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*Le Temps a laissé son manteau
De vent, de froidure et de pluie,
Et s'est vestu de broderie
De soleil riant, cher et beau.*

RETROSPECTION is not an easy process; it is sometimes unprofitable, always confusing. And though it would seem that of the terms in the year the Easter, on account of its length, would be the most simple to review, the variety of activities during this term make the task all the harder.

From the Rugger House Matches to the Relays the term is full of athletic activity, while the Arts Club and Workshops busy their several enthusiasts towards the end of the term. Scholarship candidates go off in March, and in this month, too, comes Sports Day, a time of fevered activity for the ground staff.

There are those who advocate a greater length of time between the different athletic events, but they should reserve their criticism until a time when the frost plays havoc with all arrangements, and everything has to be crowded together in the space of a few weeks.

As it is, the weather has been dry, but kind. Though at times there were slight falls of snow, there was never sufficient ice on the lakes to make skating a possibility. Indeed, Nature seems to have altered her course for once, playing us such rare tricks in this February and March of 1932 that summer has been 'acumen in' for many a week. May this be a prelude to an even greater vagary—and may the June and July of this year fulfil our sanguine expectations.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

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

J. M. Ashton.	R. N. Hall.
D. K. W. Blair.	D. M. Lea.
R. P. Blow.	T. W. Legg.
R. B. Boulter.	F. M. H. Leyland.
M. R. A. Chance.	S. J. L. Olver.
L. M. Crookston.	M. G. Satow.
I. Earle.	A. D. C. Smith.
P. C. Hall.	U. B. Walmsley.

This makes a total of 91 for the year. Last year the total was 105.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

DECEMBER 1931

- C. T. CROWE has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Modern History at Oriol College, Oxford.
- A. R. W. STANSFELD has been elected to an Open Scholarship for History at Christ Church, Oxford.
- D. RUSSELL-DAVIS has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Natural Science at Clare College, Cambridge.
- T. L. JONES has been elected to an Exhibition for English and Modern Languages at Balliol College, Oxford.

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School Officials—Easter Term, 1932.

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

*Captain of Athletics and Cross-Country running:—*E. V. Hope.

At the Army Examination held in November last I. R. GRÆME (8th), G. S. C. TRENCH and G. V. ROUSE passed into Woolwich, and R. R. HAMMOND-CHAMBERS and J. E. VAUGHAN into Sandhurst.

At the end of this term Mr. Timberlake leaves Grafton, though he will remain for one more term as a Master in the School. Mr. Clifford succeeds him in command of Grafton.

Digging on the site for the second section of the new tennis courts has gone on steadily this term. Some of the earth removed is being used for levelling up the site for the third section. A great deal of work remains to be done, and when it is done we shall still have the problem of raising the money for the courts themselves. But it will be some satisfaction to have the sites ready waiting.

The following visitors have preached in the Chapel this Term:—

Jan. 31st.	The Rev. G. S. Trench, Missions to Seamen.
Feb. 14th.	Canon H. W. Blackburne, Chaplain at Windsor.
Feb. 21st.	The Bishop of Guildford.
Mar. 13th.	The Rev. H. B. Thompson, S.P.G.
Mar. 27th.	The Bishop of Ripon.

The Hostel has now a fence in front of it. The fence encloses something like Swinburne's "steep, square slope of the blossomless bed." Perhaps there will be blossoms one day. Meanwhile this "deserted garden" still commands a fine view of the Chatham coke heaps.

Three small wooden rooms have been erected near the Squash Courts and labelled "temporary classrooms." "Temporary" is not the only adjective that has been applied to them.

Chapel Court is coming into shape. While the yew in front of "Gibbons" lives, a flight of wooden steps in the wrong place is the best that can be managed. There will be time enough after its death to provide stone steps in the right place. The urn opposite "Vanbrugh," which corresponds to the fountain opposite "Adam," now has a new base and will soon be surrounded by a circular pool of grass of the same diameter as the fountain basin.

The two new Squash courts are of the modern type with open backs, and their ventilation seems to be nearly perfect. It is hoped that they will never acquire that peculiar scent—like the inside of an old boxing glove—from which the other courts have never been free since their earliest days.

The claims of the Chapel Court combined with routine work have seemingly prevented the estate staff from doing more than a very little of the work which urgently needs doing in the woods. Some pruning and tidying up has been done in the belt along the road from the Oxford Gate towards Boycott Manor, but much remains to be done in the way of clearing blown timber, planting new trees and attention to the Eton Avenue.

1st XV. Colours were awarded to A. A. Hawker at the end of last Term.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Mr. G. M. Butler gave a lecture, in the Library, on 'Athletics.' He illustrated his lecture by means of lantern-slides and slow-motion films. He is, of course, a great expert on the subject, and was therefore both very interesting and very instructive.

On Thursday, February 18th, Mr. H. N. Casson delivered a lecture on "Professions of Commerce" to members of the Upper and Middle School.

The Services during Holy Week were taken by the Bishop of Ripon.

The School in general and the corps in particular suffers a great loss in the retirement, owing to ill-health, of Staff-Sergeant J. Elliott. In all of his many activities in the School he has never failed to obtain efficiency or to maintain the finest form of discipline.

BISHOP KEMPSON.

The Right Reverend E. H. Kempson was a Governor of Stowe from its foundation. In 1923 he still held the Bishopric of Warrington, from which, however, ill-health compelled him to retire in 1927. He was a good friend to the School, and his experience as a Master at Harrow and later as Principal of King William's College gave him a special understanding of our problems. He took part in the Chapel Dedication Service on July 11th, 1929 and he paid many visits to the School, in which he took an active and most friendly interest. His death, which occurred in September last, has meant both a personal and a practical loss to Stowe.

A LECTURE.

The Master of Sempill gave a Lecture on "Flying," on February 6th. He showed us many interesting slides and at the end of his talk showed a film of the 1931 Schneider Trophy Race. We were left with a feeling of having been hitherto very local, stay-at-home and unenterprising, for the lecturer so obviously took it for granted that the air provided the safest and most sensible means of transport. Our chief impressions were of the amazingly rapid growth of the aeroplane, of the almost incredible courage and pertinacity of the pioneers and of our own failure as yet to enter into our inheritance. We should have liked, but time did not permit, to hear more details of the modern types of aeroplanes and engines and also of the curious contraptions in which the pioneers risked their lives. The enthusiasm aroused by the Master's descriptions and pictures was stimulated by the Puss Moth in which we saw him leave on the following morning. It may be hoped that his quiet, modest belief in aeroplanes will bear fruit in those who heard him. We enjoyed the visit of the Master of Sempill; we are grateful to him; we hope he will come to Stowe again.

DIGNITY AND IMPUDENCE

Eternally the ages pass and die
 To leave unchanged the frosty realms of space.
 The glittering stars move on : with silent grace
 They swing for ever through a crystal sky.

Each sphere reveals a teeming galaxy,
 A system perfect in its rhythmic pace,
 A path for every molecule to trace,
 In concord with the will of Deity.

But look ! Unnoticed, little creatures crawl
 Upon the bosom of a world that reels
 In petty pride and discord. One and all,
 They lay down Cosmic laws, break sacred seals
 To prove that God is not. Soon they will call :
 " We rule the Universe ! "—What imbeciles !

J. R. LAMBTON.

OLIM ALUMNI

- MR. A. F. ASHBURNHAM has been awarded a "Y" Cadetship at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.
- MR. H. D. H. BARTLETT has been awarded a Half-Blue for Fencing at Cambridge.
- MR. G. L. BELLAMY reached the finals of the 100 yards at the Oxford University Sports.
- MR. A. C. C. BRODIE has been awarded a Cadet Scholarship at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.
- MR. R. H. S. CLOUSTON has won outright the heavyweight championship of the North-Eastern Division. This is one of the eight championships which admit a boxer to the Amateur Championship. He was also Oxford's heavyweight representative against Cambridge.
- MR. N. P. H. DRYDEN is understudying one of the important parts in *Cavalcade*.
- MR. D. C. ELLIS has represented Vancouver (B.C.) University at Rugby Football for the last two years.
- MR. B. C. GADNEY, who is a master at Winchester House School, Brackley, is the first Old Stoic to gain an International Cap for Rugby Football. He played for England against Ireland at Dublin and against Scotland at Twickenham.
- MR. I. R. GRÆME has been awarded a Prize Cadetship at the R.M.A., Woolwich.
- MR. D. A. G. KEITH appeared in "Elizabeth of England."
- MR. N. C. LOGAN has been working in Logging camps in British Columbia.
- MR. A. D. MURRAY holds a commission in the Supplementary Reserve and has been gazetted to the Rifle Brigade.

- MR. H. P. J. PHILLIPS holds a commission in the Supplementary Reserve and has been gazetted to the Coldstream Guards.
- MR. P. L. SHERWOOD reached the finals of the 100 Yards and Quarter Mile at the Cambridge University Sports.
- MR. E. R. WILLIAMS has joined MR. K. D. E. H. HARRINGTON as an Honorary Attaché at the British Legation in Stockholm.
- MR. G. J. B. WRIGHT designed the scenery and dresses for the Marlowe Society's production of *Hamlet* in the A.D.C. Theatre at Cambridge (March 5th—12th).

From the Times of March 2nd, 1932 :—EDDY.—On Feb. 28, 1932, in Buenos Aires, to Imelda, wife of BILL EDDY—a son.

From the Times of March 17th, 1932 :—THE HON. J. W. LESLIE and Miss Pinckard.—The engagement is announced between JOHN WAYLAND LESLIE, younger son of the late Earl of Rothes and Noël Countess of Rothes (Mrs. Claude Macfie) of Culls, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Coral, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pinckard, of 9, Chesterfield Street, Mayfair, and Combe Court, Chiddingfold.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE STOWE SHOW.

On December 18th, 1931, the Stowe Show was held for the fifth time in succession at the Rudolph Steiner Hall. Unfortunately, owing to the fog, the hall lacked as large an audience as had been expected. But for those who did manage to come was provided an excellent entertainment.

The Show commenced with a play presented by the Grafton Play-Reading Society called 'Wurzel Flummery,' by A. A. Milne, which was produced by Mr. R. R. Timberlake and Mr. A. B. Clifford. Although perhaps the play itself had definite limitations, it was obvious that much time and trouble had been taken over the production. All the actors got the most out of their parts. Peter Hayman, as Robert Crawshaw, surpassed himself and G. E. T. Brown, if ambulatorily masculine, was in other respects admirably feminine. The 'Golliwog's Cake-Walk' by Mr. J. C. Saunders, who very ably sponsored the whole Show, was greatly appreciated. This item provided the Show with its characteristic variety and originality. We could only regret the lack of an *encore*. There followed 'The Thread o' Scarlet,' a drama by J. J. Bell, produced by Mr. J. B. Channon. The acting was good throughout and Donald Lea, who was making

his last appearance on the stage as a Stoic, excelled himself. There will be a big gap to be filled next year, which will be to some extent augmented by the loss of Reggie Allen, who played so surprisingly well as Migsworth—once again proving his versatility.

The orchestra, five in number, was largely composed of members of the Music Staff, led by Mr. Blofeld. The music played included selections from Handel, Purcell, Grainger, and De Falla. B. A. Hollick played three piano solos very effectively—a Poem by Scriabin, a Prelude and a Dance for Harpsichord by Delius.

Mention must here be made of an item which appeared only in the evening performance. After two short introductory speeches by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Clifford, and the Warden of the Stowe Club, Capt. C. R. Lucas, D.S.O., a class of the boys under Mr. MacManus, who has long been a Pineapple instructor, gave an exhibition of physical training. This most welcome novelty was a complete success; not only did it give the audience a chance of seeing what good work was being done, but it also gave the boys the feeling that they were helping to run the Show. It is one of the principles of the Club that the boys should help to meet its expenses; in a small way they pay for everything they do, and they pay willingly. It is good to see this principle extended wherever possible. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature of the Show.

The buffoonery provided in 'The Rehearsal,' an adaptation from 'The Day's Play,' by A. A. Milne, gave some refreshing variety. Again we cannot discriminate between the actors. They all made the best of difficult parts and combined to produce an amusing end to what is probably a unique entertainment of its kind in London.

Thanks are again due to Mr. E. Hart Dyke who, as in past years, was responsible for the sale of tickets.

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THE CINEMA.

No new equipment has been added this term, and with a good part of the debt on the sound apparatus still to pay off, we have had to be as economical as possible.

As regards films, the experience gained last term has enabled us to get together quite an interesting selection, and they seem to have been appreciated. A detailed account appears below.

Showing to the whole School, as we do, we have had to confine ourselves to the ordinary films in general circulation in the cinemas, but there seems to be a growing demand for some of the more cultured films, and this being so, there might be room here for a Film Society, with a selected membership, for whom special shows of these films could be arranged.

On two occasions this term we have been regaled by the Rhythmic Six, a dance band which plays some good tunes effectively and has taken trouble with its staging.

Several tiresome mishaps which have occurred during the cinema shows indicate what a skilled job sound-operating is, and unfortunately we have not got and cannot get at present a skilled operating staff. This problem is one of several that we must try to solve before September.

During the Term we received a visit from the Buckinghamshire County Architect, who tested the efficiency of the many devices necessary in a cinema for protection from fire, and reported very satisfactorily on them.

R.H.H.

This term we have seen the following films:—

"*Plunder.*" This was the first film we saw this term—a farce well up to the standard set by the same company in "*Rookery Nook*" last term.

"*Dassan.*" A notable portrayal of the life of penguins on a South Atlantic island, and during their annual migration 'warmwards.' It must be borne in mind that whereas the ordinary film producer expects his actors to go through a series of rehearsed incidents, Mr. Kearton had to fit his story to the acting; but we feel that he was more in his element with his camera than at the microphone.

"*Song of the Alps.*" An excellent picture centring round a ski-race. The alpine scenery is similar to, though not so striking as the setting of "*The White Hell of Pitz-Palu.*" It was difficult to remember that this was an Italian film, while listening to the English dialogue; but at the beginning we were frequently puzzled by an intricate plot, when we should have liked to have been watching the ski-ing.

"*Abraham Lincoln*" is a film, the story of which, in spite of inaccuracies of historical detail, loses nothing in the telling, and in which the mounting excitement in the final scene is effective. Walter Huston plays the title rôle well; the latter part of the film is consecutive, dramatic, and pleasing in subject-matter by comparison with the scenes of his early life. In fact during the film one progressed from depression to the realisation of hope—the attainment of emancipation.

"*The Speckled Band,*" a modern version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story, was successful as a thriller, and the story gave Raymond Massey as Sherlock Holmes, and Lyn Harding as Dr. Rylott, the opportunity for some good acting.

"*Monsters of the Deep.*" An interesting synchronized film of the adventures of a small fishing expedition off the coast of California.

"*Symphony of a City.*" Perhaps the most thoughtful film seen this term, it made one realize the higher mentality of the German audiences for whom the film was made, compared with the supposedly low intelligence of the average film audience in this country. In a series of most cleverly contrived sequences, Ruttmann admirably suggested on a silent screen the throb and bustle of the life of a busy city.

"*The Hunchback of Notre Dame,*" an adaptation of Victor Hugo's story, showed some realistic acting by Lon Chaney as the hunchback, Quasimodo. The crowd scenes were very effective and the story was gripping in its fast movement.

"*The Property Man.*" A revival of one of Charlie Chaplin's early short farces. "*Africa Speaks*" and "*The W Plan,*" were also shewn this term, but too late for review.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

COBHAM scored their first victory in the House Cup Competition and fully deserved their success. They were undoubtedly the best team, and in the way of preparation they left nothing to chance. The main strength of their side lay in their back division, but their forwards were a heavy, solid set of scrummagers, who never got less than their full share of the ball. All their tries were scored by the backs, who, in general, showed speed and determination in going for the line.

Bruce, the runners-up, had a good back division, but were not so strong forward as Cobham. In the final they played a sound defensive game, but seldom got going smoothly in attack.

Of the other Houses, Temple was weak behind, but made the very most of a rather light pack; Grenville were rather ragged forward but revealed some promising material behind the scrum; Chandos were strong in front, but, as has been the case with them before, lacked finishing power behind; Chatham and Grafton both put up good fights against stronger opponents.

The following table shows the result of the House Matches:—

First Round	Semi-final	Final	Winner
	Grenville (Byc)		
Bruce } Chandos }	Bruce (10-0)	Bruce (6-0)	Cobham (9-3)
Cobham } Chatham }	Cobham (20-3)	Cobham	
Temple } Grafton }	Temple (6-0)	(33-3)	

THE SCHOOL v. A VETERANS' XV.

Played at Stowe on December 12th, the Veterans winning by three goals (15 points) to one goal (5 points).

The Veterans' team consisted of many of the same players as last year and it was a great pleasure to entertain them again—not only for their football but for themselves. There was a slight infusion of young blood in the side, but the ages went up to well over the fifty mark.

The Veterans' pack was the outstanding part of the side. Davies at fly half was as elusive and clever and, seemingly, as fast as ever, but the three-quarter line as a whole did not get going very often. Cove-Smith, Conway, Maxwell-Hyslop and Holford formed the nucleus of a pack that proved a very tough proposition for the School. Some of the tight scrumming was magnificently controlled; on one occasion the whole eight, after sweeping away the School forwards, went galloping down the field for twenty or thirty yards in a solid phalanx with the ball tucked nicely away at the feet of the second row. Such play as that undoubtedly showed the School how it should be done.

The Veterans got the ball fairly regularly at the beginning and pressed for most of the first half. Davies scored a try, cutting through on his own from a pass out from a scrum near the School line and shortly afterwards good running and passing sent Lusty in on the right wing. Hammett converted both tries. In the second half play was more even. The School pressed and Ellis forced his way over for a try which Allen converted. Just on time Salamon, one of the very few pseudo-veterans, broke away from the scrum and scored beneath the posts for Godfray, the super-veteran, to convert.

Teams.—The School:—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, P. G. Agnew, G. V. Rouse, P. W. Forbes, A. W. Genth, C. A. La T. Leatham.

Veterans:—R. E. Godfray; A. C. Lusty, Sir J. W. Napier, E. D. Hammett, G. V. Palmer; W. J. A. Davies, J. L. Bryan; R. Cove-Smith, G. S. Conway, J. E. Maxwell-Hyslop, J. Holford, P. L. Densham, S. Yeo, S. Rowe, C. E. Salamon.

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST ROUND.

BRUCE v. CHANDOS.

Played on Saturday, February 13th, Bruce winning by two goals (10 points) to nil. Through the superiority of their forwards, Chandos had the better of the game territorially, but their backs were weak and were unable to push home the advantage gained in front. On the Bruce side Collins-Lewis and Davis were always a source of danger to Chandos and it was through a break-away by the former that Bruce scored their first try. Knowling was up to take the pass and score. The second try was scored by Mallett after a long run by Davis. Tweedy kicked both goals. Both these scores took place in the first half and the rest of the game was of rather a scrambling nature, no very good movements being carried out by either side.

Teams.—Bruce:—F. S. B. Gavin; R. B. Matthews, W. C. McKay, J. W. Collins-Lewis, K. I. Henderson; A. E. de laT. Mallett, C. R. Davis; R. A. H. Knowling, R. A. O. Henniker, F. A. H. Ling, J. McTurk, G. T. Le Lacheur, E. M. Ling, C. J. Morny, B. Tweedy.

Chandos:—A. D. Fisk; J. A. Croft, P. J. Willink, J. L. W. Cheyne, F. M. H. Leyland; A. T. Bardwell, A. R. F. B. Brett; S. M. Sowerby, D. L. Reeves, P. G. Agnew, K. W. L. Roberts, A. F. R. Porcher, P. W. Kemmis, D. B. Egerton, T. L. Seccombe.

COBHAM v. CHATHAM.

Played on Saturday, February 13th, Cobham winning by one goal and five tries (20 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

Cobham were clearly the better side, some of their three-quarter movements in the first half being very good. Chatham seemed to err in trying to make the game entirely a forward one. Their back division, although not so strong as Cobham's was not negligible, and in the first five minutes nearly scored on two occasions. Moreover the Cobham pack was much better in the tight than that of Chatham and quite as good in the loose.

After Chatham's first attack had spent itself, Cobham settled down and their backs ran very well. Tries were scored in the first half by Pfister, Crowe, Smith (2) and Frean, Johnson converting one of these. In the second half Chatham marked their opponents more closely and kept the scoring down to one unconverted try, scored by Frean. Sherrard kicked a good penalty goal for Chatham.

Teams.—Cobham:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, J. W. Stoye, J. C. Pfister; P. H. G. Smith, T. W. Legg; G. W. Emrys-Roberts, J. R. Newman, W. C. G. Rogers, A. J. Crump, C. E. Crump, C. F. G. Rogers, S. Kilpatrick, S. F. F. Johnson.

Chatham:—S. J. H. Sherrard; G. G. Fowke, J. H. Bourne, P. Hutton-Attenborough, P. F. Baker; H. D. Nelson Smith, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; C. L. Hall, J. M. N. Pike, F. H. R. Astley-Corbett, J. D. Davidson, E. R. Farnell-Watson, P. J. K. Pike, J. N. Hutchinson, D. M. Watson.

TEMPLE *v.* GRAFTON.

Played on Saturday, February 13th, Temple winning by two tries (6 points) to nil.

Both Houses had been much affected by illness, but whereas Temple suffered more in respect of their substitutes, and that to such an extent that they elected to play with fourteen men, Grafton had lost the great majority of their original team. The Grafton pack, young and light as it was, put up a very plucky fight against their stronger opponents.

The play on the whole was not of a high standard. There was no score till well on in the first half, when Genth broke away from the Temple twenty-five: the ball passed through Godman and Weaver to Forbes, who completed the movement by scoring in the corner. The second half was fought out strenuously until, just before the end, Forbes scored again after a throw in from touch near the Grafton line.

Teams.—Temple:—R. S. Edridge; L. M. Crookston, A. W. Genth, J. T. Foreman, T. E. Godman; P. E. C. Russell, W. L. Thyne; P. W. Forbes, J. R. C. Kenyon, A. F. Weaver, P. G. H. Gell, N. G. Annan, N. S. Græme, E. Martens.

Grafton:—A. E. James; A. R. W. Stansfeld, T. B. Hunter, S. J. R. Macoun, J. P. Hopps; J. D. McKean, S. J. L. Olver; J. N. Woodbridge, G. O. Schneller, W. A. Napier, E. G. G. Hanrott, P. R. Spencer, M. J. Macoun, A. W. Torrance, M. A. Gammidge.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

GRENVILLE *v.* BRUCE.

Played on Wednesday, February 17th, Bruce winning by one penalty goal and one try (6 points) to nil.

The packs were evenly matched and the game on the whole was close and keen, although it did not produce much good football. Early in the first half Bruce scored a penalty goal, kicked by Tweedy, and this was all the scoring before the interval, although Grenville were nearly over on two or three occasions. In the second half Collins-Lewis scored an unconverted try for Bruce. Matthews made ground on the right and drew the defence to that side. When he was tackled a loose scrum was formed, from which the ball went rapidly out to Collins-Lewis, who had an easy run in. During the remainder of the match play was even with little advantage to either side.

Teams.—Grenville:—R. B. Boulter; R. G. Atkinson, J. P. L. Henderson, J. M. B. Poyntz, J. M. Turner; J. A. Hunter, P. B. Lucas; The Viscount Parker, C. G. Walton, C. J. Macpherson, D. M. Baker, E. A. F. Widdrington, D. A. T. Carson, T. S. F. Hetherington, J. T. Melvin.

Bruce:—F. S. B. Gavin; R. B. Matthews, W. C. McKay, J. W. Collins-Lewis, J. E. M. Hoare; A. E. de la T. Mallett, C. R. Davis; R. A. H. Knowling, R. A. O. Henninger, F. A. H. Ling, J. McTurk, G. T. Le Lacheur, E. M. Ling, C. J. Morny, B. Tweedy.

COBHAM *v.* TEMPLE.

Played on Wednesday, February 17th, Cobham winning by three goals and six tries (33 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

Temple played seven forwards and two full-backs—a novel arrangement, but one which served their purpose probably better than the normal formation would have done. The seven forwards put up an excellent fight against the Cobham pack; they got a reasonable share of the ball in the tight and were keen and lively in the loose. Behind the scrum, however, there was only one side in it. Frean ran particularly well, while Crowe and Smith always looked—and often were—dangerous.

In the first half Frean (4) and Smith scored tries, two of which were converted by Johnson, while Kenyon kicked a good penalty goal for Temple. In the second half Crowe (2), Legg and Pfister scored tries and Johnson kicked one more goal.

Teams.—Cobham:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, J. W. Stoye, J. C. Pfister; P. H. G. Smith, T. W. Legg; G. W. Emrys-Roberts, J. R. Newman, W. C. G. Rogers, A. J. Crump, C. E. Crump, J. D. A. Syrett, S. Kilpatrick, S. F. F. Johnson.

Temple:—R. S. Edridge, W. A. Smith; L. M. Crookston, A. W. Genth, J. T. Foreman, T. E. Godman; P. E. C. Russell, W. L. Thyne; A. F. Weaver, J. R. C. Kenyon, P. G. H. Gell, N. G. Annan, N. S. Græme, E. Martens, P. W. Forbes.

FINAL ROUND.

BRUCE *v.* COBHAM.

Played on Wednesday, February 24th, Cobham winning by three tries (9 points) to one try (3 points).

Ground conditions were ideal, but a strong cold wind made passing rather difficult and handling uncertain. Both teams suffered to some extent from over-anxiety and the football was less good than it should have been. The Bruce forwards held their opponents well in the tight and got quite a reasonable share of the ball. Davis, however, not too fit, was rather subdued behind them and the Bruce line seldom got going smoothly. The Cobham forwards without in any way overwhelming the opposing pack gave their backs plenty of chances. Legg, like his opposite number, was not very good, but this was due to the hustling tactics of the Bruce forwards more than to anything else. When the ball came out cleanly, the movement nearly always broke down before it got very far. Crowe was below form and often buttered his pass and when he tried to send Frean away he usually tried to throw too long a pass, which the wind often made difficult to hold. Much credit is due to the Bruce three-quarters, who came up quickly on their men and gave them very little rope. Hoare was particularly good in getting on to Frean, before the latter could get into his stride. Matthews, who had an easier task on the other wing, brought off some fine tackles.

Frean opened the scoring for Cobham with a try far out on the right. This was about the only occasion during the match on which he got the ball in an attacking position, and he used his pace and weight well. Legg went over from the base of a loose scrum shortly afterwards and the third try was the result of a good run by Pfister. He got clear away in his own twenty-five and beat Gavin with a well-timed swerve. Although he was hotly pursued, his speed carried him safely over the line. The Bruce try came just before half-time. Collins-Lewis followed up his own punt ahead and jumping higher than Hawker who was waiting for the ball caught it clean and went right away with Crowe in pursuit. He scored far out on the right—an excellent effort.

In the second half there was no scoring. Play was fairly even, neither side looking particularly dangerous. Crowe on one occasion broke away well but in swerving the full back was tackled by a defender coming back.

Mr. C. Shields refereed the match admirably.

Teams.—Bruce:—F. S. B. Gavin; R. B. Matthews, L. A. McAfee, J. W. Collins-Lewis, J. E. M. Hoare; A. E. de la T. Mallett, C. R. Davis; R. A. H. Knowling, S. D. Williams, F. A. H. Ling, B. Tweedy, G. T. Le Lacheur, E. M. Ling, L. R. Llewellyn, J. McTurk.

Cobham:—A. A. Hawker; D. E. Frean, C. T. Crowe, J. W. Stoye, J. C. Pfister; P. H. G. Smith, T. W. Legg; G. W. Emrys-Roberts, J. R. Newman, W. C. G. Rogers, A. J. Crump, C. E. Crump, S. Kilpatrick, C. S. Madden, S. F. F. Johnson.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY 1932

THE INTER-HOUSE RACES.

Both Senior and Junior Races were run on February 29th. Owing to the long spell of dry weather the going was firm and fast. The course for the Junior Race was possibly a little longer than last year, owing to one or two minor alterations.

In this race the finish for the first three individual places was a very close one. F. A. Whitlock (Cob.) had a lead of some ten yards on entering the Grecian Valley from J. M. Mayne (Chan.) and A. M. Church (Gren.), who were practically level. These two drew up somewhat coming down the valley, but Whitlock managed to maintain his lead and won by seven yards with Mayne second, a yard ahead of Church.

As permission was unobtainable this year to run over a portion of last year's course the Senior course had to be altered to some extent. This involved a lengthening of the old course by about 300 yards.

E. V. Hope (Tem.), who finished second last year, took the lead about half way and drew ahead steadily to finish an easy winner by 30 to 40 yards from A. F. Weaver (Tem.). A. F. R. Porcher (Chan.) was third, having run the greater part of the course in only one shoe.

JUNIOR RACE.		SENIOR RACE.		AGGREGATE.	
Team placings and points :—					
1. Grafton	464 Points.	1. Temple	756 Points.	1. Temple	1060.
2. Chandos	432 "	2. Grenville	636 "	2. Grenville	998.
3. Cobham	424 "	3. Chatham	555 "	3. Grafton	962.
4. Grenville	362 "	4. Chandos	522 "	4. Chandos	954.
5. Bruce	324 "	5. Bruce	507 "	5. Cobham	886.
6. Temple	304 "	6. Grafton	498 "	6. Chatham	849.
7. Chatham	294 "	7. Cobham	462 "	7. Bruce	831.

STOWE v. CHARTERHOUSE.

The fourth cross-country match against Charterhouse took place at Godalming on Saturday, March 5th, over a course of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Charterhouse won by 26 points to 31. The home team started off at a fast pace, and after about a mile occupied the first five places, followed at a short interval by E. V. Hope and then A. F. Weaver. These two progressed steadily, and at the half-distance Hope was well up with the leaders, with Weaver not far behind. The rest of the Stowe team were now too badly placed to make victory at all likely. The leaders maintained their positions until they turned in for the final straight, 300 yards from home. Here a close struggle for the lead followed, and Hope, beginning his sprint, passed both the Carthusians, Nicholson and Drew. About 150 yards from home Drew collapsed, and Nicholson, just behind him, stopped to assist him and lost about fifty yards. But for this misfortune there must have been a close finish. As, however, Hope was at that point well clear of both Drew and Nicholson, it is unlikely that he would have been overhauled. He ran a well-judged race and is to be congratulated on winning it for the second year in succession.

Weaver also ran well to get into third place, and Atkinson made up a lot of ground to finish sixth. One or two of our runners were disappointing, but perhaps found the roads very heavy going after the grass to which they are more accustomed.

The result was :

1. E. V. Hope (Stowe). Time, 28 mins. 5 secs.
 2. G. W. Nicholson (Charterhouse).
 3. A. F. Weaver (Stowe).
 4. B. S. M. Carson (Charterhouse).
 5. A. L. S. Keith (Charterhouse).
 6. R. G. Atkinson (Stowe).
 7. I. A. M. Brown (Charterhouse).
 8. P. K. Lankester (Charterhouse).
 9. D. M. Baker (Stowe).
 10. B. H. Greene (Charterhouse).
 11. N. E. Gabriel (Charterhouse).
 12. A. F. R. Porcher (Stowe).
 13. C. J. Morny (Stowe).
 14. A. W. Genth (Stowe).
 15. J. R. Lambton (Stowe).
- J. L. Drew (Charterhouse).

STOWE SECOND TEAM v. NO. 2 WING (APPRENTICES) R.A.F. HALTON.

Run at Stowe on March 5th over the Senior Course of $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles. (Teams of eight, five of whom were to count).

The visitors obtained 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 10th places—21 points; and the School team 4th (J. M. Hamilton, Chat.), 6th (N. A. Gammidge ma., Tem.), 7th (J. N. Woodbridge, Graf.), 8th (A. C. Godfrey, Gren.) and 9th (A. D. H. Cooke, Tem.) places—34 points. The R.A.F. therefore won by 13 points.

SPORTS 1932

The Sports were held on March 19th. The day was fine and the track firm and dry. The wind, which was favourable to the sprinters, was cold enough to make some of the spectators feel that the Pole Vault lasted just a little too long. Five events, including the Long Jump and Half Mile (Open), had been decided previously. Over all two open records were beaten and one equalled and two junior records beaten. The best individual performance was that of R. G. Atkinson who scored three first and one equal first for Grenville, who won the House Cup.

The points were :—Grenville 69, Cobham 55, Temple 44, Bruce 40, Grafton 33, Chatham 30, Chandos 23.

The prizes were presented by Sir Edward Crowe, K.C.M.G.

The results were as follows :—

100 Yards (Open).—1, equal, J. W. Collins-Lewis and R. G. Atkinson; 3, P. H. G. Smith. Time, $10\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

100 Yards (Junior).—1, A. E. de la T. Mallett; 2, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; 3, J. M. B. Poyntz. Time, $11\frac{1}{10}$ secs.

Pole Vault (Open).—1, S. J. H. Sherrard; 2, equal, J. D. McKean and T. B. Hunter. Height, 9 ft. 1 in.

120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, D. E. Frean; 2, A. R. P. Ellis; 3, C. T. Crowe. Time, 18 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior).—1, J. R. T. Priestman; 2, L. A. McAfee; 3, G. P. Tweedale. Time, $19\frac{7}{10}$ secs.

Half Mile (Open).—1, E. V. Hope; 2, C. H. G. Kinahan ma.; 3, C. T. Crowe. Time, 2 mins. $8\frac{9}{10}$ secs. Record.

Half Mile (Junior). 1, A. R. G. Pearce; 2, G. C. Wyndham; 3, A. M. Church mi. Time, 2 mins. $23\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1, R. G. Atkinson; 2, P. H. G. Smith; 3, J. M. Turner. Time, $23\frac{3}{5}$ secs. Equals Record.

220 Yards (Junior).—1, A. E. de la T. Mallett; K. P. P. Goldschmidt; 3, P. J. Willink mi. Time, $24\frac{3}{5}$ secs. Record.

One Mile (Open).—1, E. V. Hope; 2, A. F. Weaver; 3, C. H. G. Kinahan ma. Time, 4 mins. $53\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

One Mile (Junior).—1, A. M. Church mi.; 2, F. A. Whitlock; 3, A. R. G. Pearce. Time, 5 mins $17\frac{1}{10}$ secs.

High Jump (Open).—1, equal, C. J. Macpherson and D. E. Frean; 3, A. R. P. Ellis. Height, 4 ft. $11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

High Jump (Junior).—1, J. D. McKean; 2, equal, E. Martens and K. E. Godbold. Height, 4 ft. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Quarter Mile (Open).—1, R. G. Atkinson; 2, P. H. G. Smith; 3, C. T. Crowe. Time, $54\frac{9}{10}$ secs.

Quarter Mile (Junior).—1, A. E. de la T. Mallett; 2, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; 3, A. R. G. Pearce. Time, $58\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

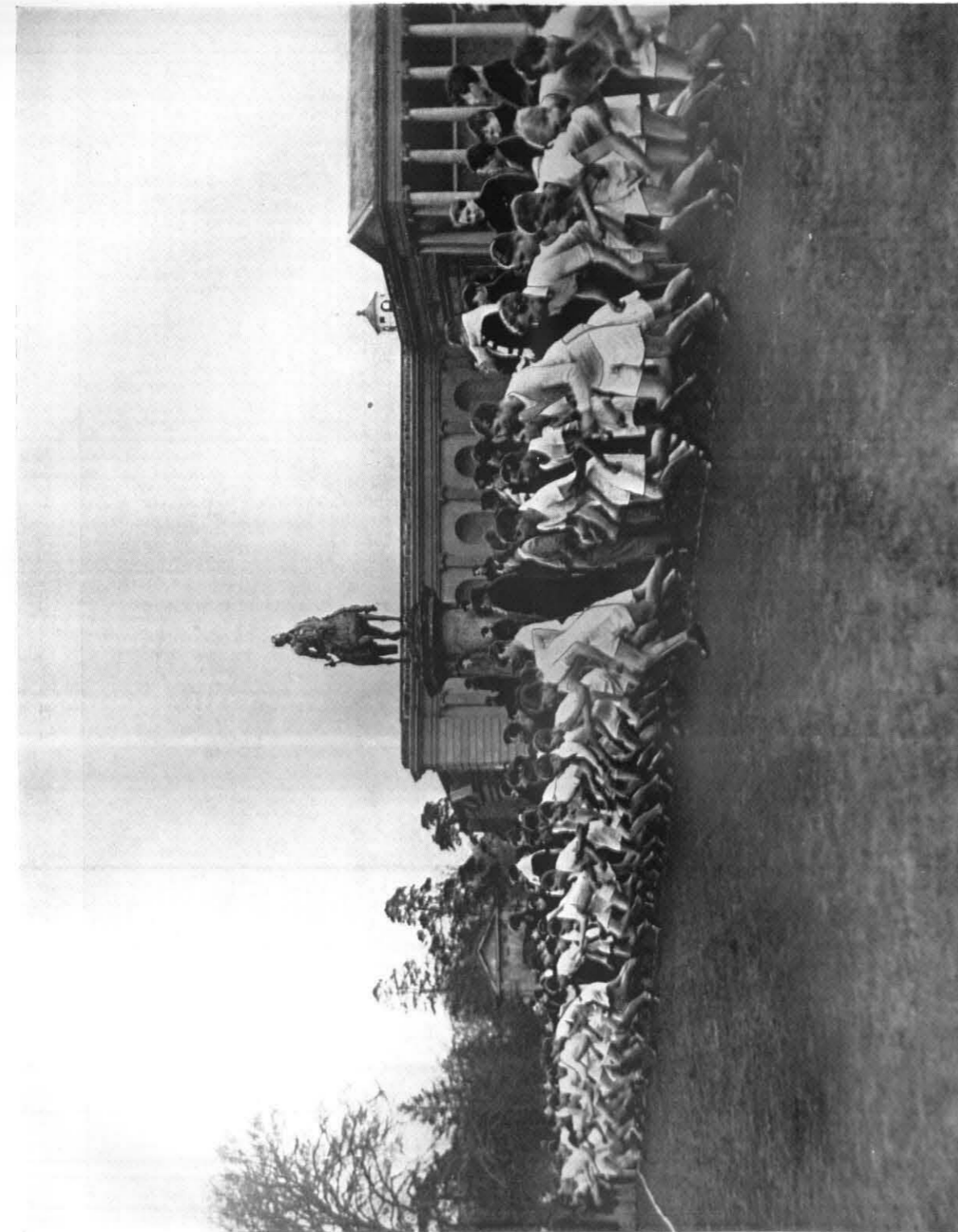
Long Jump (Open).—1, R. G. Atkinson; 2, D. E. Frean; 3, J. W. Collins-Lewis. Distance, 19 ft. $10\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Record.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, K. P. P. Goldschmidt; 2, P. J. Willink mi.; 3, W. A. Smith. Distance, 16 ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Record.



THE FINAL HOUSE MATCH.
Bruce v. Cobham on the South Front.

[By M.D.P.]



[By M. D. P.]

THE START OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY. (SENIORS.)

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions and appointments have been made (January 18th, 1932):—

To *Under Officer* : Sergeants C. T. Crowe and P. G. Agnew.

To *Sergeant* : Corporals P. W. Forbes, B. Tweedy, I. E. Hills, J. W. Collins-Lewis, J. P. L. Henderson, A. A. H. Radice, C. A. Willink, J. N. Woodbridge, C. K. Adamson, J. McTurk, A. R. W. Stansfeld.

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals R. J. Packe, C. J. Macpherson, A. R. P. Ellis, C. A. LaT. Leatham, N. Fisher, S. M. Sowerby, S. Kilpatrick, D. A. T. Carson, 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.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cadets J. A. Hunter, P. G. H. Gell, C. R. Davis, J. M. Napier, B. R. Mitchell, K. W. L. Roberts, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, P. T. Hayman, J. L. W. Cheyne, J. N. Hutchinson, P. J. K. Pike.

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

T. Q. Annan, J. M. Ashton, D. Barker, J. L. W. Cheyne, J. W. Collins-Lewis, J. A. Croft, D. B. Egerton, R. H. L. Farmer, A. D. Fisk, F. C. Grant, R. N. Hall, P. T. Hayman, J. A. Hunter, J. N. Hutchinson, N. C. Irvine, D. M. Lea, F. A. H. Ling, K. O. Mackenzie, P. J. K. Pike, S. M. Sowerby, B. Tweedy.

18 Candidates for Certificate 'A' were examined in Part I (Practical) on February 18th, of whom 17 passed.

SHOOTING

The following Postal Matches have been fired this term (Conditions —As for "Country Life" Competitions) :—

<i>Versus.</i>	<i>Scores.</i>		<i>Result.</i>
	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Stowe.</i>	
St. Paul's School ...	550	626	Won by 76.
Radley College ...	631	618	Lost by 13.
Uppingham School ...	558	618	Won by 60.
Rossall School ...	666	689	Won by 23.
Canford School ...	571	689	Won by 118.
Blundell's School ...	620	689	Won by 69.
Exeter School ...	583	584	Won by 1.
Trent College ...	648	584	Lost by 64.
Marlborough College ...	695	584	Lost by 111.
Rugby School ...	590	584	Lost by 6.

STOWE SCOUTS

Work was much hindered during the first part of the term, first by a shortage of members in the Senior Troop, and then by illness, so that it is only in the last few weeks that it has been possible to do much useful work.

Under the system of recruiting in operation last term, the Senior Troop was restricted to boys over 17. Thus it was not worth while for a boy to join the Troop unless he were intending to stay until he was at least 18. So the number of recruits was too small to enable the Troop to continue, while even if it had been sufficient, the O.T.C. would have been deprived of an unduly high proportion of its Senior members.

A new arrangement has therefore been made, under which age limits are abolished, but after this term boys will not be allowed to leave the O.T.C. in order to become Scouts. It will therefore no longer be possible for a boy to gain the benefit of the two different types of training, as a number have done in the past. Moreover, because it was feared that the O.T.C. might be unduly weakened by losing the monopoly of boys between 15 and 17, the number of Scouts over 15 is to be restricted to 28. One result of this is likely to be that there will be considerable competition for these 28 places, but it should now be possible for this limited number of boys to receive a really useful amount of Scout training, and it is to be hoped that some of them will subsequently become Scoutmasters in various parts of the country, and thus take a part in one of the most useful forms of Social Service in existence at the present time.

It is intended to hold a camp during the first week of the summer holidays.

A.G.A.

FENCING

WE have too often had to mourn the loss of a fencer who has done good work for the School; this term we have to record the passing of two, A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. G. Lilley. Their invaluable record is all the more to be envied, because they leave behind them a promising but very young side. Cheyne and Hunter have long had their names in our list of victories; Olver, McClintock, Thorne and Wright have already shown their worth, and promise to add their names to our list of first-class swordsmen. Some of them want more cubits in stature, and some more experience: fortunately there is every chance that Stowe fencing will continue its victorious career though there is need for plenty of hard work and loyal support.

H. D. H. Bartlett was runner-up in the Doyne Cup (Junior Foil Championship) last December. In this year's Varsity match he represented Cambridge, and with B. R. S. Houghton and F. J. Walter in the Oxford team, Stowe contributed three of the six foilists in this contest. G. V. Seymour has been doing sabre for the R.M.C., N. G. Wertheim reached the final pool of the Doyne Cup, and the Marquess de Amodio pleased and astonished nearly everybody but his incomparable self by winning the sabre cup at Oxford.

W. O. Churchill, S. J. L. Olver and N. C. McClintock have been awarded the club chevron; W. R. L. Thorne and J. G. Wright look like getting it before the end of term.

Grafton (A. R. W. Stansfeld, J. G. Lilley, J. E. Mansfield, S. J. L. Olver and J. G. Wright) won the House Cup last term.

W. R. L. Thorne has presented a handsome score-board which has incidentally helped to make the progress of our matches more intelligent to the multitude.

THE SCHOOL v. ETON.

The annual match was fought at Stowe on December 5th, too late to be reported in last term's number of *The Stoic*. Eton provided the strongest opposition we have had to face in a school fixture for several years. Balmain, of their team, is Public School Sabre Champion and they still have two others from last year's final sabre pool. But we rose to the great occasion and although worried by Bampfylde's unorthodox and wild speed at foil, returned the compliment by our improved, if still not enough orthodox sabre. At épée, Stansfeld turned the scale as a captain should do. This was a very good match.

Score:—

Foil.—Stowe:—A. R. W. Stansfeld, J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins each. Total, 6.
Eton:—Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde, 3 wins; M. S. Balmain and M. A. L. Cripps, 0 each. Total, 3.
Epée.—Stowe:—A. R. W. Stansfeld, 3 wins; J. G. Lilley and J. A. Hunter, 1 each. Total, 5.
Eton:—Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde and P. H. R. Bristow, 2 each; M. S. Balmain, 0. Total, 4.
Sabre.—Eton:—M. S. Balmain and J. C. W. Russell, 2 each; Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde, 1. Total, 5.
Stowe:—J. G. Lilley, 2 wins; J. L. W. Cheyne and J. E. Mansfield, 1 each. Total, 4.
Result:—Stowe 15 wins; Eton, 12.

THE SCHOOL v. R.N. & R.M.

Neither sides were at full strength; but our loss of Mansfield was atoned for by a big victory. At one time our lead was as high as 13—1, which is a record in fixtures with the Navy. The three colours were in irresistible form: Stowe won, 19—8, at Stowe on February 2nd.

Score:—

Foils.—Stowe:—A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. L. W. Cheyne, 3 wins each; J. G. Lilley, 2. Total, 8.
R.N. and R.M.:—Lt. Hopkins, 1 win; Lt. Smith and C.-Sergt. Cauthrall, 0 wins. Total, 1.
Epée.—Stowe:—A. R. W. Stansfeld, J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins each. Total, 6.
R.N. and R.M.:—Lt.-Cdr. Harry, 2 wins; Lt. Hopkins, 1; C.-Sergt. Cauthrall, 0. Total, 3.
Sabre.—Stowe:—J. L. W. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 2 wins each; J. A. Hunter, 1. Total, 5.
R.N. and R.M.:—Lt.-Cdr. Harry, 3 wins; Lt. Hopkins, 1; Lt. Smith, 0. Total, 4.

THE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER.

For the 14th time in succession we beat Westminster. Their team had talent but broke down after a promising start. Williamson, the opposing captain, beat Stansfeld who had not had much time for practice and, though Cheyne won 3—0 against Turquet, Lilley only just got the lead in the third fight. After that we were definitely the more pugnacious and effective side. Lilley, à la cuisinière, was very successful: Williamson showed style and Turquet the makings of an épéist. They struggled hard against a clever side. We won 19—6.

Score:—

Foils.—Stowe:—J. L. W. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 3 wins each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2. Total, 8.
Westminster:—P. B. Williamson, 1 win; P. M. Turquet and C. T. James, 0. Total, 1.
Epée.—Stowe:—J. G. Lilley, 3 wins; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2; J. W. L. Cheyne, 1 and 2 double hits. Total, 6.
Westminster:—P. B. Williamson, 1 win and 1 double hit; P. M. Turquet, 0 and 1 double hit; J. M. Emmett, 0. Total, 1.
Sabre.—Stowe:—J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins; J. A. Hunter, 1. Total, 5.
Westminster:—P. B. Williamson and P. M. Turquet, 2 wins each; P. E. Copley, 0. Total, 4.

THE SCHOOL *v.* SALISBURY PLAIN AREA.

This match was fought at Tidworth on February 24th. Against us was probably the strongest team we have ever had to face with our School Side. Two of our opponents were internationals and a third the Army Champion, while their fourth string was good enough to do better than his colleagues at foil. Without Cheyne and Mansfield, we did quite creditably to get what wins we did; Stansfeld's win of 3—1 against Wyatt, the Army Champion, and the performances of Olver and McClintock, who had to face first-class swordsmen in their first match, being particularly praiseworthy.

Score :—

Foils.—*Salisbury Plain Area* :—Lt. Elliott, 4 wins; Lt. Anderson and R.S.M. Wyatt, 3 each; A. Duncombe-Anderson, 2. Total, 12.

Stowe :—A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins; N. C. McClintock and S. J. L. Olver, 1 each; J. G. Lilley, 0. Total, 4.

Épée.—*Salisbury Plain Area* :—R.S.M. Wyatt, 3 wins; Lt. Anderson and A. Duncombe-Anderson, 2 each. Total, 7.

Stowe :—A. R. W. Stansfeld and W. O. Churchill, 1 each; J. G. Lilley, 0. Total, 2.

Sabre.—*Salisbury Plain Area* :—R.S.M. Wyatt, 2 wins; Lt. Elliott, 1. Total, 3.

Stowe :—J. G. Lilley, 1 win; J. A. Hunter, 0. Total, 1.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW.

At Stowe, on Saturday March 5th, we won the annual foil match against Harrow with some ease. Colville was the best, if not the most successful of our opponents, who were inclined to be a little wild in their swordplay. Stansfeld did well after a poor start and Olver showed how considerable has been his progress by winning all his fights and giving the most consistent display of the afternoon.

Score :—

Stowe :—A. R. W. Stansfeld and S. J. L. Olver, 4 wins each; J. L. W. Cheyne, 3; N. C. McClintock, 2. Total, 13.

Harrow :—P. T. Stancliffe, 2 wins; J. R. Colville, 1; M. J. Armstrong and A. H. Robertson, 0. Total, 3.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE INNS OF COURT.

In the last match of the term, we lost, 9-18, to the Inns of Court. They were at very full strength, fielding a stronger team than that which we have beaten the past two years. Even then we should have done better than we did; Stansfeld had particularly bad luck at both foil and épée. With the foil and sabre we did well; even Olver, who failed to win a fight, pushing the international, Armstrong, to 3—4. At épée, the school side was not quick enough to stop a very fast and robust, if a little careless side of experienced opponents. Cheyne showed good form throughout the match; Lilley might have done better had he been allowed to fight with his own original shape of blade.

Scores :—

Foils.—*Inns of Court* :—J. B. Armstrong, 3 wins; R. Betteridge, 2; R. C. Dicker, 1. Total, 6.

Stowe :—J. L. W. Cheyne, 2 wins; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1; S. J. L. Olver, 0. Total, 3.

Épée.—*Inns of Court* :—R. C. Dicker and J. B. Armstrong, 3 wins each; R. Betteridge, 2. Total, 8.

Stowe :—J. L. W. Cheyne, 1 win; A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. G. Lilley, 0. Total, 1.

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

Inns of Court :—R. C. Dicker, 3 wins; F. Aldworth, 1; R. Helliwell, 0. Total, 4.

BOXING

This term has seen an increase in the numbers but the newcomers have all been in the lighter weights, and until more of the senior people join the Boxing Club we shall never be able to put up a reasonable performance against other schools.

The Open Competition was held on March 7th, and considering all things there was a fair entry. The standard was quite up to average although it was regrettable that we were unable to see our heavier weights in action.

The results were as follows :—

Under 6st. 7lbs.

Final.—J. G. G. Venables beat A. C. Lynch-Staunton.

Under 7st.

Final.—F. T. Gardiner beat A. H. P. Hope.

Under 8st. 7lbs.

Semi-final.—P. Bosanquet beat W. M. G. Brown.

J. M. Mayne beat G. T. B. France.

Final.—P. Bosanquet beat J. M. Mayne.

Under 9st.

Semi-final.—T. W. Legg beat G. O. Schneller.

H. D. Nelson Smith beat E. G. G. Hanrott.

Final.—H. D. Nelson Smith beat T. W. Legg.

Under 9st. 7lbs.

Semi-final.—J. D. McKean, bye.

W. A. Napier beat J. B. Heycock.

Final.—J. D. McKean beat W. A. Napier.

Under 11st.

Final.—J. W. Collins-Lewis beat D. B. Egerton.

The fight between Venables and Lynch-Staunton was one of the closest of the afternoon. Venables had the advantage in reach, but his opponent defended skilfully and the exchanges were very even. Gardiner and Hope were very evenly matched and both showed promise. Hope was the better stylist but Gardiner fought doggedly and did more actual scoring.

Bosanquet's skill proved too much for Brown, whilst in the other semi-final in this weight, Mayne, by his hurricane methods, easily outpointed France. The final provided a very good match. Bosanquet refused to be hustled and maintained his style in spite of Mayne's rushing tactics. The latter did some effective work with his right but Bosanquet's steadier methods proved the more effective.

Schneller boxed less aggressively than usual, and Legg, despite his lack of training was able to hold his opponent. Hanrott, who gave away a lot in years, was no match for Nelson Smith, but he boxed pluckily and remained aggressive to the end. Nelson Smith's style completely confounded Legg; although Legg possessed a good punch he was unable to make use of it and Nelson Smith, who did most of the attacking, administered some heavy punishment.

Napier had a considerable advantage in reach and was continually able to break through Heycock's defence. Heycock fought with considerable spirit and this was the pluckiest performance of the afternoon. The final in this weight was very dis-

appointing. Both McKean and Napier seemed nervous of one another and the exchanges were few. McKean showed the better style and had he boxed more aggressively would have won by a much safer margin.

Collins-Lewis showed himself a hard hitter and inflicted heavy punishment. In spite of this Egerton stuck to his man, and in the closing stages made a determined effort to effect a knock-out; but his blows lacked drive and Collins-Lewis won comfortably. This year it was decided to award the School Cups to the best boxers below and above 8st. 7lbs. They were awarded to P. Bosanquet and H. D. Nelson Smith.

The Boxing Club is suffering a severe loss this term in the departure of Staff-Sergt. Elliot. He has worked unsparingly for the School boxing and he leaves with the Club's best wishes and hopes for his speedy recovery.

THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE SCHOOL.

In a match against Oundle on March 17th, which consisted of nine bouts, the result was a draw. J. M. N. Pike, H. D. Nelson Smith, and J. G. Wright won their fights; S. J. H. Sherrard, P. J. K. Pike, and P. Bosanquet drew; and K. E. Godbold, J. D. McKean, and A. W. Torrance lost. In all cases there was but a very narrow margin of points in the decisions, and considering the little practice it was able to get, the whole team did creditably.

ETON FIVES

We have only had one match this term. On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Wyverns beat us by three matches to none. Score:—

J. R. C. Kenyon and P. G. H. Smith lost to D. Egerton and G. M. Butler,

12—15, 10—15, 5—15.

Mr. J. B. Channon and C. K. Adamson lost to R. C. Clift and P. A. Lewis,

5—15, 8—15, 10—15.

Mr. W. E. Capel Cure and C. L. Hall lost to J. Carson and D. Tetley,

18—17, 18—17, 11—15, 11—15, 10—15.

FIVES' HOUSE MATCHES.

The draw for the House Matches and the results are as follows:—

First Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Grafton } Temple }	Bruce (bye) Temple (3-0)	Temple (2-1)	Chatham (2-1)
Chandos } Cobham }	Cobham (3-0)	Chatham (3-0)	
Grenville } Chatham }	Chatham (3-0)		

GOLF

The draw for the House Matches and the final results are given below. One match has been arranged this term—against the Old Stoic Golfing Society, and was played on March 26th.

First Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Grenville } Chatham }	Grafton (bye) Grenville (4-0)	Grenville (4-0)	Grenville (5-1)
Bruce } Cobham }	Cobham (2½-1½)	Cobham (3-0)	
Temple } Chandos }	Temple (3-1)		

CRICKET FIXTURES 1932

1st XI.		
Sat.	May 21—M.C.C.	Home.
Wed.	" 25—Free Foresters	Home.
Sat.	" 28—Cambridge University Crusaders	Home.
Wed.	June 1—Bradfield	Away.
Sat.	" 4—Radley	Home.
Wed.	" 8 } Westminster	Away.
Thurs.	" 9 }	
Sat.	" 11—Oxford University Authentics	Home.
Wed.	" 15—Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
Sat.	" 18—St. Paul's	Home.
Wed.	" 22—I. Zingari	Home.
Sat.	July 2—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed.	" 6—Incogniti	Home.
Sat.	" 9—Oundle	Away.
Sat.	" 16—Cryptics	Home.

2nd XI.		
Sat.	May 28—Harrow	Home.
Sat.	June 4—Radley	Away.
Sat.	" 11—Rugby	Away.
Sat.	" 18—St. Paul's	Away.
Sat.	July 2—Old Stoics	Home.
Sat.	" 9—Bedford	Home.

COLTS XI.

Sat.	May 21—St. Paul's	Home.
Wed.	June 1—Radley	Home.
Sat.	„ 4—Harrow	Away.
Wed.	„ 22—Radley	Away.
Sat.	„ 25—Wellington	Home.
Tues.	„ 28—Eton	Away.
Sat.	July 9—Bradfield	Away.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The greater part of Brahms' Requiem has been rehearsed this term. Owing to the shortness of the term and the outbreak of influenza, the original idea of performing the whole work this term has had to be abandoned.

There is a possibility of a combined performance with other schools next year, when the Brahms centenary will be celebrated. The sixth chorus has proved the most difficult, but by far the most interesting.

Five of the choruses will be performed in the Chapel on Easter Sunday.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

Four meetings have been held during the term. Bach's settings of two Chorales "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" and "Awake thou wintry earth" have been rehearsed.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra has had an attractive programme. The brass department have been kept busy in the last movement of Dvorak's "New World" Symphony. Several of Elgar's Enigma Variations have also been rehearsed. There has been a noticeable improvement in the Strings this term.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

At the first meeting, held in the Library, Miss Emmy Heim paid us a second visit, and sang a delightful programme of songs by Schubert, Beethoven, Schumann, Wolf and others. Mrs. Hall accompanied very effectively on the piano. The meeting was very well attended.

The second meeting, also held in the library, took place on March 22nd. Mrs. Gordon Woodhouse once again amazed us by her skill on the harpsichord. The audience reacted at once to her delightful personality and several encores were given.

A programme of her recital is given below.

PROGRAMME.

1.	My Lord Chamberlayne His Galliard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dowland
	The Earl of Oxford's March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Byrd
	Alman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Morley
2.	Toccatà	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Purcell
3.	Prelude and Sarabande	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	from English Suite in G. Minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach
	French Suite in G	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach

4.	Sonata in C Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
5.	Two Minuets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Handel
	Bourrée	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Telleman
6.	Five Pieces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Scarlatti
7.	Group of Folk Songs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL.

Sunday, December 14th.

This concert consisted largely of carols. Vaughan-Williams' Fantasia on four traditional carols was very attractive and was sung with great feeling and expression. The tubular bells added much to the effect, though in one place their sudden entry with a cross-rhythm succeeded in throwing the basses off their balance for a few bars. The Baritone Solo part was sung with great effect by Mr. Cross.

The two Chorales from Bach's "Sleepers, wake," were well sung, but the best performance of the evening was the chorus from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, which was sung with great vigour and rhythm.

The Orchestra gave a good account of themselves in Handel's Occasional Overture. The three movements from De Falla's "El Amor Brujo" were played well; the closing horn passage in the Pantomime was one of the great moments in this.

The Madrigal Society sang again some of the carols which they had performed a fortnight previously in Assembly. The French and German carols went particularly well.

A programme of the concert is given below.

PROGRAMME.

1.	Occasional Overture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Handel
2.	Two Settings of the Chorale from "Sleepers, wake"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bach
3.	Fantasia on Christmas Carols	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Vaughan Williams
4.	Three movements from the Suite "El Amor Brujo"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	De Falla
5.	The Madrigal Society—Carols.	"Good King Wenceslas." "Dans cette étable." "Es ist em' ros' entspringen."							
6.	Chorus. "Glorious is Thy Name."	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

All eyes, this term, have been fixed on the London Federation Boxing Contest. One of our star turns, Denters, was a few pounds over weight, but D. McCarthy and C. Webb worked their way through the many preliminary rounds to the finals. Both won their fights and received from Prince Arthur of Connaught the first Federation Cups to be won by the Club. Mr. Grey and his pupils deserve our heartiest congratulations. We were pleased to note Mr. Clifford and the Prince of Wales at the ringside.

Stowe Saturday, March 5th, was fortunately fine. Our first team drew with the School, 3 all, while the second lost 7—2, but were not depressed. Study teas and chapel were greatly appreciated. An impending happy event in the life of the cinema operator rendered the talkies silent, but a few words from the Headmaster at supper more than atoned for this.

Federation football results have been very good. The Seniors were third in their division, the Juniors have done well, and we are now putting a 3rd eleven into the field. Running is under Morison and Betts, and the former is working up a team for the inter-club Cross-Country Race. L.C.C. classes, the Scouts, the Gym., and the Canteen go on as usual. We are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Lilley back again soon. Two innovations are a properly fixed punch-ball in the Gym. and a rifle-range for air guns in the basement.

Cook and Carson have been staying at the Club. The former has done great work organising darts, draughts, billiards and ping-pong ladders, and wielding a lusty megaphone as M.C. at a Club Dance. To the latter, we owe our moving coil loud speaker. Most of the regular Club helpers are still not Old Stoics. In spite of influenza, our Saturday Stoic visitors have been very regular this term.

On Monday nights, a party visits the Froggnal Girls' Club for singing instruction—a successful experiment, which is having a markedly steadying effect on the boys.

Captain Lucas is now in touch with most of the large firms in the district and is running a Boys' Employment Agency. Thanks largely to this unemployment in the club is decreasing rapidly.

There are at present over 150 members, so that the Club Manager and his assistants have their hands full. Moreover, it is now urgently necessary to enlarge the Club premises. Anyone whose pockets have been overloaded by the Irish Sweepstake could not rid them of their superfluous contents in a better way than by sending a donation, however small, to Mr. Clifford at Stowe.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN J. L. TAYLOR.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1931			
Dr.	£ s. d.		Cr.
To Sundry Club Expenses and Equipment	113 6 3	By Subscriptions (Including Games, Camp and Dances)	66 12 0
„ Hostel Upkeep, Provisions, etc.	197 8 7	„ Receipts for Meals and Board	112 3 10
„ Wages	143 7 2	„ Sundry Receipts	20 14 11
„ Lighting, Heating and Telephone	82 8 3	„ Annual Subscriptions	97 14 0
„ Rates and Insurance	26 4 10	„ Offertory Account and Chapel Collections	89 11 1
„ Rent	60 0 0	„ Pineapple Week Collections	69 16 5
„ Repairs	26 5 2	„ Profits on Stowe Show	105 19 8
„ Camp Expenditure	43 9 11	„ Bank Interest, less Charges	7 18 3
		„ Balance carried down	122 0 0
	<u>£692 10 2</u>		<u>£692 10 2</u>
To Balance brought down	122 0 0	By Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet	265 8 5
„ Amount written off Lease	102 8 8		
„ Depreciation at 10%:—			
Furniture and Equipment	11 7 8		
Camp Hut and Equipment	29 12 1		
	<u>40 19 9</u>		
	<u>£265 8 5</u>		<u>£265 8 5</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>Outstanding Accounts</i>							<i>Lease of 62, Carlisle St., London, N.W.8:—</i>			
for Rent, Electricity, Gas, Telephone, etc.			32 1 2				Amount at 30th June 1930	1178	0	0
<i>Donations Account—</i>							Less Amount written off	102	8	8
As at 30th June, 1930	2207	14	6							1075 11 4
Add Receipts for year to 30th June 1931		8	10 0				<i>Furniture and Equipment:—</i>			
			<u>2216 4 6</u>				As at 30th June, 1930	113	17	0
							Less Depreciation at 10% p.a.	11	7	8
										<u>102 9 4</u>
							<i>Camp Hut and Equipment:—</i>			
							As at 30th June, 1930	267	11	6
							Additions during year	28	9	2
										<u>296 0 8</u>
							Less Depreciation at 10% p.a.	29	12	1
										<u>266 8 7</u>
							<i>Cash in Hand and at Bank</i>			
							<i>Income and Expenditure Account:—</i>			
							Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year to 30th June 1931	265	8	4
							Less Balance at 30th June, 1930	69	4	5
										<u>196 4 0</u>
										<u>£2248 5 8</u>
										<u>£2248 5 8</u>

We hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet of Stowe Club, dated the 30th day of June, 1931, has been audited by us, and is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers, and the information supplied to us by the Honorary Treasurer.

106, Edmund Street,
Birmingham.
15th March, 1932.

AGAR, BATES, NEAL & Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Honorary Auditors.

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Rt. Hon. Sir Conynghame Greene, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.:
‘The Hellenic Journal’ Vol. LI., Part II.

From Mr. W. B. Bannister:
‘Seven Years of Cadet Life.’ Record of the Oxford Military College.

From Mrs. Andrew Meloin:
‘Isabella of Spain’ (William Walsh).

The following books have been bought:—

‘The World Crisis: The Eastern Front’ (Winston Churchill); ‘History of the Great War, Based on Official Documents.’ 5 vols. and 5 vols. of maps (Compiled by Brigadier-General Sir James E. Edmonds, C.B., R.E. Maps by Major A. F. Becke, R.A.); ‘Oxford versus Cambridge’ (A Record of University Contests from 1827-1930, J. Bruce-Kerr and H. M. Abrahams); ‘Hooker’s Works’ (arranged by John Keble) 3 vols; ‘Lesser Representative Comedies of the Eighteenth Century’; ‘Shakespeare’s Handwriting’ (Sir C. Maunde Thompson, G.C.B.); ‘Restoration Comedy’ (Bonamy Dobrée); ‘A Tour to the Hebrides’ (Johnson and Boswell); ‘Keble’s Lectures on Poetry’ 1832-1841, 2 vols.; ‘The Comic Spirit in Restoration Drama’ (H. T. E. Perry); ‘Kingsley versus Newman and Newman’s ‘Apologia Pro Vita Sua,’ 1 vol.; ‘Seldon’s Table Talk’ (ed. by S. H. Reynolds); ‘York Mystery Plays’ (ed. by Lucy Toulmin Smith); ‘Metaphysical Lyrics and Poems of the Seventeenth Century: Donne and Butler’ (ed. by H. J. C. Grierson); ‘Burns’ (Principal Shairp); ‘D. G. Rossetti’ (A. C. Benson); ‘Landor’ (Sidney Colvin); ‘Fitzgerald’ (A. C. Benson); ‘Walter Pater’ (A. C. Benson); ‘Scott’ (R. H. Hutton); ‘William Morris’ (Alfred Noyes); ‘Sheridan’ (Mrs. Oliphant); ‘Lamb’ (Alfred Ainger); ‘Macaulay’ (J. Cotter Morison); ‘Thackeray’ (Anthony Trollope); ‘The Arts in France’ (Amelia Defries); ‘A History of French Art’ (A. Clutton Brock); ‘The Birth of Western Art’ (R. Byron and D. Talbot Rice); ‘History of Art: The Spirit and the Forms’ (Elie Faure); ‘By-Roads in History’ (ed. by R. B. Morgan); ‘Newton: the Man’ (ed. by Lieut-Col. R. de Villamil, R.E.); ‘A History of England in the Eighteenth Century’ 7 vols. (ed. by W. E. H. Lecky); ‘The English Revolution’ (I. D. Jones); ‘Church, State and Study’ (E. Barker); ‘A History of the Ancient World,’ vol. 1 (M. Rostovtzeff); ‘Histoire D’Espagne’ (Raphael Altamira); ‘Sully, Colbert and Turgot’ (Eleanor C. Lodge); ‘Walpole’ (John Morley); ‘Cardinal Wolsey’ (Mandell Creighton).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THREE debates have been held this term. The standard of speeches has improved and though illness has depleted the size of the House, the audience is becoming more intelligent in its criticism and less apathetic than it used to be. J. C. Dundas is probably the best of a number of promising speakers: it should be only a question of time before Old Stoics are again making a good name for themselves and the School at the Oxford Union.

J. R. C. Kenyon, this term’s Secretary, deserves a special word of praise for the efficient way in which he has carried out his duties and replaced the Society’s stationery. J. C. Dundas, A. S. M. Dickins and J. E. M. Hoare are members of the Committee. A considerable number of new books have been added to the Society’s shelves in the Aurelian Room in the course of the term.

J. P. L. Henderson, G. L. Cheshire, I. Earle, A. R. B. Renwick, P. E. C. Hayman, A. H. Salamon, M. H. Franklin, P. N. Hume, R. H. Sampson, P. R. Spencer and The Hon. R. D. G. Winn have been elected members of the Society.

Membership of the S.S.D.S. in the Houses is as follows:—Temple, 13; Grafton, 11; Bruce and Cobham, 6; Grenville, Chandos and Chatham, 5.

The 70th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on January 30th, the Motion for Debate being “That the best solution of the present world-crisis is the immediate abolition of all reparation payments.”

C. T. CROWE (ex-secretary) opened the debate and made the best speech of the evening and in his career. Until now he has never quite fulfilled expectations: on this occasion clarity, forcefulness, and a good delivery gave him top marks.

C. J. MORNY (ex-secretary) like the curate’s egg is good in places. He always takes trouble and the House likes him all the more because it knows there is a laugh coming and that no one, least of all the Hon. Opposer, knows where it will be.

A. S. M. DICKINS read a speech which might have gone down better. On this occasion he misfired, but he has the stuff in him.

P. T. HAYMAN is amusing in a rather obvious way. He has something of the grand manner and almost too much composure: still it is nice to have someone get so far.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. A. G. Dixey, A. R. W. Stansfeld, G. B. Smith and T. F. S. Hetherington.

Against the Motion, J. P. L. Henderson and D. C. Geddes.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion	-	32
Against	-	11

The Motion was therefore carried by 21 votes.

The 71st Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Saturday, February 20th, the Motion for Debate being "That this House intends to buy only British."

T. F. S. HETHERINGTON (Hon. Mover) put the Nationalist case with some confidence and effectiveness. He said that he was thrilled at the sight of a Union Jack, proud of all that red on the map and found magic in the caption "Buy British."

R. J. M. AMPHLETT spoke with even more of his flamboyant gusto than usual. This was an amusing speech which traced the Hon. Opposer's disillusionment over Tudor Roses and had quite a deal to say about commodities never British.

P. G. H. GELL argues well and his excellent speech only lacked drive to make it really convincing. He attempted to read into the Motion the meaning of "Buy British when you can" and almost succeeded in carrying the House with him.

J. E. M. HOARE improves as a speaker. Like the Hon. Member who spoke third, his was a capable well-reasoned effort which suffered from too monotonous a delivery.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. E. C. Hayman, G. L. Cheshire and A. S. M. Dickins.

Against the Motion, A. R. B. Fenwick, A. H. Salamon, P. W. Kemmis, I. Earle, B. C. Briant and H. D. Barbour.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion	-	10
Against	-	36

The Motion was therefore lost by 26 votes.

The 72nd Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on March 4th, the Motion for Debate being "That it is preferable to live out of England than in it."

G. B. SMITH (Hon. Mover) was clear and persuasive; he would have been more so if he had not appeared to be reading his speech. Although he considered progress to be a crime, he seemed to want to leave England in order to avoid the proverbial English failing of winning through in the end: he wanted speedier success.

J. C. DUNDAS (Hon. Opposer) confirmed the opinion that he is our best speaker for some time. To the voice of Mr. Gladstone he attempts to add the wit of Mr. Disraeli. He was grand on the "England, my England" theme and will be better still when he is a little older.

P. M. MALLOWAN spoke with a real sincerity which the House should have more appreciated. All the same, he was rather bitter and no doubt some of the more terrestrial of the Anglo-Saxon element in the audience did not like to hear themselves compared to phantoms, moving puppet-shows, and wraiths of men.

J. R. C. KENYON (Hon. Secretary) was sound and businesslike. He quoted the Headmaster and made some remarks of his own to show that England "is the only place formed to the taste of the Englishman."

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. A. Hunter, P. R. Spencer, D. G. Lea, J. G. Cliff-Hodges, J. A. F. Gethin, M. R. Chance and M. H. Franklin.

Against the Motion, N. G. Annan, P. E. C. Hayman, B. C. Briant, A. A. H. Radice, P. N. Hume, R. A. H. Knowling, The Hon. R. D. G. Winn and R. H. Sampson.

On a division being taken, there voted:

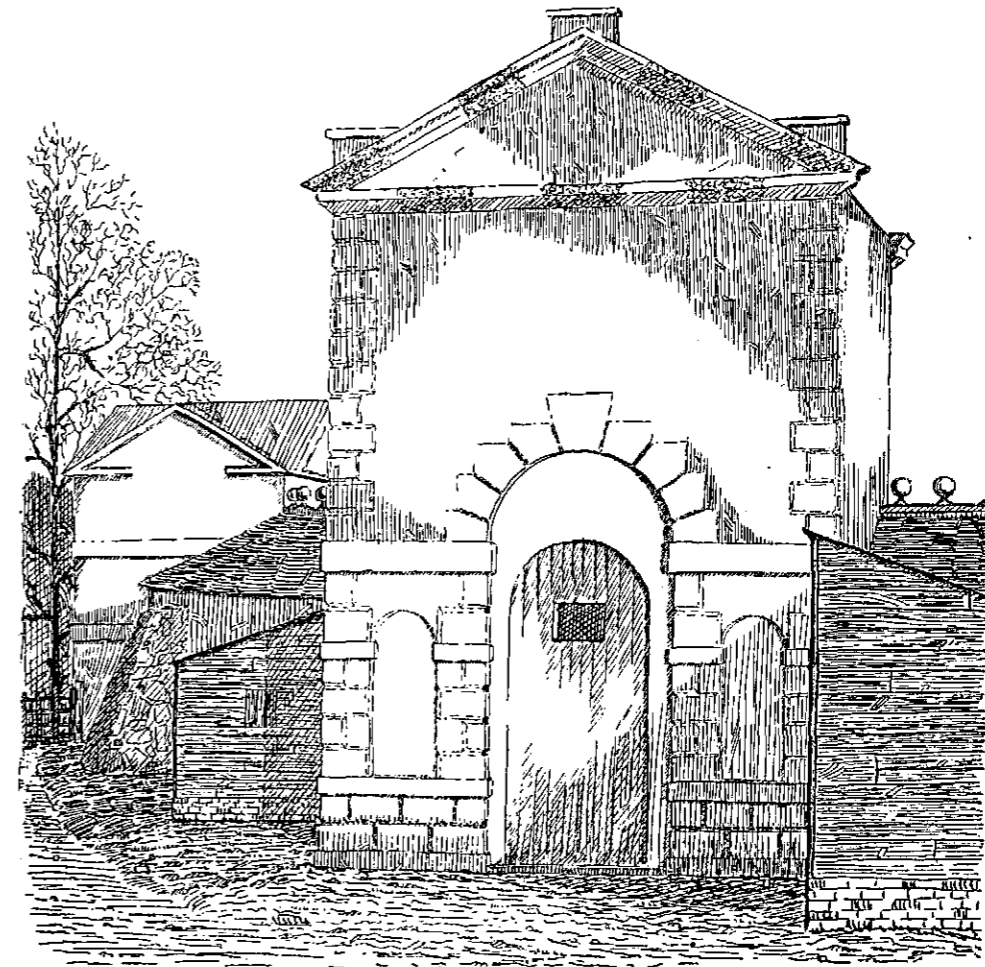
For the Motion	-	15
Against	-	26

The Motion was therefore lost by 11 votes.

THE ARTS CLUB

At a meeting of the Committee held on Sunday, January 24th, J. M. Napier was elected a member of the Committee. The following were elected members of the Club: M. R. A. Chance, W. N. Croft, J. A. D. Lawson, R. V. Pattinson, J. E. Pearson, A. I. Sladen and J. D. A. Syrett.

Two meetings of the Club have been held during the term. On Sunday, February 28th, Mr. Ireland gave us a most interesting account of the life and work of Blake, and on Sunday, March 13th, A. R. W. Stansfeld delivered an excellent illustrated lecture on Baroque Architecture.



THE BACK OF THE TEMPLE OF VENUS

[By C. K. Adamson

This year the Club, being unable to visit the Exhibition at Burlington House, hired a number of prints of French pictures from a loan exhibition. Beginning with the Early School the prints went down to the time of Millais, and together with a number of illustrations from the work of more modern Frenchmen supplied locally, provided an interesting exhibition.

On Sports Day and the three following days the Annual Exhibition was held. There was an unusually large number of exhibits. Mr. P. F. Millard, R.B.A., R.O.I., who judged the Exhibition last year, again kindly consented to come down.

THE HEADMASTER'S ART PRIZE.

1. J. H. Nelson Smith.
2. { J. J. F. Aimers.
R. P. Blow.

Certificates:—D. G. Lea, C. K. Adamson, G. B. Davis, J. H. Penton and J. G. Cliff-Hodges.

ART CLUB PRIZES.

1. P. F. Baker.
2. L. J. H. Burton.
3. J. G. Wright.

Crafts Prize:—M. F. Horne.

Woodcarving Prize:—E. Luxmoore.

P.F.B.

THE WORKSHOPS

The Workshops have been crowded this term and many good pieces of furniture have been made. Among the articles shown at the Exhibition were the following:—

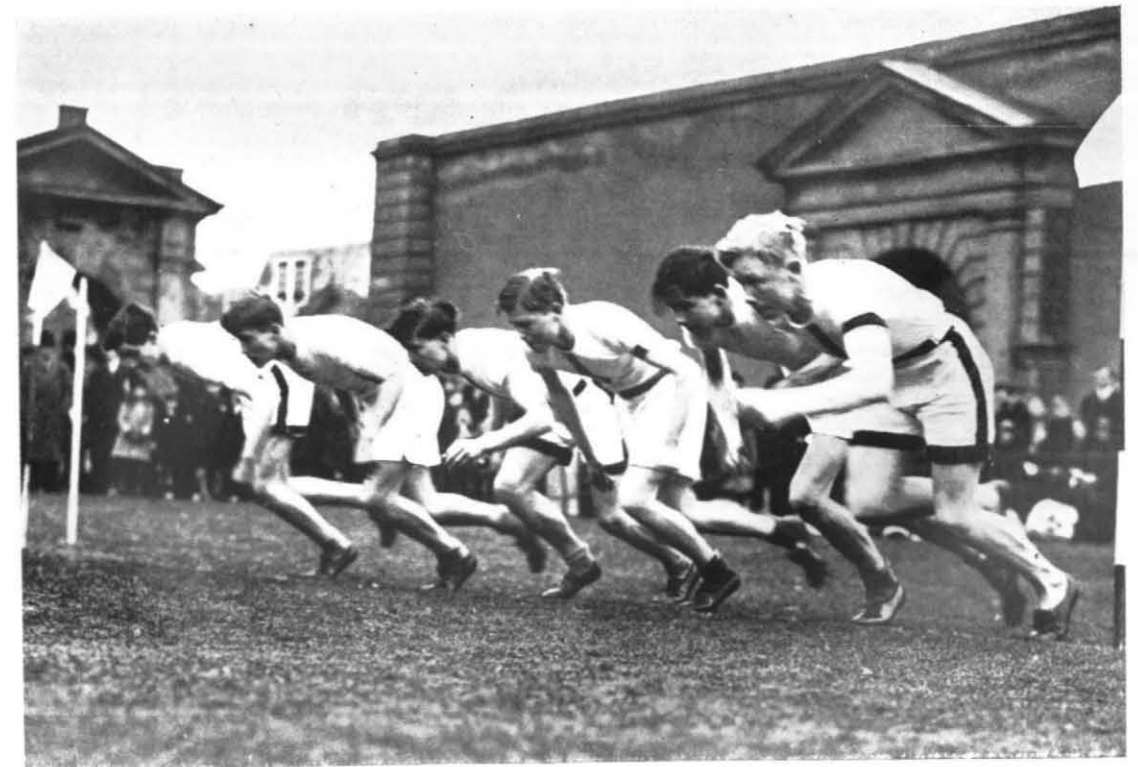
Oak coffin stool, D. J. McG. Black; trailer for car, A. H. Campbell; mahogany folding table, E. A. C. Cane; oak table, D. C. P. Clinton; writing bureau, D. A. T. Dawson; carved book rack, R. A. Fisk; mahogany book case, F. T. Gardiner; inlaid chess board, J. P. D. Gethin; oak table lamp, and goat cart, A. J. Gordon; oak book ends and unfinished oak bureau, J. M. Grice; oak book ends and oak box, J. M. Hamilton; teak book ends and oak table, R. I. Mackintosh; case for London 'Phone Directories, R. J. R. McDougall; book and magazine rack, A. B. McGrigor; oak book case, G. C. Miall; lignum vitae bowl, H. A. Olivier; bed table, J. D. H. O'Rorke; glass-fronted book case, D. L. Reeves; loud speaker case, H. D. Seccombe; bed table, A. E. Tate; gramophone record case, W. E. Walrond; turned candle in American walnut and box wood, P. P. L. E. Welch; oak cabinet for records, S. D. Williams.

During the Exhibition, part of the Wood Shop was transformed by Mr. Morris into an attractive sitting room by means of carpets and scenery, and the furniture shown looked better in consequence. The good design of some of the pieces was remarked on by an artist visitor.

The Metal Shop has been progressing fast this term. A long skylight, and new heating and electric lighting, have been put in. Another lathe has been added, as well as some smaller machinery, the whole of these improvements having been made possible by a generous gift from a parent. We still badly want more lathes, and we should receive with gratitude any lathe which has been replaced in a factory by more modern machinery, provided that it runs true.



THE SPORTS—THE ONE MILE (OPEN). WON BY E. V. HOPE.



THE SPORTS—THE START OF THE QUARTER MILE. (JUNIOR).



DIGGING ON THE NEW TENNIS COURT SITE.

[By M.D.P.]

THE STOIC

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The Wood Shop is now definitely too small for our needs, and we shall try to extend it ourselves by another 20 feet. This will give us room for more benches and more lathes, and space for a dust-free room for polishing.

We have made one expedition and have seen one programme of films, and these are described below. Both schemes are valuable in showing members what takes place in the different branches of industry, and we shall certainly carry on with them. Next term there will be time for longer expeditions, and there will probably be three. One of them may be to the London Docks.

R.H.H.

THE WORKSHOPS FILMS.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Workshops procured some very interesting films on motor-car construction. Two films, one silent and the other synchronized, dealt with the manufacture of Morris cars. We saw a radiator being made in an incredibly short time from sheet metal, cylinders being bored, bodies being fitted to chassis, engines being tested, cam-shafts being turned, all by the most up-to-date machinery. The component parts were carried about the factory on mechanical conveyors.

A third film showed the trials of the new Hillman "Wizard." We saw the springs of the car being tested when it took a hump-backed bridge at 60 m.p.h. instead of 20 m.p.h. We saw it in its travels in France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Africa. It was subjected to the most extreme road and climate conditions. It was driven through water, across deserts, up terrible mountain roads, and over uneven moorland. It stood all these tests wonderfully, and it is certainly a good example of the quality and thoroughness of British workmanship.

The films were very much appreciated and we hope that we shall be able to obtain some more next winter term.

C.K.A.

WORKSHOPS EXPEDITION TO THE MORRIS ASSEMBLY DEPT.

On Wednesday, February 10th, there was an expedition to the Morris Works on the other side of Oxford. About 25 people went and all enjoyed it thoroughly. Mr. Hole was unable to go so we went under Mr. Channon's charge.

On our arrival we split up into two parties, one with Mr. Channon and the other with Mr. Morris (the carpentry instructor and not the owner of the works), and went round the various departments separately. The first interesting process we saw was the spraying of the Morris Oxford bodies with cellulose enamel. A whole body was done in about two or three minutes and was then passed slowly through the drying ovens, when it was ready for the next coat. After this we went rapidly through the department for finishing off the bonnets, etc., where we saw how the decorative lines were done by hand by highly skilled painters. Any dents or chips in the enamel were put right here as well. The next shed housed the moving assembly lines, where each chassis was built up by stages as it passed up the line. They started as mere frameworks on wheels and were gradually fitted with petrol tanks, engines, steering wheels, etc., until finally they were given a sprayed coat of enamel to protect them from rust and were then ready for their road trials. Our guide told us that each car was built in about 1700 three-minute jobs by different workmen, and that the actual assembly of each car took about three hours. Almost 7,000 workmen are employed, so this may give some impression of the immense size of the works which are only used for assembling the various finished units.

We next inspected the building in which the upholstery and interior fittings of the saloon models were done. Here again each step was carried out by skilled craftsmen who worked on the bodies as they passed along the moving lines. The woodworking department was specially interesting as we saw how the wooden frameworks of the cars were built up inside a permanent wooden frame which held everything in place as it was being screwed together. Probably the most interesting individual piece of work was where the tyres and tubes were fitted to the wheels of the light cars. The man who was doing it not only did not use levers or his feet, but fitted fifty tyres per hour with his bare hands.

Unfortunately we were rather short of time as the snow on the ground had delayed us on the way, so we returned to Oxford and had tea. We were unable to see the works at Cowley where the engines, radiators, etc., are made, although most of us would have liked to see both it and the engine works at Coventry. This is such an interesting branch of the work, however, that we hope to make it the subject of a future visit.

On the whole this was probably the best and most interesting expedition which we have had so far, but they ought to be even better in the future when we start before lunch and have more time at our disposal.

J.M.H.

THE TWELVE CLUB

The Headmaster has consented to become an Honorary Member and Mr. Harrow-Bunn has been elected Vice-President. J. E. M. Hoare was elected Secretary at a business meeting held at the end of last term.

The following papers have been read during the term :—

February 5th.—“The Gothic Revival,” by A. A. H. Radice.

February 25th.—“Wine,” by C. J. Morny.

March 15th.—“Japan,” by J. N. Woodbridge.

J.E.M.H.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Society held in Mr. Timberlake's room on Saturday, March 12th, Professor F. M. Cornford read an illuminating paper on the Republic of Plato. He began by tracing the various incidents in Athenian history which have had a marked effect on Plato's writings, and drew an interesting parallel between the problems which confronted Athenian philosophers of his time and thinkers of the present day. He went on to explain the difference between the ethical conceptions of Plato and Socrates, and showed that Socrates was the exponent of “Anarchy,” or the theory of an ideal community living without a ruler. Plato turned from the world of ideas to the world of human reality and built up his republic on the principle of the second best. He ended by describing the nature of his proposals and the motive which underlay them.

R. H. Jagger is to read a paper on “The Greek House,” but at the time of going to press the date has not yet been arranged.

P.M.M.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

“LA POUDRE AUX YEUX.”

Comedie par Eugène Labiche.

It always sounds better if the jokes in a play are laughed at, even if they are not understood. So one cannot but applaud the idea of showing a Chaplin film before the French play to get the audience into a laughing mood. This succeeded very well when the play was produced on Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th—or was it that the audience had suddenly the gift of tongues? Anyway, the play was very well received.

The cast was :

Ratinois	D. E. Freaux.
Malingear	C. T. Crowe.
Robert	J. P. L. Henderson.
Frédéric	A. H. Salamon.
Maitre d'Hôtel	C. J. Macpherson.
Constance, femme de Ratinois	G. W. Emrys-Roberts.
Blanche, femme de Malingear	A. R. W. Stansfeld.
Emmeline, fille de Malingear	R. A. Pigot.
Joséphine, femme de chambre de Mme. Ratinois	I. M. C. Braby.
Un Domestique	C. J. Macpherson.
Un Petit Nègre	J. G. Wright.

Of the main characters, Henderson, perfectly cast as l'oncle Robert, was outstanding, both on account of his acting ability and of his French, which was far better than that of anyone else. The dry staccato in which he made his remarks could not fail to create amusement. He really seemed at home, even with his ‘bancles d'oreilles.’ Stansfeld, as a mincing bourgeoisie, acted well, though he did not always differentiate enough between his asides and his ordinary dialogue. He combined well with Crowe, whose pompous speech of gratitude was a masterpiece; also the latter's accent was good.

Emrys-Roberts showed what an excellent pianist he was. Though at first not quite convincing, he soon got into his stride. Freaux's gesticulations were glorious to watch. How fond he must be of Rigoletto!

Salamon, as Frédéric, was obviously very much in love. In Macpherson the Ratinois certainly had a footman to equal the servant of the Malingears'. In the shorter parts Pigot, Braby, and Macpherson were capable.

The part of Wright, who looked angelic as the little nigger, was by no means a small one. He also designed the dresses. The ‘grande toilette’ of the ladies was very impressive, and a nice taste in pyjama-trousers was evident.

The best compliment one can pay is that no one had any excuse for not understanding the play. That this was so, was in no small measure due to the combination of Mrs. Morny and Mr. Clifford as producers. In many places it was obvious where Mrs. Morny's touches had come.

H.F.

THE MODERN PLAY-READING SOCIETY

After a temporary suspension of activities during the winter the Society has met again this term. The following have been elected members:—J. R. C. Keynon, J. N. Woodbridge, C. J. Macpherson, C. J. Morny, J. E. M. Hoare, J. N. Hutchinson, P. F. Baker, J. C. Dundas, R. J. Cornford, K. W. L. Roberts, N. C. Irvine, and P. T. Hayman.

The Society has read one play this term on February 14th. This was C. L. Anthony's "Autumn Crocus," which was very much appreciated and was preceded by Shaw's "Passion, Poison, and Petrification."

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

Two papers have been read during the term. The first, on "The Minerals of Ontario," was read by the President, Mr. Dewing, and the second, on "One of the Theories of Cancer," by J. W. Collins-Lewis. In addition arrangements have been made for a paper, probably on cellulose manufacture, to be read later in the term by G. C. Miall.

A. D. Fisk and M. R. A. Chance have been elected members of the Society.

D.B.E.

THE VITRUVIANS

The only lecture so far this term was given by Mr. Tristan Edwards.

His opening remarks were on the subject of good and bad manners in architecture. He pointed out that a building was expressing bad manners if it tried to make itself look too important and if it broke certain traditions of architecture. A shop, for instance, had no right to be surmounted by a tower or spire, for a spire has always been the symbol for a church. He then explained certain principles that he had deduced from nature. Of these principles, which applied to clothes as well as to architecture, perhaps the most important were punctuation and unity.

It is hoped to have two more lectures this term, one by the Headmaster and the other by Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis.

J.R.C.K.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

At a business meeting of the Society held on Sunday, January 31st, J. N. Woodbridge was elected Librarian, and J. R. C. Kenyon (ex-librarian), C. J. Macpherson and P. G. H. Gell were elected to the Committee. The following were elected members of the Society: H. D. Barbour, M. R. A. Chance, D. P. Croom-Johnson, J. G. Lilley, and H. A. Wheeler.

On Sunday, February 28th, the Society read Yeats' "The Countess Kathleen." It is hoped that arrangements can be made for two more meetings this term.

A.R.W.S.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Thompson gave us, on Friday, March 4th, an early impression of the new book he is about to publish on "Englishmen in the French Revolution." Few of us realised what a great part Englishmen and Americans took as agents in the Terror and as members of the National Assembly. When Americomania and Anglomania found Frenchmen playing Boston and Whist and spending their spare time in a Parisian Vauxhall and Rotundo, the Revolution broke upon a city which was crowded with English merchants, lawyers, soldiers, and aristocracy. Arthur Young's diary on his visit to France, Wordsworth's "Prelude," the innumerable descriptions of the times by contemporary Englishmen afford endless amusement for the historian.

Among the victims of the Terror was an English jockey; a certain Major White was found to have been imprisoned for five years in the dungeon of the captured Bastille and to have lost his senses. A Mrs. Swinburne attempted in vain to effect the escape of the Queen, and Quintian Crawford stalled the Royal coach before the ill-fated flight to Varennes. An even more prominent part was taken by James Oswald, a member of the Jacobin Club, who published a manifesto recommending an army of citizens and ended his life leading a brigade of English pikemen which he formed to help the French. Mr. Thompson's lecture went far to show that the French Revolution, although centred in Paris, reflected the ideas of the whole of Europe and even drew sympathy from the more extreme Englishmen of the time.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (December 6th to March 13th)	16	2	1
Chapel Expenses (December 13th)	9	3	8
Missions to Seamen (January 31st)	15	2	0
Stowe Club (March 6th)	18	11	8

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Flowers	3	6	0
Wine at Early Services	16	0	0
Cash-box	11	0	0
Sundries	5	9	0

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

REVIEWS (NO. 6)

"KING CHARLES THE SECOND" By Arthur Bryant. (Longmans, 9/6, net)

In some ways Mr. Bryant's book is deceptive. He tends to show us the one clean facet of a flawed diamond, to show us the summer sunsets of 17th century England and not the piercing winds of winter that must have blown most of the time. He emphasises the rustic simplicity and charm of the poor woodcutters whose loyalty assures his escape—and the woodcutters and their old mother smack strongly of Grimm's fairy-tales—while omitting to notice the vast number of miserable beings who quite rightly protested against their lot.

But to write history one must have an angle, for it is fatal to compile a large mass of facts, leaving them to sink in without comment, and if Mr. Bryant has approached his subject from a somewhat romantic standpoint, it is no one's business to criticise him. And yet in this book there is a stupendous amount of fact and detail, carefully selected and cleverly used, which ensures its being amusing.

The scene opens after Worcester when Charles is flying through Shropshire on the first stage of his escape. In the description of the King's wanderings across England before finally reaching France, Mr. Bryant produces, perhaps, the best of his writing, and as a description of the pleasant part of English life it is first-class.

After the early part of the story, which flows peacefully on, comes the Restoration, and a flood of political intrigues and cabals replaces the simple beer-and-skittles existence with which it starts. And yet all through the actual reign the facts have been subdued to the main trend of the narrative and the author has pursued none of the numerous red-herrings that must have crossed his path while dealing with ministers and Parliaments. He has also sedulously avoided writing a detailed account of Charles' reign, a temptation to which many have yielded, and has confined himself to writing about Charles. And here it is that Mr. Bryant excels, for the amazing unity and continuity are perhaps the greatest part of the book. For instance, despite the inviting opportunity for some pleasantly gruesome details about the Plague and the Fire, both are introduced simply in their relation to Charles himself. Charles' amours are, quite naturally, touched upon, but unlike one or two of his contemporaries, he does not make them the main theme of his book.

Taken as a whole the book gives a very clear picture of Charles, though now and again appears that mental deceit which refuses to let the author show up the faults, and they were considerable, of the King's character. For instance, the signing of the Treaty of Dover is made out to be due to a hard-hearted Parliament on the one side and to Charles' naturally sweet disposition on the other, for in Mr. Bryant's opinion it was greatly due to affection for his sister. Somehow this idea seems to conflict with the determined and obstinate individual he appears elsewhere; and it was certainly due in part to Charles' obstinacy that Parliaments were hard-hearted. But these are not vital points, and they have been sacrificed quite justifiably to the unity of a work which is of a very high standard and most certainly readable. At times the writing is beautiful, and especially at the climax when, in the cold, grey light of a February dawn, King Charles II died.

J.H.

THE DEATH OF KITCHENER,

JUNE 5th, 1916.

(Awarded the Prize in 'The Stoic' Essay Competition—Open).

The change in the wind was not discovered until H.M.S. "Hampshire" reached the open sea. Since 4 o'clock in the afternoon the wind had veered round from North-East to North-North-West, thus giving the west coast of the Orkneys, which had formerly been to leeward, the full force of the gale. It was found impossible to maintain 16 knots, at which speed the likelihood of a submarine attack was considerably reduced: the danger of mines was considered negligible, although the minesweepers had not been out for several days. Had H.M.S. "Hampshire" passed up the East coast the two escorting destroyers could have stayed with her, whereas in the teeth of the gale this was impossible, and at 7 o'clock they were ordered back to Scapa Flow. It was June, but for all appearance it might have been a stormy December afternoon. To starboard the rugged Orkney coast was obscured by a succession of huge waves, capped by a rising mist: to port lay the open seas, beaten into fury by the 50 mile-an-hour wind. The cruiser's bows cut through wave after wave, sending up clouds of spray, followed by avalanches of icy water which swept over the fore-castle—to slither overboard again further aft.

Kitchener and his staff were dining with the Captain: besides Kitchener himself and his military secretary, Colonel FitzGerald, there were also present Brigadier Ellershaw from the War Office, Mr. O'Beirne of the Diplomatic Service, and Sir H. F. Donaldson and Mr. Robertson from the Ministry of Munitions. The conversation turned to the Russian visit. Captain Savill, R.N. had expressed surprise that Kitchener should deem it necessary to sail in such rough weather, when he could easily stay for a few days at Scapa Flow, until the seas were calmer. Kitchener had already given his reasons for sailing several times that day, so his staff knew them as well as he did himself. "I am badly in need of a holiday," he said, "and I am looking forward to the Russian tour, which I have already mapped out, so it would be a pity to change the dates, especially as the passage to Archangel can be very quickly accomplished by a fast cruiser." "And you think your visit will be a success, sir?" pursued the captain. Kitchener did not immediately reply: he was considering the question. "Well, Captain," he said at length, "that all depends, but of course....." The conversation was interrupted by a violent explosion from somewhere forward, which knocked several glasses off the table. "Excuse me, sir," said Captain Savill, rising, "but I must go on deck and find out what has happened. I should like all of you to remain here for the present." He strode out of the cabin.

For a few minutes after the Captain had gone there was deadly silence, which was finally broken by Kitchener. "Until we have heard the worst, we have no reason to believe that the ship is actually sinking. She may either be able to get back to Scapa Flow under her own steam or she may keep afloat until we are picked up." "What about the escorting destroyers, sir?" inquired O'Beirne. "Unfortunately," continued Kitchener, "it was found to be too rough for them to keep up with us and they returned to Scapa Flow some three-quarters of an hour ago. Our only consolation is that we must still be within sight of the Orkneys, as we were keeping well inshore." "It must have been good seamanship on the part of that submarine to torpedo us," observed Brigadier Ellershaw, "for I was told that there were no mines as far north as this." "My good Ellershaw," replied Kitchener, "no submarine could possibly have tor-

pedoed us in this weather. No, Jellicoe is wrong for once. He assured me that he would unhesitatingly take the Grand Fleet to sea by the inshore route, which has probably been heavily mined within the last few days."

A midshipman had just entered the cabin. After saluting Kitchener he delivered his message. "The Captain wants all of you to come on deck immediately, and you had better bring overcoats as we may be adrift for some time in an open boat." "We are abandoning the ship, then?" inquired several of the staff simultaneously. "Yes, sir," continued the midshipman, addressing Kitchener, who had risen and was being helped into his overcoat, "it has become absolutely necessary, as all our efforts to stem the inrush of water have been of no avail and the ship may not stay afloat much longer. If you are all ready now, we will go on deck immediately."

The party soon gained the deck, for all whom they met got out of the way when the midshipman called out, "Make way for Lord Kitchener." One could see with half an eye that the ship was in a sinking condition: down below in the Captain's cabin there had only appeared to be a slight list to starboard, in fact little more than what the gale had caused. The ship was gradually settling down by the bows, but would probably stay afloat for another half hour or more. The engines had stopped and the ship was rolling heavily, completely at the mercy of the gale, which had in no way diminished in force. Such was the list to starboard that it was clearly impossible to launch the lifeboats on the port side, even had it been possible with the gale blowing from that direction: the starboard lifeboats, on the other hand, could probably be successfully launched under the lee of the cruiser. They would certainly have a rough passage before either reaching the Orkney coast, some one and a half miles distant, or before being picked up by a rescue vessel, as the accident had definitely been observed from Marwich Head.

"Where is Captain Savill now?" asked Kitchener at the top of his voice—for he would not otherwise have been heard owing to the gale. "He is on the fore-bridge, sir," yelled back his guide, "I will take you to him." "Well, Savill," said Kitchener on finding the Captain, "it is worse than I had feared." "Yes, sir," replied the Captain, "you must get aboard your boat immediately, so as to be well clear when the ship goes down. Put Lord Kitchener aboard and take command," he continued, addressing the midshipman, who was waiting for orders. "Well, good-bye, sir," he said, speaking to Kitchener once more, "and good luck." "Good-bye, Captain," replied Kitchener, shaking hands with him, "but I doubt whether the boats will stay afloat very long." The party followed the midshipman aft along the deck.

The crew, who were busily preparing rafts, were taking up their stations for abandoning the ship, while here and there officers were yelling out orders at the top of their voices. The port side of the ship, which was half out of water, acted as a buttress to the waves: after each one had struck the ship, clouds of spray blew over the decks, drenching their congested occupants, for all of whom there would not be sufficient room in the boats. The wind, whose noise drowned everything, lashed the sea into such fury that rescue would have been extremely difficult—had there been a ship standing by for the purpose. Only by superb seamanship could a ship have been brought between the "Hampshire" and the wind close enough for a line to have been thrown, for there was immense danger of the rescuer being flung against the helpless cruiser, in which case both ships would probably have been sunk. More than likely, too, there were other mines in the neighbourhood, which would still further decrease the chances of rescue.

Kitchener and his staff reached their boat. The crew were already waiting to cast off. A neighbouring boat, which was being launched, packed with men, was suspended

in mid-air, waiting her opportunity to take the water. It came. She was lowered so as to take the water on the crest of a wave: there she hung for a moment uncertain, before being smashed against the "Hampshire's" side, while her occupants were flung into the foamy sea. The heads of several swimmers could immediately be seen, but before they could be thrown ropes by the watchers on deck, they had disappeared beneath the waves, to rise no more.

Kitchener turned to his secretary and yelled in his ear: "That confirms my suspicion and I think that the same fate will be in store for any boat that is launched." "But you must leave the ship all the same," yelled back Colonel FitzGerald, "it is your....." "The rest of the sentence was drowned by the shouting which came from the fore-castle, in which direction everyone now turned to find out the cause of all the noise. The ship was settling down quicker than had been expected, for her bows were already completely submerged and the water was rapidly advancing up the deck, while waves were even now beating against the base of the bridge. High above everything rose the Captain's voice through a megaphone: "Man all boats and rafts and get ready to abandon the ship."

The order was being promptly carried out, but it was doubtful whether many of the boats would be successfully launched and, even if they were, whether they would get clear of the sinking ship in time. Kitchener had left his staff and had returned to the bridge. He was greeted by a stare of amazement from the Captain, but he got in the first word. "Well, Captain," he began, "after seeing one boat smashed to smithereens, I prefer to stay on board. There will be few survivors in any case and, like yourself, I am not going to leave the ship." The words were uttered with such a tone of finality that the Captain only answered with a nod; there was a short silence, during which he was clearly thinking hard before replying. "What worries me, sir," he began, "is the feeling in the Navy at your being drowned while under our care—in my ship too," he added. "It was an unfortunate occurrence," replied Kitchener, "that this ship should strike a mine, but it is no fault of the Navy." Neither man seemed to desire further conversation; the Captain was watching the attempts at launching the boats, while Kitchener was leaning over the bridge rail to see how much the water had risen in the last few minutes. The last wave had nearly come over the bridge and it was obvious that it would be completely covered within a very few minutes; another wave struck the ship, but the bridge still remained high and dry. It was not to be for long, however, for the next wave was able to hurl its foamy crest right over the bridge and into the sea the other side, while its spray blinded Kitchener and the Captain. "The end is not far distant," Kitchener was saying, more to himself than anyone else, "Yes, this one will finish us off." Sweeping towards the doomed ship was an exceptionally big wave, mightier than any that had so far struck the cruiser: nearer and nearer it came, while Kitchener gripped the bridge rail, fascinated by the untamable grandeur of the sea, now fast approaching in all its power: fortunately he was oblivious of what it brought with it. With a stupendous roar it crashed against the cruiser's side and, heralded by sheets of spray, it swept over everything. Although Kitchener had been holding on to the rail, he was swept off his feet by the force of the water and was hurled across the bridge to be half stunned against the opposite rail. To this he clung, gasping for breath, while his lungs seemed to be bursting and he was rapidly losing consciousness. A few more seconds of agony and then his mind became oblivious of his dying struggles, but the chief events in his life passed quickly through his brain—the Sudan Campaign, the South African War, Commander-in-Chief in India and finally the head of the War Office in the Great War—the triumphal procession was over. He was dead.

Thus died Lord Kitchener at the age of 66, on June 5th, 1916.

J.A.C.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OWL

(Awarded the Prize in 'The Stoic' Essay Competition—Lower School)

As soon as the sun began to rise the owl started back from his hunting. On his way home he spied two field mice. Now field mice, as everyone knows, are tasty morsels for tawny owls—for such was this one. So, flying swiftly, he swooped down on the mice. He caught one of them in his powerful talons and quickly pecked it to death. He started to devour the mouse. With his sharp, hooked beak he ripped and tore until there was nothing left. It was now getting quite light and soon men and other objectionable beings would be about so the owl went on his homeward journey without waiting to digest his breakfast. His home or roost was in a hollow in an old oak tree. The floor was covered with twigs and wool, for the place had once been a jackdaw's nesting site.

Now, as the day grew brighter, the owl, as most owls do, grew sleepier. So, settling down in a comfortable position he fell asleep. Before very long he awoke blinking in the strong sunlight which lit up part of his dwelling. As soon as his eyes were accustomed to the light he strutted out of his hollow with all the dignity of a Lord Mayor and took up a position full in the sunlight. Here he sat for a very long time, sunbathing and cleaning and smoothing out his feathers which had been ruffled during the night's hunting. He had not been in this happy place for very long before he was discovered by a passing wren who, recognising the owl as the robber of her young, cheeped so loudly and in such a furious manner that many little birds came to see what the cause of all the noise was. Each little bird, as it came up, recognised an old enemy in the owl and joined with the wren to 'mob' him. The owl, thus disturbed from its reverie, blinked sheepishly at its tormentors, but showed no sign of embarrassment or indignation. He was so dignified and payed so little attention to what was going on that the little birds, not getting any amusement from their exertions, soon retired.

The owl remained in his sunbath so long as the sun lasted; then he took shelter in his roost and slept. And thus he spent a day in his uneventful life.

That evening, as soon as the light began to fail, he started on his hunting rounds once more—as is the custom of owls—hooting loudly at intervals to tell the world that he was on the war path.

J.D.D.

THE ORGAN GRINDER

Below me in the wet London street a barrel-organ played. It was dismally cold and the rain came down steadily, flooding the gutters with muddy water. Somehow the face of the organ-grinder and the tune of the song he was singing seemed familiar to me. It was a Neapolitan song, "Turn'a Surrientu," and the organ-grinder sang it as it should be sung, with all the longing and weariness of an exile whose hopes of "returning to Sorrento," as the song went, were very small. He went on singing.....

—"Ma nun me lasciar—
Turn'a Surrientu,
Fammi campar."—

And gradually the scene appeared to change, the grey London street melted and whirled before my eyes, and I seemed to relive an episode that had happened years before.....

Everything was stupefyingly hot that day as Sorrento lay and burnt itself brittle in the midday sun. Up on the hills above the bay, the blue-green grass stretched away for miles, with occasional whitewashed cottages and deserted woods of olive-trees whose leaves were grey and glistening with dust. Through the rows of ancient, twisted olives that stood brown and grey against the sky shone the sea. A faint haze clung to it and the bay was absolutely motionless, mirroring the hills behind and the black funnel of a ramshackle steamer lying anchored farther out. All round stood the curving olives, stretching down to the water's edge like a grey smoke, the water flickering away between the branches, still and green, while the headlands fell abruptly to the sea from their hills behind.

Far out stood Capri, a purple mass of land, with the occasional point of a sail on the sea and the long, lazy trail of smoke from some tramp making for Sicily.

In the evening, at the water's edge, I watched the lights of Sorrento across the bay, while the water swirled over the rocks. There was a large moon and the night was very warm. A slight breeze stirred the darkness of the trees that overhung the water's edge, carrying with it a queer, sour, dusty smell of laurel, oleander and the bitterness of tangerine leaves from some distance down the bay.

Then, very faintly, I heard the sound of oars a fair distance out, and the distant tinkle of a mandoline. The boat approached and seemed to stop close inshore; the mandoline rang out and the rower began to sing. His voice came clear across the water, softly at first, then coming to a climax that was almost a wail.....

—"turn'a Surrientu"—

"E tu dic' 'Io part,' addio.

T' alluntare di sta core

Nel paese del amore,

tien' o cor di non turnar."

The rower finished his song and for a moment the magic of his singing lingered. How could it be possible ever to leave Sorrento?

Just for a short time there was complete silence, then the rower dipped his oars in again and the boat slowly receded into the distance towards Capri. As the music died the spell slowly faded from me and I seemed to be enveloped in the mist from the hills, the air grew colder and more raw.....

Below me in the wet London street the barrel-organ played. The water still ran in the muddy gutters, but I did not worry about that for I recognised in the worn face of the organ-grinder the man whose mandoline had tinkled in the calm bay of Sorrento, who had rowed away so carelessly into the southern dawn.

J.E.M.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Stoic.

SIR,

I recently had the pleasure of playing fives at Stowe, and was interested to notice in the dormitory where we changed a printed list of a number of elementary rules of hygiene. Among many valuable observations was a statement to the effect that 'tinned fruits have no dietetic value.'

I must confess, Sir, that for many years I shared this poor opinion of one of Britain's staple foods, and I would at one time eat, and enjoy, the attractive yellow cubes from the can with the melancholy conviction that I was indulging the palate at the expense of the stomach, which I imagined to be craving in vain for costly acidulated circlets hacked from the living pine.

Two years ago the 'New Health Society'—a responsible, disinterested and moderate body—published an expert report of a scientific examination of food values in canned fruits. Everything was changed. With a certain moral shock I learned that vitamins of every denomination can survive and flourish in tins, that canned spinach was found to be second only to neat cod-liver oil ('and oh! the difference to me'!) in Vitamin A. content.

The physicians went on to explain that fruits and vegetables are canned at temperatures much lower than those of normal cooking and the vitamin values are thus unaffected.

I now try everything tinned (although the preliminary announcements of 'Can the Leopard' gave me a queasy feeling) and am impressed by the invariable succulence of fruits which in the natural state are by no means always a success. Tinned grape-fruit, for instance, tastes superb and does not squirt.

It is with regret, Sir, that I cut short these animadversions on an important topic, with the doubly regretted assurance that I have no financial interest in the sale of canned fruit. My letter is occasioned by a pure passion for the truth.

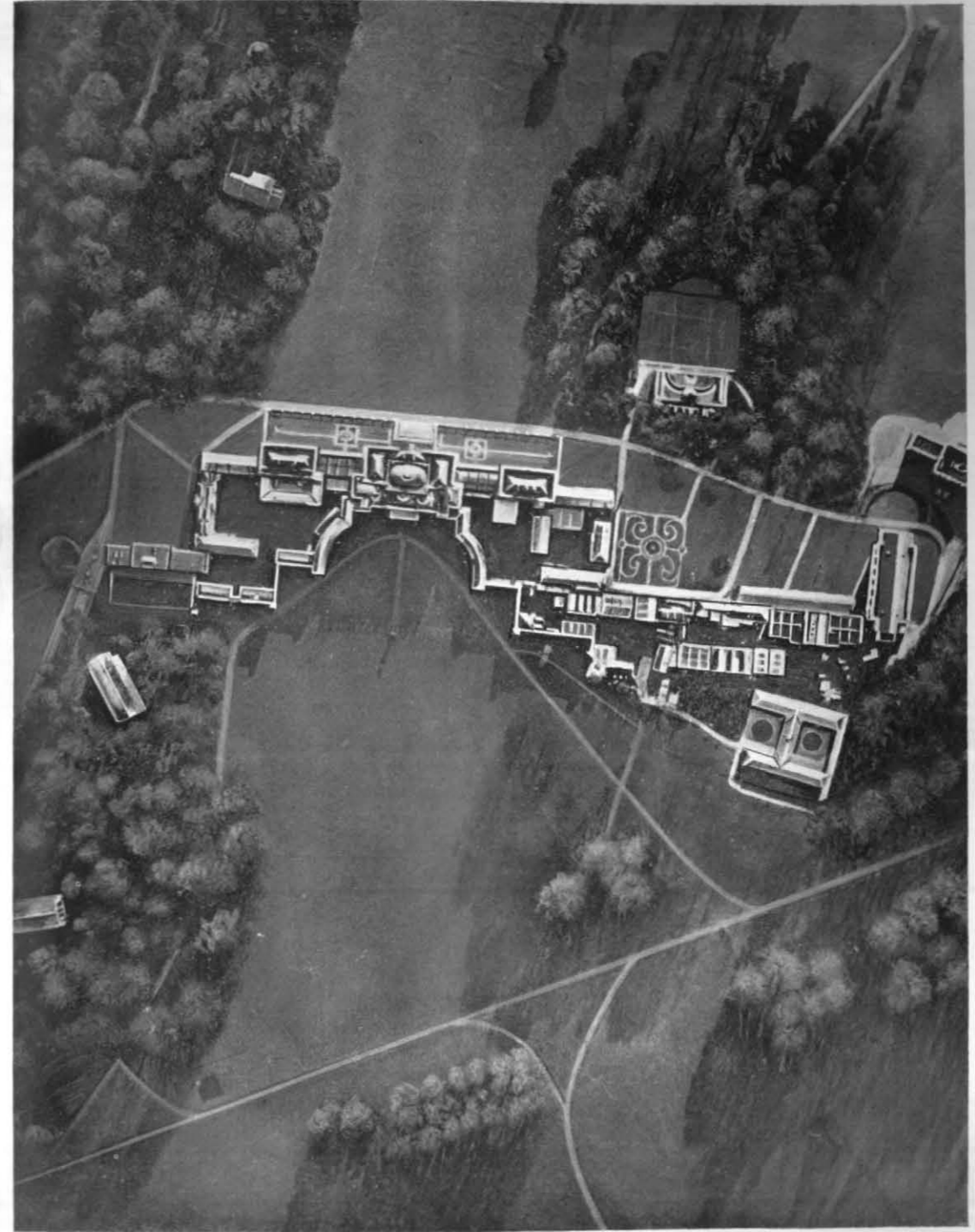
I remain,

Your obedient servant,

The Public Schools Club,

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