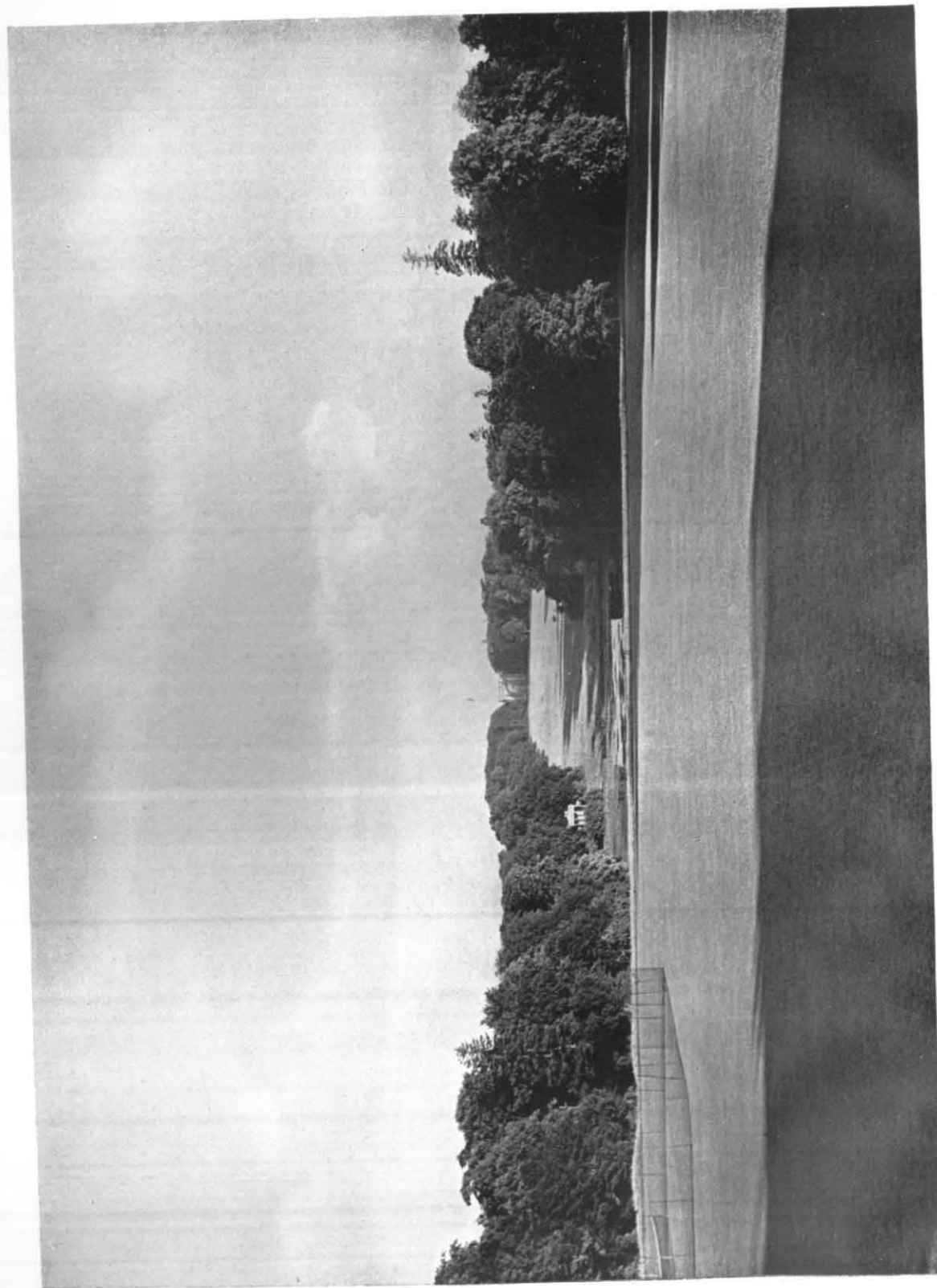


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[By M. D. P.]

FROM THE SOUTH FRONT.

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OLD STOIC DAY

THERE were 150 Old Stoics at Stowe on Saturday, July 2nd. This represented one fifth of the total membership of the Old Stoic Society. It is now two-and-a-half years since, for the first time, Old Stoics became more numerous than present Stoics.

We have fewer Old Boys than most schools of our size, and those few are young as yet: but while we would receive much valuable support from a larger body, we would run the risk of being restrained by the conservatism of its older members.

Moreover what our few Old Stoics lack in number they make up in enthusiasm. Some evidence of this may be found in the remarkable attendances at the Annual Dinner in London, and even more was provided by the Old Stoic Day of 1932.

Of our 150 guests, not less than 45 were occupied by the various competitions which took place between the Old Stoics and the School—a 1st and a 2nd XI Cricket match, two Tennis matches, a Shooting and a Swimming match.

It is hoped that there will be a steady increase in the number of these competitions and in the number of Old Stoics who visit the School on the first Saturday of July each year.

IN MEMORIAM

GEOFFREY DOUGLAS WATSON.

Born 10th December, 1910.

Died 17th June, 1932.

Geoffrey Douglas Watson was a Pilot Officer of the Royal Air Force Reserve of Officers. He was rendered unconscious in an aeroplane accident and died a few minutes after being removed from the machine.

He was the only son of Mr. Geoffrey Watson, who has been a very good friend of Stowe from the early days of the School's existence. "Duggie" Watson—he was known universally by his friends at Stowe and at Cambridge as Duggie—came to Bruce House in September, 1924. When he left in December, 1929, he was a School Prefect and Head of his House, was in the Lower Sixth and had gained First XV. Colours as a hard-working and energetic forward. He was prominent also in the O.T.C. and in Swimming. He went to Germany for some months and then went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge, in October, 1930. At Stowe he was keenly interested in Drawing and in Architecture. He was for a long time the Secretary of the Arts Club and worked indefatigably for the Club. At Cambridge he studied Architecture, worked extremely hard and met with considerable success.

It was while he was at Cambridge that he began to take an interest in flying. He joined the Cambridge University Air Squadron and soon became a reliable and level-headed pilot.

Duggie's friends at Stowe and at Cambridge miss one who was always cheerful, always dependable, always ready to throw himself wholeheartedly into whatever he took up. That he is with us no longer we can hardly believe, but we treasure the memory of a happy and generous friend. When he first became a Monitor at School he was rather brusque and even tactless, but his transparent sincerity and infectious enthusiasm eventually won for him a sound position in which real affection played a part. There was something solid and firm about him which made life seem good and beautiful and yet withal he was human and youthful. His School and House are the richer for his life and can ill spare one who gave himself for his Country while preparing himself to be the most useful and loyal citizen possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships :—

- C. B. CASH. (Mr. C. H. T. Hayman, Winchester House, Brackley).
 R. M. EMRYS-ROBERTS. (Mr. A. F. Francis, St. Peter's, Weston-super-Mare).
 P. E. R. ENGLISH. (Mr. M. N. Asterley, Aymestry Court, Crown East, Worcester).
 J. M. S. KNOTT. (Messrs. Lyon and Dewé, Allen House, Hook Heath, Woking).
 PRINCE YURI GALITZINE. (Mr. E. S. Workman, Copthorne, Sussex).
 I. R. ROBERTSON. (Mr. F. G. Wailes, Craigflower, Torryburn, Fife).
 J. V. R. BIRCHALL. (Mr. W. B. Harris, St. Ronan's, West Worthing).
 J. M. MORGAN. (Messrs. Robathan and Brice-Smith, Brightlands, Newnham-on-Severn).
 A. S. R. DAVIES. (Mr. M. C. Pitkin, Earlywood, Ascot).
 H. J. MACLIESH. (Mr. R. S. V. Barker-Mill, Stoke House, Seaford).

SONG

Gentle music
 Is borne to me among the trees.
 I hear it echo in the green-embroidered woods,
 In lush green grass.
 From bracken browning in the summer's heat
 And tiny flowerets come those faint sweet notes.
 The shallow streams that tumble to a veil of drops
 O'er mossy stones ;
 Quick fish and water-fowl
 And tall bullrushes at the river's edge ;
 The nightingale's sweet call or owl's shrill cry
 Or song of thrush to silver-fretted dawn ;
 All bring me music to my thankful ears.
 Then hearing it I sing with them,
 But my harsh voice
 Breaks their pure harmony
 And all is still.

T.B.H.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1932.

Prefects :—J. R. C. Kenyon ; P. G. Agnew ; H. D. Nelson Smith ma. ; C. J. Morny ; C. J. Macpherson ; M. J. Macoun ma. ; G. W. Emrys-Roberts.

Captain of Cricket :—R. J. Packe.

Hon. Secretary of Cricket : P. B. Lucas.

May 11th, 1932. Telegrams received :— *From the Oxford Old Stoics*—“Congratulations to the School on its ninth birthday.” *From the Cambridge Old Stoics*—“Many congratulations on 9th anniversary.”

C. J. MORNY has been elected to an Open Exhibition for Modern History at Exeter College, Oxford.

(This notice should have appeared under “University Scholarships” in our last number. We very much regret the omission. Ed.)

The stone circle round the urn in Chapel Court has turned out to be smaller than was expected. But its appearance is quite effective, none the less, and the miscellaneous bedding plants inside it make up in brilliance what they lack in beauty. The turf which was only laid in March had the advantage of a wet April and a wetter May, with the result that it is now surprisingly well established. These changes have considerably improved the look of the School at the “West End” and thereby made more deplorable than ever the bare back of Chatham which blocks out the Southward view.

The Bertram Prizes have been renamed the “Quentin Bertram Prizes” in memory of Q.C.F. Bertram who died on October 10th, 1931.

Some further falls of plaster from the North Front have brought nearer the moment when the gigantic task of renovating the whole wall surface and forming new cornices and parapets will have to be undertaken. It is understood that a start will now soon be made.

Eton gave us our Avenue, but the last stretch of the approach to the School still belongs to a neighbour. This regrettable fact has lately caused us rather special inconvenience, and gates have been fixed at both ends of the “Main Course.” But although we must apparently still drive up to the School through alien nettles and dead trees not our own, the necessity of opening and shutting the gates on each journey has been happily avoided. The Bursarial bear-pits, with their grids which clank so cheerfully beneath the wheels of one’s car, appear to be regarded as impassable by the local fauna. Human pedestrians also, it seems, are expected to avoid them, and a special wicket is provided for those of them who care to open it. They have an alternative in the gate labelled “Heavy Traffic—over four tons.” But the few pedestrians here who qualify to use this do not normally go on foot so far from the School.

We congratulate Mr. Neville on his pictures, “A Norfolk Landscape” in the Paris Salon, and “On the Norfolk Coast” in the Annual Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

A small new ward is being added to the Sanatorium, closing in the Western Courtyard. This will increase the available accommodation by nearly twenty beds and provide an admirable setting for an enclosed garden. It is hoped that when the Hostel Garden is made the Sanatorium West Garden may be made also. It is always permissible to hope.

The site for four more tennis courts has been levelled and the second section (on which work was actually started first) is now nearly ready too. The finished scheme will provide for two more courts close to the Temple of Friendship itself, making a group of twelve courts in all.

“Some Notes on the Early History of Stowe,” by a Member of the Sixth Form, has recently been put on sale at the Shop. It traces in some thirty pages the story from the time of the Saxon Manor of Stowe through the splendour of the 18th century and the ruin of the 19th, to the foundation of the School in 1923. In it are reproduced a number of engravings and paintings, and there is an appendix containing the principal dates in the development of the School. A portion of the profits are given to the Tennis Court Fund.

We congratulate Mr. R. H. Hole on his appointment of Assistant Headquarters Commissioner for Sea Scouts.

The following have been awarded 1st XI. Colours :—F. A. H. Ling, A. A. Hawker, C. J. Macpherson, B. Tweedy, A. E. de la T. Mallett, J. D. Blois, J. M. Napier, J. H. Bourne.

The following have been awarded 2nd XI. Colours :—A. A. Hawker, S. J. H. Sherrard, R. B. Boulter, J. T. Foreman, A. E. de la T. Mallett, B. Tweedy, J. N. W. Dudley, H. A. L. Chapple, J. D. Davidson, H. D. Nelson Smith, J. H. Bourne, M. J. Macoun, A. A. Keeling, D. Barker,

The following have been awarded Colts' Caps :—S. J. L. Olver, J. M. B. Poyntz, J. D. Buchanan, K. P. P. Goldschmidt, G. P. Tweedale, E. M. Ling, N. G. Henderson, G. I. Thwaites.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

May 15th.	The Rev. H. Canning, Headmaster of Canford School.
May 29th.	The Bishop of Norwich.
June 5th.	The Rev. H. Ferguson, Warden of Radley.
June 19th.	The Rev. F. S. Cragg, St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard St., E.C.
June 26th.	The Dean of Windsor.
July 3rd.	The Bishop of Buckingham.
July 10th.	Canon Briggs, Rector of Loughborough.
July 17th.	The Rev. F. Anderson, Rector of Boldre, Lymington.

The following have been awarded Representative Colours :—

For Cross-Country Running : A. F. Weaver, R. G. Atkinson.
For Athletics : R. G. Atkinson, A. R. P. Ellis.
For Boxing : H. D. Nelson Smith, J. G. Wright.
For Tennis : D. A. T. Carson, The Viscount Maitland, C. G. Walton.
For Shooting : C. L. Hall, J. A. Hunter, J. C. Monteith.
For Fencing : J. A. Hunter.
For Swimming : L. A. McAfee.

The thanks of the School are due to Captain V. A. Gascoigne-Cecil for his presentation of a very fine collection of minerals collected especially for us by the Peruvian Corporation. He has also given us a newly published map of the interior of Peru. This is claimed to be the only reliable guide to the interior in existence.

On Monday, July 4th, Mr. Doughty, an experienced Naturalist who was staying in the neighbourhood, came over and took out a small party to explore the surrounding district. Some fine specimens were found and much valuable advice given. We hope he will come again.

It is with much regret that we have to announce that Staff-Sergeant J. Elliott, who left the school at the end of last term owing to failing health, died in hospital at Birmingham on May 14th.

On Saturday, June 18th, a party from Stowe went to see a performance of the Oedipus Tyrannus at Oxford. The excellent acting of Oedipus, well supported by Iocasta, gave the performance (which was in the Greek) a merit which was above the average. The problems offered by Choruses and Messengers' Speeches were hardly solved, but at least were treated in a way that did not give offence. Ideal weather conditions in the pleasant surroundings of Magdalen Grove gave an added pleasure to the afternoon.

The School has been Inspected for the third time. It is said that on the first day one Inspector who was giving a model lesson was Inspected by another Inspector who took him for the Form Master and who made some kindly criticisms on his methods. Other tales as improbable are told. But we enjoyed the visitation and got much help from an unusually strong Inspecting team.

The Bishop of Ripon gave a series of addresses during the Easter weekend and stayed for several days in the School. He visited us again at the beginning of July, as the discerning will perceive if they examine one of the photographs published in this number.

OLIM ALUMNI

MR. E. R. AVORY won the Mens' Singles in the Kent Lawn Tennis Championships on June 11th.

MR. H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON has gained a First-class in the Modern and Mediæval Language Tripos, Part II.

MR. J. A. HOTHAM has been awarded a Half-Blue for Hockey at the R.A.F.C., Cranwell.

MR. J. A. HOTHAM and MR. L. G. LEVIS represented Cranwell against Woolwich on June 11th. Hotham made 84 and 81.

MR. A. G. HOWLAND-JACKSON played in the Cambridge Senior's Match on April 30th.

MR. S. H. S. HUGHES is Coxing the Toronto University boat. He is the only man of his year who has gained First-class Honours in Modern History.

MR. J. E. D. IM THURN has gained a First-class in the Modern and Mediæval Language Tripos, Part I (French).

MR. L. G. LEVIS has been awarded a Full-Blue for Boxing and a Half-Blue for both Cross-country running and Athletics at the R.A.F.C., Cranwell.

MR. P. H. LUCAS has been awarded a First-class in the Oxford Honours School of Modern Languages (German and Spanish).

MR. M. E. I. SEARLE has played Water Polo for Cambridge against Oxford University.

MR. S. J. L. TAYLOR of St. Thomas's Hospital has been awarded "The Grainger Testimonial Prize for Research in Physiology." On January 22nd, 1932, Mr. Taylor read a Paper entitled "Samuel Pepys and Medicine" before the Osler Club.

MR. W. H. H. WILBERFORCE (Woolwich) finished fourth in the 120 Yards Hurdles in the Athletic Match between Woolwich, Sandhurst and Cranwell on May 7th.

From the Times of June 30th, 1932:—"COKE.—On June 27th, 1932, at Stonecroft, Ardley, Oxon, to Joan (née Loring), wife of A. R. T. COKE, Royal Air Force—a son."

From the Times of July 5th, 1932:—MR. H. H. STISTED and Miss A. M. Moggridge—A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place, between HENRY HEATHCOTE STISTED, only son of the late Colonel Stisted, and Mrs. Stisted, of Hawley, Hants, and Angela Moggridge, only daughter of the late Charles Moggridge and Mrs. Moggridge, of Camberley.

MARRIAGES.

On July 6th, 1932, THE HON. J. W. LESLIE (Temple House, 1924-25) to Miss Coral Pinckard.

From the Times of November 5th, 1931:—SMALLMAN-GRIFFIN.—On the 3rd inst., at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich (by the Rev. K. G. W. Milward, Vicar of Brockmoor, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. P. Hartill, Rural Dean), JOHN STUART, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smallman, of West Bromwich, to Nora Florence, younger daughter of Mr. A. Griffin, of West Bromwich.

From the Times of July 15th, 1932:—MR. O. H. J. BERTRAM and Miss A. M. Mellor—The marriage took place at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, yesterday of Mr. OLIVER HENRY JULIUS BERTRAM, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bertram, of Abington Hall, Cambridgeshire, and Miss Anne Margery Shaw Mellor, youngest daughter of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Shaw Mellor, of Box House, Box, Wiltshire. The Bishop of Bristol and the Rev. W. P. Mellor officiated.

THE OLD STOIC FOOTBALL MATCHES.

The Rugby Match against the Old Stoics will this year be played on Saturday, October 1st.

It is hoped that the Old Stoics will as usual send two teams to Stowe, but hitherto the greatest difficulty has been experienced in getting together the second team—last year the fixture entailed the writing of no less than 140 letters!

It is unnecessary to point out the thousand pities it would be to drop the 2nd XV fixture and it is most earnestly hoped that this year those who are able and wish to play will send in their names, stating their position on the field, for whom they now play or last played and the year they left Stowe, at the earliest moment available and not wait to be written to first.

Should there be more players than are required, the committee in selecting the teams will give preference to those who come from the greatest distances and have most recently left Stowe.

J. E. McComb,
24 Sanderson Road, Jesmond,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

The essence of life is growth, and in a Club such as ours to have nothing to record would be a confession of flagging vitality. Happily, this eventuality seems unlikely to arise while Captain Lucas and his able assistants remain in charge.

A generous donation from the National Association of Boys' Clubs has enabled the yard at the back to be roofed over and converted into a dart's alley. It is hoped shortly to squeeze in one more room somewhere, as a real 'quiet room.' The interior of the Club has been redecorated, some of the ceilings being done by the boys, but funds did not allow the paint to extend to the outside, although the need there is great. The Scout's Room in the basement has been wonderfully improved by Scoutmaster Green and his two helpers, and three or four nights a week it is filled by 20 lusty infants of ten or thereabouts, some few of whom proudly possess caps and staves. The Scouts are shortly to have their first camp, at Potters Bar.

This term opened with our glorious semi-annual tea-supper, at which we expound our SIX MONTH PLAN. Food is followed by speeches—a new and much-appreciated feature—and those of Mrs. Lilley and Snake (Eddie) Vince brought down the house.

The Whitsun Camp at Stowe was attended by about 40 club members, 3 of whom cycled down. The only mishaps were one flooded tent on Sunday night and one fractured radius—happily impacted, but unhappily in such poor position as to necessitate refracture. Two victorious cricket matches, study teas and a welcome visit from B. C. Gadney combined to make the visit as much enjoyed as usual. We can only hope that Jupiter Pluvius will be even less unkind during the first week in August.

Cricket at Wormwood Scrubs on Saturdays, in Regent's Park on two evenings a week, and away on Sunday afternoons has been rivalled in popularity by the Cross-country and the Sports, which this year have been taken seriously for the first time. Morison and Betts trained a Cross-Country team of 6 boys with such effect that we were 10th out of the 30 clubs which covered the 3½ mile course at Chingford. In

the Westminster Federation Sports, two silver and two bronze medals were won by individual boys, and we were 2nd in the relay race and 1st in the tug-of-war. The London Federation Sports have still to come.

Captain Lucas's Employment Agency has been working well, but times are hard at the back of the Edgware Road, and a number of boys are still 'out.'

Visits from Stowe have been very regular this term and one can assure those who give up a pleasant Saturday evening in Buckinghamshire for the foetid heat of Carlisle Street that their presence at the Club is greatly appreciated. We have to thank J. L. W. Cheyne for his generous gift of foils and blades. Now that the Cricket Season is drawing to a close, we should like to remind those who have unwanted bats or pads that down in Marylebone they *are* wanted, Mr. Clifford being a very convenient intermediary. Incidentally one would like to say how much all at the Club appreciate Mr. Clifford's untiring efforts at Stowe on their behalf.

Apart from A. G. A. Cook, who has done yeoman service in all spheres, our helpers this term have been entirely non-Old Stoic. Perhaps the summer is partly to blame, perhaps the natural indolence of the rising generation. At all events, from the vast number of Old Stoics now in existence, surely 2 or 3 can be found who take their obligations sufficiently seriously to give us a look in sometimes.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN J. L. TAYLOR.

PINEAPPLE WHITSUN CAMP.

We again had a very good muster of Pineapple boys in camp at Whitsuntide with Messrs. Lucas, Hone, Betts and Morgan in charge. The weather was kinder this year than last for their arrival on the Saturday evening, though unfortunately it was not settled over the week-end. A Grafton fatigue-party prepared the site previously, finding much to do after the Spring gales.

With issuing kit and shaking down there was not much time over for more than "a kick and a knock-about" before bed. Meals were served throughout the camp in the Servants' Hall. This particular evening gave us our first accident under canvas. A boy fell on his wrist and put it out, so that he had to receive the M.O.'s attention in Buckingham. The wrist mended well, and the Sanatorium has since received a personal letter of thanks.

On Sunday afternoon two games of cricket were played against school sides on the Bourbon and the visitors won by a clear margin. There were a good many spectators for an overcast day, and the Headmaster came up to renew acquaintance with Club officials. Study-teas followed, as hospitably given and as genuinely appreciated as ever. The Pineapple went on to Chapel afterwards with their hosts. To the boys' delight B.C. Gadney came over that evening.

The Club spent part of Monday morning down at the Lake. It must have been rather raw for them as the school was not bathing regularly then, but they were intensely pleased with their expedition. As cricket Leagues were on that afternoon the Pineapple played among themselves on the small South Front ground. A few looked round the school buildings meantime.

The weather held good for striking camp, and the party was off in high spirits after supper.

THE Q.M.

FINANCE.

I would bring to the notice of all readers of *The Stoic* that this important school institution, the Stowe Club, is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the school, the staff and friends of Stowe, and the Club boys for its essential annual income of £500. Its membership of 150 is barely provided for in normal times. At present, in spite of every sound economy, its slender capital is being drawn on to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organisation and management the less heavy and exacting. The Club has no salaried officials, and the boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

I do most earnestly appeal for your help as an annual subscriber. Particulars of our subscription list are, incidentally, entirely private to me. If you can send any sum of money regularly, no matter how small it may seem, it will be gratefully received and put to very good use in making the lives of these boys and young men from back streets fuller and happier. And this Club particularly can be made an invaluable factor in the liberal education that Stowe provides for its own boys.

Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques and postal orders are most welcome. Gifts in kind (*e.g.*, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Carlisle Street, N.W. 8.

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

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (March 20th to July 31st)	21	15	8
Chapel Expenses (March 27th)	8	7	7
Stowe Club (May 15th)	19	4	3
Buckingham Hospital (June 19th)	13	6	5

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Flowers	2	5	6
Wine	1	4	0

The balance from this account will be paid into Stowe Club funds.

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

STOWE SCOUTS

The term has been a very successful one.

Early in the term the new Caroline Circle was finished. Since then the bulk of the time on Tuesday afternoons has been spent in practising for the displays given at the Tile House Camp on June 26th.

There have been two camps for the whole troop. The first was held at Lillingstone Dayrell House on June 4th, in fine but exceedingly cold weather. This was the first time that many members of the Troop had spent a night out, and there was a tendency to sleep badly on account of the cold. The standard of the camping was naturally not very high on this occasion, but much was learnt, and the camp was a great success.

The second was at Tile House on June 25th, and most of the Troops in the district were present, the total number of Scouts being almost 100. The weather this time was excellent, and the standard of the camping was very much higher than on June 4th. The displays given by the Stowe Troops were the building of a "Monkey Bridge" by the Senior Troop, and of a Signalling Tower by the Junior. The former seemed to hang fire at first, but the second half of the building was efficiently done, and the bridge successfully bore a good deal of traffic. The Signalling Tower was put up very well, and when complete, it was a sturdy erection.

Besides these two camps several Patrols have carried out a week-end hike, and it is probable that by the end of the term every Patrol will have done so. The Wood-pigeons were unfortunate in hitting on the wettest week-end for a very long time, and were washed out of their tents in the small hours, but nevertheless managed to enjoy their hike. The first hike by a Patrol of the Junior Troop was very well carried out by the Hawks on June 18th.

A fair amount of signalling has been done this term, and there is now a sufficient nucleus of good Signallers that it ought not to be very difficult to make the standard fairly good throughout the troop. A number of the more enthusiastic members practised very assiduously, and from these, six were selected to form a team for the County Signalling Scheme on July 31st. It is a pity that this scheme did not take the form of a competition, for had it done so, there is little doubt that the Stowe team would have distinguished itself.

Since its formation just over three years ago the Troop has done no camping, except for an occasional week-end during the Term, and this has, of course, been a great bar to its success. A camp is being held for eight days at the end of this term in Herefordshire, which is being attended by about 24 Scouts, so that it will no longer be possible to level the reproach at the Stowe Troop that it is a non-camping Troop. It is intended in future to hold a camp at the end of every summer term. It is probable that henceforth there will be no room in the Senior Troop for those who have not been to camp in the Junior, and it is hoped that by this process of elimination, the Senior Troop will come to consist entirely of people whose interest in Scouting is active and genuine.

A.G.A.

CRICKET

Matches played, 13. Won, 4. Drawn, 5. Lost, 4.

THE season has been a fairly successful one. In the School matches, Radley and St. Paul's were comfortably beaten, the Westminster match was drawn, and we lost to Bradfield, who defeated us in a low scoring match, and to Oundle in the last over, after a declaration. Packe proved himself a veritable Rock of Gibraltar to the side, and his scores were amazingly consistent. Blois came on wonderfully during the last three weeks, but his scores would have been materially increased had he not ambled up and down the wicket. Lucas only occasionally showed glimpses of his true form; Hawker lost confidence and with it some glorious off-side shots, but employed the Fabian weapon to some purpose in two matches. Napier sometimes batted very well, but a length ball on the leg stump was always liable to produce a queer cross bat stroke which generally resulted in a situation not to be ignored by the umpire. Smith played two glorious innings at Westminster: but thereafter he was inclined to forget that footwork is essential. Nevertheless he played some very useful knocks. The rest of the batting was unconvincing, though Bourne shows distinct promise. The bowling suffered also from inconsistency. Ling was erratic; Tweedy never quite fulfilled the promise of the Radley match, though he was a most unlucky bowler; Smith bowled off-spinners steadily and Blois occasionally produced an effective ball, particularly the one that runs away with his arm. Packe, however, was again the mainstay, and bowled consistently well: it was unfortunate that Lucas was unable to bowl in the later matches owing to a back injury. The fielding was generally good, Packe, Lucas and Smith being brilliant: but there were two or three of the more elderly of the side for whom it was difficult to provide adequately. Mallett showed great promise as a wicket keeper.

The 2nd XI has played 4 matches, drawing 1 and losing 3. H. D. Nelson Smith captained the side, for whom he and Chapple were the most successful bats. Macoun and Davidson shared the bowling honours. The results were disappointing, considering the paper strength of the side.

The 3rd XI played two matches against Radley, winning both. Browne, Hutton-Attenborough, Roberts and Prittie all batted well, and Leatham was by far the most successful bowler.

The Colts XI had quite a successful season, winning 3 and drawing 3. Krabbé and Buchanan proved themselves the most consistent bowlers, while Ling mi, Goldschmidt and Thwaites at times bowled steadily.

Buchanan, Poyntz and Goldschmidt have all batted well, while Henderson mi and Ling were responsible for putting on 34 runs for the last wicket to win the match against Wellington.

STOWE v. THE MASTERS.

Owing to rain, the match gained the distinction of being a three day fixture, and a close game was ensured. The School started well, Macpherson and Lucas putting on 47 for the 1st wicket. A slight slump ensued, but thanks to some well directed hitting by Boulter and Foreman, who put on 39 runs for the last wicket without succumbing, a more or less respectable total was reached. For the Masters, Mr. Capel Cure and Mr. Hankinson added 77 runs for the second wicket, and paved the way for a four wicket victory. The School catching was deplorable: Ling bowled well, without much luck. Result.—The School lost by 4 wickets.

THE SCHOOL.		THE MASTER'S XI.	
P. B. Lucas, c Hankinson, b Skene....	27	W. E. Capel Cure, st Boulter, b Packe..	49
C. J. Macpherson, c Capel Cure, b Kinvig	20	J. N. Dudley (sub.), b Lucas.....	3
R. J. Packe, c Hankinson, b Skene....	10	J. T. Hankinson, c Ling, b Packe.....	75
J. M. Napier, lbw, b Kinvig.....	0	H. V. G. Kinvig, c & b Packe.....	5
S. J. H. Sherrard, lbw, b Hanbury Tracy	16	A. G. Archer, c Boulter, b Packe.....	6
A. A. Hawker, lbw, b Archer.....	18	R. W. Skene, c Packe, b Smith.....	23
P. H. G. Smith, run out.....	24	C. R. Spencer, c Blois, b Packe.....	0
J. D. Blois, b Skene.....	7	C. Hanbury Tracy, b Smith.....	3
J. T. Foreman, not out.....	18	J. C. Saunders, b Smith.....	1
F. A. H. Ling, c Hankinson, b Skene....	3	K. F. F. Ranken, not out.....	0
R. B. Boulter, not out.....	22	M. D. Prain did not bat.	
Extras	6	Extras	10
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	171	Total	175

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Archer	10	3	20	1	Lucas	7	1	26	1
Kinvig	24	5	52	2	Ling	6	0	22	0
Hankinson	8	0	27	0	Packe	11	0	57	5
Skene	15	5	27	4	Blois	3	1	10	0
Ranken	8	1	16	0	Smith	6.4	1	32	3
Hanbury Tracy..	5	0	17	1	Foreman	2	0	18	0
Prain	3	0	6	0					

STOWE v. M.C.C. Match Drawn.

Stowe, 101 for 3 wickets (Lucas 56 not out, Macpherson 26).

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Match won by 77 runs.

The School again won the toss and batted on a softish wicket. Not enough advantage, however, was taken of the easy state of the wicket and of the fact that the bowlers were handicapped for some time by a wet ball. Apart from Packe, who batted very nicely indeed for his runs, showing both enterprise and a variety of strokes, the School batting was moderate, and it was again left to the last pair to make the score look slightly presentable. When the Foresters went in, however, the School showed excellent form. The fielding was keen and there was a look of sparkle about the whole side which was most gratifying. Ling, if inclined to be erratic, was too much for the opposition, and returned the excellent figures of 8 for 45. The Foresters were out in an hour and 55 minutes for 77, the School winning an easy victory.

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STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas, c Master, b Nevill.....	1
C. J. Macpherson, b Mews.....	14
R. J. Packe, b Trasenster.....	37
J. M. Napier, c & b Trasenster.....	1
A. A. Hawker, b Skene.....	15
P. H. G. Smith, c Skene, b Priestman..	17
S. J. H. Sherrard, lbw, b Skene.....	22
J. D. Blois, run out.....	9
J. T. Foreman, b Priestman.....	9
R. B. Boulter, b Trasenster.....	18
F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	9
Extras	2
Total	154

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Skene	14	0	41	2
Nevill	8	1	18	1
Trasenster	16.5	3	39	3
Mews	7	0	21	1
Young	4	1	9	0
Priestman	11	3	24	2

FREE FORESTERS.	
C. H. D. Bartley, c Macpherson, b Lucas	0
K. I. Nicholl, c Macpherson, b Lucas..	12
H. A. J. Parsons, c Smith, b Ling.....	1
G. D. Young, b Ling.....	2
C. A. R. Nevill, b Ling.....	0
G. S. Willis, c Foreman, b Ling.....	17
B. Mews, c Sherrard, b Ling.....	15
W. A. Trasenster, c & b Ling.....	1
R. W. Skene, c Packe, b Ling.....	12
J. H. T. Priestman, not out.....	8
G. Master, b Ling.....	0
Extras	9
Total	77

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	15	7	19	2
Ling	18	3	45	8
Packe	3	1	4	0

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Bradfield on June 1st.

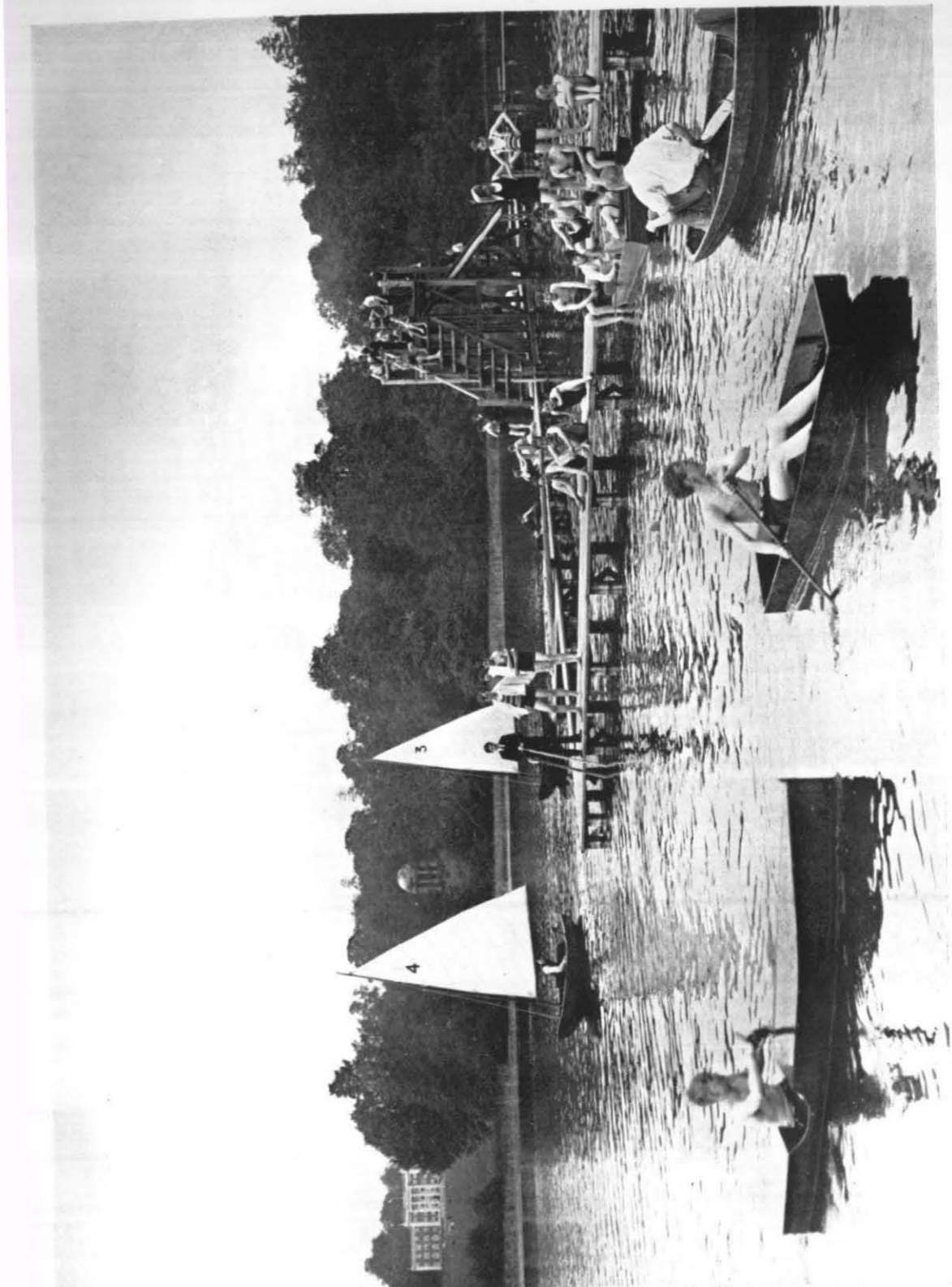
Bradfield won the toss and by lunch time had lost 4 wickets for 67. Four more wickets fell for 30 runs and then the last two wickets were allowed to add 33 runs. Ling bowled erratically, and of the others Packe was the steadiest. Our batting failed badly: Smith, after a shaky start, settled down and hit the ball hard on the inside. Blois, after an even shakier start, batted pluckily and played the leg-break bowler better than anyone. Foreman looked safe until he produced two of the worst shots ever seen—off the second of which he succumbed. The rest is silence. Bradfield deserved to win because they seized their opportunities and worked hard in the field.

BRADFIELD.	
R. P. Wright, lbw, b Ling.....	77
E. T. R. Bennett, b Ling.....	1
J. L. F. Gray, c Sherrard, b Ling.....	4
P. F. Hughes, lbw, b Packe.....	22
G. J. C. Washington, lbw, b Packe.....	3
M. S. Hurst, b Ling.....	4
R. N. Rayne, c Blois, b Packe.....	7
J. Osborne, b Ling.....	7
N. S. Hunter, b Ling.....	0
M. C. C. Higgins, not out.....	0
J. K. Forte, c Smith, b Ling.....	0
Extras	9
Total	134

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	12	4	17	0
Ling	24.2	5	49	7
Packe	21	8	31	3
Blois	2	0	4	0
Bourne	6	1	15	0
Smith	4	2	9	0

STOWE.	
C. J. Macpherson, c Rayne, b Higgins..	3
P. B. Lucas, c Higgins, b Hughes.....	10
R. J. Packe, c Hurst, b Hughes.....	8
P. H. G. Smith, c & b Osborne.....	25
A. A. Hawker, b Hughes.....	0
S. J. H. Sherrard, c Higgins, b Hughes..	0
J. D. Blois, not out.....	25
J. H. Bourne, c Gray, b Hughes.....	0
J. T. Foreman, st Hunter, b Higgins....	14
R. B. Boulter, run out.....	1
F. A. H. Ling, st Hunter, b Higgins....	0
Extras	13
Total	99

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Forte	4	1	8	0
Hughes	21	10	25	5
Higgins	16.1	2	42	3
Osborne	5	2	7	1
Hurst	4	2	4	0

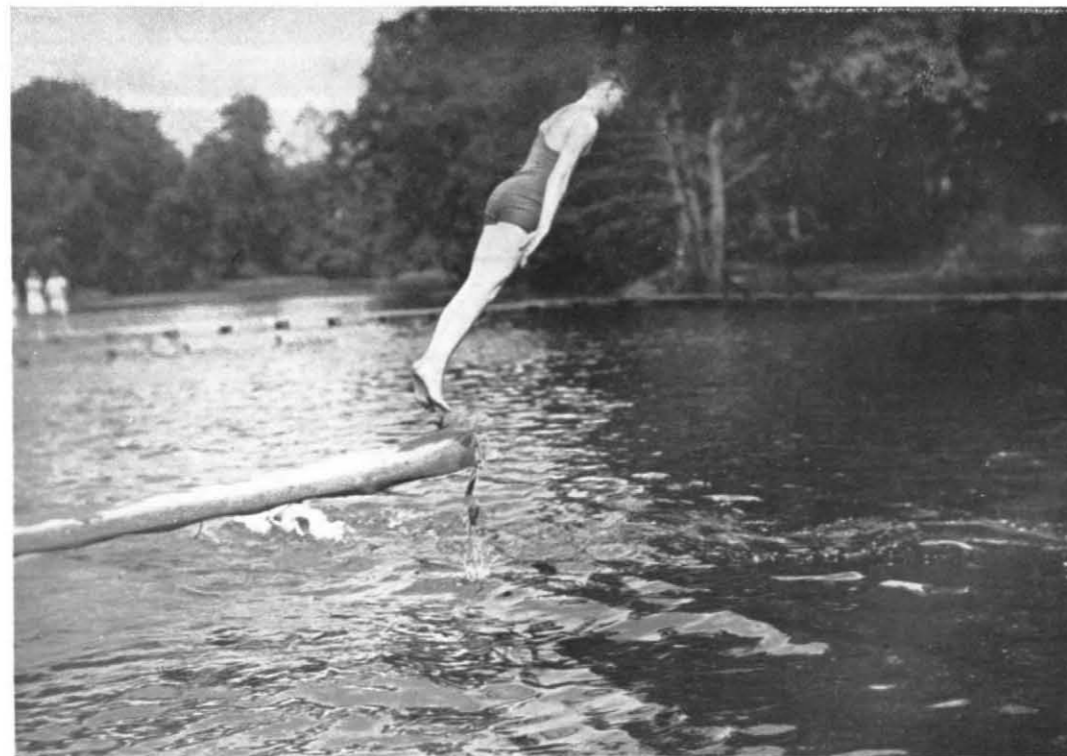


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LAKE BATHING.



A. N. BALFOUR BATTING FOR THE OLD STOICS (2ND XI.) AGAINST THE SCHOOL (JULY 2ND).



OFF THE SPRING BOARD.

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Stowe on June 4th.

Although Radley batted first on a plumb wicket they were out in just over an hour, thanks to some good bowling by Tweedy and Ling and to some first class fielding. For Stowe, Smith and Packe batted really well and brought the score up to 132: the rest of the batting was deplorable. It was ridiculous that no one should have taken advantage of the state of the game and the wicket by indulging in some batting practice in the open. Instead of which a Summer madness seemed to settle on the batsmen, which resulted in a plethora of the most ill-executed strokes.

RADLEY.		STOWE.	
H. P. Dinwiddy, c Foreman, b Tweedy..	2	C. J. Macpherson, c Hamersley, b	
J. C. Guy, b Ling.....	19	Dinwiddy	5
P. H. Birks, lbw, b Lucas.....	7	P. B. Lucas, lbw, b Stubbs.....	7
E. F. A. Royds, lbw, b Tweedy.....	14	R. J. Packe, st Lycett, b Dinwiddy....	69
G. P. Stubbs, b Ling.....	2	P. H. G. Smith, c Dinwiddy, b Wallis..	47
P. S. Hunter, b Tweedy.....	17	A. A. Hawker, lbw, b Dinwiddy.....	1
D. H. C. Borgins, c Boulter, b Tweedy..	0	S. J. H. Sherrard, lbw, b Mackenzie....	0
C. J. Mackenzie, c Macpherson, b Ling..	0	J. D. Blois, b Mackenzie.....	0
R. H. B. Hamersley, c Sherrard, b Ling..	3	J. T. Foreman, b Mackenzie.....	3
P. N. L. Lycett, not out.....	2	R. B. Boulter, b Dinwiddy.....	7
R. C. T. Wallis, b Tweedy.....	1	F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	2
		B. Tweedy, c Dinwiddy, b Mackenzie..	2
		Extras	3
Extras	1	Total	154
Total	68		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	6	2	13	1
Tweedy	12.5	2	27	5
Ling	7	1	26	4

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stubbs	12	4	28	1
Wallis	13	2	25	1
Dinwiddy	17	7	33	4
Mackenzie	21	6	35	4
Birks	8	1	21	0
Guy.....	3	0	7	0

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Westminster on June 8th and 9th.

The wicket was quicker than any we had experienced before, but there was no life in it and winning the toss gave no material benefit. At lunch the score was 68 for 3, with both Smith and Packe batting well. Packe was out at 134 and then Hawker and Smith took the score very rapidly to 200, both batting beautifully. The new ball, in the hands of Brown, dealt death, and 215 was a very disappointing total after the score had been 200 for 4. Nevertheless it was a very good and startling bowling performance. For Stowe, Packe bowled very well, and 139 for 8, when stumps were drawn, was quite satisfactory, even though the last pair had been in for 20 minutes. Starting again at 10.30 on Thursday, the last 2 wickets again took time to dismiss, but we were left with a useful lead of 66. The play before lunch was slow, Macpherson taking over an hour for his 20: nevertheless it rendered Stowe safe from defeat. After lunch Stowe lost their chance: every ball should have been hit at, after time to settle down had been taken, and Smith did his share nobly. Packe, however, after a quick start, got slower and slower as he neared his century and by delaying his declaration, ensured that unless anything startling occurred Westminster were safe. What had been a great innings before lunch degenerated sadly, when it was obvious that in the interests of the side runs should be obtained irrespective of how and where. Westminster easily played out time, Angelo contributing a good 100, although he was missed more than once behind the wicket.

STOWE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C. J. Macpherson, lbw, b Brown.....	2	c Alderson, b Grace.....	20
J. M. Napier, st Matthews, b Johnson..	11	b Aggar	1
R. J. Packe, c Grace, b Johnson.....	71	c Hebblethwaite, b Brown.....	97
P. B. Lucas, b Johnson.....	0	not out	75
P. H. G. Smith, not out.....	70		
A. A. Hawker, b Brown.....	38		
J. D. Blois, b Brown.....	0		
J. T. Foreman, lbw, b Brown.....	4		
R. B. Boulter, b Brown.....	0		
B. Tweedy, b Brown.....	0		
F. A. H. Ling, b Brown.....	0		
Extras	19	Extras	13
Total	215	Total (for 3 wkts. dec.)..	206

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Aggar	23	6	60	0
Brown	19	9	25	7
Johnson	22	4	65	3
Angelo	6	2	18	0
Grace	10	2	28	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	20.1	6	66	1
Aggar	15	6	39	1
Johnson	14	4	37	0
Angelo	3	0	15	0
Grace	8	2	36	1

WESTMINSTER.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
A. C. Johnson, lbw, b Tweedy.....	4	c & b Tweedy.....	2
M. H. Matthews, b Lucas.....	7	lbw, b Packe.....	26
R. H. Angelo, c Boulter, b Lucas.....	3	not out.....	101
I. K. Munro, lbw, b Packe.....	34	not out.....	28
J. F. Turner, b Packe.....	38		
J. Alderson, c & b Packe.....	28		
E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, b Smith.....	2		
J. C. Bune, lbw, b Packe.....	4		
R. A. J. Aggar, not out.....	11		
E. N. Grace, b Smith.....	11		
T. W. Brown, lbw, b Packe.....	0		
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	149	Total (for 2 wkts.)..	159

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	8	2	27	2
Tweedy	13	2	32	1
Packe	23	5	49	5
Ling	7	1	24	0
Smith	13	6	10	2

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	9	1	19	0
Tweedy	13.1	0	46	1
Smith	5	1	17	0
Packe	9	1	30	1
Blois	6	1	19	0
Ling	7	0	26	0

STOWE v. OXFORD AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 11th.

The school were unlucky enough to bat on a wicket so affected by rain that the fast bowlers could make the ball jump alarmingly. Napier alone showed any confidence and really batted well for his runs.

STOWE.

C. J. Macpherson, c Tindall, b Waddy..	0
A. A. Hawker, b Mason.....	12
R. J. Packe, run out.....	18
P. H. G. Smith, b Seddon.....	5
J. M. Napier, c Shawner, b Richards....	23
P. B. Lucas, c Gordon-Walker, b Waddy	4
J. N. W. Dudley, c Moss, b Waddy....	1
J. T. Foreman, b Richards.....	6
A. E. de la T. Mallett, c Mason, b Richards	5
B. Tweedy, not out.....	7
F. A. H. Ling, c Waddy, b Richards....	9
Extras	8
Total	98

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Waddy	14	4	22	3
Mason	7	2	18	1
Seddon	7	3	16	1
Richards	11	3	32	4

AUTHENTICS.

E. H. Moss, b Ling.....	33
J. L. Mendl, c Foreman, b Tweedy....	9
C. J. Fletcher, not out.....	73
J. G. Richards, b Ling.....	3
J. S. O. Haslewood, st Mallett, b Packe..	3
A. Shawner, c Hawker, b Ling.....	22
R. Gordon-Walker, lbw, b Ling.....	3
B. B. Waddy, c Mallett, b Smith.....	3
R. G. Tindall, C. Mason, N. R. Seddon	did not bat.
Extras	4
Total (for 7 wkts.)..	153

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	4	0	18	0
Tweedy	4	0	18	1
Ling	13	0	58	4
Packe	12	0	53	1
Smith	0.3	0	2	1

STOWE v. CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on June 15th.

It was a good performance on the part of the School to get their opponents out for 208 after they had at one time been 150 for 1. Packe bowled very well and thoroughly deserved his analysis. Tweedy bowled with no luck, frequently beating both the bat and the wicket. For the School, Macpherson showed a welcome return of form and Packe again showed what a tower of strength he is to the batting.

CHRIST CHURCH.

A. Benn, b Tweedy.....	26
A. J. R. Collins, b Packe.....	70
D. Stevens, c Packe, b Tweedy.....	78
R. G. Dyson, lbw, b Packe.....	2
C. G. Ford, c Smith, b Packe.....	2
F. M. Dyson, b Packe.....	1
W. H. Vesty, lbw, b Packe.....	0
Lord Hopetown, st Mallett, b Packe....	1
C. A. Vaughan-Lee, b Packe.....	17
I. I. Milne, b Packe.....	2
The Very Rev. Harrison Thornton, D.D.,	not out
Extras	9
Total	208

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	5	2	15	0
Tweedy	24	3	68	2
Ling	13	0	49	0
Packe	15.3	4	40	8
Smith	5	0	27	0

STOWE.

C. J. Macpherson, c Benn, b Hopetown..	59
A. A. Hawker, c Thornton, b Ford.....	4
P. H. G. Smith, c & b Hopetown.....	10
R. J. Packe, not out.....	35
J. M. Napier, lbw, b Hopetown.....	0
P. B. Lucas, not out.....	14
J. N. W. Dudley, J. T. Foreman, A. E.	de la T. Mallett, B. Tweedy, F. A. H.
Ling did not bat.	
Extras	15
Total (for 4 wkts.)..	137

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ford	10	1	44	1
Benn	10	3	25	0
Dyson	5	1	12	0
Hopetown	12	3	14	3
Stevens	7	0	27	0

STOWE v. INCOGNITI. Played at Stowe on July 6th.

On Packe winning the toss, Napier and Lucas made a good start, although Lucas was not quite so happy against the fast bowler. The rest of the batting was encouraging, everybody playing straight and with more confidence. Blois played a very pretty innings. The School bowling was steady, Blois and Smith especially keeping a good length, and it was a pity that we were unable to obtain the last wicket.

STOWE.		INCOGNITI.	
P. B. Lucas, c Nicholson, b Horsley....	50	Capt. Briukman, st Mallett, b Packe....	26
J. M. Napier, b McCaughey.....	14	H. G. Nicolson, c Ling, b Tweedy.....	1
R. J. Packe, c Hughes, b McCaughey..	3	G. B. Speed, c Packe, b Smith.....	43
A. A. Hawker, b Gilbert.....	1	L. H. Gilbert, b Smith.....	12
P. H. G. Smith, c Nicolson, b Horsley..	25	H. O. Hughes, b Smith.....	12
J. D. Blois, c Gilbert, b McCaughey....	53	Major Earle, b Blois.....	2
H. A. L. Chapple, c Nicolson, b Gilbert..	0	G. Crauford-Benson, c Smith, b Blois..	0
J. H. Bourne, lbw, b McCaughey.....	18	J. N. W. Dudley (sub.), c Smith, b Blois	4
B. Tweedy, not out.....	1	L. McCaughey, lbw, b Packe.....	38
A. E. de la T. Mallett, c Nicolson, b McCaughey	4	T. L. Allen, not out.....	22
F. A. H. Ling, b Gilbert.....	0	B. H. Horsley, not out.....	0
Extras	20	Extras	6
Total	189	Total (for 9 wkts.)..	166

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Gilbert	19	1	56	3	Tweedy	8	2	26	1
Hughes	8	2	21	0	Ling	7	0	37	0
McCaughey	19	6	39	5	Packe	8	0	36	2
Crauford-Benson	3	0	12	0	Blois	16	4	33	3
Speed	1	0	2	0	Smith	8	2	17	3
Horsley	8	2	35	2	Bourne	1	0	11	0

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Oundle on July 9th.

This produced a very close finish, Oundle obtaining the runs in the last over, after Packe had declared. The School made a disastrous start, Macpherson and Lucas being back for 10 runs. By lunch, however, Packe and Hawker, by careful cricket, had brought the score up to 70 with no further loss. Hawker was out afterwards for an extremely useful 25, but apart from Packe, who batted splendidly and had really bad luck in not obtaining his century, this being his third innings in the nineties, the rest of the batting was not convincing until Blois came in and played a really good innings. The Oundle bowling was extremely steady, but valuable runs were lost by bad running, Blois in particular offending. The tea interval coming unexpectedly at 4 o'clock, Packe declared, leaving Oundle plenty of time to get the runs should things go well for them. The rest of the match was intensely interesting. Too many loose balls were bowled, but thanks to good fielding and two superb catches by Hawker and Smith, Oundle needed 14 to win, with 3 wickets to fall and 7 minutes to go. Then Packe obtained another wicket with a really brilliant one handed caught and bowled, and the game was anyone's. Had a sharp chance been accepted at short leg off the next ball, we might have won, but the runs were then hit off with 4 balls to go. Mention must be made of Lucas's brilliant fielding at cover.

STOWE.		OUNDLE.	
P. B. Lucas, b Fyfe.....	5	G. B. Teen, run out.....	43
C. J. Macpherson, b Field.....	0	R. G. Raymond, c Bourne, b Tweedy..	0
R. J. Packe, lbw, b Fyfe.....	90	D. E. Field, c Mallett, b Blois.....	21
A. A. Hawker, c & b Chase.....	25	K. C. Fyfe, c Hawker, b Packe.....	49
J. M. Napier, lbw, b Fyfe.....	3	G. H. G. Chase, b Blois.....	48
P. H. G. Smith, b Fyfe.....	21	J. C. Wykes, st Mallett, b Smith	11
J. D. Blois, not out.....	52	J. L. Teall, c Smith, b Packe	8
J. H. Bourne, not out.....	3	J. Vredenburg, not out.....	20
A. E. de la T. Mallet, F. A. H. Ling and B. Tweedy did not bat.		J. C. White, c & b Packe.....	0
		C. R. H. M. Stuart, not out.....	6
		A. D. Newsholme did not bat.	
Extras	13	Extras	9
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)..	212	Total (for 8 wkts.)..	215

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Fyfe	24	9	40	4	Ling	8	3	24	0
Field	24	5	56	1	Tweedy	7	0	35	1
Stuart.....	17	6	21	0	Blois	13	2	43	2
Newsholme	7	1	20	0	Smith	14	1	52	1
Chase	8	0	31	1	Packe.....	13.2	3	52	3
White.....	6	2	19	0					
Raymond	2	0	12	0					

STOWE v. CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on July 16th.

This match was unfortunately spoilt by rain, the School having to bowl with a wet ball in a steady drizzle. Hawker and Smith batted steadily, while Blois produced some glorious shots, and made his runs quickly. Gadney compiled a very attractive and quick 41 for the Cryptics, but the game ended in a draw, stumps being pulled up half-an-hour before the proper time.

STOWE.		CRYPTICS.	
A. E. de la T. Mallett, lbw, b Legard ..	1	J. F. M. Lightley, lbw, b Lucas.....	16
P. B. Lucas, b Evers.....	21	B. C. Gadney, b Blois.....	41
A. A. Hawker, c Evers, b Mitchell.....	60	J. G. Richards, not out.....	31
P. H. G. Smith, b Mitchell.....	33	T. D. Mitchell, not out.....	28
C. J. Macpherson, c Legard, b Frost....	2	W. R. Evers, G. V. Pearce, E. F. Power, J. G. Frost, D. C. G. Raikes, J. G. Fawcus and A. R. Legard did not bat.	
J. M. Napier, c Raikes, b Legard.....	16		
J. D. Blois, b Frost.....	58		
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Mitchell, b Legard	5		
J. H. Bourne, c Raikes, b Evers.....	8		
F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	13		
B. Tweedy, c Legard, b Frost.....	6		
Extras	10	Extras	5
Total	233	Total (for 2 wkts.)..	121

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Legard	25	10	39	3	Lucas	7	0	17	1
Richards	13	6	18	0	Tweedy	5	0	38	0
Evers	17	2	78	2	Blois	6	0	35	1
Frost	15.5	4	26	3	Ling	5	0	23	0
Pearce	8	1	25	0	Smith	1	0	3	0
Mitchell	12	4	37	2					

1ST XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Not outs	Runs	Highest Score	Average.
R. J. Packe ...	13	1	606	97	50.50
P. H. G. Smith ...	14	2	427	75*	35.58
J. D. Blois ...	10	2	230	58	28.75
P. B. Lucas ...	14	2	280	56*	23.33
A. A. Hawker ...	14	2	254	60	21.17
J. H. Bourne ...	5	2	45	18	15.00
R. B. Boulter ...	6	1	69	22*	13.80
C. J. Macpherson ...	12	0	156	59	13.00
J. T. Foreman ...	8	2	65	18	10.82
J. M. Napier ...	13	0	123	29	9.46
F. A. H. Ling ...	9	3	40	13*	6.67
B. Tweedy ...	5	2	16	7*	5.53

Also batted:—H. A. L. Chapple, 33*, 2, 0; A. E. de la T. Mallett, 5, 4, 1; and J. N. W. Dudley, 1, 6*, 0*.

(* not out).

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average.
R. J. Packe ...	161.5	39	461	36	12.81
F. A. H. Ling ...	161.4	24	553	29	19.04
P. H. G. Smith ...	82.1	19	230	12	19.17
J. D. Blois ...	78	13	240	11	21.82
B. Tweedy ...	119	13	384	16	24.00

Also bowled:—P. B. Lucas, 98—22—258—8—32.25.

The following are the results of the 2nd XI and Colts' matches:—

May 21st.	COLTS v. ST. PAUL'S COLTS, at Stowe. Result: Won by 9 wickets and 11 runs. Scores: St. Paul's 51 (Langley 5 for 8); Stowe 62 for 1.
June 4th.	2ND XI. v. RADLEY 2ND XI., at Radley. Result: Lost. Scores: Radley 154 for 5 declared; Stowe 35.
June 4th.	COLTS v. HARROW COLTS, at Harrow. Result: Won by 1 wicket and 1 run. Scores: Harrow 141 (Thwaites 5 for 23); Stowe 142 for 9.

June 4th.	3RD XI. v. RADLEY 3RD XI., at Stowe. Result: Won. Scores: Stowe 87 (Browne 42 not out); Radley 64 (Leatham 7 for 24).
June 18th.	2ND XI. v. ST. PAUL'S 2ND XI., at St. Paul's. Result: Draw. Scores: Stowe 163 for 3 declared (Chapple 66, Nelson Smith 46); St. Paul's 67 for 8 (Davidson 3 for 36).
June 22nd.	COLTS v. RADLEY COLTS, at Radley. Result: Draw. Scores: Radley 119 for 8 (Krabbé 6 for 35); Stowe 104 for 9 (Goldschmidt 52).
June 25th.	COLTS v. WELLINGTON COLTS, at Stowe. Result: Won. Scores: Wellington 120 (Krabbé 5 for 70); Stowe 124 (Poyntz 33, Tweedale 21).
June 28th.	COLTS v. ETON, at Eton. Result: Draw. Scores: Eton 183; Stowe 70 for 7 (Tweedale 24).
July 2nd.	2ND XI. v. OLD STOICS, at Stowe. Result: Lost. Scores: Old Stoics 165 (A. M. Balfour 55 not out); Stowe 107.
July 9th.	2ND XI. v. BEDFORD 2ND XI., at Stowe. Result: Lost. Scores: Bedford 133; Stowe 119 (Foreman 41).
July 9th.	COLTS v. BRADFIELD COLTS, at Bradfield. Result: Draw. Scores: Bradfield 217 for 7 declared; Stowe 125 for 7 (Poyntz 41).
July 9th.	3RD XI. v. RADLEY 3RD XI., at Radley. Result: Won. Scores: Radley 171 (Leatham 4 for 36, Ellis 4 for 33); Stowe 227 (Hutton-Attenborough 41, Prittie 44, Collins-Lewis 34).

LEAGUES, 1932.

The Leagues produced an extremely close struggle. No house was outstandingly good and right up to the end of the final day's play, the issue lay in doubt between Chatham, Temple and Grafton, all of whom were playing in the final round. As none of them were playing one another, each of the nine games on the Bourbon might have had an effect on the final results.

The final placings were:—

1.	Grafton	...	...	...	...	...	47
2.	Temple	...	...	...	...	...	46
3.	Chatham	...	...	...	...	...	45
4.	Chandos	...	...	...	...	...	40
5.	Bruce	...	...	...	...	...	38
6.	Cobham	...	...	...	...	...	28
7.	Grenville	...	...	...	...	...	6

LAWN TENNIS

At the start of the term it seemed that the lawn tennis VI would be very weak, but in spite of this D. A. T. Carson, the Captain of the side, decided to play a boy's VI in all the matches, instead of relying on the help of two or three masters as has always been done in the past against the stronger sides.

This policy has proved to be the right one. The first four matches against club sides were lost, but the experience gained enabled the side to win its two school matches against Westminster and St. Paul's, and also to beat the Old Stoics.

A weak side has, then, developed into a moderate one, and Carson's energy and enthusiasm have been largely responsible for the change. Some of the credit must also be given to Mr. Lucas who has coached, as he always has in the past, with a real understanding of our weaknesses.

There are, at present, no outstanding players in the school, but the general standard is certainly improving. Although we have now more hard courts than we have had in the past, we have been quite unable to cope with the demand for courts. The grass courts will, owing to their position, never be good, but they have been played on continuously. The keenness of the school as a whole upon lawn tennis should certainly lead to a higher standard of play in the future.

A short account of the matches is given below.

Wed. Stowe v. Keble College, Oxford. Away.
May 18th. Keble won by 5 matches to 1 (unfinished).

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} beat 1st pair, 6—0, 7—5. lost to 2nd pair, 3—6, 2—6.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson C. W. Banbury	} lost to 2nd pair, 4—6, 1—6. lost to 3rd pair, 1—6, 4—6.
3rd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes P. Bosanquet	} lost to 1st pair, 3—6, 6—4, 2—6. lost to 3rd pair, 3—6, 2—6.

Sat. Stowe v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. At Stowe.
May 21st. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. won by 5 matches to 1 (unfinished).

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} lost to 1st pair, 11—9, 3—6, 4—6. lost to 3rd pair, 6—8, 2—6.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson J. C. Dundas	} lost to 1st pair, 1—6, 2—6. lost to 2nd pair, 8—6, 6—8, 1—6.
3rd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes P. Bosanquet	} beat 2nd pair, 3—6, 6—1, 6—3. lost to 3rd pair, 6—3, 1—6, 4—6.

Sat. Stowe v. Trinity College, Oxford. At Stowe.
May 28th. Trinity College won by 8 matches to 1.

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} lost to 1st pair, 4—6, 6—3, 1—6. lost to 2nd pair, 6—2, 1—6, 3—6. lost to 3rd pair, 6—2, 3—6, 4—6.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson P. Bosanquet	} lost to 1st pair, 3—6, 4—6. beat 2nd pair, 6—3, 4—6, 6—2. lost to 3rd pair, 3—6, 4—6.
3rd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes C. W. Banbury	} lost to 1st pair, 1—6, 4—6. lost to 2nd pair, 2—6, 6—3, 4—6. lost to 3rd pair, 3—6, 4—6.

Wed. Stowe v. Mr. Ellis' Team. At Stowe.
June 1st. Mr. Ellis' Team won by 6 matches to 1 (unfinished).

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} lost to 1st pair, 1—6, 5—7. beat 2nd pair, 6—4, 5—7, 6—4.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson P. Bosanquet	} lost to 1st pair, 4—6, 4—6. lost to 2nd pair, 0—6, 3—6. lost to 3rd pair, 6—1, 3—6, 4—6.
3rd pair.	J. C. Dundas P. R. A. Forbes	} lost to 1st pair, 2—6, 2—6. lost to 3rd pair, 2—6, 2—6.

Thurs. Stowe v. Westminster School. Away.
June 2nd. Stowe won by 7 matches to 2.

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} beat 1st pair, 6—1, 7—5. beat 2nd pair, 6—0, 6—2. beat 3rd pair, 6—1, 6—2.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson P. Bosanquet	} beat 1st pair, 6—1, 6—2. beat 2nd pair, 6—0, 6—2. lost to 3rd pair, 6—1, 4—6, 3—6.
3rd pair.	J. C. Dundas P. R. A. Forbes	} lost to 1st pair, 3—6, 4—6. beat 2nd pair, 8—6, 3—6, 6—4. beat 3rd pair, 6—0, 2—6, 6—0.

Wed. Stowe v. St. Paul's. At Stowe.
June 15th. Stowe won by 5 matches to 3 (1 unfinished).

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	} beat 1st pair, 8—6, 6—3. lost to 2nd pair, 2—6, 10—12. beat 3rd pair, 6—1, 1—6, 6—2.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson P. Bosanquet	} beat 1st pair, 4—6, 7—5, 6—4. lost to 2nd pair, 4—6, 8—6, 5—7. v. 3rd pair, 4—6, 7—5, 3—1 (unfinished).
3rd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes J. C. Dundas	} beat 1st pair, 6—3, 7—5. lost to 2nd pair, 3—6, 2—6. beat 3rd pair, 6—8, 6—3, 6—3.

Sat. Stowe v. Old Stoics. At Stowe.
 July 2nd. Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

1st pair.	C. G. Walton The Viscount Maitland	beat 1st pair, 4-6, 6-4, 9-7. lost to 2nd pair, 3-6, 1-6. beat 3rd pair, 6-0, 6-4.
2nd pair.	D. A. T. Carson P. Bosanquet	beat 1st pair, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5. lost to 2nd pair, 4-6, 8-6, 5-7. beat 3rd pair, 6-0, 6-2.
3rd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes J. C. Dundas	lost to 1st pair, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6. lost to 2nd pair, 6-8, 9-7, 6-8. beat 3rd pair, 6-3, 6-2.

Sat. Stowe 2nd VI v. Old Stoics 2nd VI. At Stowe.
 July 2nd. Stowe 2nd VI won by 5 matches to 4.

	A. F. Weaver G. E. T. Brown	beat 1st pair, 7-5, 6-4. beat 2nd pair, 6-1, 6-3. lost to 3rd pair, 5-7, 6-1, 4-6.
	F. C. Grant L. J. H. Burton	beat 1st pair, 10-8, 6-2. beat 2nd pair, 6-3, 6-3. lost to 3rd pair, 0-6, 3-6.
	E. V. Hopc E. A. F. Widdrington	lost to 1st pair, 5-7, 5-7. lost to 2nd pair, 4-6, 8-6, 3-6. beat 3rd pair, 6-3, 6-4.

The draw for the House matches is given below :—

First Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Chatham Cobham	Chatham (3-0)	Bruce (4-0)	Bruce (3-2)
Bruce Chandos	Bruce (3-0)		
Temple Grafton	Grafton (4-0)	Grenville (3-2)	
	Grenville (Bye)		

MORNINGTON SINGLES CUP.

Browne (6-8; 6-2; 9-7)	Browne (Bye.)	Bfois (6-3; 5-7; 6-1)	Bfois (2-6; 9-7; 6-4)
Bfois (6-1; 6-2)			
Carson (6-3; 6-3)	Bfois (4-6; 6-3; 6-4)		
Walton (6-4; 6-4)	Walton (4-6; 6-2; 10-8)		
Weaver (8-6; 6-2)			
Bosanquet (6-2; 8-6)	Bosanquet (10-6; 6-0)		
Tweedy (6-0; 6-3)		Bosanquet (6-4; 6-4)	

TENNIS LEAGUES.

Lawn tennis leagues have been adopted this term for the first time, and they have proved to be very popular. The tennis leagues, which are run on the same lines as the cricket leagues, are confined to people who have this year represented their houses in neither the cricket, tennis yearlings nor house matches.

The Leagues have been won by Grenville.

SWIMMING

We have been able to make the best use this term of the splendid bathing-place given us by Mrs. Yeats-Thompson. Mr. Blaize, of The Crown, Tingewick, who won the Army Diving and was second in the Quarter-Mile in 1922, has been able to attend every afternoon from 3 o'clock onwards to look after the swimming and give lessons. People have thus been able to bathe when they liked instead of only at one fixed time. This has been very satisfactory, particularly since the weather has been very hot from the beginning of June onwards.

The fastest swimmers this year are not as fast as those of the last three years, but the general average of swimming in the school appears to be much higher than it used to be, owing to the instruction by Mr. Grayson last year and Mr. Blaize this year. The standard of Diving, both among the best divers and among the average divers, is probably higher than it has ever been before. The matches against St. Paul's II, the Old Stoics, and the Otters were all lost by a narrow margin, but we won the match against Westminster. The detailed results of these matches are given below. Of

the Bath Club Public Schools Relay races, all that can be said is that we were not the slowest team there; but St. Paul's, the fastest team, covered the course in 2 mins. 57 secs., against our 3 mins. 45 secs., so we have a long way to go still.

Statistics of the numbers who have now passed the swimming test (100 yds. non-stop) are interesting and suggest definite conclusions about the relative keenness of the various Houses on swimming.

House.	Total Numbers.	Numbers who have tested the Test.	Percentage.
Bruce	82	60	73
Temple	72	51	71
Grenville	67	52	78
Chandos	73	53	73
Cobham	74	50	68
Chatham	71	65	92
Grafton	74	49	66

Chatham thus remains far ahead, as they have been for the last three years.

The Water-Polo has been run by A. W. Genth with great keenness, and there have been many games on Sundays and half-holidays. The standard of play is improving.

R. H. L. Farmer is Captain, and D. B. Egerton is Hon. Secretary of Swimming.

Swimming Colours have been awarded to: R. H. L. Farmer, D. B. Egerton, L. A. McAfee, E. D. Campbell, A. W. Genth, and N. Fisher.

SWIMMING RESULTS.

Sat., June 4th. STOWE v. ST. PAUL'S II. At Stowe. St. Paul's II won by 16½ points to 10½.

100 Yards.	50 Yards.
1st.—R. C. Chope (St. Paul's II).	1st.—D. B. Egerton (Stowe).
2nd.—J. D. Dunlop (St. Paul's II).	2nd.—P. E. N. Sutton (St. Paul's II).
3rd.—N. Fisher (Stowe).	3rd.—E. D. Campbell (Stowe).
4th.—R. H. L. Farmer (Stowe).	4th.—C. Cavanagh (St. Paul's II).

Diving.	Relay.
K. Firth (Stowe) and F. Cavanagh (St. Paul's II), equal.	1st.—St. Paul's II (J. D. Dunlop, J. Plummer, P. E. N. Sutton, R. C. Chope).
	2nd.—Stowe (F. S. B. Gavin, L. J. H. Burton, J. C. Breese, D. B. Egerton).

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE BATH CLUB. June 30th. Twenty competitors.

First.—St. Paul's. (Stowe were 18th, equal).

Team Race: 50 Yards: D. B. Egerton, E. D. Campbell.
100 Yards: N. Fisher, R. H. L. Farmer.

Sat., July 2nd. STOWE v. OLD STOICS. At Stowe. The Old Stoics won by 7 points to 4.

Relay Race: 1st.—Old Stoics (S. R. Copley, M. E. I. Searle, P. H. Heygate, G. M. Stewart-Wallace).

2nd.—Stowe (E. D. Campbell, R. A. Pigot, N. Fisher, R. H. L. Farmer, A. W. Genth and D. B. Egerton).

Diving: 1st.—L. A. McAfee (Stowe).

2nd.—M. E. I. Searle (O.S.).

3rd.—K. Firth (Stowe).

4th.—P. H. Heygate (O.S.)

The Old Stoics won the Water-Polo, 3—1.

Sat., July 9th. STOWE v. THE OTTERS. At Stowe. The Otters won by 20½ points to 16½.

100 Yards (Handicap, 15 secs.)	50 Yards (Handicap, 3 secs.)
1. H. M. Wagstaff.	1. E. W. Larby.
2. S. R. Copley.	2. { C. E. Jackson.
3. W. A. Smith.	{ E. D. Campbell.
4. R. A. Pigot.	4. D. B. Egerton.
Time: 63½ secs.	Time: 29½ secs.

Diving.

1. L. A. McAfee (35 pts. out of 40).

2. K. Firth.

3. C. E. Jackson.

4. E. W. Larby.

Team Race (Handicap, 12 secs.): 1st.—The Otters (W. S. Palin, B. Gordon-Staples, A. Wylie, H. M. Wagstaff).

2nd.—Stowe (A. W. Genth, K. E. Godbold, F. S. B. Gavin, D. B. Egerton).
Time: 2 min. 9½secs.

The Otters won the Water Polo, 8—1.

Tues., July 12th. STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. At Stowe. Stowe won by 21 points to 9.

100 Yards.	50 Yards.
1st.—J. C. Bune.	1st.—E. D. Campbell.
2nd.—D. B. Egerton.	2nd.—V. R. Ivanović.
3rd.—W. A. Smith.	3rd.—D. C. L. Chidell.
4th.—A. H. Baker.	4th.—I. K. Munro.
Time: 77½ secs.	Time: 32 secs.

Diving.

1st.—L. A. McAfee (50 pts.).

2nd.—V. R. Ivanović (48 pts.)

Team Race.

1st.—Stowe (D. C. L. Chidell, D. B. Egerton, W. A. Smith, E. D. Campbell).

2nd.—Westminster (I. K. Munro, A. H. Baker, V. R. Ivanović, J. C. Bune).

Time: 2 mins. 15½ secs.

FENCING

WE have had few matches this term and have spent the time in building up a team for next year. J. L. W. Cheyne has not proved his capacity with all three arms but has shown himself an excellent captain, under whom efficiency and style have increased considerably in the team for 1932-3—probably it will still be here for part at any rate of 1933-4. Besides Cheyne, only two members of the team have had their sixteenth birthdays. At foil, Olver, McClintock, Wright and Thorne; at épée, Thorne and McDougall; at sabre, Firth and the still absent Mansfield promise very well. As there is plenty of talent among those still younger, the future looks bright.

In the Public School Fencing Competition held in London last April, A. R. W. Stansfeld was runner-up at foil and J. L. W. Cheyne at sabre. Stowe had four representatives (Stansfeld, Lilley, Cheyne and McClintock) in the semi-final pools of the foil, and Wright was only prevented by a 'barrage' from adding himself to their number.

In the University épée match, this year, four of the ten combatants were Old Stoics. The Marquis de Amodio, F. J. Walter and B. R. S. Houghton (captain) fought for Oxford and H. D. H. Bartlett for Cambridge. Oxford won, the three Old Stoics in the Dark Blue team beating the Light Blues with their own score.

W. R. L. Thorne won the School épée cup after a hard tussle with J. L. W. Cheyne and J. A. Hunter.

J. L. W. Cheyne has kindly presented three cork 'planches' to the Club: this will greatly improve practice-space at Concord.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE GROSVENOR FENCING CLUB.

Once again the holders of the Savage Shield afforded us invaluable training for that competition by sending down a team to Stowe at Whitsuntide, on May 14th. Our very young school team put up an excellent show against a strong and generously audacious Club side. Had the old odd-hit rule, so kind to the beginner, been still in force we might have got nearer than 11—16. As it is the score can be counted creditable. Thorne fought best and was the only one to defeat Francis, while Cheyne shared a double-hit with the international, Pelling.

The score is given in defeats, as a decisive double-hit at épée means a loss to each side.

Score:—

Grosvenor Fencing Club:—A. E. Pelling and H. Francis, 1 defeat each; J. Ellis, 2 defeats; E. Hopkins, 3 defeats; R. Bell, 4 defeats. Total, 11.

Stowe:—W. R. L. Thorne, 2 defeats; J. L. W. Cheyne and W. O. Churchill, 3 defeats each; N. C. McClintock and J. A. Hunter, 4 defeats each. Total, 16.

THE SCHOOL *v.* MARQUESS DE AMODIO'S TEAM.

On May 18th we met a scratch team brought over by our first captain and consisting of himself and another O.S. blue, F. J. Walter, with other not so strong swordsmen. Cheyne did well, his odd-hit win at foil over de Amodio being particularly meritorious, and Thorne fought well at épée. Otherwise the holidays, lack of practice and some measure of ill-luck were responsible for an adverse decision by a single fight.



WORK ON THE PALLADIAN TENNIS COURTS.

THE SAILING CLUB—STOWE *v.* HARROW, MAY 28TH.



A MUSIC-PARTY, 1733.

Frederick, Prince of Wales, playing the cello, and his sisters, the Princesses Anne, playing the harpsichord, Caroline playing the lute, and Amelia seated, listening; in the Gardens of Kew Palace.

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Score :—

Foils.—*Marquess de Amodio's Team* :—Marquess de Amodio and C. A. Whitney-Smith, 2 wins each ; J. Foster Barham, 1. Total, 5.

Stowe :—J. L. W. Cheyne, 3 wins ; N. C. McClintock, 1 ; S. J. L. Olver, 0. Total, 4.

Epée.—*Marquess de Amodio's Team* : F. J. Walter, 3 wins ; C. A. Whitney-Smith, 1 ; J. Foster Barham, 1. Total, 4.

Stowe.—W. R. L. Thorne, 2 wins ; J. L. W. Cheyne and W. O. Churchill, 1 each. Total, 4.

THE SAVAGE SHIELD.

It was unfortunate that, after a bye in the first round, we drew the most distinguished 'salle d'armes' in London, in the second. The London Fencing Club's team of four, besides its captain, numbered two British and one Belgian international. Hunter scored our only win, though four other fights went to 1 all.

Team.—J. L. W. Cheyne, J. A. Hunter, W. R. L. Thorne, W. O. Churchill.

THE SCHOOL v. HARROW.

At Harrow on July 5th our new foil team did very creditably to win by a considerable margin against a robust if not exceptional school team. Cheyne, in the opening bout was taken to the last hit by the Harrow captain, Colville, who only just failed to reach the final pool of the public schools championship in April. Both Olver and Wright won their matches in the first series and all these three looked better than their opposite numbers throughout the match. McClintock was not so successful because he lacked aggressiveness. He has a very sound parry ; but his ugly stance cramps his lunge and he is far too little on the offensive. It was, perhaps, ill-luck for him that he came up first against Armstrong, by far the best stylist in the Harrow side.

Score :—

Stowe :—J. L. W. Cheyne, 4 wins ; S. J. L. Olver and J. G. Wright, 3 each ; N. C. McClintock, 1. Total, 11.

Harrow :—J. R. Colville and M. J. Armstrong, 2 wins each ; P. T. Stancliffe, 1 ; B. Talbot Ponsoby, 0. Total, 5.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS, 1932

At the Public Schools Championships, held at Stamford Bridge on April 1st and 2nd, Stowe for the third year in succession provided a winner, for following on D. E. C. Trench's success in the Mile in 1930 and H. E. Hope's record Quarter-Mile in 1931, A. R. P. Ellis this year won Throwing the Javelin. (He has also since then won the Southern District Championship of England, an excellent performance, and been placed third in the Junior A.A.A. Championships.)

In the One Mile, E. V. Hope was fourth and should improve on this next year. D. E. Frean reached the Final of the Hurdles, but fell at the eighth hurdle, when running fourth ; the conditions were very bad and the turf sodden. He was also placed sixth in the Long Jump, in which event R. G. Atkinson also reached the Final. Atkinson won his first-round heat of the Quarter-Mile, but he did not survive to the Final.

RELAY RACES 1932

The Relay Races were run on March 29th, in pouring rain and on a sodden track. Consequently the times were on the whole slow. Chandos with a well-balanced team won, while Temple, in spite of their lack of sprinters, made a strong bid and finished second. The attached table shows the full results.

	Time.	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	
4—100's	49½ secs.	...	0	5	3	6	1	2	4
4—220's	1 min. 51⅝ secs.	...	2	0	4	3	5	1	6
4—440's	4 mins. 8⅝ secs.	...	6	2	1	4	5	3	0
4—880's	9 mins. 45 secs.	...	4	6	3	5	0	1	2
Composite Mile, 4 mins.	14 secs.	...	0	6	2	4	5	3	1
Total Points		...	12	19	13	22	16	10	13
Place		...	6	2	4 eq.	1	3	7	4 eq.

LAURUS CUP POINTS

Football :	House Cup	...	...	...	...	24	
	Leagues	...	...	...	...	12	36
Cricket :	House Cup	...	...	...	...	24	
	Leagues	...	...	...	...	6	
	Nomads	...	...	...	...	3	
	Yearlings	...	...	...	...	3	36
Athletics :	Sports	...	...	...	...	14	
	Cross Country	...	...	...	...	12	
	Relays	...	...	...	...	10	36
Lawn Tennis :	House Cup	...	...	...	...	7	
	Leagues	...	...	...	...	3	10
Swimming :	Sports	3	
	Relays	3	
	Water Polo	1	7
Fencing		6
Fives		4
Golf		4
Squash Rackets		4

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1932

The following fixtures have been arranged for next term:—

1st. XV.

Sat.	Oct.	1—Old Stoics	Home.
"	"	8—Rosslyn Park, A.	Home.
Wed.	"	12—LX Club, Cambridge	Home.
Sat.	"	15—London Scottish, A.	Home.
Thurs.	"	20—Oundle School	Home.
Wed.	"	26—Oriel College, Oxford	Home.
Sat.	"	29—Harrow School	Away.
"	Nov.	5—Richmond, A.	Home.
Wed.	"	9—Christ Church, Oxford	Away.
Sat.	"	12—Radley College	Home.
"	"	19—St. Paul's School	Home.
"	"	26—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
"	Dec.	3—Bedford School	Away.
"	"	10—A Veteran's XV.	Home.

2nd XV.

Sat.	Oct.	1—Old Stoics, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	"	15—Oundle School, 2nd XV.	Away.
"	"	22—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	"	29—Wellington College, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	Nov.	5—St. Paul's School, 2nd XV.	Away.
Wed.	"	16—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat.	"	19—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Away.
"	"	26—Harrow School, 2nd XV.	Home.

3rd XV.

Sat.	Oct.	22—Radley College, 3rd XV.	Home.
Wed.	Nov.	16—Radley College, 3rd XV.	Away.

COLTS XV.

Wed.	Oct.	19—Radley College, Colts XV.	Home.
Sat.	"	29—Harrow School, Colts XV.	Home.
"	Nov.	5—Oundle School, Colts XV.	Away.
"	"	12—St. Paul's School, Colts XV.	Away.
Wed.	"	23—Radley College, Colts XV.	Away.
Sat.	Dec.	3—St. Edward's School, Colts XV.	Home.

THE WORKSHOPS

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Morris as the result of an accident. The sympathy of every workshop member is cordially extended to Mr. Morris in his loss.

As is usual in the summer term the membership of the workshops has slightly decreased, but it is very satisfactory to be able to record an increase of over twenty members as compared with last summer, and a very regular attendance of members at all times when the workshop has been open.

The main activity this term has been that of boat-building, most of the boats being of a distinctly collapsible type, and on the whole little cabinet-work has been done.

Much time has also been occupied in moving the three garages in the stone-yard to their present sites, and in building three new ones, this work being entirely carried out by workshop members under Mr. Morris's direction. The removal of these garages leaves us with a clear space into which the workshop can expand as soon as sufficient funds are available for the purpose, the present shop being hopelessly inadequate for the number of workers trying to use it simultaneously.

The metal-shop is steadily improving in efficiency and in its complement of machinery, thanks mainly to the generosity of an old Stoic who has presented an extremely useful bench power drill, and to that of the parents of one of the members, who have given us a very fine Milne lathe, complete with a large number of tools and accessories, and a grinder. Two other lathes are also in continual use, and the planing-machine has been found invaluable.

Next term there will be a whole-time mechanic in charge of metal-work, so that the metal-shop will be open at the same times and to the same extent as the wood-shop. We hope that as many boys as possible will take advantage of this opportunity.

J.B.C.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions have been made:—

To *Sergeant*: Corporals R. J. Packe, C. J. Macpherson, N. Fisher, S. M. Sowerby, S. Kilpatrick, D. A. T. Carson, M. J. Macoun.

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals J. A. Hunter, P. G. H. Gell, C. R. Davis, K. W. L. Roberts, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, P. T. Hayman, J. L. W. Cheyne, P. J. K. Pike, J. N. Hutchinson.

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: J. A. Croft, A. D. Fisk, F. C. Grant, J. M. Ashton, D. B. Egerton, D. Barker, N. C. Irvine, S. D. Williams, R. G. Atkinson, A. F. R. Porcher, A. H. Salamon, J. H. P. Gauvain.

The following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in March, 1932:—

R. G. Atkinson, A. T. Bardwell, J. G. V. Bolton, I. M. C. Braby, A. R. F. B. Brett, D. A. T. Carson, D. P. Croom-Johnson, C. R. Davis, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, P. G. H. Gell, C. L. Hall, I. E. Hills, P. Hutton-Attenborough, E. V. J. H. Jackson, S. Kilpatrick, C. J. Macpherson, M. J. Macoun, R. J. Packe, P. E. V. Prince, K. W. L. Roberts, P. C. E. Russell, J. M. Turner, S. D. Williams, C. A. Willink.

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The Competition for the Coldstream Cup was held on June 27th. The Judges were Lieut. J. R. Campbell and Drill-Sergeant H. Yardley, 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards.

	<i>Result.</i>	100
1.	Chandos (Under-Officer P. G. Agnew)	96
2.	Temple (Sergt. J. R. C. Kenyon) ...	92
3.	Grenville (Sergt. J. P. L. Henderson)	88
4.	Bruce (Sergt. B. Tweedy)	78
5.	{ Chatham (Sergt. H. D. Nelson-Smith)	70
	{ Grafton (Sergt. M. J. Macoun) ...	70
7.	Cobham (Sergt. S. Kilpatrick) ...	65

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The Annual Inspection of the contingent was made on June 28th, by Major-General C. G. Fuller, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., 48th (South Midland) Division T.A.

NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

Under-Officer P. G. Agnew has been adjudged to be the most efficient cadet of the training year. The Nulli Secundus Cup will therefore be held by Chandos until July, 1933.

SHOOTING

HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1932.

The averages obtained by houses in the Annual Musketry Tests, upon which the House Shooting Cup is awarded, were as follows:—

House.	50% Recruits.		Average. Empire Test.	Total.
	...	Average.		
1. Chandos	...	23.2	82.9	106.1
2. Chatham	...	17.5	83.0	100.5
3. Cobham	...	21.1	74.4	95.5
4. Bruce	...	21.4	73.7	95.1
5. Grenville	...	15.3	77.0	92.3
6. Grafton	...	13.1	67.4	80.5
7. Temple	...	15.9	60.2	76.1

The competition for the Individual Shooting Cup and Medal resulted in a win for E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.) with a score of 123 out of a possible score of 130. The runner up was S. M. Sowerby (Chan.) with a score of 119.

'A' Company won the Swann Challenge Cup, open to Territorial and R.A.F. Units in Buckinghamshire.

Team.—E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.).
S. M. Sowerby (Chan.).
C. L. Hall (Chat.).
W. E. Walrond (Cob.).
J. C. Monteith (Gren.).
L. R. Llewellyn (Bru.).

.303 COMPETITIONS.

OXFORDSHIRE RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Bicester range, June 4th.

Individual Championship.—7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yds.

Class A (Open Sights).		200	500	600	Total.
2nd.	E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.)	29	32	31	92
3rd.	J. C. Monteith (Gren.)	...	32	33	92
5th.	A. T. Bardwell (Chan.)	...	33	28	90
8th.	S. M. Sowerby (Chan.)	...	26	28	85
Class B (Aperture Sights).		200	500	600	Total.
8th.	E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.)	30	31	31	92

Saye and Sale Challenge Cup.—4 highest aggregates of members of Clubs or Units in the Individual Championship.—6 entries.

3rd. Stowe School O.T.C. Score, 359.

Winning score, 372.

Oxfordshire Territorial Army Association Challenge Cup.

Ashburton conditions.—3 entries.

Winners.—	Stowe School O.T.C.	200	500	Total.
E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.)	29	32	61	
J. A. Hunter (Gren.)	...	26	30	56
S. M. Sowerby (Chan.)	...	26	28	54
A. T. Bardwell (Chan.)	...	33	28	61
J. K. Hay (Chat.)	...	31	28	59
J. C. Monteith (Gren.)	...	32	33	65
C. L. Hall (Chat.)	...	31	31	62
R. E. Walrond (Cob.)	...	29	31	60
		237	241	478

SUSSEX COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEETING.

Bisley, June 11th.

Cusack-Smith Bowl.—Teams of eight. Ashburton conditions. 32 entries.

Winners.—	Stowe.	200	500	Total.
E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.)	30	32	62	
J. A. Hunter (Gren.)	...	30	33	63
J. K. Hay (Chat.)	...	28	32	60
J. C. Monteith (Gren.)	...	31	31	62
C. L. Hall (Chat.)	...	33	30	63
R. E. Walrond (Cob.)	...	28	30	58
S. M. Sowerby (Chan.)	...	29	31	60
A. T. Bardwell (Chan.)	...	29	30	59
		238	249	487

Next highest scores: Epsom 482; St. Paul's 482; Bradfield, 480; Charterhouse, 480.

Ninth Man Competition.—Ashburton Conditions. 32 entries.

Winning Score, 65.	Viscount Maitland (Gren.)	200	500	Total.
	29	31	60	

Cadet Pair Competition.—Ashburton conditions. For cadets under 17.

Winning score, 119.	L. R. Llewellyn (Bru.)	200	500	Total.	
	...	26	30	56	
	H. F. Cassel (Chan.)	...	23	31	54
				110	

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Held at Kimble on June 18th.

Eton College Challenge Cup.—Stowe, Winners. 5 entries.

General Talbot Challenge Cup.—Stowe, 3rd. 5 entries.

N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY. July 6th and 7th.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SNAP SHOOTING AND RAPID MATCH.

Winners: Rossall, score 449. Stowe 3rd, score 442. 29 entries.

ASHBURTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Aggregate.
J. A. Hunter ...	28	30	58
E. A. F. Widdrington ...	32	31	63
S. M. Sowerby ...	27	29	56
A. T. Bardwell ...	30	29	59
C. L. Hall ...	30	30	60
W. E. Walrond ...	30	29	59
J. K. Hay ...	28	24	52
J. C. Monteith ...	29	29	58
	234	231	465

This gave the School 20th place out of 86 teams. Winning score, 479.

'CADETS' CHALLENGE TROPHY.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Aggregate.
L. R. Llewellyn ...	29	28	57
P. G. E. Davies ...	22	28	50
			107

Winning score, 121.

PUBLIC SCHOOL VETERANS.

10 shots at 500 yds. Teams of 5. 105 entries.

B. T. Aikman ...	40
D. C. Powell ...	45
E. P. W. Stebbing ...	46
D. H. A. Kemble ...	42
G. S. C. Trench ...	42
	215

Winning score, 232.

COTTESLOE CUP.

This cup has been presented to the School by Lord Cottlesloe, President of the N.R.A. and Lord Lieutenant of the county of Buckinghamshire. It is to be held by the house to which the cadet belongs who obtains the highest average in all practice and matches under Ashburton Shield conditions throughout the season.

Winner, 1932:	E. A. F. Widdrington (Gren.) ...	917 points.
2	J. C. Monteith (Gren.) ...	912 "
3	C. L. Hall (Chat.) ...	894 "
4	J. A. Hunter (Gren.) ...	894 "
5	J. K. Hay (Chat.) ...	891 "
6	A. T. Bardwell (Chan.) ...	890 "

THE SAILING CLUB

SEASON 1932.—MATCHES.

On May 18th at Stowe, versus Oxford University Yacht Club. Wind S.W. Moderate to light.

HEAT.	S.S.S.C.	Pts.	O.U.Y.C.	Pts.
1st HEAT.	P. K. A. Andrews (Chat.) ...	3	J. D. Russell ...	4
	P. G. Agnew (Chan.) ...	2	F. O. S. Dobell (O.S.) ...	1
		5		5
2nd HEAT.	M. G. Satow (Chan.) ...	3	J. R. C. de Quincey ...	4
	R. A. Pigot (Gren.) ...	1	L. Armstrong ...	2
		4		6
3rd HEAT.	P. K. A. Andrews (Chat.) ...	3	J. D. Russell ...	4
	P. G. Agnew (Chan.) ...	2	J. R. de Quincey ...	1
		5		5
Total Points.	O.U.Y.C., 16.	S.S.S.C., 14.		

On May 25th at Stowe, versus Cambridge University Cruising Club. Wind, North. Very light.

HEAT.	S.S.S.C.	Pts.	C.U.C.C.	Pts.
1st HEAT.	P. K. A. Andrews (Chat.) ...	4	T. H. Kemsley ...	2
	M. G. Satow (Chan.) ...	3	E. Clarke ...	1
		7		3
2nd HEAT.	H. A. Olivier (Bru.) ...	3	B. S. Johnston ...	4
	R. A. Pigot (Gren.) ...	2	J. N. Nicholson ...	1
		5		5
3rd HEAT.	H. A. Olivier (Bru.) ...	3	J. H. Burroughes ...	4
	P. K. A. Andrews (Chat.) ...	1	P. L. Wood ...	2
		4		6
Total Points.	S.S.S.C., 16.	C.U.C.C., 14.		

On May 28th, at Stowe, versus Harrow School. Wind. Variable and very light.

HEAT.	S.S.S.C.	Pts.	Harrow.	Pts.
1st HEAT.	P. K. A. Andrews (Chat.) ...	3	D. O. Beale ...	4
	M. G. Satow (Chan.) ...	1	A. Hewlett ...	2
		4		6

2nd HEAT.	P. G. Agnew (Chan.)	...	3	P. Thornycroft	...	...	4
	H. A. Olivier (Bru.)	...	2	J. Walker	...	...	1
			<hr/>				<hr/>
Total Points.	<i>Harrow</i> , 11.	<i>Stowe</i> , 9.	5				5

THE LIBRARY

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

From Mrs. Radice, 200 volumes.

From D. C. Smith, Esq., 26 volumes.

From Mr. Stenson Cooke:

‘This Motoring,’ by the Donor.

From Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Koning:

The works of Sir John Soane, F.R.S., F.S.A., R.A., ed. by G. T. Bolton, F.S.G., F.R.I.B.A., 1753-1837.

We regret that by a printers’ error in the last Library notice Mrs. Andrew Melvin’s name appeared as ‘Meloin.’ She presented Walsh’s ‘Isabella of Spain’ to the Library.

The following books have been bought:—

‘Recovery’ (A. Salter); ‘Italian Foreign Policy’ (M. Currey); ‘Leaders of the French Revolution’ (J. N. Thompson); ‘Stanhope’ (B. Williams); ‘Comprehensive Treatise on Chemistry’ vol. II (Mellor); ‘The Great Church Towers of England’ (F. J. Allen); ‘The Minor Domestic Architecture of Gloucestershire’ (A. T. Broadbent and A. Minoprio); ‘Jean de Kerdren’ (Schultz); ‘Aventures et Combats’ (Garneray); ‘Ceux du Blocus’ (Chack); ‘Paris Vccu’ 2 vols. (A. Daudet); ‘André Cornelis’ (Bourget); ‘Paroles d’un Revenant’ (Arnoux); ‘Le stupide XIXe’s’ (A. Daudet); ‘Seul à travers l’Atlantique’ (Gerbault); ‘Koenigsmark’ (Bénoit); ‘Les Choses Voient’ (Estaunie); ‘Chant de l’Equipage’ (MacOrlan); ‘Petit Bob’ (Gyp); ‘Souvenirs’ 2 vols. (Gyp); ‘Poursuite de Soleil’ (Gerbault); ‘Le Disciple’ (Bourget); ‘A Comprehensive Treatise on Organic and Theoretical Chemistry’ vol. II (J. W. Mellor); ‘Fifty Years, 1882-1932’ (by 27 Contributors to the Times); ‘Politicians and the War’ (Lord Beaverbrook); ‘In Search of Wales’ (H. V. Morton); ‘St. Francis of Assisi’ (Sabatiel); ‘The French Political Systems’ (Middleton); ‘Frederick II’ (Cantorowicz); ‘Le Papauté et la Crise d’Orient’ (Volois).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

AS usual, one debate has been held during the Summer term, if only to help find officers for next term. It is possible that a second, sharp practice meeting may be held before the end of term. If possible next term’s programme will open with a distinguished visitors’ debate.

J. C. Dundas has been elected Secretary for the Christmas Term: J. E. M. Hoare (Librarian) and P. T. Hayman (Treasurer) have been elected to the Committee.

The 73rd Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on July 1st, the Motion for Debate being “That this House would welcome a Nazi Government in Germany.”

J. E. M. HOARE who opened the debate has not yet rid himself of an unfortunate trick in delivery which suggests that he is a little bored with what he has to say. On this particular occasion, there was some justification for the pose: the House found it hard to believe that the Nazis cause more riots than their opposite Communist numbers and that their leader makes them unpopular.

N. C. IRVINE, the Hon. Opposer, seemed to have had his usual keen edge blunted. Perhaps it was the sultry July evening. This speaker seemed inclined to suggest that the idea of a nationalist backing in the Nazi Movement was bunk—and to leave it at that.

J. C. DUNDAS gave better value. He found the Nazi uniforms at least more satisfactory than “England’s un-uniformed army of unemployed,” and he found their clean shirts preferable to dirty Russian tunics. Later, the summer evening effect stole over this speaker also and he finished tamely.

P. T. HAYMAN, rising like a governess de luxe, told all the previous speakers that they were wrong; but his own arguments, clearly enounced as they were, scarcely appeared convincing.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, N. G. Annan, R. A. Simpson and the President. *Against the Motion*, A. S. M. Dickins, H. D. Barbour and

J. O. N. Vickers.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion - 12

Against - 14

The Motion was therefore lost by 2 votes.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society has had a particularly active and interesting programme. Choruses from “The Beggar’s Opera” and Purcell’s Opera “King Arthur” have been rehearsed.

“The Rio Grande” by Constance Lambert has also been rehearsed, and it has proved to be extremely popular with the Society, though it is considered to be one of the most difficult works written by a modern composer.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Solo Parts of "The Rio Grande" have occupied the attention of the Madrigal Society throughout the term.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The Second Movement from Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony and "The March to the Gallows" from Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique* have been the chief works rehearsed. The Strings, Brass, and Percussion have been working hard at "The Rio Grande," and four Bach Trumpets have been rehearsing for the Battle Scene in "King Arthur."

The Junior Orchestra has been revived, and pieces by Purcell and Handel have been rehearsed. More players are needed, especially among the Strings.

The O.T.C. Band has been very active, and has improved considerably. It acquitted itself well on Inspection Day.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

The Music Society, as time goes on, seems to embrace a larger number of people in the School and a greater collection of good artists from outside. This term saw the visit of two former friends of the School, the Tudor Singers and the Dolmetsch Family; no one could fail to appreciate the nationalism of the one and the internationalism of the other.

The Tudor Singers came on June 4th. Their performance merits a better name than Tudor, which gives one the impression of red-roses and Stratford-on-Avon. Actually their programme spread over a wider sphere of music and they gave us, under the admirable conducting of Cuthbert Bates, a most enjoyable performance ranging from Thomas Morley to Percy Grainger.

PROGRAMME OF TUDOR SINGERS.

' My Bonny Lass she smileth '	...	...	...	...	...	Thomas Morley.
' Sweet Honey Sucking Bees '	...	...	...	...	...	John Wilbye.
' What have the Gods '	}	...	...	...	...	Thomas Weelkes.
' Methinks I hear '						
' Sing we and chant it '	...	...	...	...	...	Thomas Morley.
' Oh Craig Daer '	...	...	...	...	...	Frederick Delius.
' Midsummer Song '	...	...	...	...	...	Frederick Delius.
' When David heard '	...	...	...	...	...	Thomas Tompkins.
' Cantate Domino '	...	...	...	...	...	William Byrd.
' The Three Ravens '	...	...	...	...	...	Gerrard Williams.
' There was a pig went out to dig '	...	...	...	...	...	Percy Grainger.
' Brisk young sailor '	...	...	...	...	...	R. O. Morris.
' Wassail '	...	...	...	...	...	Gustav Holst.

The Dolmetsch Family have long had the reputation of giving the Society its most popular Recital of the year. Their visit this term on July 5th proved no exception to the rule. Monsieur Dolmetsch is not only a great artist but also a most delightful old gentleman and those who, perhaps, may have found his music difficult to understand certainly found no difficulty in appreciating his natural humour. Of the variety of instruments he and his son and daughter played, the clavichord offered the best outlet for M. Dolmetsch's genius. One could not help feeling at the end of the performance that the Library, so English in design, had been suddenly captured by a foreign personality. The Society may feel grateful to Dr. Huggins for getting so many good performers down to Stowe.

The programme included :—

" O Mistress Mine "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Wm. Byrd.
" Nobody's Jig "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Richard Farnabie.
" Tower Hill "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Giles Farnabie.
" Phantasies "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Coperario.
Sonata	...	...	...	...	...	...	Veracini.
" Les tricoteuses "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Couperin.
The Earl of Salisbury's Pavane	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach.
Prelude in C	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach.
Prelude and fugue in B flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach.
Prelude in F minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach.
Spagnioletta	...	...	...	...	...	...	Giles Farnabie.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL.

Easter Sunday, March 27th.

The greater part of the concert consisted of five choruses from Brahms' Requiem. All of them were performed well, particularly the last—"On this earth"—in which the climax was reached with great dramatic effect.

The Orchestra played the last movement from Dvorák's "New World" Symphony, and towards the end of this movement, the horns rose literally to great heights in their solo passage.

In the Elgar "Enigma" Variations, "Nimrod" was played with expression and deep feeling.

The following was the programme :—

1. Fourth Movement (Allegro con fuoco) from "New World" Symphony Dvorák.
2. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach.
(The Madrigal Society.)
3. Theme, and Variations, I, IV, VIII and IX, from the Enigma Variations Elgar.
4. Requiem Brahms.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

Owing to the enterprise of certain members of the School a Gramophone Society has been started. The Society is limited to 20 members, and the first meeting took place in Dr. Huggins's rooms on Saturday, July 23rd. The purpose of the Society is to promote the appreciation of music, especially modern music.

THE ARTS CLUB

At a meeting of the Committee held at the beginning of the term, J. H. Nelson Smith was elected Secretary, and P. F. Baker Treasurer; J. W. B. Barrington, N. G. Henderson, C. A. Rodewald, and H. E. P. M. Upton were elected members of the Club.

As is usual during the summer term most of the work has been done out of doors and has been of a high standard.

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

J.H.N.S.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

The members of the Arts Club paid a visit to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition on June 15th. The consensus of opinion is that this is not a year conspicuous for any notable or outstanding works, but that, nevertheless, there are quite a number of good pictures. The technical ability shown is remarkable, but there is a lack of true creative and imaginative work: most of the well-known exhibitors have done better work, some do not come up to even their usual level. If one might choose what, maybe, are the finest things—certainly the most interesting—and what one 'liked best,' Sir Edward Lutyen's designs for the new Metropolitan Cathedral of Liverpool, Gilbert Ledward's scriptural group, 'Eternal Meeting,' L. M. Glasson's painting, 'The Young Rower,' and Richard Sickert's 'Raising of Lazarus,' stand out. Sickert's picture is certainly arresting—it is very fine in colour, and if it were only finished, might have been a masterpiece, but this artist never does finish a picture. The 'Cotswold Farm' has been much admired, but it is very confused in design, as are most of Gilbert Spencer's pictures, and J. Bateman's 'Woodland and Cattle,' which has been said to be the finest picture in the Exhibition, suffers from too much design and a lack of atmosphere.

There are many fine landscapes, notably those by Arncliffe Brown, Oliver Hall, George Graham and Mrs. Swinnerton, and some beautiful pictures of interiors, especially those of Campbell Taylor, F. W. Elwell, and Charles Spencelayh.

The Royal portraits are melodramatic and the 'decorations' for the Bank of England quite deplorable.

Good portraits are few; the 'conversation piece' which 'features' G. K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc and Maurice Baring, by H. J. Gunn, is decidedly the best.

The new departure into the world of classical allegory by Glyn Philpot is not very happy, and Ernest Procter's large effort in a similar vein is a dismal production.

The very large religious work, 'In the Street of the Great City,' by Mark Symons, arrests attention by its ingenuity rather than by its Art or religious fervour. It is really an exercise in violent foreshortening and perspective, so over-done that the thing becomes a pictorial puzzle. We had this sort of thing before the war: the public loves it.

There are a few good pictures of horses, and some fine flower pieces. The Water-colours are not equal to last year, but still, with the 'black-and-white,' very interesting.

Members of the Club also visited the British Museum, the Wallace Collection and Mr. George Eumorfopoulos's Collection, at Chelsea, which was thrown open to the public for two days.

H.N.

CLUB AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB.

Two meetings have been held during the term, when P. G. H. Gell and P. T. Hayman read papers.

At a business meeting of the Club the following were elected members: R. J. Cornford, C. A. Rodewald and P. F. Baker.

J.E.M.H.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 15th, Mr. K. S. Toms, an ex-Secretary of the Society, kindly came over from Balliol to read a paper on "Imperial and Mediæval Latin Literature." He said that there was a pleasure, even if it were a morbid one, in finding greatness falling into decay, but the gist of his paper seemed to show that even in decadence there are the germs of greatness. The Middle Ages, if the metaphor stood, were "dark," but not "opaque"; for the ashes of the Classical tradition smouldered right through the Dark Ages, ready to be fanned into flame again by Dante and Petrarch at the first revival of learning.

On Friday, July 22nd, O. A. W. Dilke read a paper on "Ancient Crete."

P.M.M.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY.

The first fixture this term was a lecture on Baroque Architecture by Mr. Kenneth Clarke. The lecture was given in Oxford on June 22nd and about twenty members went as guests of the Doric Club.

On June 26th there was an expedition to Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon, where the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was admired (and criticised).

There was a second expedition on July 3rd to Gayhurst and Tyringham to see two very fine private houses.

J.R.C.K.

THE FORESTRY SOCIETY.

A Forestry Society was begun this term. Its objects are to improve the trees and woods of Stowe by removing dead timber, pruning, and replanting.

Some pruning has been done close to the School, and two large dead trees have been felled. A holly near the Bursar's Office has been removed to show a fine copper-beech. It is hoped that during the next two terms a shelter-belt will be planted on the N.E. side of the Bourbon Field; and in the matter of pruning we shall work outwards from the School.

At a meeting held on June 19th the following officers were elected: Mr. Clarke (President), P. E. C. Hayman (Hon. Secretary); C. J. Morny, G. W. Emtys-Roberts, A. F. Weaver, and D. M. Baker (Committee-men).

There are now 25 members of the Society.

P.E.C.H.

EXPEDITIONS

THE STRATFORD-ON-AVON EXPEDITION.

It was at a quarter to twelve on the morning of Saturday, May 28th, that the large company of 'Certificate Candidates' set out for the annual jaunt—or perhaps, more tactfully, the Educational Expedition—to see 'Julius Cæsar' at Stratford. The usual trio of 'buses were waiting for us ('buses, incidentally, that must be congratulated on their delightful absence of leg-room). They started; but, with a sudden burst of originality uncommon to their breed, they turned sharp right at the Oxford Lodge and headed for Dadford. After that the journey was uneventful: we lumbered through Banbury, lumbered down Sunrise Hill, and at long last drew up, stiff and cramped, before the Shakespeare Galleries.

There is one thing that strikes you, even at first sight of the town. Stratford-on-Avon, like so many other historic beauty spots, is being spoilt by trippers. Trippers in themselves are quite a harmless lot of people; they have every right to trip wherever they wish; but unfortunately there is no other human being so easily deceived, so susceptible to every blood-sucker, as the tripper. The moment he comes to Stratford, Olde Tea Shoppes spring up in profusion throughout the town. Beautiful oak rafters, many, perhaps, on which Shakespeare carved his name when a boy, are hastily nailed together by the local carpenter—and "What a wonderful old place!" cries the tripper, delighted; "we might as well have the two-and-sixpenny tea now we're here." In short, the city of ancient gods is distorted, almost obliterated, by a rabble of golden calves. There are still a lot of the genuine articles left, of course, but even these are made up to look older than they are. Yes, Stratford is being spoilt: it is a great pity.

We lunched at the Shakespeare Galleries (quite the genuine article; perhaps unnecessarily so) and then made our way towards the New Theatre.

This is indeed worn, dry ground. Above the squabbles of a thousand journalists, the impassioned speeches of a hundred politicians, the earnest discussions of every drawing-room, the ravings of the modernists and the cursings of the Victorians, there is the murmur of many nations in world-wide controversy—and all centred on this new Theatre. Every other paper in existence has been criticising the building for the last year or so, and the ground is so bare with the ceaseless patter of feet that it will not stand much more. So many people have said that it looks like a gasworks, and so many others have screamed back that it is more beautiful than the Taj Mahal, that—well, what is there left to say? But this is certain: no one can hold that its modernism interferes with its utility: there is nothing purely for modernism's sake. The acoustics are excellent; the scenery (at any rate in 'Julius Cæsar') is equally first-class; and, though the remark may be considered trifling, it is only human to admire the perfect comfort of those pneumatic seats! The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre is the most modern theatre in the world. Be that good or bad, we take off our hats to it.

The play itself was a little disappointing. To anybody who had seen its production in London, with the London cast, the difference was very noticeable, for the actors seemed raw and inexperienced. It is not easy, however, to act 'Julius Cæsar' really well and to maintain its interest right up to the end, and the performance was by no means a failure. The Roman crowd were very good, and the scenery did much to

cover the defects. What, for instance, could have bettered the conclusion of the Funeral Oration scene? At all events, there is no excuse for anyone who fails his credit on the play.

There was a little time left after the performance, and we potted about in search of tea. At six o'clock we started back, and there were another two hours of sedentary confinement. But nevertheless—a very entertaining day.

J.R.L.

THE HENDON EXPEDITION.

We were fortunate to be again invited to Hendon this year by the R.A.F.; still more fortunate, however, to be able to make the expedition.

The day was one of bright intervals, during which it was almost uncomfortably hot. The afternoon was for the most part bright and though at times formidable banks of clouds appeared, the rain managed to keep off until the journey home. A party of fifty set out from Stowe at about eleven o'clock and, after stopping at St. Albans for lunch, reached Hendon at about a quarter past two.

We arrived in the middle of a comic event in which two aeroplanes, themselves disguised as monsters, were engaged in shooting down real monsters (filled with hydrogen) "of man-eating propensities" which were descending, it was believed, from Mars. Flight Lieutenant Stainforth showed considerable skill not only in manoeuvring his pterodactyl but also in dealing with these monsters in a truly *martial* way. This was followed by individual aerobatics which finished with the three competing machines mounting, after a dive, some fifteen hundred feet vertically in the air, turning over and floating gracefully down again.

At three o'clock the main programme began with a grand parade and take off by two bomber wings, each consisting of three squadrons. Then two pilots gave a skilful exhibition of synchronised aerobatics in Hawker Furies, the fastest fighters in the R.A.F. After this came a demonstration of inverted flying. Six planes, flying upside down, carried out a series of complicated evolutions, keeping their distances perfectly—a really astonishing feat! At intervals the Bomber wings of event one flew past in various formations. The 'fresh' wind rather spoilt both the parachute demonstrations, for which it was necessary to use dummies, and the smoke evolutions, of which the first parts were blurred before the second parts could be completed. The wind, however, cannot altogether be condemned, because the demonstration of gliding was exceptionally good and all the pilots made perfect landings.

The parade and fly past of present and experimental types closely resembled an imaginary picture of the future, with over fifteen planes of all shapes and sizes flying round the aerodrome together in no special formation. The set piece was very effective, and, as usual, well carried out. It represented a Main Aerodrome of the enemy beside a disused fort which had been turned into an arsenal. British single-seater fighters draw off the enemy fighters in pursuit under fire from the enemy's anti-aircraft guns. The enemy send up an observation balloon which is seen by our reconnaissance machines and brought down in flames. British night bombers now appear, summoned by wireless, the fort and Aerodrome are attacked and blown up, and another day's work is done.

It was obvious that everyone appreciated a well-organised expedition to a really first-class display.

H.

“OUTWARD BOUND”

On July 2nd a performance of “Outward Bound” was given in the Gym. before an appreciative audience. The play is about several people who find themselves on board a liner, bound for a destination which none of them can remember. These passengers consist of a drunken young waster (A. Brett), ‘Lingley of Lingley Limited,’ a successful and self-satisfied business man (J. R. Kenyon), the widow of a colonel (P. G. Gell), remarkably feminine and a most convincing snob, the Rev. Duke (J. A. Hunter), and a charwoman (A. D. Hunter), whose voice, while sometimes the voice of Kensington rather than Bow, was the most audible throughout the hall. In addition there was the mysterious young couple, played by A. H. Salomon and D. P. Croom-Johnson, the latter being also the producer, to whom much of the success of the play is due.

The play tells of the discovery by Mr. Pryor, the drunkard, that they are all dead, and of his attempts to make the other passengers believe him. In this Brett had a difficult part, but he succeeded in being thoroughly convincing. The Steward (J. Dudley), who is the only member of the crew, confirms Pryor’s suspicions and he tells them that in a week’s time an Examiner will come on board to decide their positions in the next life. Under the influence of this discovery and in their preparations to meet the Examiner, nerves are naturally on edge, and the passengers quarrel among themselves. This provides the comic interlude, but in no way did the actors allow it to spoil the serious nature of the whole. Eventually the dread Examiner arrives, but to the surprise of all, he is merely a fat and hearty parson, a dead friend of Duke’s. This part is well acted by Charles Banbury, and he doles out punishment and reward in a cool and confident manner. His entry was truly remarkable, and the following passage should have been the culminating point in the whole play: for the last scene appeared superfluous, as to an audience of average intelligence the explanation of the ‘half-ways’ is not necessary, and the theme elaborated loses much of its effect—but this is a criticism of the story rather than of the acting. The last scene shows the fate of the young couple. They had not had the courage to face life, and had attempted to commit suicide. But on this voyage they had been shown the cowardice of their action and, by their dog breaking through into the gas-filled room, they were allowed to return to life.

It was an ambitious play to attempt, but the choice was well justified, for it brought out the best in each actor, one of whom alone has acted here before. The only regret is that, owing to several members of the cast leaving, there will be no chance of their performing this play at the Stowe Show.

We may well allow this to rank with the best shows we have seen here, and thank the company and the producer, the pianist who enlivened the intervals and all who contributed to the success of the show, for a most enjoyable evening.

P.A.G.D.

REVIEWS (No. 7)

“ARMED OCTOBER” By Laurence Whistler. (Cobden-Sanderson, 5/-, net).

“The Children of Hertha and other poems” was published in 1930 and since Laurence Whistler’s poems have for some time found a place in Oxford reviews and anthologies, one must beware of the publishers’ notice about “this first book of verse.” For his age Mr. Whistler is a poet of not inconsiderable, and certainly of growing, experience, and the present collection of poems shows a very marked advance on anything of his that we have yet seen. His touch is much firmer, and it is probably from this surer treatment of his material that some of the poems, notably the shorter ones, are at first sight a little difficult reading, if only by reason of the compressed thought. But this is all to the good when compared with the incoherence which was perhaps the chief fault of “The Children of Hertha” coupled with its almost tropical luxuriance. But the drastic use of the pruning knife is only one of the precepts which Horace enjoins in his “Ars Poetica,” and to which any young poet might well pay attention, but which are so often neglected.

The poems contained in “Armed October” divide themselves fairly naturally into two groups: the shorter poems—about twenty-five in all—and the longer poems, “The New Olympus,” “The Death of Pan,” “Renaissance,” and “Psyche, the Pilgrim,” which, for the most part, seem to contain Mr. Whistler’s philosophy to-date—with the exception of “The Death of Pan,” and with the inclusion of “Per Ardua ad Astra” and “Lost,” of which we shall speak later. The shorter poems are delightful, and practically without exception of a very high level of excellence: “A Sleeping Child” is possibly the most beautiful thing that Mr. Whistler has yet written:

... “Stoop, and regard. There is no hastening here,
no urgency, no memory of time;
here are all trivial things, all pain, and death
whispered away in the eternity
of a child’s blossoming weariness...
this is the oldest temple upon earth,
whereat the mothers of all time have knelt
breath-taken at their own pure handiwork.”

But here, as elsewhere appears the sadness of it all, “a sadness infinite as love”—sunt lacrimae rerum. Among the others “The Invalid” (reminiscent of D. H. Lawrence?) stands out, if only for its plaintive third stanza; and “Nightpiece,” an admirable impression; and for sheer simplicity it is hard to surpass “Touch not this hand.” Before we turn to the longer poems, the sonnet “White Spring” seems worthy of attention, and “The Death of Pan” contains some very beautiful description: one wonders whether Mr. Whistler is not haunted with the ghost of Stowe, seeing that forlorn, deserted temples are for ever to be discovered in his poems, even as are the ruins of eighteenth-century elegancies in the gardens of Stowe.

His philosophy at first sight seems a rather despondent pessimism, as expressed, for example, in “The New Olympus”:

“There is no more divinity
within our lives, for we have lost it all
in the immense collapse and waterfall
of headlong Time—plunged in the seething tide
of so-named progress.”

But surely it is no more than a pose on which to build idealistic visions? for as such, indeed, they must be treated: the idea of the resuscitation of the Gods of Hellas is charming and, no doubt, eminently suited to some poet's Utopia—even if, at this moment "the vast gold sun of a religion sets across the world," and we are left without a straw to clutch at in the ensuing darkness. In "Psyche, the Pilgrim" which is perhaps the most substantial of the poems in thought, as well as in length, the comparison between the earth's surface as it is and as it might be, has surely been utilised by Town and Country Planning Associations, but it needs a poet's touch to make it live: there is some fine writing in this poem, notably towards the end. Here the plaint is that beauty is lacking so often where it might well be found; but in "Renaissance" the outlook is more cheerful: if one cannot be oneself an artist, a creator of beauty, one can, at least listen and appreciate: "the joy is equal; Beauty is the same."

Among the minutiae of Mr. Whistler's art one may note his delightful use of adjectives, although there is always the danger of tacking ornamental and rather meaningless adjectives on to nouns merely for the reason of their being strange, and pleasing to the eye and ear: there are some delightful similes in "The Death of Pan": and there are phrases throughout which strike the imagination very vividly: a few words on the written page, and a wealth of ideas and visions springing from them—"the noon, hot Midas, turns all gold," "meteoric swims the night," and "gone, like old thunder," are a few of these gems: the rest the reader must discover for himself, and I should be disappointed if anyone were sorry to have bought this book. One cannot but mention the very pleasing format, and the delightful headpieces by Rex Whistler of which the best seem to be those which are less in his usual style: in especial, that above "Lines Written in the Gale," which seems exactly to capture the primitive animism expressed in the poem: the book is dedicated to Helen Henschel.

A.

PRINCESS AMELIA

The Princess Amelia Sophia Eleonora, to whom the Doric Arch is inscribed, was the second daughter of King George II and Queen Caroline. She was born on June 10, 1710, at Herrenhausen, but almost all of her long life was passed in England, at her villa in Gunnersbury or her town-house in Cavendish Square.

To us she is chiefly interesting as a visitor to Stowe. For a short time, however, she was a person of European importance. There was a plan to marry her to the young Crown Prince of Prussia, the future Frederick the Great. Scheming parents encouraged the two children to send presents to each other: Frederick sent the Princess his miniature. The marriage-scheme fell through, but when Amelia died sixty years later the miniature was found on her breast next to her heart. It seems that she was the only woman who ever entertained a romantic passion for Frederick the Great: or perhaps she fancied herself as Queen of Prussia.

After this escape from Frederick she spent an unmarried and not very eventful life. Occasionally she appears on the stage of Eighteenth-Century politics. Horace Walpole says that in 1751 the rival Dukes of Newcastle and Grafton based their hopes of becoming First Minister on "their credit with the Princess Emily, who was suspected of having been as kind to Grafton's love, as she would have been unkind in yielding to Newcastle's. The Queen had . . . a thorough aversion to the Duke of Grafton, for the liberties he took with one of her great blood, and if she had not been prevented by Sir Robert Walpole, would one night have complained to the King when the princess and the duke, who hunted two or three times a week together, had staid

out unusually late, lost their attendants and gone together to a private house in Windsor Forest.' It is unfortunate for Amelia that much of our knowledge of her is derived from Horace Walpole, who, despite her kindness to him, was very ready to repeat any gossip about her that he heard. Walpole was a biased reporter, since the Princess had been made Ranger of Richmond New Park, an office to which he thought his own family had a prior claim.

Soon after the incident described above, Princess Amelia transferred her political support from Grafton to the Duke of Bedford. She was scarcely an active politician, but she was friendly with the great Whig families, and especially with the Temples, whom she often visited at Stowe. There is a detailed description of her first visit in the Grenville Papers. It was probably written by Lady Temple's waiting-maid.

' July 23, 1764. Arrived, at one o'clock, Her Royal Highness accompanied by Lady Mary Harriet Campbell, Ly. Barrymore, Mrs. Middleton, Earl of Besborough, Earl of Coventry, and others whose names I could not learn. At three went to dinner, the first course consisting of twenty-one dishes, elegantly served and well arranged, a second course of twenty-seven dishes, the capital dishes in the first course twice removed, and a well-filled side table of wholesome cheer all served on plate; Her Royal Highness ate off gold . . . Twelve gentlemen, well dressed, waited at table, and twenty-four in livery waited in the next room, and in the grand hall near the dining-room was a grand concert of music; the same evening, and every evening during Her Royal Highness's stay, the state apartments were illuminated with 120 wax lights. At half-past ten Her Royal Highness retired to her bedchamber, and the nobles to a supper consisting of twenty-one dishes and a fine dessert.

July 24. Her Highness, attended by the nobles, went round the gardens to view the curious works of nature and art, which were in great variety; the buildings, plants, and walks, together with the fine pieces of water, Her Royal Highness beheld with great astonishment and admiration, answering far beyond any former reports, descriptions, or conceptions. After dinner Her Highness went round the park, and returned highly pleased with everything she saw.

July 25. Her Highness walked in the gardens in order to take a second view, but was prevented in a great measure by a heavy shower of rain, which obliged Her Highness to take shelter in Venus's habitation.

July 26. Very rainy, which obliged Her Highness and the company to keep all day within doors, but Her Highness came down stairs to inspect the offices, which seemed to give Her Highness great pleasure, and expressed her approbation of every thing she saw, especially a basket of fine fresh mushrooms and some fish. . . .

July 27. All day a number of people were preparing the grotto and garden for Her Highness and company to sup there, the badness of the weather not permitting any entertainment there before. At ten the gardens were illuminated with above a thousand lights and the water before the grotto was covered with floating lights. At the farther end of the canal on the ship, which was curiously figured with lights, was a place for the music, which performed all supper-time. Upwards of a thousand people came from all parts to see the company at supper. . . . This mixed assembly, which deserves a better appellation than a mob, behaved with the utmost discretion and civility. Her Highness walked down to the grotto at half past ten, and was pleased and delighted with the grand prospect. . . . Nothing was seen but lights and people, nothing was heard but music and fireworks, and nothing was felt but joy and happiness. . . . In less than two hours no less than twenty gallons of oil was burnt, besides a vast number of other lights. Her Highness walked round through the people and lights with great satisfaction, then sat down in company to an elegant cold supper. Came home before twelve.

July 28. Her Royal Highness, and all the company, went away before twelve o'clock, highly delighted with it.

I never saw any entertainment conducted with more care, order, and decorum all my days, everyone striving to outdo another in their places appointed by their noble master and mistress, whose approbation they received in general after the company departed.'

Lord Coventry, one of the guests, was not so well satisfied with the entertainment. According to a contemporary letter, 'Coventry says the Stowe party ended but badly: the weather bad—the wine bad—and the ceremony intolerable.'

Princess Amelia was at Stowe again in 1768, and it was probably in honour of this occasion that the Doric Arch was built. She did not, however, actually see her Arch until her next visit to Stowe in 1770, when Horace Walpole was also a guest. In addition to Horace Walpole's well-known letter,† there is an excellent account of the 1770 house-party in Lady Mary Coke's journal, from which the following extracts are taken. Lady Mary accompanied the Princess to Stowe.

'Monday, July 2, 1770. I was up half an hour after five o'clock. . . . and arrived at Gunnersbury at half an hour after seven. The princess was dressed and ready to set out. The journey took just seven hours. H.R.H. arrived at Stowe by three o'clock. Ld. and Ly. Temple and Mr. (Horace) Walpole received her at the bottom of the steps. So many years and so many alterations since I was here makes it quite a new place to me. After dinner we walked to the Roman Arch erected by Ld. Temple to H.R.H. . . . I think Ld. Strafford would like it, and I'm sure he would be pleased with the scene from it, which is the most beautiful I ever saw. It began raining before we got home. We played in the evening at faron.

Tuesday. To-day the weather is tolerable. We walked and went in little chaises all over the grounds: 'tis really very fine and some of the buildings are charming. We walk'd in the evening and came home, played faron till half an hour after ten o'clock, when the princess always retires to her room and the rest of the party to supper. Nobody can do the honours of their house with more propriety than Ld. and Ly. Temple. The party is merrier than perhaps you would imagine. H.R.H. and Mr. Walpole are excellent company.

Wednesday. It has not rained since the first day but I can't complain of the heat. We went out again this morning in the chaises; the Princess visits her arch two or three times in the day. . . .

Thursday. At night part of the Elysian fields were lighted up and we supped in the Grotto: the Gardens were filled with people, but the night should have been a little warmer. Lord Temple sat by the Princess and talked to her all the time: Ly. Temple, Ld. Bessborough and myself sang, "God save our noble King, etc." I was in hopes the people would join us, but they were very silent. Mr. Walpole thought it rather too cold, and having some apprehension of the consequence, desired when we came back a glass of Cherry Brandy by way of prevention. But I forgot to tell you that after dinner the Coffee was ordered at the Princess's Arch, Apollo* with nine Muses are placed on either side of it. While they drank their coffee, I observed Apollo held a paper in his hand, but not being able to reach it, I desired Ld. Temple's assistance, who with some difficulty took it from the hand of Apollo: a copy of which I enclose in this journal. Mr. Walpole is the author. I'm sure you'll think them pretty.

†Letter to George Montagu, Esq., July 7, 1770.

*These statues formerly stood round the parterre on the South Front, but before 1745 they were moved to a position by the Doric Arch 'near the spring of Helicon.' The date of their disappearance is unknown.

T'other day, with a beautiful frown on her brow,
To the rest of the gods said the Venus of Stowe,
"What a fuss is here made with that arch just erected,
How *our* temples are slighted, our altars neglected!
Since yon Nymph has appeared, *we* are noticed no more,
All resort to *her* shrine, all *her* presence adore;
And what's more provoking, before all our faces,
Temple thither has drawn both the Muses and Graces."
"Keep your temper, dear child," Phoebus cried with a smile,
"Nor this happy, this amiable festival spoil.
Can your shrine any longer with garlands be dressed?
When a true goddess reigns all the false are suppressed."

Friday. This morning the princess ordered me to attend her to the great water to fish; in two hours I caught three score; two large carpe (*sic*) and above twenty considerable perch: the rest small. The Princess caught about forty, but none so large as mine, to the great mortification of the page who attended her. He seemed to think it a reproach that the Princess should catch less fish than mine: his distress made me laugh.

Saturday. At half an hour after ten o'clock H.R.H. left Stowe, and arrived at Gunnersbury exactly at five o'clock.'

Horace Walpole's 'Nymph' was sixty at the time of this visit to Stowe, but she lived for another sixteen years before her death in 1786. In her will she left nothing to her relations in the English Royal Family, with whom, indeed, she was not on the best of terms. She alienated them by her peculiarities, and George III himself was supposed to be frightened of her.

Princess Amelia's frankness was certainly alarming. As an instance one may quote a letter written by Horace Walpole in the summer of 1749. 'The town is notoriously empty Princess Emily remains, saying *civil things*: for example the second time she saw Madame de Mirepoix she cried out: "Ah, Madame, vous n'avez pas tant de rouge aujourd'hui: la première fois que vous êtes venue ici, vous aviez une quantité horrible." The Princess was unconventional in other ways. In 1752 Walpole writes: 'The good women at Hampton Court are scandalized at Princess Emily's coming to chapel last Sunday in riding clothes, with a dog under her arm.' She was very inquisitive: it was not only at Stowe that she inspected the kitchens. At Strawberry Hill she insisted on examining 'the very offices and servants' rooms,' much to the amazement of the housekeeper. But with all her oddities she was no fool. Take, for example, her prophetic remark to the Duchess of Bedford: 'I would not give a straw to be a peer in this country: no, give me a good brewhouse; that is what makes one considerable here.'

For the best character-sketch of the Princess it is once again necessary to quote the inevitable Horace Walpole. Although, as we have seen, Walpole's attitude was often malicious, yet he was a great friend of hers—in his letters he describes himself as Princess Emily's Prime Minister, and laughingly contradicts rumours that there is to be a 'Royal Alliance' with the Walpole family. Thus the following account, though clearly ill-intentioned, is based upon considerable personal knowledge. 'She was meanly inquisitive into what did not relate to her, and foolishly communicative of what was below her to know: false without trying to please, mischievous with more design, impertinent even when she had no resentment; and insolent though she had lost her beauty and acquired no power. After her father's death she lived with great dignity: but being entirely slighted by her nephew (George III) who was afraid of her

frankness, she soon forbore going to court or to keep a drawing-room herself, on pretence of her extreme deafness. She was extremely deaf, and very short-sighted: yet had so much quickness and perception that she seemed to hear and see more readily than others. She was an excellent mistress to her servants, steady to her favourites, and nobly generous and charitable.' Even Walpole cannot deny her kindness and generosity, qualities which appear to advantage in her warm friendship with Lady Temple. The impression that remains of Princess Amelia is that of a shrewd, brusque, homely, kind-hearted German woman, who must have felt herself slightly ill-at-ease as a Princess of the Blood Royal.

C.D.D.
T.H.C.

REMINISCENCES OF A SEXAGENARIAN

One does not have to be sentimental to feel a kind of pang as the last weeks of one's last term quickly draw to a close. Nevertheless, the fact of leaving brings back memories of early days when the Senior Members of the School looked really awe-inspiring and, as I never dared test my impressions, certain people still stand out in my memory as demi-gods. To a man of my age, the Stoics of this generation seem to have taken up a more democratic attitude towards the seniors, which is not altogether blameworthy. I can well remember when it was a punishable offence not to raise one's hat to a prefect, and there were rumours that Mr. B—— had ordered his House to call him 'Sir.' I admit that officing was never very strenuous, but one's good nature was called upon to lend its services far more often to one's elders. Tennis players employed ball-boys, and an eminent cross-country runner kept a number of young boys to carry spare pairs of running shoes round the course.

Few can remember the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Stowe in June, 1927, when she laid the foundation stone of the Chapel. The glorious sunshine was repeated on the visit of Prince George, but some of the splendour was missing, and the Headmaster seemed a better escort to the Queen than to her son.

My first term was favoured by the Heavens and a School expedition set out for North Wales to see the total eclipse. Actually no one saw it; but the adventure of Mr. H.W.H-S. intruding on to a Welshman's private farm and being eclipsed by Gaelic proved more fun than the skies could have ever furnished.

The Stowe Zoo brings back memories of monkeys, lizards, owls, jackdaws and vermin of every species. A pathetic beast which took the form of a deer would wander wild and sometimes intrude on a classroom.

The end of term has lost a great deal of its glamour with the death of the school concerts: but it was only natural, perhaps, with the departure of J. D. G. Niven, C. D. Harrison and D. M. Lea. I never shone at games and I found no sympathy when I proved a little apathetic towards cricket by reading Virgil on the Bourbon Field—which surely had never been so honoured before.

Having few traditional customs, Stowe is always changing for the best. Some things are eternal and never change. For six years the same Bursarial commentaries, the same food at the shop, the same prayers in Assembly, the same Stowe buns, have existed.

Perhaps some day there will appear a letter to *The Times* from a Stoic who had the honour of fagging for one of the original ninety-nine. Meanwhile it is impossible to close these reminiscences without suggesting to some of those who have reached a period of life in which they are too young to leave, and yet may have considered that they might be making more of their lives in the outside world, that it is only when the time comes to leave that one properly realizes how much one loves Stowe.

ANON.



THE TEMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP.

[By H. N.]

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