to us, removed any anxiety of that kind. Meantime bathing in the lake under the newly improved conditions was a very real joy, and no day passed without one or more parties going down there. It was the only regular exercise possible and perhaps the most keenly sought after.

We were fortunate to arrange a cricket fixture for Thursday evening against an eleven recruited by S. Carder from the Stowe ground-staff and Chackmore. It drizzled with rain most of the match, but the first innings was completed to the Club's advantage. The Pineapple's score of 33 had not looked too hopeful at the outset, particularly as "Tinker" alone reached double figures with 18 and six men failed to score at all. Yet our opponents made only 21, thanks very largely to the bowling of "Pop" and "Tinker," and because, as a friendly critic put it, "These fellows do know how to freeze on to the ball." Stopps scored 5 not out, Crowhurst 4, and "Moss" hit three lusty singles.

On Friday it just rained solidly all day. But Saturday brought a return match with Carder's XI. The Club again won a keen game and fetched the other team back to tea. It was the first time we had entertained on a large scale in camp. The fatigue party for the day was obviously out to make a good show and succeeded. And it is amusing that to your London boy everybody living outside the metropolis is to be called a yokel.

One must do something unusual on a Saturday night, and so to the Buckingham cinema to see the "Yellow Mask." Though the principals would sing sugary songs at appalling crises, Lupino Lane's fooling and Edgar Wallace's ability to thrill provided good entertainment for sixpence.

The small and faithful rear party was off by noon on Monday, having, by the way, housed a Bolton carrier-pigeon forced down by the previous night's storm.

Among many characteristics of this camp we remember the success of the first canteen we have had, visits from Messrs. Habershon and Timberlake, "Tommy's" day as orderly officer, the inevitable "put it in the porridge and/or rice" formula, reports of beach pyjamas in the neighbourhood, expert salesmanship in fizzy drinks, and, of course, "Joe's" setting his alarm-clock. Several tents had a remarkable private "feed" one night, and "E ain orf a led" always marked the highest personal praise the vernacular could bestow.

THE Q.M.

## APPEALS OF THE LAST YEAR.

As a result of an appeal for annual subscriptions in *The Stoic* last December and a circular letter to 427 Old Boys in the summer the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. A. B. Clifford) has received 63 actual contributions, amounting to £67 9s. od., and 19 promises. He wishes to express his gratitude for such heartening support from the minority, but would earnestly ask the other Old Stoics, in spite of the obvious difficulties of the times and of their recently beginning to make their own way, to respond to an urgent need. The School and its friends are generously doing what *they* can, and it is particularly on a widespread practical interest among its past members that prospects of further income, however small the individual subscription, must now centre.

## STOWE SCHOOL SHOP

Balance Sheet to 31st March 1931

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Amount advanced by Governors	350	0 0	Stock on hand .. .. .	1979	7 5
Amount due to bank as per pass book .. .. .	294	18 10	Debts from students .. .. .	1644	7 9
Sundry creditors .. .. .	2277	2 0	Sundry debtors as from ledger .. .. .	51	16 0
Profit and Loss Account, being profit .. .. .	2170	13 2	Fixtures, less depreciation .. .. .	174	15 4
			Tea shop alterations .. .. .	174	4 8
			Bungalow, after adjustment with Games' Club .. .. .	1068	2 10
	£5092	14 0		£5092	14 0

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st March, 1931 with the Books and Vouchers of the School Shop, and certify that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet represents a true and accurate position of the affairs of the Shop at this date.

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## THE WORKSHOPS

This term the Workshops have made splendid progress. The membership has gone up by 20, and now comprises nearly one-eighth of the School. The new wood shop has been open all this term, and woodworkers have made good use of it. It is warm, well lit and convenient and we can assure the donor that the gift has been very much appreciated.

The old building, now labelled 'metal shop,' is being gradually transformed for this purpose. Benches, vices, tools and a lathe have been given by the governors, and although the metal classes did not begin until half term, those taking them have got on well with their preliminary exercises. The metal shop wants a bigger skylight and new heating and lighting so that the larger our membership next term the better. Beginning next term the Workshop charges will be 30/- for woodwork only, 30/- for metal work only, or £2 for the two, both plus cost of materials.

The experiment of making expeditions to factories and of hearing talks beforehand on the work done in those factories has been very successful. Descriptions of this term's visits appear below. Next term we propose to visit the Morris works at Cowley, and the Oxford University Press.

R.H.H.

On Wednesday, October 14th, Mr. Bassett-Lowke, in a very interesting lecture outlined the progress that man has made in transport by sea. The lecture was illustrated by water-line models ranging from a minute Egyptian ship to the ocean greyhounds of to-day. We heard of that famous sailing ship, the "Cutty Sark," the first steamship, the "Comet," the first twin-screw steamer, the "City of Paris," the first turbine liner, the "Mauretania," and finally the "Bremen." The lecture was enormously appreciated.

On Wednesday, October 21st, an expedition of Workshop members visited the works of Messrs. Bassett-Lowke. We were first shown the model ship department. We quite expected to see special machinery, but there was none. Except for a few castings everything was hand made. Two large models of "L'Atlantique" were being made with ordinary carpenters' tools. The hulls were hand-varnished, and had a wonderful finish.

We were then shown over a factory where castings, locomotive parts, and railway track were being moulded and stamped out. The stamping was done by machines, some of which were most ingenious. We saw various parts being spray-painted. Elsewhere 5000 "Duke of York" locomotives were being assembled. After an excellent tea we saw over part of the head office and warehouse.

C.K.A.

On November 11th Mr. Hole gave a short lecture on "A Modern Electric Generating Station," particularly with a view to describing the Oxford generating station that we were to see the following week. We were given some figures to show the size of the Oxford plant and the huge area over which it distributes. Mr. Hole showed us slides of the Lott's Road generating station in Chelsea, which provides power for all but one of London's underground railways. The system of remote switchboard control and of automatic stoking was the same in the two stations.

To illustrate the distributing arrangements from a small model, so to speak, we were taken round our own power house here, itself a fine installation, and shown the generators, switchboards and booster arrangements. By a lucky chance for us the largest engine blew out a firing pin while we were there, and there was temporary pandemonium. We had a fine opportunity then of seeing the prompt and very skilful way in which the engineers dealt with the situation, starting up a third engine, gradually throwing over the load from one to the other, and then shutting down the defaulter for repairs. A most interesting visit.

On November 18th we visited first Baker's furniture factory at Oxford and then the Oxford generating station. Baker's factory is arranged in the modern labour-saving way, the wood having to be carried the shortest possible distances from process to process. Immediately it enters the machine shop it is cut first for length and then for width by two circular saws. Then it is planed and if it has to be moulded it goes to a machine, the spindle of which revolves at 6000 revolutions per minute. The wood is then taken to a sand-papering machine which is very cleverly designed. It consists of four drums round which a belt of sand-paper is revolving. The sand-paper is pressed down on to the work by a kind of wooden flat-iron.

The pieces of wood are then taken to another shop where they are assembled, all the skilled joining being done by hand. Here we saw the process of veneering taking place. The assembled articles are thence taken to the polishing and staining shop. The heat here is terrific, for a hot, dry atmosphere is essential for good polishing.

At the Oxford generating station we first met the Station Superintendent who talked to us about what we were to see and in whose office we left our watches to save them from getting magnetised. Then we proceeded to the boiler house, passing first right under the boilers and seeing the hoppers through which the ashes come out. Next we saw the actual boilers. These are mostly of the chain grate type in which the coal moves slowly through the furnace on an endless chain and is deposited into the hopper at the far end in the form of ashes. From here we went on to the turbines, all of which work at high pressures. One type of generator employed gives 3000 Kilowatts and a larger type 7500 Kilowatts an hour. The current is then led from them to huge switches working in oil. These are controlled from a smaller switchboard for safety. The power is thence distributed at high potential along the various power lines. It is interesting to note that this station supplies places as far distant as Salisbury with current.

T.L.S.

## FENCING

TEAMS in the past have been as good as the team of the present; but none of them have progressed so much in one term. When Cheatle accepted the bait of a scholarship in America and we were left with a young side, it looked as though we were in for a lean time. However, an immense amount of hard work by all has given us a remarkable series of victories and improved prospects for the future beyond all hopes.

Our captain, A. R. W. Stansfeld, has contributed very largely to these successes: he can number among his victories an Olympic foilist, a Scottish international and two of our own most notable Old Stoic fencers. Cheyne, Lilley and Hunter have done plenty of good work; while Mansfield promises great things at sabre. In the Junior team Thorne, McClintock, Olver and Wright are not far off school-match standard: chiefly they need a few more inches of reach.

There is plenty of talent outside the teams. In particular, should be noted the development of our sabreurs under the care of M. Léon Bertrand who has given lessons here this term and awarded us the right to claim that—thanks to him and the great Captain Gravé—we have the premier foil and sabre instructors in this country. Whether we can maintain such a staff and such a standard depends on the support we get from the School. If sufficient people fence, not only will they be the gainers but Stowe will be sure of maintaining the supreme position secured among schools in this sport.

During the term, B. R. S. Houghton, F. J. Walter and the Marquess de Amodio have fought for Oxford and H. D. H. Bartlett for Cambridge University.

At the time of going to print, the House matches are still in progress. Grafton look to be certain winners; but Chandos and Grenville still remain to challenge them: Chatham did well with a very young team.

### THE SCHOOL *v.* SALLE TASSART-PARKINS.

When Sir Oswald Mosley and the British Navy failed to materialise, Salle Tassart-Parkins generously filled the gap and enabled us, in so doing, to return a visit their team made here, one Speech Day, several years ago.

At foil we were opposed by a team which included that promising young professional, M. Wells, and M. Nisard, a robust Frenchman who has speed and accuracy in his attacks. The ubiquitous success of these two—though Nisard was once and Wells three times pressed to the odd hit—was mainly instrumental in giving the Salle a lead of six with the foil. However, some speedy accurate and clever épée play on our part enabled us to draw level and draw the match. Against so strong opponents and with so new a team as our own, the result was indeed creditable.

This match took place at Tassart's on 12th October.

Score:—

Foils.—*Stowe*:—A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins each; W. R. L. Thorne, 1 win; J. G. Lilley, 0. Total, 5.

*Tassart-Parkins*:—M. Nisard and M. Wells, 4 wins each; W. R. Wilkin, 2 wins; J. A. W. Dollar, 1. Total, 11.

Épée.—*Stowe*:—J. G. Lilley, 4 wins; A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. A. Hunter, 3 wins each; R. F. Storey, 1 win. Total, 11.

*Tassart-Parkins*:—W. Kohn, 2 wins; W. R. Wilkin, W. Kirkby and M. Wells, 1 each. Total, 5.

### THE SCHOOL *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

At Stowe, on 21st October, the School defeated Oxford by 14 wins to 13. It should be said, at once, that the Dark Blues were out of form and their captain, our inimitable Houghton, had hardly recovered from a tiresome illness. All the same this performance of Stansfeld's young team in defeating Oxford was the result of much careful, strenuous and cheerfully undertaken training: it cannot be too highly praised. We have only once before—it was in 1926—defeated Oxford.

The match started with a 3—2 success for the Dark Blues where first string, Lewis, beat Stansfeld. But our prospects showed themselves to be bright when Cheyne followed with a bloodless victory over Tangye-Lean and Lilley magnificently defeated Frank Walter who has won so many fights for and against us. Later, Cheyne too beat Walter. Stansfeld failed to do so by the odd hit, but looked the best of a team which was fighting very well.

At épée, we did rather carelessly against a good side which was on its mettle. But the sabreurs showed their improvement by recovering all the lost ground. There came the last fight, Lilley *v.* Lewis, with the sides equal at 13 all, the score having run to 2—2, when Lilley won the fight and the match for the School with a sure cut at the sword-arm.

Score:—

Foils.—*Stowe*:—J. L. W. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 2 wins each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1. Total, 5.

*Oxford University*:—D. Lewis, 3 wins, F. J. Walter, 1; E. T. Tangye-Lean, 0. Total, 4.

Épée.—*Stowe*:—J. G. Lilley, A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. A. Hunter, 1 win each. Total, 3.

*Oxford University*:—D. Y. Fell, 3 wins; D. Lewis, 2; F. J. Walter, 1. Total, 6.

Sabre.—*Stowe*:—J. G. Lilley, 3 wins; J. L. W. Cheyne, 2; J. E. Mansfield, 1. Total, 6.

*Oxford University*:—B. R. S. Houghton, 2 wins; D. Y. Fell, 1; D. Lewis, 0. Total, 3.



THE SCHOOL *v.* THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Fought at Stowe on 5th November, this first encounter between these two clubs resulted in a win for the School by 14—13. Against a team which was led by that Olympic fencer and ex-Services champion, Squadron-Leader Sherriff, this performance was remarkable: it killed the bogey of the idea that we have a weak team this year.

With three lovely "dérobés," Stansfeld beat Sherriff in the opening fight, after which the School never lost the lead. The épée was again a little careless, but the sabre showed up well; Cheyne has the lightest touch and plenty of promise with this weapon—he beat Bellairs and Willerts 3—1 and only lost by the odd hit to Sherriff, who gave a very fine display.

*Score:—*  
*Foils.—Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld, 3 wins; J. L. W. Cheyne, 2; J. G. Lilley, 1. Total, 6.  
*R.A.F.:—*Sq.-Ldr. Sherriff, 2 wins; F. O. Bellairs, 1; F/Lt. Catchpole, 0. Total, 3.  
*Epée.—Stowe:—*J. G. Lilley and J. A. Hunter, 1 win and 1 double hit each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1 win. Total, 3.  
*R.A.F.:—*F/Lt. Elias, 2 wins; F. O. Bellairs, 1 win and 2 double hits; F/Lt. Willerts, 1 win. Total, 4.  
*Sabre.—Stowe:—*J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins; J. G. Lilley and J. E. Mansfield, 1 each. Total, 4.  
*R.A.F.:—*Sq.-Ldr. Sherriff, 3 wins; F. O. Bellairs, 2; F/Lt. Willerts, 0. Total, 5.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM.

Fought at Cheltenham on Nov. 12th, this match resulted in a 17—9 win for Stowe. Hearn, the Cheltenham captain, is a powerful, aggressive fencer. He won seven of our opponents' nine wins. Apart from him, they were outclassed by a very sound display on the part of our team.

The junior side defeated a Cheltenham junior side by 10 wins to 6, before the school match. Thorne showed that he can adequately deal with opponents of his own size; McClintock and Olver did well and would have won more had they pushed their attacks à fond. Wright was a trifle unlucky: he has a lovely style but lacks something in size and effectiveness.

*Score:—*  
*Foils.—Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld, J. W. L. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 2 wins each. Total, 6.  
*Cheltenham:—*R. D. Hearn, 2 wins; J. B. Lawford, 1; J. W. Hartigan, 0. Total, 3.  
*Epée.—Stowe:—*J. G. Lilley, 3 wins; J. A. Hunter, 2; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1 and 1 double hit. Total, 6.  
*Cheltenham:—*J. D. Hearn, 2 wins; J. W. Hartigan, 0; A. H. Parnell, 0 and 1 double hit. Total, 2.  
*Sabre.—Stowe:—*J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins each; J. E. Mansfield, 1. Total, 5.  
*Cheltenham:—*J. D. Hearn, 3 wins; C. F. F. Anderson, 1; J. W. Hartigan, 0. Total, 4.

## JUNIOR FOIL MATCH.

*Stowe:—*W. R. L. Thorne, 4 wins; N. C. McClintock, 3; S. J. L. Olver, 2; J. G. Wright, 1. Total, 10.  
*Cheltenham:—*F. N. Grant and J. W. C. Gleed, 2 wins each; R. R. Minehead and A. W. Kirby, 1 win. Total, 6.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER.

(Previous Record:—Won, 12. Lost, 0).

This too scrambling encounter resulted in a win for us 16—10. At foil, Stowe was immeasurably the better side. With the épée and sabre there was little to choose between the two teams. Unfortunately, a substitute referee proved hardly up to

separating some very difficult encounters. The judges' recommendations were too often disregarded and the combatants, disgruntled and uneven, gave a sadly deteriorating display.

*Score:—*  
*Foils.—Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. G. Lilley, 3 wins each; J. L. W. Cheyne, 2. Total, 8.  
*Westminster:—*R. R. Goodbody, 1 win; P. B. Williamson and P. Turquet, 0 each. Total, 1.  
*Epée.—Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins; J. A. Hunter, 1 and 1 double hit; J. G. Lilley, 1. Total, 4.  
*Westminster:—*R. R. Goodbody, 2 wins; P. Turquet, 1 and 1 double hit; P. B. Williamson, 1. Total, 4.  
*Sabre.—Stowe:—*J. L. W. Cheyne and J. E. Mansfield, 2 wins each; J. G. Lilley, 0. Total, 4.  
*Westminster:—*P. B. Williamson and P. Turquet, 2 wins; R. R. Goodbody, 1. Total, 4.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

After a capital series of fights, we suffered our first defeat of the term 10—15, or 12—17 if the two double hit results at épée are added. Against a very strong Varsity side, the narrowness of the margin measured a fine performance, largely due to a magnificent effort by Stansfeld whose victims at foil were a Scottish international and two ex-public school champions. Mansfield, who is not yet 15, got a remarkable 3-0 win against R. J. M. Stewart who is generally considered to be the best of England's coming sabreurs. Strenuous foil bouts again wearied Lilley for épée and he crumpled up at sabre: otherwise he and everyone else fought a really good fight.

*Score:—*  
*Foils.—Cambridge University:—*H. D. H. Bartlett and P. M. S. Gedge, 2 wins each; N. G. Abercrombie, 0. Total, 4.  
*Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld, 3 wins; J. L. W. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 1 each. Total, 5.  
*Epée.—Cambridge University:—*H. D. H. Bartlett, 2 wins; P. M. S. Gedge, 1 win and 2 double hits; N. G. Abercrombie, 1 win. Total, 4.  
*Stowe:—*A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins and 1 double hit; J. A. Hunter, 1 win and 1 double hit; J. G. Lilley, 0 wins. Total, 3.  
*Sabre.—Cambridge University:—*W. M. Wing, 3 wins; R. J. M. Stewart and G. F. Wright, 2 each. Total, 7.  
*Stowe:—*J. E. Mansfield, 2 wins; J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne, 0 each. Total, 2.

## SQUASH RACKETS

The School was beaten by the Jesters on Wednesday, October 21st, by three matches to one.

Mr. W. E. Capel Cure lost to C. H. Turner 2—3.  
 P. C. Conran lost to N. W. G. Tucker 2—3.  
 J. R. C. Kenyon lost to R. E. L. Cleaver 1—3.  
 D. A. T. Carson beat A. T. Newsome 3—1.

The School beat the Magdalen Lizards on Wednesday, October 29th, by three matches to two.

P. C. Conran	lost	2—3.
J. R. C. Kenyon	lost	0—3.
J. G. Lilley	won	3—0.
D. A. T. Carson	won	3—0.
J. D. Blois	won	3—1.

The School beat the Rump Club on Saturday, November 21st, by four matches to one.

P. C. Conran	lost to	R. L. Arrowsmith	1—3.
J. R. C. Kenyon	beat	T. A. Scaramanga	3—0.
J. G. Lilley	beat	J. A. de Laylo	3—0.
D. A. T. Carson	beat	J. G. Redman	3—0.
J. D. Blois	beat	R. A. Atthill	3—0.

The School beat Mr. Avory's team on Saturday, November 28th, by four matches to one.

P. C. Conran	lost to	P. A. Hicks	2—3.
J. R. C. Kenyon	beat	H. Radford	3—2.
J. G. Lilley	beat	R. J. Ritchie	3—1.
D. A. T. Carson	beat	M. Symington	3—0.
J. D. Blois	beat	E. R. Avory	3—0.

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

Cobham	}	Grafton	}	Bruce	}	The Final result will be published next term.
Grafton	}	3—0	}			
Chatham	}	Bruce	}			
Bruce	}	3—0	}			
Temple	}	Temple	}	Temple	}	
Grenville	}	2—1	}			
		Chandos	}	3—0	}	

## BOXING

Boxing this term has not been up to its usual standard. It is apparent that members of the school do not now show a great interest in it. This was shown by the exceedingly small number of entries for the open competition, which should have taken place towards the end of the term, but since five of the weights were unopposed it was not considered worth while to hold it.

The younger members of the school, however, show considerable promise. This was borne out by the novices' competition. For, although very few of the competitors had been boxing long, they nearly all put up a good fight.

The result of the novices' competition was :—

*Under 7st.*

G. A. Dick-Lauder	}	C. E. Thornton mi.
C. E. Thornton mi.	}	

*Under 7st 7lbs.*

M. Jebb	}	J. M. Mayne.
J. M. Mayne	}	

*Under 8st.*

O. E. Craster	}	J. C. Shawe ma.
J. C. Shawe ma.	}	

*Under 8st. 7lbs.*

E. G. G. Hanrott	}	G. O. Schneller.
G. O. Schneller	}	

*Under 9st. 7lbs.*

J. A. Hunter ma.	}	J. A. Hunter ma.
J. M. Napier	}	

*Under 10st.*

R. J. Cornford ma.	}	A. J. Crump ma.
A. J. Crump ma.	}	

*Under 10st. 7lbs.*

J. W. Collins-Lewis	}	J. W. Collins-Lewis.
S. M. Sowerby	}	

*Under 11st.*

G. S. Trench	}	G. S. Trench.
A. P. West	}	

*Best loser—A. W. Torrance.*

No fixtures having been previously arranged, it was impossible to arrange them during the term, as other schools already had their fixture cards completed.

It is a pity that so little interest should be taken in boxing, for it is one of the finest sports, and, unless considerably more interest is shown, it will probably be impossible to produce a team capable of standing up against any other school.

G.V.R.

## CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES 1931

The Results were as follows:—

Chatham Grafton	} Chatham (won by an innings and 154 runs)	} Chatham (won by an innings and 2 runs)	} Grenville (won by 8 wickets)
Chandos Temple	} Chandos (won by 3 runs)		
Bruce Cobham	} Bruce (won by 6 wickets)	} Grenville (won by an innings and 40 runs)	
	Grenville (a bye)		

In the first round Chatham proved themselves far too strong for the young Grafton side, who collapsed badly in both innings, in spite of a plucky effort by Olver, who carried his bat in the second innings. For Chatham, Atthill, Chapple and Firth ma. scored centuries. Chandos owed their victory over Temple chiefly to two very fine innings by Packe. Bruce won easily after being behind on the first innings.

The semi-final saw both Chandos and Bruce collapse badly against Chatham and Grenville respectively. Against Bruce, Lucas and Macpherson made 212 for the first wicket, Lucas obtaining 127, Macpherson 86.

In the final, Grenville had the game safe in their hands from the start. Chatham were out for 112, Hutton-Attenborough (43) and Bourne (27) alone making over 10. Basset took 5 wickets for 29. For Grenville Lucas scored another century, but otherwise Napier (27) alone showed any form. Chatham, faced with a deficit of 127, again failed against Lucas (5 for 27) and were all out for 154, Nelson Smith playing a patient innings of 37. Grenville lost two wickets in making the 28 required for victory.

## THE SWIMMING SPORTS

SUMMER TERM, 1931.

100 senior.—1, D. K. W. Blair; 2, J. H. Brooker; 3, D. B. Egerton. Time, 80 $\frac{3}{8}$  secs.

50 senior.—1, J. H. Brooker; 2, G. V. Rouse; 3, D. K. W. Blair. Time, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Breast senior.—1, R. S. Steavenson; 2, J. A. Croft. Time, 39 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Back, senior.—E. R. Allen; F. O. S. Dobell. Time, 19 $\frac{3}{8}$  secs.

Plunging, senior.—1, E. R. Allen; 2, J. A. Croft.

Diving, senior.—1, E. R. Allen; 2, G. V. Rouse; 3, A. C. Godfrey.

50 junior.—1, D. M. Watson; 2, L. J. H. Burton; 3, F. A. Whitlock. Time, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

25 junior.—1, D. M. Watson; 2, L. J. H. Burton; 3, K. Firth mi. Time, 14 $\frac{3}{8}$  secs.

Breast, junior.—1, H. O. M. Bishop; 2, J. M. N. Pike mi. Time, 21 $\frac{3}{8}$  secs.

Back, junior.—1, J. B. James; G. W. N. Miles mi. Time, 21 $\frac{3}{8}$  secs.

Plunging, junior.—1, L. A. McAfee; 2, McC. Henry.

Diving, junior.—1, L. A. McAfee; 2, J. E. Mansfield; 3, K. Firth mi.

House totals and order:—

<i>Senior.</i>			<i>Junior.</i>		
1. Grenville	...	183 points.	1. Chatham	...	68 points.
2. Chandos	...	78 "	2. Bruce	...	40 "
3. Grafton	...	36 "	3. Cobham	...	30 "
Other houses	...	0 "	4. Grafton	...	28 "
			5. Chandos	...	24 "
			6. Temple	...	8 "
			7. Grenville	...	0 "

Grenville thus won the Senior Cup and Chatham the Junior Cup.

The Laurus Points for the combined results went to Grenville.

## ELKINGTON CUP.

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

	<i>1st Summer Term.</i>	<i>Under 16.</i>	<i>Under 17.</i>	<i>Over 17.</i>	<i>Composite</i>
1st	... Grafton	Chatham	Chatham	Chatham	Temple
2nd	... Chatham	Chandos	{ Bruce Cobham	Grenville	Cobham
3rd	... Bruce	Cobham		Grafton	Grenville
4th	... Cobham	Bruce	Grenville	Bruce	Chandos
5th	... Chandos	Grafton	Temple	Chandos	Bruce
6th	... Grenville	Grenville	Chandos	Temple	{ Grafton Chatham
7th	... Temple	Temple	Grafton	Cobham	

Combined Order.	1st	Chatham	...	...	12 points.
	2nd	{ Bruce Cobham	...	...	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
	4th	Grenville	...	...	21 "
	5th	Chandos	...	...	22 "
	6th	Grafton	...	...	23 "
	7th	Temple	...	...	26 "

Chatham thus won the Elkington Cup.

Grenville retained the Water-polo Cup, beating Chandos in the Final.

A RECORD OF THE LAURUS CUP COMPETITION  
FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL TO JULY 1931

	1923-24	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	1928-29	1929-30	1930-31
	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.
Football House	20	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.
Football League	8	Tem.	Chan.	Tem.	Tem.	Tem.	Tem.	Bru.
Cricknet House	20	Gren.	Chan.	Chan.	Tem.	Gren.	Chat.	Gren.
Cricknet League	8	Chan.	Tem.	Tem.	Tem.	Graf.	Chat.	Tem.
Sports	10	Chan.	Chan.	Cob.	Gren.	Chan.	Chan.	Chan.
Cross-Country	8	Chan.	Chan.	Gren.	Gren.	Chan.	Tem.	Tem.
Relays	8	Tem.	Chan.	Chan.	Gren.	Gren.	Graf.	Graf.
Lawn Tennis	3	Tem.	Chan.	Tem.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.
Golf	3	Gren.	Gren.	Chan.	Gren.	Gren.	Gren.	Chat.
Fives	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Squash	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fencing	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Swimming Sports	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Relays	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Swimming Senior	2	Bru.	Chan.	-	-	-	-	-
*Swimming Junior	1	Bru.	Bru.	Gren.	-	-	-	-
Boxing	3	Tem.	Gren.	Cob.	Tem.	Gren.	Cob.	Gren.
								Chat.

Maximum	94	94	105	102	135	135	135	135
Order of Houses with points	Gren. 43 Chan. 26 Tem. 22 Bru. 3	Chan. 56 Chan. 26 Tem. 11 Bru. 1	Chan. 41 Gren. 23 Chat. 23 Tem. 11 Cob. 6 Bru. 1	Tem. 42 Gren. 42 Cob. 10 Chat. 6 Chan. 2	Chat. 70 Gren. 49 Chan. 12 Graf. 4	Gren. 85 Chan. 26 Graf. 16 Bru. 4 Chat. 4	Chat. 47 Gren. 42 Tem. 24 Chan. 14 Bru. 12 Cob. 4 Graf. 4	Tem. 48 Gren. 42 Chan. 14 Bru. 12 Chat. 11 Graf. 4 Graf. 4

\* After 1927 the Swimming Senior and Swimming Junior were combined for Laurus points and became Swimming Sports.

## THE LIBRARY

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

From Mr. T. H. Delabère May:

'The Aeneid of Virgil' (by the Donor)  
(Trans. and Text).

From Mrs. Kempson: in memory of Dr. Kempson, Bishop of Warrington.

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

'The Voyage of the Discovery' (Capt. R. F. Scott, R.N.)  
2 vols.

George Eliot's Works, in 5 vols.

The following books have been bought:—

'The Diary of a Country Parson' (Rev. James Woodforde) 2 vols; 'The Rise of Louis Napoleon' (F. A. Simpson); 'England Under the Hanoverians' (Grant Robertson); 'In search of England' (H. V. Morton); 'In Search of Scotland' (H. V. Morton); 'In Search of Ireland' (H. V. Morton); 'Spain in Revolt, 1814-1931' (J. McCabe); 'St. Ignatius' (C. Hollis); 'Finland' (T. W. Atchley); 'Bonapartism' (A. L. Fisher); 'Studies in Napoleonic Statesmanship, Germany' (A. L. Fisher); 'Bismark' (C. G. Robertson); 'Tudor Constitutional Documents 1485-1603' (J. R. Tanner); 'A History of Ireland and Her People, vol. II' (E. Hull); 'Life of Napoleon I' (H. Rose); 'History of France, vol. 3 (Macdonald); 'Histoire Pol. de la Rev. Française' (Aulard); 'Mahatma Gandhi at Work' (ed. by C. F. Andrews); 'The Hellenistic Age' (J. B. Bury, F. A. Barber, W. Tarn); 'Classical Studies' (S. M. Sargeant); 'Odyssey of Homer' (trans. by G. H. Butcher and A. Lang); 'Illiad of Homer' (trans. by A. Lang, W. Leal, E. Myers); "The Agricola" and "Germany" of Tacitus' (trans. by A. J. Church and W. J. Brodribb); 'The Dialogue of Oratory' (trans. by A. J. Church and W. J. Brodribb); 'The Odes of Horace' (trans. by H. Macnaghten); 'Livy's History of Rome' (trans. by Canon Roberts); 'Thucydides' 2 vols. (trans. by B. Jowett); 'The Republic of Plato' (B. Jowett); 'Cicero' vol. I (trans. by L. G. H. Greenway); 'Herodotus' (trans. by G. Rawlinson); 'Louis Napoleon and the Recovery of France' (F. A. Simpson); 'Some Aspects of the Greek Genius' (S. H. Butcher); 'Lucretius' (trans. by C. Bailey); 'Stoic and Epicurean' (R. D. Hicks); 'The Duke' (P. Guedalla); 'Economic History of England' 2 vols. (E. Lipson); 'Comprehensive Treatise on Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry' vols. X and XI (J. W. Mellor); Baedeker's 'Northern Germany,' 'Norway, Sweden and Denmark'; 'Highways and Byways of East Anglia' (W. A. Dutt); 'Jane's Fighting Ships'; 'English Madrigal Verse'; 'Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity' Book I; 'English Miracle Plays, Moralities and Interludes' (ed. by A. W. Pollard); 'Donne's Sermons' (Selected Passages with an Essay by L. G. Smith); 'Venus and Anchises'

and other Poems (Phineas Fletcher); 'Browne' (Edmund Gosse); 'Keats' (Sidney Colvin); 'Swift' (Leslie Stephen); 'Spencer' (R. W. Church); 'Bunyan' (J. A. Froude); 'Burke' (John Morley); 'Ben Jonson' (G. Gregory Smith); 'Defoe' (W. Minto); 'Sidney' (J. A. Symonds); 'Dryden' (G. Saintsbury); 'Gibbon' (J. J. Morison); 'Shelley' (J. A. Symonds); 'Four Lives from North's Plutarch' (trans. by R. H. Carr); 'Dekker's Plague Pamphlets' (ed. by F. P. Wilson); 'University Drama of the Tudor Age' (F. S. Boas); 'Representative English Dramas' (ed. by F. and J. W. Tupper); 'England's Parnassus, 1600' (ed. by C. Crawford); 'Campion's Works' (ed. by S. P. Vivian); 'Sydney's Apologie for Poetrie' (ed. by John Churton Collins); 'Thomas Kyd's Works' (ed. by F. S. Boas); 'Early English Classical Tragedies' (ed. by J. W. Cunliffe); 'Robert Greene's Works' (ed. by J. C. Collins); 'Parnassus: Three Elizabethan Comedies, 1597-1601' (ed. by the Rev. W. D. Macray); 'War and Peace in Europe, 1815-1870' (E. L. Woodward).

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

**T**HERE has been a distinct improvement in the standard of speeches this term, so that if we cease to supply the Oxford Union with Presidents for a while, we hope to renew the supply in a not too distant future. As one consequence of the number and quality of speeches off the paper, it has only been practicable to try out the more promising novices: therefore only two new members, B. C. Briant and J. G. Cliff-Hodges have been elected.

A. R. W. Stansfeld is Secretary; J. R. C. Kenyon and J. C. Dundas Committee-men of the Society.

During this term E. D. O'Brien (ex-Secretary) has been President of the Oxford Union and J. A. Boyd-Carpenter (ex-Secretary) has been representing the same society on a debating-tour in America.

The 65th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Friday, October 2nd, when the motion for Debate was "That this House has confidence in the financial stability of the country."

J. G. UHTHOFF (Hon. Mover) was good in the eyes of his supporters and glib in those of other people. He has plenty of good things to say and shows promise; but he must remember that the Opposition exists and pay some attention to it.

P. T. HAYMAN, too, has all the making of a good speaker. He deplored Mr. Lloyd George and Great Britain's loss of her position as world-usurer. At times he is a trifle too parsonic.

C. J. MORNY is immensely English when not troubled, but has a refreshing way of becoming foreign when he is. What he spoke, M. Maurras might have written; neither more nor less.

J. C. DUNDAS has not emerged from the stage of castigating his opponents. Generally he is quite right, but his possibilities are so much bigger that it is to be hoped he will realize them right now.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, R. J. M. Amphlett, P. L. C. Brodie, G. C. Wyndham and D. G. Lea.

*Against the Motion*, T. Q. Annan, A. S. M. Dickins and N. C. Irvine.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For	- - 17	For	- - 30
Against	- - 21	Against	- 13

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 4 and carried in the Lower House by 17 votes.

The 66th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Saturday, October 17th. The Motion for Debate was "That this House considers that Drama is better portrayed on the Screen than on the Stage."

P. L. C. BRODIE moved, and managed to preserve a happy mean between the Empire point of view and the apparent superiority of other people's films.

R. J. M. AMPHLETT (Hon. Opposer) has perhaps a better delivery than any other member of the Society. Unfortunately, his opinions are still too much 'society': when they arrange themselves he should get some way.

R. J. CORNFORD has such amusing things to say that we can only regret his inaudibility.

N. C. IRVINE felt that the stage was better for the educated classes and the film for propaganda. On the whole he preferred the former. His speeches improve.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, The President, the Vice-President, P. G. H. Gell, H. D. Barbour and G. B. Smith.

*Against the Motion*, A. S. M. Dickins, D. C. Geddes, B. C. Briant, N. C. Annan and D. P. Groom-Johnson.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For	- - 17	For	- - 11
Against	- - 12	Against	- 32

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 5 and lost in the Lower House by 21 votes.

The 67th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Saturday, November 14th, when the Motion for Debate was "That in the opinion of this House the Parliamentary System of the Country is out-of-date."

J. R. C. KENYON, in proposing the motion, showed that he had not only more confidence but more modesty, the assurance of confidence, than when he last spoke. He suggested that the popular element of the electorate had been nullified by the party system. It was this latter which seemed to him to be all wrong.

T. Q. ANNAN speedily showed his new history colour. He spoke of Simon de Montfort. All the same, he did not think that M.P.'s were behind the times. So far he was good: he may have been correct in his thrust at the press-barons but it was too "vieux jeu" to be worth much.

A. R. W. STANSFELD (Secretary) probably knows more than any other member of the House. His diction has improved; but he still harps on old phrases, "pillar and post," "vacillation and delay," etc. If he had more time, he might be very good: at present, he suggests that he is not at the top of his swing.

A. S. M. DICKINS made a brilliant speech, full of the sort of epigrams which one had almost but not quite heard before. He was good on red tape which he termed "Great Britain's contribution to civilisation"; again: "the red tape of a few centuries ago has become the tradition of to-day." His facts were formidable but not convincing enough for a stern House.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. C. Dundas, A. A. H. Radice, J. G. Cliff-Hodges, P. W. Kemmis, P. G. H. Gell.

*Against the Motion*, W. A. Napier, C. T. Crowe, F. A. H. Ling.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion - 21  
Against - - 11

The Motion was therefore lost by 10 votes.

The 68th Meeting of the Society held on Friday, Nov. 20th, took the form of a sharp practice debate. The House decided: (1) by 20 votes to 12 that travel by train is more comfortable than travel by automobile: (2) by 11 votes to 20 against a motion that it is better to be alive in this century than in any other: (3) by 26 votes to 4 that the Earth is indubitably flat.

#### THE RUGBY DEBATE.

The 69th Meeting of the Society was held on Nov. 28th, when the Motion for Debate was "That this House still stands by a policy of Free Trade as most efficacious for Great Britain."

A. S. M. DICKINS (S.S.D.S.) spoke in measured tones and was scarcely up to his usual excellent form. He touched on the serious side of the subject but failed to explore it far or to liven it up. Still, as an opening speech, this had much to be said for it.

W. V. EMANUEL (Hon. Sec. R.S.D.S.) was rather more thorough and rather more frigid. He did well to carry on in a sermonical way for twenty-five minutes and gave the House plenty of information.

W. C. LITTLE (Pres. R.S.D.S.) had met Father Christmas in the railway train. He was good so far, but later deteriorated into the facts and facts of which there had already been plenty. He has a clear enunciation and the capacity to state the case, if not always to make it live.

J. C. DUNDAS (Committee-man, S.S.D.S.) made the speech of the evening. It was full of good things, just enough of the epigrams, and when not reminiscent of Mr. Gladstone it recalled Mr. Disraeli. Sometimes the Committee-man was too prone to sacrifice his own personality to these shades of the past. All the same this was an excellent performance and its author will go far if only he remembers to raise his voice.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. T. Hayman, P. L. C. Brodie and R. J. Cornford.

*Against the Motion*, C. J. Morny, R. J. M. Amphlett and C. T.

Crowe.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion - 21  
Against - - 65

The Motion was therefore lost by 44 votes.

## MUSIC

### THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Society has been rehearsing a number of carols, including a Fantasia on four old English carols arranged by Vaughan Williams. This setting is very effective and comes off well in performance, though it imposes a great strain on the voices, notably in the Tenor parts. Two settings from the Cantata "Sleepers, wake," by Bach, and a Mozart chorus have also been rehearsed.

The balance of tone in the society has been good this term, the altos and tenors being more numerous than in previous terms.

A performance of the music will be given in Chapel on the last Sunday of term.

### THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

A Carol Concert was given by the Society in Assembly on Sunday, November 29th. The singing was entirely unaccompanied, except in two carols, in which a String quartet played. The same quartet played two preludes by Bach on the melody "In dulci jubilo," and Brahms' setting of "Es ist ein' ros' entsprungen." A French carol "Dans cette étable" proved very attractive, though the experts told us that our pronunciation was not all that could be desired! Geoffrey Shaw's setting of "Good King Wenceslas" proved the most popular item.

### THE ORCHESTRA.

This term we have had the largest orchestra of any term so far, and although this is an advantage where string tone is concerned, it has tended to make the wind department rather unwieldy. After half term there was a great improvement in the brass department, which has been well maintained.

The works rehearsed have included Handel's "Occasional Overture," and several movements from the "El Amor Brujo" Suite by De Falla.

### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings this term. The first, which took place in Room 15, was a concert by the same String Orchestra which played at the two previous meetings. Miss Parkinson gave us an effective rendering of Bach's Piano Concerto in D Minor. Bach's Concerto for two Violins was also played and Mr. Blofeld played the Solo part in the A minor concerto for Violin and Strings.

The meeting closed with a vigorous performance of Holst's "St. Paul's Suite for Strings."

The second meeting took place in Assembly, and consisted of a recital of carols by the Madrigal Society, assisted by a String Quartet. An account of this appears elsewhere.

## SUNDAY CONCERTS.

These concerts, organised by Mr. Snowdon, have been well attended, and a great variety of music has been heard, including glees, duets for two pianos, clarinet solos, songs, and a piano trio. One concert was carried out entirely by members of the school.

## CONCERT, JULY 25th, 1931.

A programme of the concert is given below. There was plenty of variety, and some of the items, notably the Brahms' "Liebeslieder," went very well. The orchestra gave us a vigorous performance of Grainger's "Molly on the shore." This was followed by the same composer's "Handel in the Strand," a very effective setting.

The rain beating on the roof of the gymnasium had a most depressing effect on both performers and audience. The concert seemed to be well up to standard.

## PROGRAMME.

1. Overture to the Opera "The Marriage of Figaro" ... .. Mozart
2. "News from Whydah" ... .. Balfour Gardiner  
(Ballad for Chorus and Orchestra).  
Words by John Masfield.
3. "Scheherazade" ... .. Rimsky-Korsakov  
(Symphonic Suite for Orchestra).  
Third movement—"The young Prince and the Princess."
4. Part Songs—(a) "Linden Lea" ... .. Vaughan Williams  
(b) Ballet—"Now is the month of Maying" ... Thomas Morley
5. Piano Solo—"A.D. MDCXX" from "Sea Picces" ... .. Macdowell  
J. C. Commings.
6. "Liebeslieder" ... .. Brahms
7. Suite of Russian Folk Songs ... .. Liadov  
(a) Chant de Noël.  
(b) Chant comique: "J'ai dansé avec le moucheron."  
(c) Ronde—Piccolo Solo, D. G. Hughes.  
(d) Choeur dansé.
8. "When Johnny comes down to Hilo"—Shanty arranged for Chorus by C. S. Lang
9. (a) Clog Dance: "Handel in the Strand" ... .. Percy Grainger  
(b) Irish Reel: "Molly on the Shore," for Orchestra ... Percy Grainger
10. Sto, Persto, Praesto.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## THE ARTS CLUB

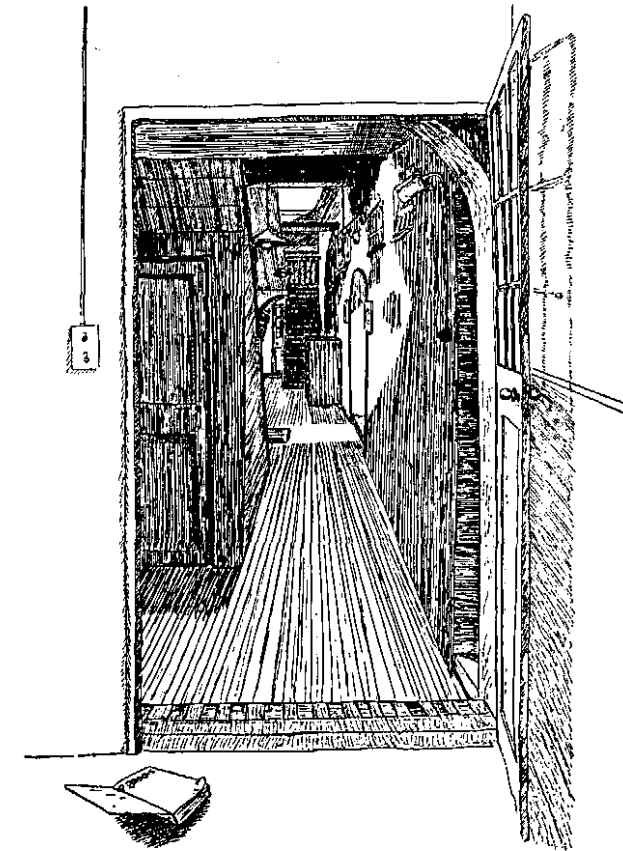
At a meeting of the Committee held on Sunday, September 20th, J. H. Nelson Smith was elected Treasurer; P. A. Friend was elected to the Committee; J. G. Cliff-Hodges, R. M. R. Davies, The Earl Haig, P. D. Hartland-Swann, O. C. Horne, and D. Scott were elected members of the Club.

Much good work has been done, especially out-of-doors during the first few weeks of the term, and members have shown great keenness.

On Sunday, November 15th, a meeting of the Club was held at which Mr. Neville read a very interesting and informative paper on the 'Pre-Raphaelites,' and D. G. Lea gave us a clear survey of the Post-Impressionist tendency in Modern Art.

Unfortunately the other lecture we were to have heard this term had to be cancelled, as a date could not be found, but we hope that Mr. Ireland will give us his lecture on 'Blake' next term.

P.F.B.



VIEW IN VANBRUGH BLOCK.

[By P. L. C. Brodie.]

## THE TWELVE CLUB

A meeting of the Club was held on July 24th last term, which could not be included in the last report. J. N. Woodbridge was elected Secretary and P. F. Hornsby read a paper on 'Cairo.' B. R. Mitchell, P. T. Hayman, P. G. H. Gell and M. J. Macoun were elected members of the Club this term.

The following papers have been read during the term :—

October 9th— "Journalism," by J. C. Dundas.

October 27th— "Science and Determinism," by Mr. H. W. Heckstall-Smith.

November 19th—"Pirates," by J. E. M. Hoare.

December 3rd.— "St. Francis of Assisi" by P. M. Mallowan.

On October 26th Mr. G. K. Chesterton addressed the Club on "Mediæval History" in the School Library, when the Club opened its doors to members of the School.

J.N.W.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

There have been so far two meetings of the Society this term. At a business meeting on October 21st, P. G. H. Gell was elected Secretary, P. M. Mallowan librarian, and D. G. Lea, H. A. Wheeler, A. R. G. Pearce, D. H. Buxton and G. T. B. France members. Subsequently J. N. Woodbridge read a paper on Euripides, after which the society discussed the plays, and especially the Bacchæ.

On November 25th, Mr. C. H. T. Hayman read a delightful paper on Syracuse, which was all too short. He dealt with the history of the city from earliest times until its destruction by the Romans, going in detail into the troubled reigns of Dionysius I and II.

It is expected that there will be another meeting of the Society before the end of the term.

P.G.H.G.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

At a business meeting held on September 30th, J. P. L. Henderson was elected Secretary and C. J. Macpherson Committee-man. I. M. C. Braby, C. T. Crowe, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, D. E. Frean and A. H. Salamon were elected new members.

In search of a French play for production next term the Society has read Sardou's "Les pattes de mouche" and Labiche's "Le baron de Fourchevif." The first was long, and complicated by the many groups of characters. It took time to gather interest, and the last act provided most of the fun. Labiche, by contrast, was typically brief and humorous in his bourgeois milieu. As one might have expected, la baronne and her washing-day gave a good show away.

Another piece, Labiche's "La poudre aux yeux," and a gramophone-evening will complete the term's programme.

## THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

In accordance with the usual practise of the Society, activities were suspended during the Summer term.

Three meetings have been held this term and the following members have been elected to the committee :—N. C. Irvine (Vice-President), D. B. Egerton (Secretary), E. J. Jackson (Treasurer). G. C. Miall and G. B. Smith have been elected members of the Society.

The following papers have been read :—

"Isotopes," by D. B. Egerton.

"The Hydrogenation of Coal," by N. C. Irvine.

It is hoped that a paper will be read to the society by Dr. H. E. Tunnicliffe, M.A., of Cambridge, before the end of term.

It was very much regretted that the Hon. G. C. A. Vanneck's paper on the Evolution of Man had to be postponed.

D.B.E.

## THE VITRUVIANS

The 8th Meeting of the Society was held in the New Lecture Room on Wednesday, November 4th, when Mr. A. R. Powys, President of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, lectured on "Manor Houses." With the help of a very interesting series of slides, he traced the development of the manor house in England from the primitive hall plan to the elaborate designs of the 16th Century. He showed the relation of the manor house to the feudal village system, and emphasised the presence of the great hall as the centre of all mediæval buildings, whatever their plan. He also gave a short account of the aims and objects of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and of the valuable work which it is doing in preserving many priceless ancient monuments from destruction.

The 9th Meeting of the Society was held in the New Lecture Room on Wednesday, December 2nd, when Mr. T. P. Bennett gave a very interesting lecture on "Modern Architecture." He traced the development of the constructional, as opposed to the decorative side of architecture from the Egyptians to the present day; showing how the Egyptians, Greeks and Mediæval architects attempted what is being attempted to-day, logical planning without regard for tradition. Among his slides, he showed some of the new Saville Theatre, which he had designed himself, and demonstrated some of the many difficulties which architects encounter in adapting their plans to modern needs.



## THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Even the imperturbable Mr. Heckstall-Smith would have been a little surprised to find that on Friday, October 30th, his physics laboratory had been transformed into a temporary armoury, if he had happened to attend the admirable lecture given by Mr. Stampa on "Armour." A lecturer seldom brings any other illustration but slides, but Mr. Stampa had taken the great trouble of bringing with him a breastplate and two helmets.

To an audience who, other than the Headmaster, Mr. Wace, Mr. MacLaughlin and Mr. Hunter, must have been curiously ignorant on the subject of armour, Mr. Stampa left a very clear impression of the development of armour from the Norman Conquest to the 17th century.

It would be impossible to paraphrase the whole of his lecture, but one or two things he said were particularly interesting. For instance we were told that a suit of mail armour of the 12th century cost £1,000 and that the common soldier had to be content with a leather jerkin. That armour was all to protect the bearer from an arquebuse for at least 70 years after the invention of the arquebuse.

Armour was made for use and not for decorative purposes. It reached its climax under Maximilian of Austria, who invented a system of grooves on which a rival's sword could never get home, and it only became decorative under the Renaissance when such monstrous articles as Henry VIII's Devil's Helmet were produced.

Armourers appear to be interesting people. The firm at Greenwich which was for centuries the royal armourer, in later days produced fashion books from which the contemporary fop could choose his suit of the latest fashion. It is interesting to notice that technical terms of armour (gozet, palleli, gauntlet, jupons, lespalier and cuisse) originated in France much as in more modern times the fashion for ladies' dress has had its home in Paris.

## HUNTING

The Grafton Hounds met at Stowe on Wednesday, December 2nd. There was a smaller field than usual both of the regular followers and from the School. The day was fine but scent was poor and got worse as the afternoon advanced. After drawing the home coverts blank, hounds found at Guernsey Hill (near the water-splash) and ran their fox to Stratford Hill. Here the pack divided, one lot going with the huntsman to Whitfield Wood, while another marked to ground in a stick-heap at Shalstone. Picking up a line from Shalstone, hounds ran back to Stratford Hill and spent some time hunting in the cover, and, but for the spectators, would have had their fox. Here a diversion was caused by a protestant farmer firing four ineffectual shots at the hunted fox, and breathing forth fury and defiance on horse and hound and man alike. Some desultory hunting in the heavy land beyond the Brackley road ended in nothing. Later, hounds proceeded to Stowe Ridings, but were baffled by a fox that reached the Shalstone road and disappeared into thin air. Scent was now too bad to continue, and 'Home, John!' was the order. One of the sights of the day was to see a dignified Master of Music floundering in a bog with his coat 'al bismotered' by the mud: another was to see the Stowe boy that 'rood upon a rouncey as he kouthe.'

## CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

### COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (July 12th to November 29th) ... ..	19	18	1
Church Missionary Society (July 26th) ... ..	8	1	6
Stowe Club (September 20th) ... ..	13	18	1
Missions to Seamen (November 1st) ... ..	12	7	0

### EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Preachers' travelling expenses ... ..	2	12	0
Printing ... ..	11	6	
Flowers ... ..	10	0	
Wine at Early Services ... ..	8	0	

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

## "BOSWORTH FIELD 1485"

### POSTEA SCRIPTUM.

Standing before my old friend, the *alto-relievo* from Essex, on the night of Ronald Frankau's most amusing show (with cheers for the Canford sausages still ringing in my ears), I felt constrained to review again the strange adventures of this rare work, which by a miracle has been preserved for you at Stowe, instead of being sold away even as those lions of Italian lead which were once the pride and glory of your South Front. These like the bold lion-slayer himself, Samson the Strong, are now doomed to make sport for the Philistines on holiday at Blackpool, and upon another page you may see these melancholy monsters growling out their hearts in misery in a far-off land.

The ancient wanderings of "Bosworth Field" may thus be briefly told:—

1486—*The Battle* was cut and painted for John de Vere, greatest of all the twenty proud de Veres who bore the title "Earl of Oxford." In 1461 his father and elder brother had been beheaded by the Yorkists, and for twelve years he himself was a prisoner in France, escaping in time to take his part in the great victory of Bosworth, where he commanded the archers and cannon. At the ensuing coronation of Henry VII he carried the sword of State and was made a K.G., Constable of the Tower, and Lord High Admiral. He lived in his Norman keep at Hedingham in Essex in great splendour, exercising a magnificent hospitality. There, in 1489, he sumptuously entertained the King for a week, and (we may be sure) pointed with pride to this memento of the turning-point in both their careers, and to the figures of the King and Queen. For the greater honour of his sovereign the Earl had 150 retainers drawn up as a guard of honour, all dressed in his livery and badge. But so large a number was an offence against the Statute of Liveries, and his Lordship was promptly mulcted by his royal guest in the huge fine of 15,000 marks, equal to £150,000 at the present day. He rebuilt all the Castle except the Keep and died in 1512.

1603—The spendthrift 17th Earl sold all the ornaments from Hedingham, and *The Battle* was bought by Sir Thomas Gardiner and taken off for a chimney-piece to decorate his dining-hall at Bois Hall, the new brick mansion which he was building at Halstead in Essex.

1736—Bois Hall having fallen on bad times, and become a farm house, the piece was given by Lord Tylney to Mrs. Nugent, who removed it to Gosfield Hall, Essex, and employed a Herald Painter to touch up the shields. Of this removal we have an account in the following letter from Sanderson Miller to Lord Dacre:—

Radway, February 22nd, 1768.

My dear Lord,—Our good Friend the Bishop of Carlisle tells me your Lordship wants to know where I found the Curious Chimney Piece which Mrs. Nugent put up in the Library at Gosfield. I believe it was about the year 1736 that I went with Mrs. Nugent to Halsted, and whilst she paid some visits there, as I took a walk not far from the town I saw an old House which I thought looked like the Remains of an old Seat and asked to see the inside of it; to my great Surprize in a Room where the Farmer laid his Corn I saw this Chimney Piece, and upon Enquiry found the House was Lord Tylney's. I gave such a Description of it to Mrs. Nugent, that she wrote to Lord Tylney immediately, and desired if his Lordship had no particular value for it that He could give her leave to take it, and put up a Marble one which would please the Farmer's wife much better. His Lordship very politely answered, it was entirely at her Service, and she sent for an Herald Painter who restored the Arms and Gilding, but added nothing that was not justified by the remains of the old Painting. It is alabaster, the Relievo very deep, and as I remember tollerably well done for the time. There are several Arms on the Shields of both Parties, Vere E. of Oxford among the Rest. He owned the Manor of Sible Heningham, which is the next town to Halsted, and for aught I know this old House might be in that Parish. As Vere was one of the D. of Richmond's Generals at the Battel of Bosworth, the Chimney probably was made by some of that Family. I can hardly think so fine a thing was originally intended for the Room in which I found it; if there never was a finer Room in that House, it is possible it might have been brought from Hedingham Castle when so much of that was destroyed. It was intended as a compliment to H.7. because there are the figures of Him and his Queen at full length on each side of the Chimney. It is well worth while to have a plate of it engraved. I have an account of all the Arms somewhere, but have not time to look for it now. I remember Vere, Blount, Howards, Stanleys, and Brakenbridge particularly.

1775—George Grenville married the Hon. Mary Nugent of Gosfield Hall.

1779—He became Earl Temple, 1784 first Marquess of Buckingham, and 1788 Earl Nugent.

1813—Richard Grenville, the Art collector, succeeded to Stowe, was created Duke of Buckingham and moved *The Battle* with many other pieces of sculpture from Gosfield to Stowe.

1834—Great sale of the Duke's vast collections which lasted thirty days, at which *The Battle* was sold, but saved for Stowe. Followed by further sales in 1839 and 1921.

The *Gentleman's Magazine* for May 1812 (p. 429) gives this description of the carving in its position over the fireplace in the Library at Gosfield:—"The design is in two stories.

*First story*—square opening or fire-place; on each side detached Ionic columns, fluted with base and capital, behind them compartments of watlike trophies. These columns support an entablature; in the frieze a compartment with small rounds and fillets, in which is a strange mixture of snakes, birds, fruit and foliage. In the blockings, grotesque heads with fruit etc.

*Second story*—a small basement of mouldings; on each side small pedestals on which stand small statues, two feet in height; that on the left Henry VII., that on the right Elizabeth, his queen. Henry is in complete armour, exceeding rich. On his head a crown, in his right hand a sword, on his left arm a shield with the cross of St. George. His queen is crowned, a sceptre in the right hand, and in the left the *mundus*. In the space between statue and statue, five feet ten inches by two feet, is a basso relievo of the Battle of Bosworth Field, wherein is seen the overthrow of Richard III. Henry appears to have just felled Richard to the ground, whereon he lies prostrate, grasping his crown with both hands, although his head is covered with his helmet."

As I mentioned to you last term the Town of Buckingham derived its silver swan from the badge and crest of Humphrey Stafford, created first Duke of Buckingham in 1444, whose livery colours were red and black. Humphrey got the bird from his grandmother, Eleanor Bohun, and the Bohuns, who were Earls of Essex, had it by descent from the Mandevilles, Earls of Essex; and the Mandevilles (before the dawn of heraldry) inherited it as a badge from Adam Fitz Swanne, who fought at the battle of Senlac, commonly called "Hastings." Futhermore this swan was the favourite emblem of Henry IV (who married Mary Bohun) and Henry V. But in all these changes and chances of feathered life this ancient and honourable bird was never shown as swinging a loose chain from his coronet. "Free as all the birds of the air" is a true saying, and I like not to see this high-born Norman fowl dangling fetters from his proud neck. No chain was ever recorded by the Kings of Arms in their visitations to the town in the year 1680 and earlier, and below I set forth the blazon and drawing given by the late A. C. Fox-Davies in his *Book of Public Arms* (Jack, 1915). Davies was a barrister with vast knowledge of his subject and an undisputed authority. The word "inverted" implies that the wings should have their tips pointing downwards, not flapping upwards, which would be "endorsed."

BUCKINGHAM (Buckinghamshire). *Party per pale sable and gules, a swan with wings expanded and inverted argent, ducally gorged or.*

COLLES.



*The Arms of the Town of Buckingham.*

## REVIEWS (NO. 5)

"THE BARRETT'S OF WIMPOLE STREET" By Rudolph Besier. (Produced at the 'Queen's Theatre,' London).

When "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" first came out the critics one and all declared that it would not be at all to the taste of the average London audience and would have a very short run. But for once Mr. James Agate and Mr. Desmond MacCarthy and the rest of them were wrong; for the run of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," is bidding fair to rival that of "Chu Chin Chow."

Mr. Besier in his play has given us an extraordinarily true picture of Victorian life. He has shown us that the Victorian 'pater familias' was not only to be laughed at but very often to be feared as well, that the reaction from the days of 'Prinny' and 'Beau Brummel' produced men as harsh as the Puritans and that, besides pretty Victorian dresses, there was Victorian furniture as well. The nightmare room in which Elizabeth tired has done much to dispel a false estimate of the Victorians' taste which has arisen from Mr. Noel Coward's musical play "Bitter Sweet."

Mr. Besier's Edward Barrett is by far the most convincing of his characters and he has given Mr. Cedric Hardwicke the chance to excel his brilliant performance as "King Nagnor" in "The Apple Cart." Mr. Chesterton said of Edward Barrett that he was 'madman loose in Wimpole Street.' Mr. Besier's picture is a truer one; for Barrett was not a madman, he was a man who fundamentally believed himself right and noble in everything. On self pity he flourished and with that self pity was coupled a brutal harshness which was begun through what he conceived was his duty and finished up by being the devouring need of his life. Swinburne sums up his methods when he says:—

"The racks of the earth and the rods  
Are weak as the foam on the sands.  
The heart is the prey for the gods,  
Who crucify hearts not hands."

It was the heart of poor Elizabeth that he bullied unmercifully. In his prayer at Elizabeth's bedside he shows his conception of his God.

"For years Thy daughter Elizabeth hath languished in sickness and for years unless in Thy mercy Thou take her to Thyself she may languish on. Give her to realise the blessed word that Thou chastisest whom thou lovest.....Purge her of all bitter and selfish thoughts."

Mr. Barrett made the mistake of thinking that he himself was God.

But it seems a pity that Mr. Besier could not have altered the play until later. For Barrett belonged more to a time when a middle aged Queen was asking "dear Mr. Delune" to advocate through the columns of his newspaper "a return to the sanctity of the parental home" than when a young sovereign was scampering through the corridors of Buckingham Palace or playing battledore and shuttlecock with "dear Lord Melbourne."

In Mr. Besier's Browning we learn a lesson too. His first words when he enters the room, "Dear Miss Barrett.....At last.....At last." seem to bring a shaft of sunlight into the bleak house in Wimpole Street; while his remark about 'Sordello'—that when he first wrote it only God and Robert Browning understood, but that now only God understood it—was typical of himself and of his work. His philosophy of

life Mr. Besier sums up for us in his remark: "Is not a great failure worth more than a hundred small successes?" But why did Browning never meet the father? Mr. Besier seems to contradict himself, all Browning's expansiveness and enthusiasm seem at once hollow when one realises that he never dares to cross the path of the man he has so much abused. The real Browning interviewed the father before he fled with the daughter.

Elizabeth Barrett, too, is well drawn. The languor of the never-ending sickbed is there and weariness of "this long, long grey death in life," but there seems in her too little of the Elizabethan audacity and luxuriance of her poems. Mr. Besier's Elizabeth would never have compared the peacock fans of the Vatican as winking at the Italian tricolour; she would have been thinking of the poor peacocks. But her sweetness and her pity towards her father, which she cannot help showing, are all true characteristics of her.

Of the rest of the Barrett family it seems strange to see two sisters so absolutely unlike as Arabel and Henrietta. Arabel is the typical Victorian daughter with her "mission work and district visiting." Henrietta is a girl who would have been soundly kicked in any household, but is particularly inappropriate in that one. After 20 years of Edward Barrett no daughter on earth would have remained like that. Mr. Besier has overdrawn her as he has overdrawn the slavish similarity of the rest of the brothers.

But Mr. Besier has created a great play. He has the capacity to see both sides of the question and there is not one of us who is not profoundly pitiful towards the father. His first entry, his conversation with Elizabeth on the eve of her departure, and the last final scene, will live in my memory for a very long time.

H.

## A GERMAN APPRECIATION

*A Translation of an Article which appeared in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" on October 12th, 1931*

In England a Public School is something entirely different from what we mean by the same term. Actually the Public Schools are those most exclusively aristocratic, educational institutions (jene sehr exklusiven, feudalen Lehranstalten) in which England rears her gentlemen. Here, besides a certain amount of learning and a great deal of sport, an incomparable discipline is instilled into the young Englishman. It teaches him obedience to his equals, so that he may better know how to wield authority later. Moreover, he receives a certain stamp by which the Public School man can be recognised all his life the world over (unter jedem Breitengrad und bis an sein Lebensende).

When I was staying with some old friends in Oxfordshire last autumn I was invited to visit my host's sons at Stowe in the neighbouring county of Buckinghamshire and to see over England's youngest Public School at the same time.

A perfectly straight avenue (eine schnurgerade Allee) of wonderful old elms, some two miles long, leads up to the ducal seat. It is the gift of Eton to Stowe, of the oldest Public School to the youngest. What a princely gift, fully in keeping with (ganz im Stil) English traditions!

As I came up through an *arc de triomphe* one of those English parkland views lay suddenly revealed before me, superbly lovely in its quiet vastness (unvergleichlich schön in ihrer Weite und Stille)—broad pasture-land, clusters of trees, here and there a wooded lake (breites Rasenglände, Baumgruppen, hier und da ein umbuschter Teich). On a rising slope which crowns the scene unexpectedly appear the imposing columns of the old mansion, built in the Palladian style, extending right across the ground and looming out of an old world into the new, a little strange perhaps, but most magnificent (der überraschende und imposante Säulenbau des alten Palastes, im Palladiumstil erbaut, weitläufig, aus einer andern Welt in die neue ragend, ein wenig fremd, sehr vornehm).

In 1923 a group of men who were interested in problems of education (eine von an Erziehungsfragen interessierten Männern) bought the crumbling building and presented an expert with the problem of evolving a school. The competition for entry and the reputation of the school now prove that this problem has been brilliantly solved. In barely seven years Stowe has grown up. To-day it numbers some 450 boys, who are divided into seven Houses, each under its own Housemaster. There is a staff of 36 masters (Lehrerstab von 36 Köpfen) of whom the majority, including the Headmaster, are Cambridge men. The modernised house and the new additional buildings, with the estate of 600 acres, include, besides a chapel, classrooms, biological, physical, chemical and general laboratories, a library, Houserooms (Gesellschaftsräume), workshops, a gymnasium (Turnhalle) and a sanatorium. The boys are about thirteen years old when they are taken and between eighteen and nineteen when they leave. The fees amount to £75 a term (the English school year has three terms) in which extra-tuition and personal expenses are not included; nor is the entrance fee, which is about £10.

On my asking whether Stowe differed at all from other schools in its aims and methods, the Headmaster replied that the study of modern languages and natural science was encouraged, but that although every boy learned Latin, Greek was open only to the cleverest (Begabtesten) of them. Stowe is showing quite a modern spirit by the fact that the ancient and often pernicious system of fagging (Dienstleistungen der jüngeren an die älteren Schüler) has been essentially modified. Regulations exist here as elsewhere and are often most elaborately detailed (bis aufs minutiöseste ausgearbeitet), such as only dark blue suits being worn on Sundays. This uniform showed up very effectively at the Chapel service, when it made a contrast with the gowns of the 36 masters, who walked in together in procession, wearing the different coloured hoods of their respective colleges (kontrastiert mit den Talaren der in corpore einmarschierenden 36 Lehrer, die die verschiedenfarbigen hoods ihres Colleges trugen).

Eton, which was founded in the 15th century, is supposed to be the oldest Public School. Harrow, Winchester, Rugby, Charterhouse (*sic*), some dozen in all, rival it in status and policy (Ansehen und Bedeutung). It is not always easy to pass into these schools. In spite of what is to us great expense they are almost always full. In many a family with which it is a tradition to go to one or other Public School the boy is put down (angemeldet) soon after birth to make quite sure of his entry. The aims of the schools are on the whole much the same; at one, more store is set by classics, at another, more by modern languages. The Headmaster has an extraordinary influence on the tone and appeal (Ansehen und Anziehungskraft) of the school through his ability, and almost still more through his character, in a rôle which savours more of the autocrat than the administrator (in einem Wirkungskreis, der mehr von einer Autokratie an sich hat als von einem Amt).

## CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Editor of The Stoic.*

DEAR SIR,

A number of Stoics, past and present, have recently collected a considerable body of information bearing on the house at Stowe and on the gardens, and on those members of the Temple and Grenville families that were connected with the house. It seems therefore an opportunity to assemble these researches into a formal history of the house down to the time of the foundation of the School. The materials for such a book are now being examined; and, if the task should not prove too onerous, it is hoped that the project will at least be undertaken.

The main authority for the whole subject is "The Temple Memoirs," by Colonel J. A. Temple and H. M. Temple. Apart from this the authorities for the house and gardens in the XVIIIth Century seem to be the series of Seeley guides, the Baron and Rigaud engravings (1739), the Chatelain engravings (1752), Articles in Country Life (1914), "English Homes," by H. A. Tipping and C. Hussey, and such references as occur in Walpole's Letters, and in poems, books of travel, letters, memoirs, histories of Buckinghamshire, Adam's designs, etc. It is impossible to give an exact list of these within reasonable bounds of space.

Of the Seeley guides the following have been examined or will be examined in the Bodleian Library; 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1750, 1756, 1762, 1763, 1766, 1768, 1769, 1773, 1777, 1780, 1783, 1797, 1798. There may be yet others in the British Museum.

An efficient collector of materials would no doubt make a thorough search of second-hand bookshops in London and elsewhere. This laborious work has probably been largely accomplished by Stoics and friends of the School in their chance acquisitions in these shops. It would be a great kindness if anyone who knows of essential material would send me particulars of books that should be consulted and prints and, above all, maps and drawings or designs that should be examined. At the moment attention is being concentrated on the XVIIIth Century. There is a particular shortage of material for the first half of the XVIIIth Century, and indeed for the whole of the XVIIth Century; and information relative to other periods too would be most welcome.

The larger enquiry into the personal history of the owners of the house is for the moment being postponed. Here too information and advice where to seek information would be most welcome.

Yours etc.,

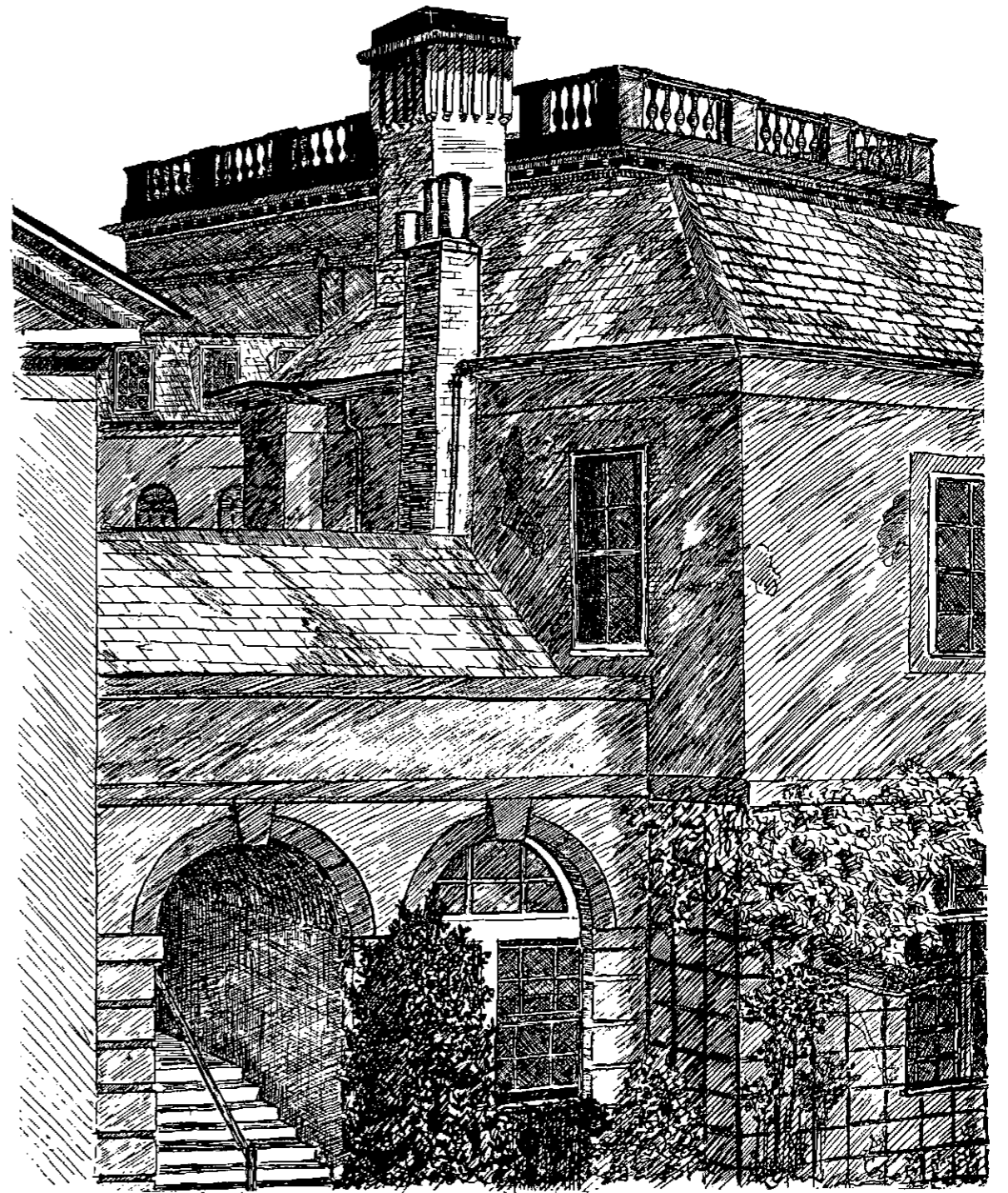
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Stowe School, Buckingham.

DEAR SIR,

I should like to have been present at the OLD STOIC DINNER on Dec. 5th, but was led to believe that tails were a *sine qua non*, and feared to be treated like the man without a wedding garment. Unfortunately I am like the Manx cat and have no tail—far less two. Don't you think that in these days of financial crisis a dinner-jacket might pass for a

YOUNG OLD STOIC?



FROM THE MASTERS' GARDEN,  
(up to date).

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