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is to stimulate interest in flying, but the attitude of the members suggests that its objects are rather to join together those who are already keen on flying, and to provide an outlet for their enthusiasm. Activities so far have included weekly meetings, exchange of books and periodicals, and visits to Hatfield, to see the King's Cup Race, and to Heston Airport. Hopes for the future include an aerodrome, and a hangar with something in it. There seems to be no limit, other than that imposed by financial considerations, to what can usefully be done.

L.L.P.

MAGISTRI QUIDAM STOICI

The Summer Term has seen the usual increase in activities. Several expeditions have been arranged, including one to some Cotswold villages.

During the term there have been competitions for photographs taken at and away from Stowe. Prizes have been won by K. G. Rice (1st), R. E. Pears (2nd) and J. P. Searight (3rd).

The Society is well represented in the July issue of "The Camera" with an article and four illustrations by members, not to mention the appearance of five names in the award list.

The usual series of lectures will be continued next term; it is hoped that these will lead to an even greater improvement of the work, especially by junior members.

The Hon. Secretary next term will be J. P. Searight.

D.G.W.

THE FILM SOCIETY.

Kadetten in Uniform. One of the worst of the German films. Full of woeful Teuton sentiment and appalling self-commiseration, the film is supposed to be a sequel to the more famous "Mädchen in Uniform." The neurotic young musician, forced by his father, a general, into the military academy, was such a pasty-faced individual and such a nineteenth-century figure, with his confused notions as to what comprised defending his parents' honour, as to turn our sympathy into cynical amusement. Weak photography and bad editing added the necessary technical failures.

N.G.A.

Delectos pueros ludere tolle docet.
Tertius est remex, solidus celsaque figura ;
 Collegas superans eminent ante suos.
Proximus Iratus, nomen licet aestuet ira,
 Possidet ingenium lene nigrumque canem.
Huc venit, en ! alius (celeri pede labitur aetas),
 Carmina cui vobis scribere sorte cadit.
Ultimus incedit Princeps Sonitusque Supremus :
 Conticeant omnes : ore favete, precor.

E.H.E.

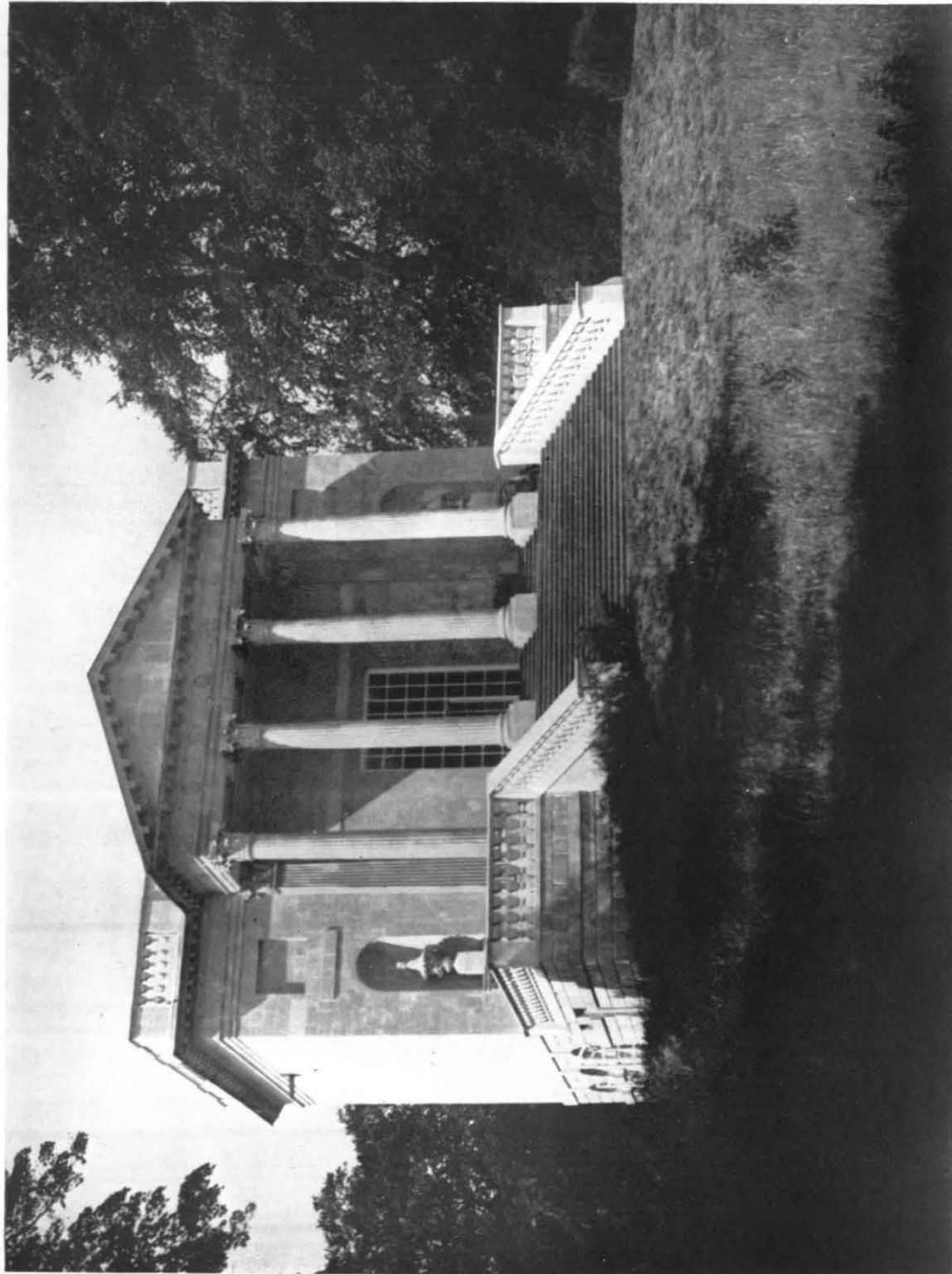


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THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE, 1934

[J. P. Searight

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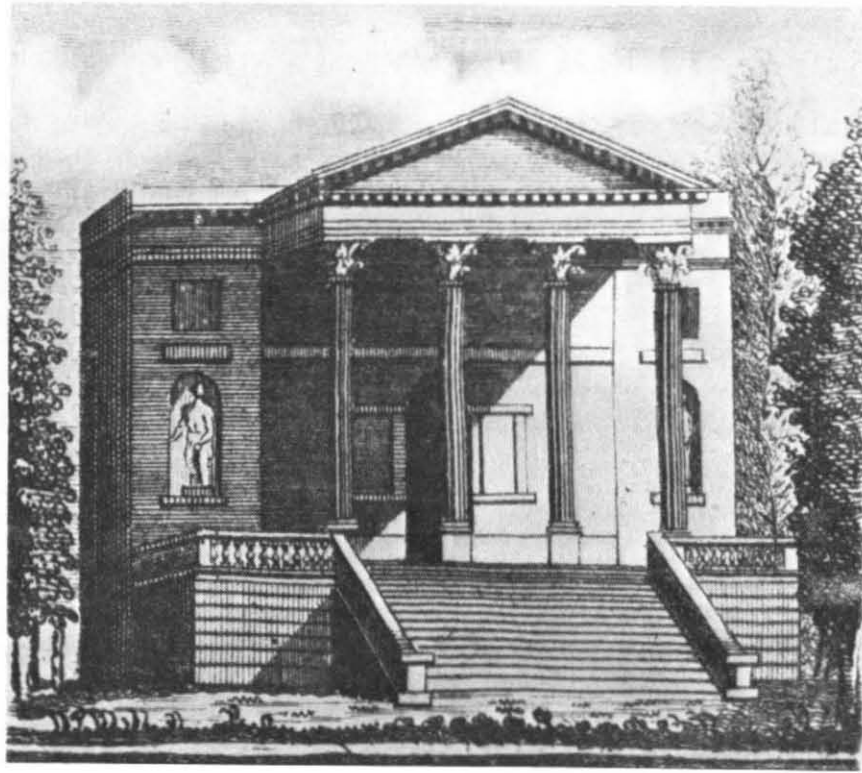
THE Queen's Temple belongs to the middle period of Stowe temple architecture. The garden design which Bridgeman had helped to carry out did not include the land to the east of the Grotto and the Serpentine River; this was developed and included in the general design in the last years of Lord Cobham's life. Cobham died in 1749. By 1745 the Gothic Temple had been built, the Palladian Bridge erected in its earlier form, and the ha-ha extended; but the Lady's Temple (its name was not changed until the end of the century) was still in process of construction.

The Lady's Temple was completed by 1749; it was "built upon groin Arches, with Venetian Windows," and contained two diverting paintings by a certain Mr. Sleter. The anonymous author of the *Dialogue of 1751* was not too pleased with these "Conversation Pieces of Ladies differently employed, and very indifferently painted"; so he just looked in and passed on to the greater beauty of the Grecian Temple. Apparently this part of the garden was still unfinished, for *Polyptbon* and *Collophilus*, the leisured gentlemen whose opinions are recorded in the dialogue, speak of its unfinished appearance and discourse warmly on the value of low walls—the ha-ha whose invention has been attributed to Bridgeman—such as were then building.

This early version of the Temple is illustrated in Seeley's Guide, and proved by the brick vaults which were brought to light during the recent alterations. It underwent several modifications before it reached its present appearance. It was being altered about 1770 by the addition of a flight of steps; and by 1773 its appearance is quite changed. The groin arches are hidden from view; there are "two Niches in each Front decorated with vases: a great Flight of Steps leads up to a Corinthian Portico, and from thence to a Room, supported by *Scaiola* columns." There are curious discrepancies between description and illustration. In the illustration one sees statues, not vases, and the Venetian windows

are not visible. This is the Temple substantially as one sees it to-day—a brick and stucco affair, encased in stone.

The final phase was an alteration in terminology and in interior decoration. In 1788 George III went mad. Politicians got ready a Regency Bill, and the Prince of Wales was prepared to desert the opposition for the government, in the manner of Hanoverian kings. But the



Reproduced from] THE "LADY'S TEMPLE," [Seeley's "Description
ABOUT 1773 of Stowe," 1773

King recovered, and the Marquis of Buckingham in gratitude dedicated his Temple, not to the King, but to the Queen Charlotte, "most respectable in the most difficult moments"—a distorted form of revived Cæsar-worship! The room inside still contained Mr. Sleter's paintings and the old scagliola columns. Now, in 1789, the paintings were removed. A trunk-ceiling, imitated from a Roman design, was introduced; and

the two medallions of Britannia, dejected and with a palm, symbols of the King's ill health and of his recovery, were placed at each end, interspersed with four trophies, of Religion, Justice and Mercy, of Agriculture and Manufacture, of Navigation and Commerce, and of War. In the centre of the room was placed a life-size figure of Britannia supporting a medallion of the Queen, with an inscription, now unfortunately vanished. Without, a balustrade was added to the roof.

In the middle of the nineteenth century, a Roman pavement, discovered at Foxcote, was inserted in the floor there. Since then there have been no structural alterations. Until 1922 the Queen's Temple was externally in tolerable repair. In the catalogue of that year there is a fairly recent photograph of it, which shows the balustrade intact.

But when the School took possession things were very different. The structure had long been unsound. The balustrade was crumbling fast, the stonework of the portico had perished in many places, and before the School had been long established the saplings were already growing through the steps. The plaster-work of the interior had suffered grievously from the damp which the leaking roof admitted and the ceiling of both wings had fallen in.

In its early days the School could not attempt to make good the mischief. The authorities of the O.T.C. who established a miniature range in front of the decaying portico tried to prevent the destruction from spreading but with small success. Any reconstruction that might have been attempted would have had to be radical, and there was neither time nor money for so big an undertaking. But on the School's Tenth Birthday a subscription list was opened to restore the Temple as a "birthday present" and to equip it as a Music School. The work was begun in the Autumn and was both thorough and complete. In front the steps were rebuilt on a concrete base, the perished stone was replaced by skilful inlay and an entirely new balustrade was built. In the basement the brick groining was put in order, the "apse" was hollowed out and lined with brick, several small rooms were created, windows and a door were provided and a heating plant was installed. The main hall was renovated throughout, the ceilings and mouldings being restored—the latter at the cost of much skill and toil—and the columns completely reconstructed. A wood-block floor was put down, the little Roman pavement cleaned and the brass plate replaced. All this was done to the designs of the School's Architect, Mr. Fielding Dodd, and under his supervision.

An inaugural concert was held on Speech Day (July 27th), 1934.

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS GUY BARRINGTON.

Born on February 7th, 1912.

Died on April 9th, 1934.

Guy Barrington came to Stowe in the Summer Term of 1926, and left in April 1930. He was a member of Bruce House, and represented his House at Football, Running and Squash Rackets. From Stowe he went to Sandhurst, where in his last term he was a Corporal and gained half-blues for Athletics and Squash Rackets. Both at School and afterwards he was a very good Squash player and played in many representative matches. He was gazetted to the West Yorkshire Regiment in January 1932, and served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt and India. At School he was rather retiring, but was always very loyal and friendly. Later he developed into a very efficient and popular officer. He seemed to have a great career in front of him, and his death was a great shock to his many friends.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1934

The following Scholarships have been awarded at Stowe:—

- M. J. POULTON. (Messrs. Layton and Reynolds, The Manor House, Horsham, Sussex).
 J. B. FRANKENBURG. (Mr. F. Serille-Phillips, Nevill Holt, Market Harborough).
 G. L. LE BOUVIER. (The Rev. A. R. K. Wells, Heath Mount School, Woodhall Park, Hertford).
 D. M. BOLTON. (Messrs. Batley and Calkin, Wychwood School, Bournemouth).
 H. F. SASSOON. (Mr. H. ff. Ozanne, Sandroyd School, Cobham, Surrey).
 E. N. ROLFE. (Mr. R. C. V. Lang, St. Aubyns School, Rottingdean, Sussex).
 J. C. DREW. (Mr. C. H. T. Hayman, Winchester House, Brackley, Northants).

- B. J. G. KAYE. (Messrs. Cameron and Forbes, Lambrook, Bracknell, Berks).
 R. H. WIDDOWS. (Mr. E. Skeete Workman, Copthorne School, Sussex).
 S. J. WHITWELL. (Mr. C. E. Winter, Northaw, Surrenden-Dering, Pluckley, Kent).
 P. JOHNSTONE. (Mr. H. C. Curran, Upland House, Buchan Hill, Nr. Crawley, Sussex).
 P. D. COLT. (Mr. L. J. Dobie, Moorland House, Heswall, Cheshire).
 M. G. T. WEBSTER. (Mr. G. D. Fox, Sunningdale School, Sunningdale, Berks).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1933-34

The following awards have been made:—

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| BARBER READING PRIZES.— <i>Senior</i> : | B. J. R. Moreton. |
| <i>Junior</i> : | P. L. D. Frankenburg. |
| CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK. | B. J. R. Moreton. |
| QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.— <i>Prose</i> : | B. J. R. Moreton. |
| <i>Essay</i> : | B. J. R. Moreton. |
| HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE. | P. E. Hughesdon. |
| PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE. | J. O. N. Vickers. |
| BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR DIVINITY. | P. C. B. Benson. |
| J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES.— <i>Senior</i> : | K. J. Duff-Dunbar |
| <i>Junior</i> : | E. B. Neville-Rolfe |

No entry was received for the Robert Barbour Prize for Scripture.

The H. M. Evans Prize for Biology will be awarded in September.

The award of the Pearman Smith Prize for Mathematics has been postponed.

A 'Bene' Book has been won by B. J. R. Moreton.

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1934.

Prefects :—P. B. Lucas, Head of the School ; G. E. T. Brown ; E. P. R. Jourdain ; J. M. N. Pike ; P. J. Willink ; N. G. Annan ; J. H. Nelson Smith ; P. W. Kemmis ; L. A. McAfee ; S. J. L. Olver ; A. E. de la T. Mallett ; N. I. Bartholomew.

Captain of Cricket :—P. B. Lucas.

Hon. Secretary of Cricket :—A. E. de la T. Mallett.

By the death of Sir Heath Harrison, which occurred on May 16th, Stowe has lost one of its earliest and most generous supporters. Before the School opened Sir Heath showed great interest in its prospects, and when convinced that the new venture was likely to deserve his help, gave it unstintingly.

Later on he sent a princely donation to the Chapel Fund, and whenever he thought that we were doing something really worth doing, he helped us to make a success of it.

Yet he knew Stowe only through personal contacts. In recent years he had become rather infirm, and he was never able to make the long journey from Hampshire to Stowe. This did not lessen his attachment to the School, but it was a lasting disappointment to those of us here who claimed to be his friends.

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

- May 6th. Canon A. R. H. Grant, C.V.O., D.D., Chaplain to H.M. the King and Canon of Norwich.
- May 13th. The Rt. Rev. P. H. Eliot, D.D., Lord Bishop of Buckingham.
- May 27th. Canon C. E. Raven, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity, Cambridge, Canon of Ely and Chaplain to H.M. the King.
- June 3rd. The Rev. W. P. Cartwright, M.A., General Secretary, London City Mission.
- June 10th. The Rev. E. A. Willis, B.Sc.
- July 8th. The Rev. S. E. Swann, M.A., Rector of Leighton Buzzard.
- July 29th. The Rt. Rev. T. B. Strong, D.D., Lord Bishop of Oxford.

We much regret that the Rev. H. Costley-White, D.D., Headmaster of Westminster, and the Rt. Rev. E. A. Burroughes, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ripon, were unable to preach owing to illness. The latter's termly visit has been much missed, and his many friends would be glad of this opportunity to wish him a speedy and complete recovery from his illness.

A successful innovation has been made this term whereby Assembly is held only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in each week, and Chapel on Monday (voluntary service), Wednesday and Friday. Prayers are now read at Assembly by the School chaplains in turn.

On non-Assembly days, school is from 8.45 till 10.15, and from 11.15 until 12.45. During this long break, Physical Training by Houses is now done in change, a special costume of grey shorts and white zephyrs having been adopted for the purpose. This has resulted in P.T. of a very much higher standard than hitherto.

A cup has been presented for inter-House competition in Physical Training, and an account of the first occasion of this competition will be found on a later page.

The building of the New House proceeds steadily in the capable hands of Messrs. Higgs and Hill. Photographs of its progress will be found in this number. It is to be named Walpole.

As usual, a party consisting of the forms taking the School Certificate Examination went over to Stratford-on-Avon to see the set play, "Henry the Fifth," at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre. This was on Wednesday, May 30th.

Old Stoic Day was held on Saturday, July 7th. The usual programme of matches was held.

A party from Stowe was again invited and went to see the Royal Air Force Pageant at Hendon, on Saturday, June 16th.

On Thursday, June 21st, a party from the School went on invitation to a performance of the "Agamemnon" in the Greek Theatre at Bradfield. The acting reached a high level, and a greater use of pageantry and colour was made than in previous years.

We have spoken before of the golfing exploits of the Head of the School, P. B. Lucas. But hardly was the ink dry from our pen than he provided us with yet more startling details to record. During May he made a prolonged and irresistible progress through several rounds of the English Amateur Golf Championship, and was eventually only beaten by the subsequent winner in the sixth round.

On Friday, July 13th, the School received a second visit from the Riverdale School, New York. Games of cricket and baseball were played, and the Americans subsequently gave a very skilled display of glee-singing in the Library.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Clarke on his engagement to Margaret Elphinston, youngest daughter of the Very Reverend Sir George Adam Smith, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen. The wedding has been arranged to take place in Aberdeen on August 7th.

Mr. A. V. Ireland is next term resuming his paternal surname of The Baron Velleman von Simunich. An announcement will appear in *The Times* on September 1st.

Mr. Earle leaves Stowe this term, and we cannot begin to express our feelings at his departure. His influence has been so great in such a variety of fields that he will long be remembered as having been one of the creators of the School since its very earliest days in 1923. We wish him all happiness in his retirement.

The following have been awarded 1st XI. Colours:—K. P. P. Goldschmidt (re-awarded), S. J. L. Olver (re-awarded), P. G. Krabbé, J. D. Buchanan, N. D. Clive, J. D. A. Langley, G. E. T. Brown, S. J. R. Macoun, A. C. Lynch-Staunton.

The following have been awarded 2nd XI Colours:—J. H. Nelson Smith, P. R. Spencer, P. G. E. Davies, B. N. I. Maude-Roxby, N. B. Robinson, M. I. Drake, A. S. Hooper, J. L. Nicholson, J. C. Shawe.

The following have been awarded Colts Caps:—P. Shaw, A. H. P. Hope, I. C. S. Munro, P. Sherrard, J. A. S. Peplow, R. S. Darby, P. L. D. Frankenburg, J. M. Mayne.

Boxing Cups were awarded last term as follows:—

Over 8st. 7lbs.—J. G. Wright (Grafton).

Under 8st. 7lbs.—G. A. Dick-Lauder (Cobham).

Last term, the inter-House Fives Cup was won by Cobham.

OLIM ALUMNI

MR. N. A. C. CROFT is already known to be a member of the British Exploration Expedition to Greenland. He spent last winter at Diskø Bay, on the west coast of Greenland, living with the Greenlanders and buying 42 sledge-dogs from them. He has also had the task of choosing the place of ascent to the ice-cap which the expedition has to cross, and of moving large quantities of stores to the head of the glacier.

DR. S. J. L. TAYLOR has been awarded the Mead Medal for Medicine, and the Wainright and Toller Prizes for Medicine, at St. Thomas's Hospital.

MR. G. R. DE HAVILLAND finished fifth in the race for the King's Cup, on Saturday, July 14th.

MR. A. J. P. LING has played cricket for Glamorgan on several occasions.

MR. H. E. HOPE was second in the Pole Vault at the Southern Athletic Championships, on June 30th, with a jump of 10ft. 9ins.

MR. A. C. L. WHISTLER won the Chancellor's English Essay Prize at Oxford. This is a notable success. He has also published a further volume of poetry, entitled "Four Walls."

MR. P. D. WARD has been elected Captain of the Cambridge University Hare and Hounds for the season 1934-5.

- MR. D. RUSSELL-DAVIS was placed in the First Class of the Natural Science Tripos, Part I, at Cambridge.
- MR. J. A. HUNTER has been awarded his Blue for Shooting, at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.
- MR. R. G. ATKINSON won the Long Jump for the R.M.C., Sandhurst, in the match against Woolwich and Cranwell, with a jump of 21ft 2½ ins.
- MR. F. A. H. LING has been awarded his Cricket Blue at the R.M.C. Sandhurst.
- MR. E. V. HOPE has been elected to the Committee of the Cambridge University Athletic Club.
- MR. C. H. G. KINAHAN was third in the Half-Mile at the Junior Championships of the Amateur Athletic Association.
- MR. C. S. MADDEN has been promoted to be a Senior Under-Officer and MR. R. I. MACKENZIE to be a Junior Under-Officer at the R.M.C., Sandhurst, for the coming term.

ENGAGEMENTS.

- From the Times of June 26th, 1934* :—"The engagement is announced between JAMES, only son of Mr. James Cadman, of Walton Hall, Eccleshall, Staffs, and the late Mrs. Cadman, and Diana, second daughter of Lady Ferguson, Great Bounds, Southborough, Kent, and the late Sir John Ferguson."
- From the Times of April 19th, 1934* :—"The engagement is announced between BINGLEY WALDEMAR DAY, Indian Civil Service, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bingley Day, Hovingham, York, and Irene (Judy), third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Heys, Gothurst, Ramsgate."

From the Times of April 10th, 1934 :—"The engagement is announced between G. AMBROSE ROWSE, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Edin.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rowse, 6, Eliot Terrace, The Hoe, Plymouth, Devon, and Ada, only daughter of the Rev. Professor R. H. Strachan, D.D., and Mrs. Strachan, 1, Westminster College Bounds, Cambridge."

From the Times of May 7th, 1934 :—"The engagement is announced between GEORGE SAMUEL PICK, of 119, Fellows Road, Hampstead, N.W.3., and Jessie Agnes, elder daughter of the late Alexander Hill Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin, of 20, Belsize Square, Hampstead, N.W.3."

From the Times of May 3rd, 1934 :—"The engagement is announced between JOHN ARMOUR, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Halley Brown, of Craignahullie, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, and Bianca Eilidh (Bunty), second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Barnardo, C.I.E., C.B.E., and Mrs. Barnardo, of Little Common, East Sussex, and 21, Lancaster Gate Terrace, W.2."

From the Telegraph of April 11th, 1934 :—"The engagement is announced between PATRICK RONALD, youngest son of Mr. Reginald Head, of 36, Pont Street, S.W., and the late Mrs. Reginald Head, and Anstace Morwenna, eldest daughter of Prebendary Austin and Mrs. Thompson, St. Peter's Eaton Square Vicarage, 24, Chester Square, S.W."

From the Times of Friday, June 8th, 1934 :—"The engagement is announced between MR. RICHARD SIDNEY EDRIDGE, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Edridge, of The Grange, Warlingham, to Joan Isabel Reveley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Reveley, of Furzedown, Warlingham."

MARRIAGES.

From the Times of June 23rd, 1934 :—"On June 22nd, 1934, at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, W., by the Rev. H. T. Carnegie, Vicar of St. John's Church, Hampstead, WALTER, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hyde, of Hampstead, to Joyce, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smart, also of Hampstead."

“ At St. Andrew’s Church, Sandon, on April 28th, 1934, JOHN FREDRIC CRAMPORN, of Great Baddaw, Essex, to Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gardner, of Chelmsford.”

From the Times of May 1st, 1934 :—“ On April 25th, 1934, at St. Peter-with-St. Thomas Church, Vere Street, W.1., PETER HAMLIN WILSON DAVIE, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Davie, of Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth, to Bertha Ellen Goldsworthy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldsworthy, of Oxford.”

From the Times of July 16th, 1934 :—“ The marriage took place on Saturday at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, of MR. CHARLES EDWARD JOHN WESTON, elder son of Major C. F. R. N. Weston, R.E. (retired), and Mrs. Weston, of Tuesnod, Bethersden, Kent, late of West Horsley Place, Surrey, and Miss Patricia Lowther Kitching, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Kitching, of Hill House, Keston, Kent.”

OBITUARY.

From the Times of Thursday, April 12th, 1934 :—“ On April 9th, 1934, at Quetta, as the result of an accident, 2nd Lieutenant THOMAS GUY BARRINGTON, 1st West Yorkshire Regt., the dearly beloved son of Lt.-Colonel T. P. Barrington and Mrs. Barrington, of Bexhill.”

OLD STOIC GOLFING SOCIETY.

The Old Stoic Golfing Society has played the following matches recently :—

At Liphook, on May 14th. *v.* Old Harrovian G.S.

The Singles resulted in a tie, and the Foursomes were lost by five matches to seven.

At Betchworth, on May 27th. *v.* Old Cliftonian G.S.

The Old Cliftonians won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

At West Byfleet, on June 24th. *v.* Old Radleian G.S.

The Old Radleians won by $6\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

At Tadmarton, on July 8th. *v.* A Stowe team.

The Old Stoics won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

G.M.W.

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

I am afraid that this term my letter must be almost entirely at second hand, as an acute appendix has prevented my visiting the Club since April. However, before I was smitten down, a kind but anonymous friend, with a post-mark somewhere in Scotland, had answered our appeal for periodicals. We should all like to thank our unknown helper very much indeed.

Spring was celebrated by a great deal of interior decoration by the unemployed. Among other things, this proved that paint-mixing is a highly skilled task. Every door is—or was when I last saw it—a sort of permanent fly-paper and clothes trap. Apart from this slight disadvantage, the improvement is enormous.

The glorious weather has reduced the average nightly attendance, but cricket has been as popular as ever. In Regent’s Park, the juniors and seniors have both played regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the Old Boys play on Sundays. On Saturdays, two teams perform on that worst of grounds—Wormwood Scrubs.

Swimming at the Marylebone baths on Monday evenings has always been well attended, and teams are in training for the London and Westminster Federation Galas.

For the Club boxing, enthusiasm has been even greater than usual—and this is especially so among the younger members. Boxing, somehow, seems to suit the London boy’s temperament better than any other form of sport. We put in a good team for the London Federation contests, but its members were beaten in a series of very close fights.

The visits of the “ house parties ” from Stowe have been absolutely regular. All at the Club really do appreciate these visits—more perhaps than people at Stowe realise—for they are a continual reminder that we are not forgotten.

The Whitsun Camp was most successful. Joe Hone, Betts, Mac and Pat Morgan had no less than 50 boys with them. Captain and Mrs. Lucas cycled over from London and stayed in Buckingham, coming over to the camp each day. As usual, the excellent meals in the School were thoroughly enjoyed. On Monday afternoon, the first and second teams beat school teams at cricket, while the third lost. The weather was cloudy enough to discourage bathing, but not enough to spoil the fun. The August camp will start as usual on August 4.

Thanks to improvements in the employment situation and the glorious weather, it became possible (and indeed desirable) to close the Unemployment Centre at the Club at Whitsun for the rest of the summer months. It will no doubt be reopened, as soon as it again becomes necessary—and may such a time be far away.

So I close with my usual thanks to Captain and Mrs. Lucas, Joe Hone, Betts, and all our other friends for another four months of successful and happy life of the Stowe Boys’ Club. Long may they continue to watch over it.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN TAYLOR.

MAINLY FINANCE.

The Stowe Club is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the School, the Staff, and friends of Stowe for its income. A 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 exacting. The Club has no salaried officials, and the boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

Particulars of the subscription list are entirely private to me. Any sum of money, no matter how small it may seem, and especially if it can be sent regularly, will be gratefully received. Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques and postal orders are most welcome too. 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.

The Warden would be glad also if anyone employing labour would remember that the Club can often supply good boys for certain types of work. He naturally asks no more than that employers should give Club boys the opportunity of applying for vacancies.

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

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (March 11th to July 8th)	20	19	2
Chapel Expenses (April 1st)	7	7	8
Stowe Club (May 6th)	14	6	2
London City Mission (June 10th)	11	14	3
Chapel Expenses (July 8th)	7	16	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing	10	6	
Flowers	4	4	5
Preachers' travelling expenses	7	14	0

The balance of this account is paid into Stowe Club funds.

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

CRICKET

THE 1st XI, after two early defeats at the hands of moderate Club teams, settled down into a good side. The batting was strong, and the fielding excellent. Lucas transformed himself into an opening bat, and while he lost many of his scoring strokes his defence undoubtedly became more solid. Buchanan was probably the soundest bat on the side and played some very thoughtful innings. Langley showed a wide variety of strokes, and did exceedingly well for his first year; Goldschmidt was a joy to behold when making runs, but impetuosity robbed him of many long innings. Mallett, Krabbé, Olver and Clive also played some good innings; Brown proved disappointing as a hitter, but his fielding was magnificent. He is worth his place in any side for this alone. It was the lack of bowling which prevented the eleven from being a really first class side. Lucas suffered from muscle trouble too much to be really effective throughout the season, and, though Goldschmidt was unearthed as a fast-medium bowler, there was really nobody else to back up these two. Buchanan obtained some useful wickets and was the steadiest bowler; Krabbé's length was too uncertain. Macoun had more chances missed off him than all the rest of the bowlers put together but was not fast enough to be really dangerous; and Lynch-Staunton, brought into the side to lend variety to the attack, after a good spell of bowling at Westminster proved very expensive.

The School matches were successful, Haileybury, the conquerors of the strong Uppingham eleven, being the only School side to beat us; in this match, the odds were on Stowe winning right up to the last five minutes.

With a record of two wins, three draws and two defeats, the 2nd XI had a moderately good season. There was a definite weakness in the bowling, and the batting suffered from inability on the part of all the batsmen, except possibly Drake, to score quickly enough to force wins. Nelson Smith, Drake, Nicholson and Hooper were probably the best of the batsmen, and N. B. Robinson has possibilities as a medium-paced left-handed bowler.

The 3rd XI played two matches against Radley, winning them both. In the first match, Henniker made a somewhat fortuitous 47, and L. A. P. Robinson and Lawson were successful with the ball. The second match was chiefly remarkable for a long partnership between Ness and Bartley, after a bad start had been made. Both batted really well. The form shown all round was promising.

THE STOIC

STOWE v. THE MASTERS. Played at Stowe on May 18th and 19th.

This proved an easy victory for the School, though, had some early chances been accepted by the Masters, more of a fight might have been made. The School bowling was steady, and Buchanan and Mallett batted well with an opening partnership of 111.

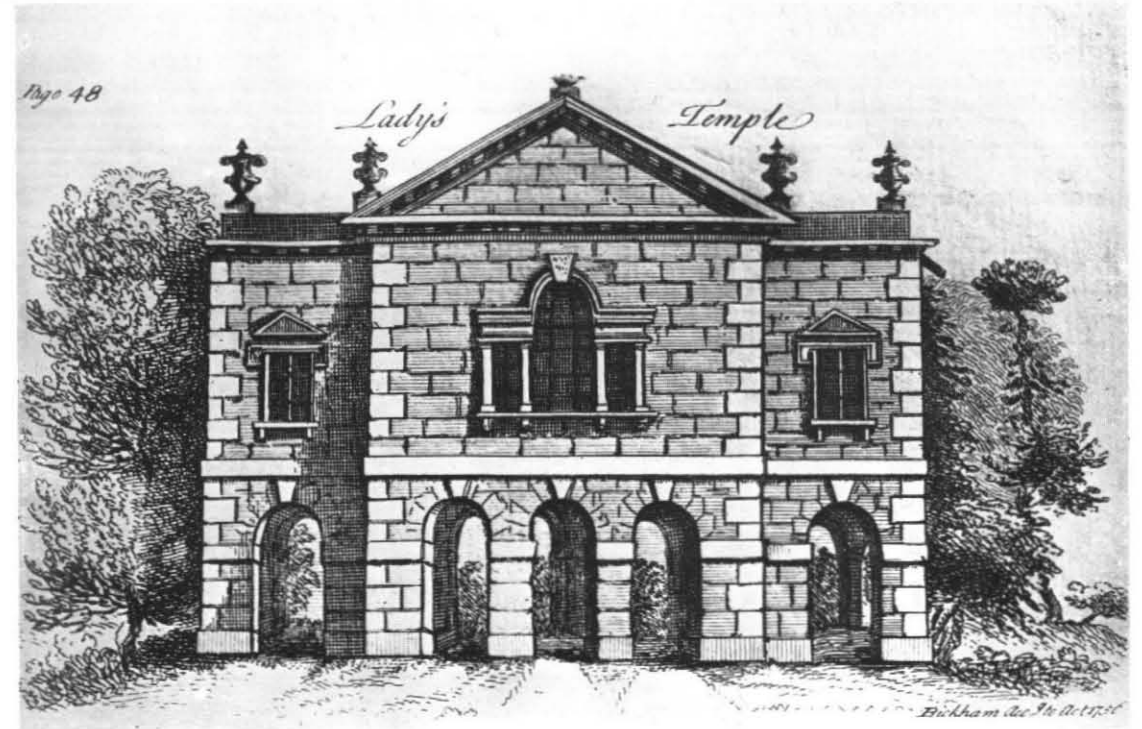
THE MASTERS.		STOWE.	
W. E. Capel Cure, b Lucas.....	8	J. D. Buchanan, c & b Archer.....	64
W. L. McElwee, c Buchanan, b Lucas..	2	A. E. de la T. Mallett, c McElwee, b Archer	62
J. T. Hankinson, c Lucas, b Buchanan..	25	K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Skene....	0
I. M. Cross, b Robinson.....	15	J. D. A. Langley, not out.....	26
D. I. Brown, b Robinson.....	14	P. B. Lucas, not out.....	6
M. D. Prain, b Krabbé.....	13	J. H. Bourne, S. J. L. Olver, P. G. Krabbé, G. E. T. Brown, P. G. E. Davies and N. B. Robinson did not bat.	
J. R. Hands, b Robinson.....	1		
J. A. Tallent, lbw, b Robinson.....	2		
E. Hart Dyke, c Buchanan, b Davies..	1		
A. G. Archer, not out.....	29		
R. W. Skene, c & b Buchanan.....	8		
Extras	20	Extras	19
Total	138	Total (for 3 wks.)	177

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	13	1	35	2	Archer	14	1	62	2
Davies	8	0	17	1	Skene	14	2	34	1
Robinson	5	0	17	4	Tallent	8	1	32	0
Buchanan	10	1	33	2	Hart Dyke	5	0	21	0
Bourne	4	1	13	0	Hankinson	2	0	9	0
Krabbé	2	1	2	1					

STOWE v. THE CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on May 26th.

A strong bowling side was brought down, but there was no real excuse for the deplorable batting of the School. The School fielding also left much to be desired, Brown alone standing out brilliantly and making three good catches. Buchanan batted very pluckily and was last out.

CRYPTICS.		STOWE.	
D. C. G. Raikes, c Mallett, b Krabbé..	64	J. D. Buchanan, c Sales, b Duggan....	37
N. H. Bennett, b Lucas.....	23	A. E. de la T. Mallett, b Darwell-Smith	0
H. E. Sales, c Langley, b Robinson....	4	K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Legard..	4
N. M. Jerram, b Robinson.....	1	J. D. A. Langley, run out.....	0
Major E. G. Earle, c Brown, b Krabbé..	32	P. B. Lucas, c Cooke, b Duggan.....	12
E. B. M. Tremlett, c Maude-Roxby, b Buchanan	55	J. H. Bourne, b Cooke.....	2
J. A. Darwell-Smith, c Brown, b Krabbé	2	G. E. T. Brown, c Raikes, b Duggan..	3
C. B. Cooke, b Lucas.....	0	S. J. L. Olver, c Sales, b Cooke.....	3
P. M. Duggan, c Brown, b Buchanan..	18	P. G. Krabbé, c Skene, b Duggan.....	9
A. R. Legard, st Mallett, b Buchanan..	2	N. B. Robinson, b Cooke.....	0
R. W. Skene, not out.....	5	B. N. I. Maude-Roxby, not out.....	0
Extras	11	Extras	5
Total	217	Total	75



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	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	17	1	57	2	Legard	7	2	20	1
Maude-Roxby ..	11	0	51	0	Darwell-Smith ..	7	4	5	1
Robinson	12	0	51	2	Cooke	9	1	25	3
Krabbé	10	0	29	3	Duggan	8.2	2	20	4
Buchanan	3.4	0	18	3					

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Bradfield on May 30th.

This proved a most exciting contest. The School were put in by Bradfield and before lunch had lost 8 wickets for 95; Goldschmidt scored his runs very quickly and well. Then came a most valuable stand of 57 between Krabbé and Olver, both of whom batted excellently. Nevertheless the total was very disappointing. Bradfield lost 6 wickets for 109, and then came an apparently decisive partnership of 38. The 8th and 9th wickets, however, both fell at 159. The match was a triumph for Mallett and Lucas. Mallett's wicket-keeping was the best performance seen since Levis obtained 6 wickets against Radley in 1930: the wicket at Bradfield was distinctly fiery, and standing up to Lucas, who was doing extraordinary things off the pitch, must have been really difficult. The fielding of the whole side was simply first-class, and the team looked a side for the first time this term.

STOWE.

N. D. Clive, c Williams, b Hunter....	1
J. D. Buchanan, c Askew, b Raynor...	0
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Raynor...	44
J. D. A. Langley, c Tasker, b Raynor...	17
P. B. Lucas, c Williams, b Raynor....	8
R. O. Booth, c Askew, b Allpass.....	1
G. E. T. Brown, c Raynor, b Gilman...	6
A. E. de la T. Mallett, c Williams, b Hunter	12
S. J. L. Olver, c Wilson, b Hunter....	29
P. G. Krabbé, c Williams, b Hunter...	41
N. B. Robinson, not out.....	2
Extras	8
Total	169

BRADFIELD.

P. Paine, b Buchanan.....	14
D. M. Hebden, b Lucas.....	6
J. M. Wilson, c Krabbé, b Lucas.....	6
A. H. Buckham, c Mallett, b Lucas....	22
A. S. Hunter, c & b Lucas.....	39
C. D. P. Raynor, c Mallett, b Lucas....	4
P. H. Williams, c Mallett, b Lucas....	22
A. G. Tasker, c Mallett, b Lucas.....	25
F. B. Allpass, b Krabbé.....	2
E. C. B. Gilman, not out.....	2
A. B. Askew, lbw, b Krabbé.....	0
Extras	19
Total	161

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hunter	11.4	1	42	4
Raynor	14	1	48	4
Allpass	6	3	19	1
Gilman	8	3	24	1
Askew.....	5	0	29	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	19	7	38	7
Robinson	9	1	41	0
Krabbé	14.1	7	44	2
Buchanan	5	2	19	1

STOWE v. THE AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 2nd.

A total of 133 against the limited bowling of the Authentics was poor, Goldschmidt—until he sacrificed his wicket in a most inexplicable manner—and Langley alone showing any confidence. Goldschmidt in particular was very quick at hooking the shorter balls. Eglington batted beautifully for the Authentics, and he and Russell gave the School a really good display of quick and intelligent running. The School bowling looked mediocre after Lucas had pulled a muscle.

STOWE.		AUTHENTICS.	
J. D. Buchanan, b Ascoli	9	R. Eglington, c & b Buchanan	80
N. D. Clive, c Stooks, b Raven	10	M. McDonald, b Lucas	10
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, b Raven	31	M. R. Barton, b Krabbé	28
J. D. A. Langley, b Ascoli	27	W. L. Seccombe, c Lucas, b Krabbé	17
P. B. Lucas, b Russell	6	D. Russell, c Krabbé, b Buchanan	58
J. H. Bourne, lbw, b Ascoli	1	H. E. Ascoli, lbw, b Bourne	13
G. E. T. Brown, c Skene, b Armitstead	15	L. W. A. Raven, c Brown, b Bourne	1
R. O. Booth, b Ascoli	9	R. C. H. Armitstead, not out	19
P. G. Krabbé, not out	7	J. T. Bush, c & b Bourne	6
P. R. Spencer, b Ascoli	1	P. J. Stooks, st Spencer, b Buchanan	1
N. B. Robinson, c Russell, b Ascoli	0	R. W. Skene did not bat.	
Extras	17	Extras	11
Total	133	Total (for 9 wks.)	244

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ascoli	16	5	40	6
Armitstead	15	8	27	1
Russell	7	1	30	1
Raven	7	1	19	2

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	4	1	15	1
Goldschmidt	4	0	18	0
Robinson	9	1	54	0
Krabbé	7	0	39	2
Bourne	10	0	40	3
Buchanan	8.2	0	55	3

STOWE v. HAILEYBURY. Played at Stowe on June 9th.

Haileybury came to us straight from a 10-wicket victory over the hitherto invincible Uppingham. With Stowe winning the toss, Lucas and Clive gave the School an excellent start, scoring 82 without loss before lunch. Then came the deluge. Clive, Goldschmidt and Lucas all left at 89, and the good start was simply frittered away by the remainder of the batsmen, Buchanan alone batting resolutely and showing any form. A total of 166 seemed very little against Haileybury's wealth of batting, but in the threequarters of an hour before tea they had scored only 17 for 2. Another wicket fell in the first over after tea, and Stowe were on top. Gradually the score mounted, however, but with wickets falling fairly regularly, and with the score at 124 for 8 and with only twenty minutes left for play, defeat for Stowe seemed out of the question, and a victory very possible. It was not to be, however. Mayhew came in to play the best knock of the day; he played the right game, hitting anything loose very hard and very well, and he undoubtedly deserved all credit for the victory which Haileybury gained in the last over as the clock was striking. Some attempt might have been made to stop his hitting, and the putting on of a slow left-hander for the last over on a plumb wicket when only 7 runs were needed seemed suicidal. It was a great game and a happy inauguration of a new fixture.

STOWE.		HAILEYBURY.	
P. B. Lucas, lbw, b Darewski	46	D. H. Ridler, b Lucas	1
N. D. Clive, lbw, b Mayhew	40	R. J. Purdey, c Langley, b Goldschmidt	11
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Mayhew	0	C. H. W. Troughton, b Lucas	2
J. D. A. Langley, c Hayles, b Darewski	3	A. M. Hayfield, c Lucas, b Krabbé	24
J. D. Buchanan, c Ridler, b Darewski	28	P. K. Mayhew, b Krabbé	15
A. E. de la T. Mallett, c Ridler, b Darewski	15	R. M. Childs, c Lucas, b Buchanan	14
G. E. T. Brown, b Mayhew	9	B. R. Darewski, not out	22
P. G. Krabbé, c Hayfield, b Darewski	12	P. W. Gale, b Lucas	27
S. J. L. Olver, run out	4	B. P. M. Hayles, c Lucas, b Buchanan	4
J. H. Bourne, b Mayhew	0	C. P. Mayhew, not out	32
S. J. R. Macoun, not out	0	F. R. E. Molden did not bat.	
Extras	9	Extras	20
Total	166	Total (for 8 wks.)	172

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Mayhew	22	6	59	4	Lucas	20	6	33	3
Darewski	31.2	10	69	5	Macoun	10	4	23	0
Hayfield	6	2	9	0	Krabbé	17	4	45	2
Gale	4	1	11	0	Goldschmidt	5	1	16	1
Ridler	3	1	9	0	Buchanan	9	0	35	2

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Westminster on June 13th and 14th.

Lucas was fortunate enough to win the toss, and he and Clive again gave the School a good start, putting on 64 for the first wicket. Lucas showed great form and hit the ball amazingly hard. He was unlucky not to get his hundred. Goldschmidt again got himself out, and three wickets had fallen for 148. Buchanan and Langley then added 155 in a little over an hour; Langley batted really well and hit the bowling all over the place, Buchanan playing the right game of keeping his end up and scoring whenever opportunity offered. After Langley was out, Olver played a beautiful little innings and scored his 42 in a quarter of an hour. The side were all out at half past four, having scored their runs at the quick pace of 111 runs per hour. In the Westminster innings Lucas bowled magnificently and took all four wickets that fell overnight, the score then being 144.

Next morning, the remainder of the Westminster wickets fell for an addition of 44 runs in three-quarters of an hour, and Westminster followed on. At lunch the score was 38 for 2, and when two more wickets had fallen with the total at 73, Stowe seemed assured of victory. Hobbs and Richardson, however, settled down to play really good cricket, and with Lucas's arm again troubling him, the Stowe bowling began to wear a worn look, though Goldschmidt was unlucky to have Hobbs missed in the slips when he was 45. Tea came with the score 188 for 4, and Westminster appeared safe. Richardson, however, was out to a good catch by Macoun in the slips at 202, and with the new ball Lucas bowled down two more wickets. Hobbs was again missed in the gully and this sealed Stowe's fate, he and Powell-Jones batting for an hour and a half and playing out time. Hobbs played a great innings.

It was unfortunate for Stowe that Lucas's arm had given out in the early morning. The fielding of the side was excellent throughout the whole match and even at the end, after a dose of eight hours in the field in a red-hot temperature, the ball was being chased wholeheartedly. Spencer kept wicket very well and proved a most capable substitute for the disabled Mallett.

STOWE.

P. B. Lucas, c Alderson, b Richardson	84
N. D. Clive, b Woodgate.....	24
J. D. A. Langley, st Powell-Jones, b Richardson	121
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Woodgate	23
J. D. Buchanan, c Rayne, b Woodgate	73
G. E. T. Brown, b Woodgate.....	11
P. G. Krabbé, b Woodgate.....	2
S. J. L. Olver, st. Powell-Jones, b Cuncliffe	42
A. C. Lynch-Staunton, run out.....	3
S. J. R. Macoun, not out.....	15
P. R. Spencer, hit wkt., b Cuncliffe....	10
Extras	7
Total	415

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Klein	8	2	25	0
Rayne.....	5	0	18	0
Woodgate	26	1	135	5
Stocker	5	0	26	0
Richardson	12	0	63	2
Cuncliffe	13.2	0	102	2
Angelo	10	0	39	0

WESTMINSTER.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
J. Alderson, b Lucas.....	50	b Lucas	22
R. H. Angelo, b Lucas.....	15	c Brown, b Macoun.....	17
H. F. Symons, c Lynch-Staunton, b Lucas	46	lbw, b Macoun.....	26
F. F. Richardson, lbw, b Lucas.....	0	c Macoun, b Buchanan.....	56
E. R. Hobbs, c Spencer, b Lucas.....	30	not out	123
C. C. Klein, not out.....	20	c Krabbé, b Macoun.....	6
D. F. Cuncliffe, c Krabbé, b Buchanan	1	b Lucas.....	3
J. P. Rayne, b Lynch-Staunton.....	4	b Lucas.....	0
J. O. H. Powell-Jones, b Lucas.....	0	not out	12
J. D. Stocker, b Buchanan.....	4		
J. T. Woodgate, c Brown, b Lucas....	10		
Extras	8	Extras	19
Total	188	Total (for 7 wks.)	284

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	25	5	53	7	Lucas	20	5	45	3
Macoun	16	3	53	0	Macoun	21	7	48	3
Lynch-Staunton	15	5	49	1	Krabbé	10	3	35	0
Krabbé	5	2	9	0	Buchanan	21	3	55	1
Buchanan	8	2	16	2	Lynch-Staunton	20	6	35	0
					Goldschmidt	10	3	38	0
					Olver	2	0	9	0

M.C.C. Played at Stowe on June 16th.

This match was a great success for the School. The M.C.C. had a very strong batting side, and two professionals to bowl for them. Both Lucas and Mallett were unable to play, and, as the XI had just returned from the gruelling Westminster match, much depended on Goldschmidt winning the toss, which fortunately he did. Langley again batted beautifully, and Krabbé and Buchanan gave him valuable assistance. When the M.C.C. batted, in spite of a formidable array of hitters the School bowling all through remained very steady, and Goldschmidt in particular bowled well and was unlucky not to be able quite to snatch a victory. The fielding was excellent, and Spencer's wicket-keeping was first class.

STOWE.		M.C.C.	
N. D. Clive, c & b Emmett.....	24	M. N. Kenyon, c Goldschmidt, b Krabbé	23
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Roberts..	1	R. A. Boddington, lbw, b Goldschmidt	59
J. D. A. Langley, b Radcliffe.....	142	Hon. J. Coventry, c Olver, b Macoun..	12
J. D. Buchanan, c Roberts, b White..	31	G. O. Shelmerdine, c Spencer, b Macoun	21
R. O. Booth, b Radcliffe.....	22	G. F. Earle, c Goldschmidt, b Buchanan	42
P. G. Krabbé, c Radcliffe, b Roberts..	47	Capt. J. L. Trevor, not out.....	21
S. J. L. Olver, c Boddington, b Roberts	10	Roberts, c Spencer, b Goldschmidt....	9
G. E. T. Brown, not out.....	16	Emmett, c Macoun, b Goldschmidt....	0
A. C. Lynch-Staunton, S. J. R. Macoun		H. Radcliffe, c Spencer, b Goldschmidt	0
and P. R. Spencer did not bat.		T. G. A. Miles, not out	1
Extras	9	S. G. White did not bat.	
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)....	302	Extras	8
		Total (for 8 wks.)	196

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	22	5	48	3	Macoun	16	2	63	2
Coventry	11	3	42	0	Buchanan	11	3	51	1
Emmett	14	0	59	1	Krabbé	6	0	33	1
Earle	3	0	15	0	Lynch-Staunton	3	0	13	0
White	14	0	87	0	Goldschmidt	9	0	27	4
Radcliffe	9	0	41	2					

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Stowe on June 23rd.

Lucas once more won the toss, and he and Clive started off sedately. Three wickets were, however, down for 75 when Buchanan joined Goldschmidt. The latter was seeing the ball well and produced some gorgeous shots, Buchanan once more taking the rôle of keeping his end up. The score was thus taken to 130, when the last over before lunch was bowled. Goldschmidt could not resist the temptation to try to get his 50 before lunch and chased a wide one, to be caught at extra cover. Once more he had given his wicket away. After lunch, Buchanan and Krabbé batted attractively and, with the tail wagging slightly, a respectable though, in the circumstances, not a great score was obtained. When Radley batted, Goldschmidt bowled magnificently and he was always on top. Buchanan also pegged away, though his length and direction were not impeccable. The fielding was not so good as usual, and Radley might have profited from two or three catches which were not thankfully received.

STOWE.

P. B. Lucas, c & b Stanger.....	31
N. D. Clive, c Porter, b Stanger.....	15
J. D. A. Langley, lbw, b Clarke.....	13
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Birks, b Stanger	47
J. D. Buchanan, c & b Stavert.....	35
P. G. Krabbé, st. Willcocks, b Stavert..	30
S. J. L. Olver, b Birks.....	17
G. E. T. Brown, c Willcocks, b Birks..	18
A. C. Lynch-Staunton, b Stanger.....	1
S. J. R. Macoun, not out.....	15
P. R. Spencer, run out.....	5
Extras	9
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Total	236

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Clarke	20	4	64	1
Stanger	26	8	64	4
Short	6	0	37	0
Samuda	2	2	0	0
Stavert	19	6	55	2
Birks	5	1	6	2
Porter	0.5	0	0	0

STOWE v. I ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on June 27th.

Rain delayed the start before a quarter to three. The I.Z. after two early disasters, both due to Goldschmidt who might well have been kept on for a longer opening spell, batted attractively and declared almost immediately after tea, leaving the School an hour and 50 minutes to get the runs. A good start was necessary, but four wickets were quickly down owing to some excellent bowling on the part of Benn and some weak shots on the part of the batsmen, who seemed mesmerised by the slowness of the wicket. It was left once more to the invaluable Buchanan to save the rot, and he and Krabbé batted very well in the circumstances, though Krabbé missed a good many runs on the leg side.

I ZINGARI.

W. A. Lupton, lbw, b Buchanan.....	65
W. A. R. Sumner, lbw, b Goldschmidt..	4
R. N. Bardsley, b Goldschmidt.....	0
P. H. Stewart-Brown, c Goldschmidt, b Buchanan	64
A. E. Brocklehurst, not out.....	16
Capt. W. M. Leggatt, not out.....	16
Lord Carnegie, J. H. Lane-Fox, H. R. Norman, J. N. Hogg, and A. Benn did not bat.	
Extras	9
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Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)..	174

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goldschmidt	13	2	39	2
Macoun	9	1	31	0
Lynch-Staunton	3	0	21	0
Buchanan	14	1	50	2
Krabbé	4	0	24	0

STOWE.

P. B. Lucas, c Leggatt, b Benn.....	13
N. D. Clive, b Benn.....	1
J. D. A. Langley, b Benn.....	8
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Hogg, b Benn..	5
J. D. Buchanan, c Bardsley, b Lane-Fox	38
P. G. Krabbé, c Hogg, b Benn.....	35
S. J. L. Olver, not out.....	10
G. E. T. Brown, c Benn, b Leggatt....	1
A. C. Lynch-Staunton, S. J. R. Macoun, and P. R. Spencer did not bat.	
Extras	7
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Total (for 7 wkts.)	118

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Benn	19	4	36	5
Hogg	15	2	35	0
Brocklehurst....	5	0	17	0
Leggatt	4.3	1	17	1
Lane-Fox	3	0	6	1

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Kennington Oval on July 4th and 5th.

At the end of the first day's play Stowe were very definitely on top. In reply to Stowe's total Oundle had lost 4 wickets for 79, and their best batsman was out. There would have been little chance, however, of dismissing Oundle again on the perfect Oval wicket. For Stowe all the first six batsmen batted soundly, but too slowly to have any chance of forcing a win. There was a lamentable absence of forcing cricket in both the three-quarters-of-an-hour before lunch and tea, and at twenty minutes past five, the last possible time Lucas was able to declare, the score was only 299 for five. Another fifty or sixty runs made in the next twenty minutes would have been invaluable, and orders were issued to the tail batsmen to get these runs and be out before ten to six. The last order was duly complied with, but only 24 runs were added in the twenty minutes. The slowness of Stowe's batting was almost entirely due to Stewart's bowling, who kept a length very wide of the off stump, swinging away, with a packed slip field.

Goldschmidt and Lucas started bowling with plenty of fire, and four wickets went down; Stewart played a beautiful innings, though he was missed twice.

The next day was most disappointing. Oundle batted extraordinarily well, and the bowling was effectively collared, though it was very unfortunate for Stowe that Buchanan, who would have spun the ball, was in bed with a temperature, and had to have a substitute. The only chance offered was at 111, when Macoun unaccountably missed Maw off his own bowling. Then came the deluge, Krabbé alone being able to keep a length. The fielding, however, was grand and never cracked.

When Oundle declared a hundred runs on at half-past three, there was a danger that Stowe, who were by this time a very tired team, might lose wickets quickly. But Lucas and Clive showed admirable concentration and quite rightly played quietly. Oundle had extricated themselves wonderfully from their previous evening's position, and their batting was most courageous.

STOWE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
P. B. Lucas, c Marment, b Cowan.....	28	not out.....	48
N. D. Clive, b Cowan	71	c Marment, b Stuart.....	20
J. D. A. Langley, c Ling, b Payne.....	47	not out.....	6
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Marment, b Llewellyn	38		
J. D. Buchanan, b Stuart.....	69		
A. E. de la T. Mallett, c Marment, b Newsholme	27		
P. G. Krabbé, c Cowan, b Stuart.....	5		
S. J. L. Olver, c Payne, b Newsholme..	14		
G. E. T. Brown, not out.....	4		
S. J. R. Macoun, b Stuart.....	0		
A. C. Lynch-Staunton, c Newsholme, b Stuart	0		
Extras	20	Extras	14
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Total	323	Total (for 1 wkt.)	88

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cowan	25	4	97	2	Cowan	15	6	22	0
Stuart	36.3	18	78	4	Stuart	13	7	6	1
Llewellyn	20	8	39	1	Llewellyn	6	2	10	0
Newsholme	25	8	69	2	Newsholme	8	3	16	0
Payne	4	1	20	1	Payne	4	0	18	0

Oundle.	
C. R. H. M. Stuart, c Olver, b Lynch-Staunton.....	52
A. K. Knox, c Buchanan, b Lucas.....	1
R. I. Plummer, c Mallett, b Goldschmidt	11
K. A. Payne, c Mallett, b Goldschmidt..	4
D. J. Maw, lbw, b Krabbé.....	116
P. H. L. Ling, c Goldschmidt, b Lucas..	83
A. D. Newsholme, b Krabbé.....	124
J. M. Reichwald, lbw, b Macoun.....	5
K. E. Cowan, c Mallett, b Krabbé.....	2
M. F. Llewellyn, not out.....	19
A. V. Marment did not bat.	
Extras	15
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)..	432

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	29	9	93	2
Goldschmidt	19	1	119	2
Macoun	21.3	2	96	1
Lynch-Staunton	10	1	51	1
Krabbé	12	0	58	3

STOWE v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 7th.

Lucas lost the toss, but an admirable start was made, four wickets being down for 17. Griffin and Gadney then added 48 runs by careful cricket, and, with the tail wagging, the Old Stoics made their total look more respectable than at one time seemed probable. For the School, Lucas batted very soundly and was out to a remarkable one-handed catch; four wickets were down for 107, but then Booth and Mallett, by dint of good batting, hit off the runs in 35 minutes. This was a good end to the season; the bowling was very steady, Goldschmidt and Krabbé being the best, though Lucas looked most dangerous until his shoulder once more went wrong, and the fielding of the whole side was really first-class.

OLD STOICS.		STOWE.	
R. W. D. Sword, b Lucas.....	3	P. B. Lucas, c Ryland, b Howland-Jackson	52
W. R. K. Silcock, c Krabbé, b Goldschmidt	3	N. D. Clive, lbw, b Howland-Jackson..	12
H. P. Ryland, b Lucas.....	0	J. D. A. Langley, c Chapple, b Salamon	21
A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Mallett, b Goldschmidt	6	K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Hughes, b Griffin	9
G. A. Griffin, c Drake, b Goldschmidt..	67	R. O. Booth, not out.....	35
B. C. Gadney, b Goldschmidt.....	31	A. E. de la T. Mallett, not out.....	35
C. N. M. Blair, b Krabbé.....	4	P. G. Krabbé, S. J. L. Olver, G. E. T. Brown, A. C. Lynch-Staunton, M. P. Drake, and S. J. R. Macoun did not go in.	
H. A. L. Chapple, b Lynch-Staunton..	25		
C. E. Salamon, c Lynch-Staunton, b Krabbé	17		
J. S. Durlacher, not out.....	6		
D. G. Hughes, lbw, b Goldschmidt....	0		
C. D. Harrison, c and b Goldschmidt ..	0		
Extras	11	Extras	10
Total	173	Total (4 wkts.)..	174

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	7	1	27	2	Howland-Jackson	16	3	61	2
Goldschmidt	18.5	6	36	6	Griffin	9	1	28	1
Macoun	8	2	24	0	Salamon	11.5	4	26	1
Krabbé	16	2	40	2	Durlacher	1	0	6	0
Lynch-Staunton	3	0	22	1	Sword	3	0	17	0
Booth	3	0	13	0	Gadney	2	0	13	0
					Harrison.....	1	0	7	0

1ST XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Runs	Innings	No. of Times Not Out	Highest	Average
J. D. A. Langley	401	12	2	142	40.1
J. D. Buchanan	384	10	0	73	38.4
P. B. Lucas	334	11	2	84	37.1
A. E. de la T. Mallett	151	6	1	62	30.2
S. J. R. Macoun	30	4	3	15*	30.0
P. G. Krabbé	188	9	1	47	23.5
R. O. Booth	67	4	1	35*	22.3
N. D. Clive	218	10	0	71	21.8
S. J. L. Olver	129	8	1	42	18.43
K. P. P. Goldschmidt	202	11	0	47	18.36
G. E. T. Brown	83	9	2	16*	11.85
A. C. Lynch-Staunton	4	3	0	3	1.3

Also batted:—J. H. Bourne, 2, 1, 0; N. B. Robinson, 0, 2*, 0; P. R. Spencer, 1, 10, 5; B. N. I. Maude-Roxby, 0*.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. B. Lucas	154	36	396	29	13.6
K. P. P. Goldschmidt	90	19	313	20	15.7
J. D. Buchanan	102	16	377	19	19.9
P. G. Krabbé	108	19	361	16	22.5
N. B. Robinson	35	2	163	6	27.1
S. J. R. Macoun	109	23	377	7	53.8
A. C. Lynch-Staunton	63	13	223	4	55.6

Also bowled:—J. H. Bourne, 14—1—53—3; P. G. E. Davies, 8—0—17—1; B. N. I. Maude-Roxby, 11—0—51—0; S. J. L. Olver, 2—0—9—0; R. O. Booth, 3—0—13—0.

COLTS CRICKET.

The Colts have only had a moderate season. One match has been won, one lost and four drawn. The draws have been fairly evenly balanced. The most pleasing feature has been the batting. Hope, Shaw, Darby and Sherrard have been the most successful batsmen, but almost every member of the side has batted effectively, often under rather trying circumstances.

The fielding, however, has been erratic and the bowling weak, but the most has hardly been made of the bowling available. Mayne and Munro have been the best, none of the others showing any consistency. Good starts were made in several matches, but there has been an inability to press home an advantage, which can only be described as feeble.

Results :—

May 19th.	v. RADLEY.
	Stowe 162 for 7 declared (Hope 48, Shaw 45). Radley 102 for 4.
May 26th.	v. OUNDLE.
	Stowe 299 for 6 declared (Hope 100, Sherrard 36, Darby 26 not out). Oundle 224 (Munro 4 for 56).
June 2nd.	v. BRADFIELD.
	Stowe 76. Bradfield 136 (Mayne 5 for 39).
June 9th.	v. RUGBY.
	Rugby 208 (Munro 4 for 80). Stowe 159 for 7 (Sherrard 46, Darby 26 not out, Frankenburg 21 not out)
June 23rd.	v. HARROW.
	Harrow 268 for 6 declared. Stowe 132 for 6 (Shaw 44 not out, Sherrard 32, Eaton 28).
June 30th.	v. WELLINGTON.
	Wellington 157 for 9 declared. (Munro 4 for 47, Frankenburg 3 for 20). Stowe 155 for 9 (Darby 35, Hope 31).
July 7th.	v. WESTMINSTER.
	Stowe 175 for 9 declared (Shaw 40, Forester 30, Hope 26, Mayne 20 not out). Westminster 125 for 7 (Mayne 4 for 24).

JUNIOR COLTS.

The Junior Colts did not have a very successful season. This was due to a weakness in bowling and also to an inability to hold catches, particularly in the slips. The ground fielding was sound and there were some good batting performances, the tail saving the side on more than one occasion.

Results :—Drawn 2, Lost 2.

Radley, 169 for 7 declared. Stowe, 131 for 8. Away.
Rugby, 167 for 8 declared. Stowe, 97 for 8. Away.
Stowe, 106 (Earle 38). Haileybury, 110 for 3. Home.
Stowe, 112 (Earle 33). Bedford, 113 for 3. Home.

THE LEAGUES.

Cobham were favourites and had obviously the best sides, particularly in the B League. The most noticeable feature of the matches was the number of high scores made in the B League, and the cricket seemed to be of a higher standard.

The final results were :—

Cobham 54 points, Chatham 34, Grafton 33, Temple 31, Grenville 26, Bruce 24, Chandos 8.

LAWN TENNIS

In order to enable the School Tennis VI to play in Cricket House Matches, all the School Tennis matches were played in the first half of the term. Probably rather too full a programme was arranged and a certain lack of life was noticeable in the last three matches, seven successive wins being followed by three defeats.

There has certainly been a marked improvement in the standard of play of the Tennis VI this year. The School won convincingly against the three other schools played, Westminster, St. Paul's, and Oundle. But undoubtedly the best performance of the season was the defeat of the P.S.O.B.L.T.A., a club which usually proves to be too strong for the average School VI.

With the improvement in the standard of play of the Tennis VI has come a widening of the gap between the best eight or nine players in the School and the rest of the Tennis "70."

A very fine cup was presented for the Tennis Leagues; and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the competition, which was won by Cobham.

Unfortunately a rather unenterprising form of tennis often resulted from a general lack of confidence. Until the League players can learn to go out for winning shots, and to depend to a greater degree on net play, the general standard of Tennis in the School is bound to remain far below that of the Tennis VI.

This year the American Tournament was made into a Singles Competition. It was won by Temple. The same reluctance in coming up to the net was noticeable, but this is obviously of less importance in singles, and the general standard of the play was fairly high.

Colonel Berger, who has helped us so much in the past, has now become Secretary of the East Gloucestershire Lawn Tennis Club; so he was unable to come down here and coach this year. But Mr. Burnett, who was sent down to us by the L.T.A., was able to do a great deal during the three weeks that he was here to improve the standard of our tennis.

The results of the matches played by the Tennis VI were as follows :—

May 12th. Stowe v. Worcester College, Oxford. Home.

Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	} lost to 1st pair, 1—6, 5—7. beat 2nd pair, 6—2, 6—1. beat 3rd pair, 6—2, 6—3.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding T. Bailey	} lost to 1st pair, 5—7, 2—6. beat 2nd pair, 6—4, 7—5. beat 3rd pair, 6—3, 6—3.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France I. Earle	} lost to 1st pair, 3—6, 1—6. lost to 2nd pair, 2—6, 3—6. beat 3rd pair, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4.

May 16th. The School v. The Masters. Home.

The School won by 7 matches to 2.

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet M. Wilding	} beat Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson, 6—2, 6—3. beat Mr. Brown and Mr. Maynard, 6—4, 6—2. beat Mr. Brook and Mr. Walker, 6—1, 6—2.
2nd pair.	G. L. Cheshire I. Earle	} lost to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson 7—9, 1—6. beat Mr. Brown and Mr. Maynard, 11—9, 10—8. beat Mr. Brook and Mr. Walker, 6—2, 6—3.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	} lost to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson 6—8, 3—6. beat Mr. Brown and Mr. Maynard, 6—4, 6—3. beat Mr. Brook and Mr. Walker, 9—7, 6—2.

May 23rd. Stowe v. Trinity College, Oxford. Home.

Stowe won by 5 matches to 4 (1 w.o. by default).

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	} lost to 1st pair, 6—2, 4—6, 6—8. lost to 2nd pair, 6—3, 5—7, 1—6. beat 3rd pair, 3—6, 8—6, 6—2.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	} beat 1st pair, 9—7, 6—3. beat 2nd pair, 3—6, 8—6, 6—4. beat 3rd pair, 6—4, 6—4.

3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	} w.o. 1st pair, by default. lost to 2nd pair, 6—3, 3—6, 4—6. lost to 3rd pair, 6—2, 3—6, 3—6.
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May 26th. Stowe v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home.

Stowe won by 7 matches to 2 (2 w.o. by default).

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	} beat 1st pair, 6—4, 6—0. beat 2nd pair, 7—5, 4—6, 6—3. w.o. 3rd pair, by default.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	} beat 1st pair, 6—3, 6—0. beat 2nd pair, 4—6, 6—0, 6—2. beat 3rd pair, 6—2, 6—3.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	} lost to 1st pair, 6—8, 3—6. w.o. 2nd pair, by default. lost to 3rd pair, 2—6, 3—6.

May 31st. Stowe v. Westminster. Away.

Stowe won by 7 matches to 2.

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	} beat 1st pair, 7—5, 6—4. beat 2nd pair, 6—4, 6—2. beat 3rd pair, 7—5, 4—6, 7—5.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	} beat 1st pair, 6—3, 5—7, 6—2. beat 2nd pair, 6—3, 4—6, 6—4. beat 3rd pair, 6—4, 7—9, 6—4.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	} beat 1st pair, 6—3, 6—4. lost to 2nd pair, 3—6, 3—6. lost to 3rd pair, 2—6, 1—6.

June 2nd. Stowe v. St. Paul's. Home.

Stowe won by 7 matches to 2.

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	} beat 1st pair, 6—4, 7—5. beat 2nd pair, 4—6, 6—1, 6—2. beat 3rd pair, 6—4, 6—1.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	} beat 1st pair, 6—3, 7—5. beat 2nd pair, 6—2, 6—3. beat 3rd pair, 6—3, 6—4.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	} lost to 1st pair, 6—4, 3—6, 4—6. lost to 2nd pair, 4—6, 3—6. beat 3rd pair, 0—6, 6—3, 6—2.

June 9th. Stowe v. Oundle. Home.
Stowe won by 8 matches to 1.

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	beat 1st pair, 7-5, 5-7, 9-7. beat 2nd pair, 7-5, 4-6, 6-0. beat 3rd pair, 6-4, 6-1.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 6-3. beat 2nd pair, 7-5, 6-4. beat 3rd pair, 6-0, 6-2.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	lost to 1st pair, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6. beat 2nd pair, 6-4, 6-3. beat 3rd pair, 6-2, 6-3.

June 13th. Stowe v. Mr. C. M. J. Ellis's Six. Home.
Mr. Ellis's team won by 5 matches to 1 (3 unfinished).

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 7-5, 5-7. v. 2nd pair, 6-4, 4-6 (unfinished) lost to 3rd pair, 4-6, 11-9, 4-6.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	v. 1st pair, 9-7, 4-6 (unfinished). lost to 2nd pair, 7-5, 4-6, 4-6. beat 3rd pair, 7-5, 6-2.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	v. 1st pair, 6-2, 3-6 (unfinished). lost to 2nd pair, 3-6, 2-6. lost to 3rd pair, 2-6, 3-6.

June 16th. Stowe v. J. G. Lilley's Six. Home.
J. G. Lilley's Six won by 5 matches to 3 (1 unfinished).

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5. lost to 2nd pair, 3-6, 7-9. v. 3rd pair, 3-6, 8-6 (unfinished).
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	beat 1st pair, 9-7, 4-6, 10-8. beat 2nd pair, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. lost to 3rd pair, 1-6, 1-6.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	lost to 1st pair, 2-6, 5-7. lost to 2nd pair, 2-6, 2-6. lost to 3rd pair, 3-6, 2-6.

July 7th. Stowe v. Old Stoics. Home.
Old Stoics won by 5 matches to 3 (1 unfinished).

1st pair.	P. Bosanquet G. L. Cheshire	beat D. F. Wilson and H. R. Jessop, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. lost to B. S. Harriss and J. G. Lilley, 6-3, 3-6, 5-7. beat J. N. Feathers and C. B. Jones, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding I. Earle	beat D. F. Wilson and H. R. Jessop, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. lost to B. S. Harriss and J. G. Lilley, 1-6, 10-12. v. J. N. Feathers and C. B. Jones, 6-4, 4-6 (unfinished).
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France T. Bailey	lost to D. F. Wilson and H. R. Jessop, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6. lost to B. S. Harriss and J. G. Lilley, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6. lost to J. N. Feathers and C. B. Jones, 3-6, 4-6.

TENNIS HOUSE MATCHES

Temple	} Chatham (4-0)	} Grafton (3-1)	} Bruce (3-2)
Chatham			
Grafton	} Grafton (4-0)		
Grenville			
Cobham	} Bruce (3-2)	} Bruce (3-2)	
Bruce			
Chandos	bye		

MORNINGTON SINGLES CUP

4th round	Semi-finals	Final	Winner
Rowland w.o.	Rowland (6-3; 4-6; 8-6)	}	}
Willink (6-0; 6-0)			
Annan (4-6; 6-3; 7-5)	Cheshire (9-11; 9-7; 6-3)		
Cheshire (6-2; 6-4)			
Brown (6-2; 6-3)	Brown (6-2; 6-3)		
Earle (6-0; 6-2)			
Bosanquet (8-6; 6-1)	Bosanquet (6-4; 5-7; 6-4)		
Wilding (6-2; 6-1)			

SWIMMING

The standard of swimming this year, with four matches won, a draw, and one loss, may be said to be on the upward grade. This is the more encouraging since three out of the four colours awarded at present will still be at Stowe next summer. With these prospects, a fairly strict effort at serious training, including an improvement of our water polo, may not seem to be out of place next season.

RESULTS.

- v. WESTMINSTER, at Stowe on June 2nd. Won, 17—12.
 50 Yards.—1, L. G. McKean; 2, Westminster; 3, Westminster. *Time*: 28 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.
 100 Yards.—1, J. D. McKean; 2, Westminster; 3, L. A. McAfee. *Time*: 75 secs.
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Westminster; 2, H. E. Lockhart-Mummery; 3, J. M. N. Pike. *Time*: 38 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Diving.—1, L. A. McAfee; 2, Westminster; 3, K. Firth.
Plunge.—1, Westminster. 60 feet.
Relay.—1, Stowe. *Time*: 2 mins. 8 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

- v. RUGBY, at Rugby on June 7th. Drawn, 22—22.

50 Yards.—1, L. G. McKean; 2, Rugby; 3, Rugby. *Time*: 29 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.
 100 Yards.—1, Rugby; 2, J. D. McKean; 3, H. C. Corbett. *Time*: 68 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
 440 Yards.—1, Rugby; 2, W. Ovenstone; 3, Rugby. *Time*: 7 mins. 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Diving.—1, Rugby; 2, K. Firth; 3, Rugby.
Relay.—1, Stowe. *Time*: 3 mins. 4 secs.

- v. HARROW, at Stowe on June 16th. Lost, 7—16.

50 Yards.—1, Harrow; 2, L. G. McKean; 3, K. Firth. *Time*, 27 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
 100 Yards.—1, Harrow; 2, Harrow; 3, J. D. McKean. *Time*: 67 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
Diving.—1, L. A. McAfee; 2 equal, two Harrow swimmers.
Plunge.—1, Harrow. 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet.
Relay.—1, Harrow. *Time*: 2 mins. 2 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

- v. ST. PAUL'S II, at Stowe on June 23rd. Won, 13—8.

50 Yards.—1, L. G. McKean; 2 equal, A. C. T. Short and St. Paul's. *Time*: 29 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
 100 Yards.—1, St. Paul's; 2, J. D. McKean; 3, St. Paul's. *Time*: 69 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Diving.—1, L. A. McAfee; 2, St. Paul's; 3 equal, J. D. McKean and St. Paul's.
Relay.—1, Stowe. *Time*: 2 mins. 4 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

- BATH CUP, at the Bath Club on June 28th.

Out of 21 entries, Stowe were 12th in 3 mins. 25 secs. The winner's time was 3 mins. 5 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs. We failed by one second to equal our best time in this competition.

The following represented the School:—

50 Yards.—D. McK. Wood and A. C. T. Short.
 100 Yards.—J. D. McKean and L. G. McKean.

- v. OTTER S.C., at Stowe on June 30th. Won 20—15.

50 Yards.—1, L. G. McKean; 2, Otters; 3, D. Mc. K. Wood. *Time*: 29 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
 100 Yards.—1, Otters; 2, J. D. McKean; 3, Otters. *Time*: 68 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Otters; 2, J. C. Breese; 3, L. G. McKean. *Time*: 41 secs.
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Otters; 2, H. E. Lockhart-Mummery; 3, J. M. N. Pike. *Time*: 37 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Plunge.—1, G. B. Cobb. 53 ft. 6 ins.
Relay.—1, Stowe. 2 mins. 10 secs.
Diving.—1, Otters; 2, L. A. McAfee; 3, K. Firth.

v. RADLEY. At Stowe, July 14th. Won 18—5.

50 Yards.—1, L. G. McKean; 2, K. Firth; 3, Radley. *Time*, 28½ secs.

100 Yards.—1, J. D. McKean; 2, L. A. McAfee; 3, Radley. *Time*, 73 secs.

Diving.—1, Radley 2, L. A. McAfee 3, K. Firth.

Plunge.—1, G. B. Cobb. 60ft.

Relay.—1, Stowe. *Time*, 2 mins. 6¾ secs.

Relay teams of four swimmers have in the various matches been composed from the following:—L. G. McKean, J. D. McKean, J. C. Breese, H. C. Corbett, A. McC. Henry, K. Firth, A. C. T. Short, D. McK. Wood.

It has been decided that in future School Swimming Colours shall be awarded annually as in the major sports.

Captain of Swimming—L. A. McAfee.

Captain of Water Polo—J. M. N. Pike.

Up to the time of going to print School Colours have been awarded to L. G. McKean and J. D. McKean.

WATER-POLO.

Four matches were played this term, of which two were won and two lost. Owing to Cricket Leagues it was very hard to get much practice at the beginning of the term.

The team was composed of:—H. F. Le Lacheur, goal; W. C. McKay, J. K. Hay, backs; J. M. N. Pike, half; A. McC. Henry, L. A. McAfee, A. E. James, forwards. N. L. M. MacManus, K. Firth and J. D. McKean also played.

v. RUGBY. Lost, 2—1.

This was the first game we played together, and their forwards kept us on the defensive throughout the first half. In the second half Firth scored after a good passing movement.

v. ST. PAUL'S. Lost, 3—2.

St. Paul's started off by scoring two goals in the first three minutes, but after half-time our team improved, and we definitely had the better of the second half. Hay and McAfee scored our goals.

v. OTTER S.C. Won, 3—0.

We played much better as a side in this match. The passing was good, and the game was a very fast one. Goals were scored by James, McAfee, and Henry.

v. OLD STOICS. Won, 3—2.

The Old Stoics brought down a very fast team, and scored two goals in the first half. In the second half our training proved better and we managed to score our third goal just on time. Goals were scored by McAfee (2) and Pike.

FENCING

SO far we have had three matches this term, one of these against the Grosvenor Fencing Club, the ex-holders of the Savage Shield, and the other two against Winchester and Westminster respectively. The Junior team has had two matches, the first v. Westminster and the second v. Winchester. The Junior team is beginning to meet fencers who can punish the aggressive but unscientific type of fighting, and although they display considerable promise it is essential that they should concentrate very much harder on the technical side of fencing. "Stop hits" are effective on the inexperienced fighter, but a variation of attack and an infallible parry-riposte are the only qualities that will enable them to deal with the higher standard of fencing that they are beginning to encounter. Orde is the most promising foilist amongst the Juniors at the moment; Haig is still far too unorthodox, while Seal has the soundest principles of attack and defence, but lacks, with MacEwen, sufficient practice. The Senior team has much the same members as last term, and has achieved a notable distinction by defeating the two school teams that they met this term by a greater margin than ever before. Both these matches were personal triumphs for Mansfield, who won seven of his nine fights against Winchester, and eight out of nine against Westminster. MacDougall has lately displayed as much skill at Sabre as at Epée, and will consequently fill the vacancy in next terms Sabre team.

THE SCHOOL v. GROSVENOR FENCING CLUB.

This match was fought on the 26th May on the gravel on the South Front. The visitors won by 14 victories to 8, the match being Epée only. The School did well against a very experienced side, although both teams found difficulty with their footwork on the unaccustomed planche of gravel. Scott in particular attacked well and won three out of his five fights, while 17 of the 22 encounters were pushed to the final hit. B. Childs, formerly Amateur Champion for Epée, remained undefeated.

Scores :—

Stowe :—D. Scott, 3 wins; J. E. Mansfield, N. C. McClintock and R. J. R. MacDougall, 2 wins each; P. L. Tompkins, 1 win.

Grosvenor F.C. 14 wins.

Stowe 8 wins.

THE SCHOOL v WINCHESTER.

A three-weapon match was fought at Winchester on Saturday, June 23rd, resulting in a victory of 16 wins to 11 for Stowe.

Scott's usual methods of attack in Foil failed him on this occasion, but he won two out of three fights in the Epée; MacDougall did the same. Stowe won the Foil 5—4, the Epée 6—3, and the Sabre 5—4. The match was especially interesting in that the rival captains each defeated the other in the other's best weapon. Apart from Mansfield's success, N. C. McClintock won four out of his six fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—Stowe :—J. E. Mansfield, no defeats; N. C. McClintock, 1 defeat; D. Scott, 3 defeats.

Epée.—Stowe :—J. E. Mansfield, R. J. R. MacDougall and D. Scott, 1 defeat and 2 wins each.

Sabre.—Stowe :—J. E. Mansfield and N. C. McClintock, 1 defeat, 2 wins each; P. L. Tompkins, 2 defeats, 1 win.

Winchester 11 wins.

Stowe 16 wins.

THE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER.

On July 7th, a three-weapon match v. Westminster was fought in Assembly. The result was a victory of 19 wins to 7 for Stowe. The school won the Foil by 7 wins to 2 and from then onwards did not once have the appearance of losing the match, N. C. McClintock winning all three of his Foil fights. P. L. Tompkins was unfortunately in the sanatorium during this match owing to head injuries, but MacDougall fought Sabre for the first time in a match and did extraordinarily well in winning two out of his three Sabre fights. J. E. Mansfield won 8 out of nine fights and N. C. McClintock five out of six.

Scores :—

Foil.—Stowe :—N. C. McClintock, 3 wins, no defeat; J. E. Mansfield and D. Scott, 2 wins, 1 defeat each.

Epée.—Stowe :—J. E. Mansfield, 3 wins, no defeat; R. J. R. MacDougall and D. Scott, 1 win, 2 defeats each.

Sabre.—Stowe :—J. E. Mansfield, 3 wins, no defeat; N. C. McClintock and R. J. R. MacDougall, 2 wins, 1 defeat each.

Westminster 7 wins.

Stowe 19 wins.

A Junior Foil match was fought v. Westminster in Assembly on 27th June. It resulted, as last year, in a draw of 8 wins to 8.

The Junior team also was defeated at Winchester in a three-weapon match, on July 11th, by 5 wins to 12.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1934

The following fixtures have been arranged for next term :—

1st XV.

Sat.	Oct.	6—Rosslyn Park A	Home.
„	„	13—LX Club	Home.
Thurs.	„	18—Oundle	Home.
Sat.	„	20—London Scottish, A	Home.
Sat.	„	27—Harrow	Away.
Wed.	„	31—Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
Sat.	Nov.	3—Richmond A	Home.
„	„	17—Radley	Home.
„	„	24—Old Stoics	Home.
Sat.	Dec.	1—Bedford	Away.
„	„	8—A Veterans' XV.	Home.

2nd XV.

Sat.	Oct.	13—Oundle	Home.
„	„	20—Radley	Away.
„	„	27—Harrow	Home.
Wed.	„	31—St. Paul's	Away.
Sat.	Nov.	10—Rugby	Away.
„	„	17—Wellington	Away.
„	Dec.	1—Bedford	Home.

3rd XV.

Sat.	Oct.	20—Radley	Away.
„	Nov.	3—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Wed.	„	14—Radley	Home.
Sat.	Dec.	1—Bedford	Away.

COLTS XV.

Sat.	Oct.	13—Radley	Away.
„	„	20—St. Paul's	Home.
„	„	27—Harrow	Away.
„	Nov.	3—Rugby	Away.
„	„	10—St. Edward's	Home.
„	„	17—Radley	Home.
„	„	24—Oundle	Away.
„	Dec.	8—Wellington	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS XV.

Sat.	Nov.	10—Rugby	Home.
„	„	17—Oundle	Away.
„	„	24—Radley	Away.

RELAY RACES 1934

The Relay Races were run on April 2nd in fine weather and on a good track. German measles played havoc with some of the House teams, nearly all of which were affected to some degree. Cobham won with the excellent score of 27 points, a long way ahead of their nearest rivals. In the 440's Grafton made a record, the previous best being 3 mins. 52 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs., done by Chatham last year.

The attached table shows the full results :—

	Time.		Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.
4—100's	47 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.	...	4	2	1	0	5	6	3
4—220's	1 min. 45 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.	...	4	0	3	1	5	6	2
4—440's	3 mins. 50 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.	...	4	2	1	0	5	3	6
4—880's	9 mins. 24 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.	...	3	0	5	1	6	2	4
Composite Mile, 4 mins. 1 sec.		...	4	1	3	2	6	0	5
Total Points		...	19	5	13	4	27	17	20
Place		...	3	6	5	7	1	4	2

SAILING CLUB

Only one match has been sailed this season, against the Cambridge University Cruising Club, on May 23rd at Stowe.

	S.S.S.C.	Pts.	C.U.C.C.	Pts.
<i>First Race.</i>	W. C. McKay, 2nd	...	— Harrison, 1st	...
	D. P. Kayll, 4th	...	— Ras, 3rd	...
		4		7
<i>Second Race.</i>	J. P. T. Dawson, 1st	...	— Mellor, 3rd	...
	B.W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, 2nd	...	— Simpson, 4th	...
		8		3
<i>Third Race.</i>	W. C. McKay, 1st	...	— Harrison, 3rd	...
	J. P. T. Dawson, 2nd	...	— Mellor, 4th	...
		8		3
Total	...	20	Total	13

The Individual Sailing Trophy for the best average during the season's racing has been won by J. P. T. Dawson (Cobham).

THE WORKSHOPS

The membership of the Workshops this term is a large one, in fact larger than in any previous Summer term. It comprises 57 in the Wood Shop, and 16 in the Metal Shop.

In the Wood Shop the accommodation has hardly been large enough to hold all the boats, canoes and punts that have been made, and at times Mr. Morris has been nearly distracted. However, boats must stay, for without them the membership would decrease so enormously that the Workshops would have to close down. Perhaps the most interesting and most original of the various types of boats made is Glennys's, which is a speed-boat. Ratcliff is making a model boat with skill. Apart from the boats, the only article of note is an oak garden-seat by Lowcock.

The Metal Shop has branched off into a new line, that of copper-beating. This new departure has been a success for the simple reason that articles are easy to make and quick results in most things are obtainable. Bowls of various types with various designs have been in vogue and ash trays also have been popular. This work has not been entirely done by members, but also by Forms. Lanyon's name should be mentioned as being the most skilful of the members, while R. G. S. Dodwell and Parker are efficient in form work.

An expedition of some 30 boys was arranged, under the kind supervision of Captain Shankland, to visit the Port of London Docks. A launch was hired which conveyed the boys on the river for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours; various interesting things were seen. On completing the trip the boys visited the store-houses. The boys were given a lesson in the selection and grading of various types of wool from all over the world. The wine vaults interested some of the boys, and it being an exceedingly warm day a few were tempted to try Oporto's Best, but unfortunately fingers were not long enough to reach the liquid in the barrels. Perhaps the most interesting thing the boys saw was the ivory; some of it, from Siberia, being about 50 thousand years old and not looking much the worse for it. They were also told how the men who discovered the mammoth in the ice used its flesh as food.

Next term it might be possible, should enough boys desire it, to procure a motor car engine, which Mr. Haddow would use to give a course of instruction on its internals. The cost of this special course would be about 5s. per head, to cover the cost of the engine.

We were sorry to lose Jack Gray at the end of last term, but have procured a worthy substitute in Summers.

D.I.B.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions and appointments have been made:—

To *Sergeant*: Corporals D. W. Basset, N. I. Bartholomew, A. D. Hunter, D. J. Ward, F. A. Whitlock, N. G. Annan, P. W. Kemmis.

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals G. T. B. France, J. R. T. Priestman, I. H. Nicholson, P. Bosanquet, N. C. McClintock, R. A. Fisk, B. M. Knox, J. H. Bourne, M. S. Barker, P. G. Krabbé, H. E. P. M. Upton.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets M. Drake, S. J. R. Macoun, I. A. Roxburgh, D. J. Black, R. H. Sampson, J. C. Shawe, S. J. D. Acland, R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil.

The following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in March, 1934:—

S. J. D. Acland, E. C. Ashton, D. W. Basset, T. V. H. Beamish, D. J. Black, P. Bosanquet, R. M. Burns, G. G. D. Carter, G. F. K. Daly, M. Drake, K. J. Duff-Dunbar, M. H. Franklin, R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, D. C. Geddes, A. McC. Henry, B. A. Hollick, R. S. Lloyd, R. I. Mackintosh, S. J. R. Macoun, N. L. M. MacManus, J. B. Mossop, J. M. B. Poyntz, I. A. Roxburgh, R. H. Sampson, J. C. Shawe, R. A. Simpson, C. E. Thornton, P. J. Willink.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Colonel J. H. T. Priestman, D.S.O., M.C., General Staff, War Office, inspected the Contingent on July 6th.

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the 'Coldstream' Cup was held on July 10th. The judges were:—Lieut. R. B. Pembroke, Adjutant 3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards and Drill-Sergeant J. Britton, 3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards.

Result:

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| 1. Temple | 5. Bruce. |
| 2. Chatham. | 6. Grafton. |
| 3. Grenville. | 7. Chandos. |
| 4. Cobham. | |

SHOOTING

303 MATCHES.

BUCKS COUNTY MEETING, at Kimble on May 26th.

<i>Eton College Cup</i> .—R.A.F. Halton (No. 1 Wing)	...	...	356
Stowe	...	...	342
Eton I	...	...	333
Bucks Battalion	...	...	313
Eton II	...	...	297

<i>R.A.F. Cup</i> .—R.A.F. Halton (Administrative Wing)	...	...	309
Stowe I	...	...	304
Eton I	...	...	302
R.A.F. Halton (No. 1 Wing)	...	...	284
Bucks Battalion	...	...	249
Eton II	...	...	245

<i>Anslow Cup</i> .—R.A.F. Halton (No. 2 Wing)	...	...	357
Bucks Battalion	...	...	336
Stowe II	...	...	330
Rivett's Works	...	...	327

MIDLAND RIFLE MEETING, at Kingsbury on May 31st.

1. Stowc	...	...	488
2. Denstone	...	...	481
3. Rugby	...	...	478
and 10 others.			

D. P. Kayll won the 9th Man competition.

OXFORD RIFLE MEETING, at Bicester on June 9th.

1. Stowe	...	...	474
2. Magdalen College School	...	...	447
3. Bloxham	...	...	433

In the Individual Competition, we obtained 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places.

In a shoulder-to-shoulder match v. Oxford University at Bicester, on June 11th, Stowe beat the University by 484 to 461.

SUSSEX COUNTY MEETING, at Bisley on June 16th.

1. Harrow	...	...	510
2. King's College	...	...	490
3. Winchester	...	...	487
4. Charterhouse	...	...	486
5. Stowe	...	...	483
and 27 other Schools.			

Our cadet pair, K. A. Craddock-Hartopp and J. G. Drew, were 4th.

N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY. July 11th and 12th.

Owing to casualties for which the measles epidemic was responsible, a Cadet Pair was not taken and the Eight for the Ashburton Shield Competition was decidedly weakened. Nevertheless they had the ability to make a far better score than they actually produced, and, instead of being 38th out of 80, their form during the season justified the expectation that they would be among the first twenty teams.

ASHBURTON SHIELD.

Individual scores:—

J. K. Hay	...	...	28	29	57
P. C. Mitford	...	...	28	29	57
M. S. Barker	...	...	31	30	61
R. A. Simpson	...	...	28	29	57
K. A. Cradock-Hartopp	26	29	55
A. B. McGrigor	28	27	55
R. L. Coke	31	24	55
D. P. Kayll	33	29	62
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					459

The "Cottlesloe" Cup, for the highest average in Ashburton Shield practice throughout the season, will be held for the period 1934-35 by J. R. Hunter (Grenville).

.22 Shooting.

EMPIRE TEST AND HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

	Average.
1. Chatham	116.5
2. Grenville	111.3
3. Bruce	106.1
4. Chandos	106.0
5. Cobham	103.5
6. Temple	95.9
7. Grafton	90.8

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

	H.P.S.
1. P. C. Mitford (Chandos)	130
2. J. K. Hay (Chatham)	124
3. J. R. Hunter (Grenville)	116

'COUNTRY LIFE' COMPETITION.

62 Teams competed. The School Team gained 14th place, having fired with two substitutes in the team owing to illness.

SCOUTS

The Tuesday activities of the Senior Troop have consisted mainly in attempting to pass tests and in practising for a display, which was given in camp at Tile House. The Junior Troop has constructed two types of raft, and devoted some time to practice in camping. Both troops camped at Lillingstone Dayrell House on June 10th, and (with numbers greatly reduced by measles) at the District Camp at Tile House on July 8th. There have been, in addition, various small camps; and two senior scouts, and three junior took part in Public School Camps at Soulbury, Oxford, on May 12th and June 16th. Mr. Power, Headquarter's Commissioner for Schools, visited us on May 29th, and expressed satisfaction with what he saw.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The results of the first competition for the Inter-House Cup for P.T. were as follows:—

	Sen.	Jun.	Total.
1. Temple	98	87	185
2. Cobham	84	86	170
3. Bruce	87	82	169
4. Chatham	88	80	168
5. Grafton	90	75	165
6. Chandos	68	74	142
7. Grenville	73	67	140

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Rev. P. Lancaster:

'C. T. Studd: Cricketer and Pioneer' (Norman P. Grubb).

From the G.W.R.:

'The History of the Great Western Railway,' 3 vols.
(E. T. MacDermot).

The following books have been bought:—

'England Under Queen Anne: The Peace and the Protestant Succession' (G. M. Trevelyan); 'Queen Elizabeth' (J. M. Neale); 'Charles II' (O. Airy); 'Napoleon and his Marshals' (R. G. Macdonell); 'James Wolfe' (W. T. Waugh); 'John Evelyn' (Arthur Ponsonby); 'Prince Eugene' (Lt.-Gen. Sir G. Macmunn); 'Henry VIII' (Helen Simpson); 'Life and Letters of Sir George Savile' (H. C. Foxcroft); 'Creevey's Life and Times' (ed. by John Gore); 'Alexander the Great' (F. A. Wright); 'Lawrence at Lucknow' (J. L. Morrison); 'Ten Tudor Statesmen' (Arthur Innes); 'England in the 18th Century' (W. T. Selley); 'The Rise of the Celts' (H. Herbert); 'From Serajevo to the Rhine' (Arminius); 'Germany Prepares for War' (Ewald Banse); 'Hitler Over Europe' (Ernst Karri); 'I was a German' (Ernst Toller); 'Peace Patrol' (Lt.-Col. W. S. Roddie); 'Warfare in England' (Hilaire Belloc); 'Following the Drum' (Sir John Fortescue); 'Ways of Escape' (Philip Gibbs); 'History of the English Bible' (B. F. Westcott); 'The Message of Krishna' (A. S. Wadia); 'Possible Worlds' (J. B. S. Haldane); 'From Olympus to the Styx' (F. L. Lucas); 'After Strange Gods' (T. S. Eliot); 'The Poems of C. and P. Brontë,' 2 vols.; 'Yorkshire' (Gordon Home); 'Farmer's Glory' (R. G. Street); 'Change on the Farm' (T. Hewnell); 'My Gun and I' (Lewis Carey); 'Modernismus' (Sir Reginald Blomfield); 'The Curse of the Wise Woman' (Dunsany); 'The Airman's Year Book' (ed. by Squadron Leader E. G. Burge); 'Worthies of Bucks' (R. Gibbs); Guide to Stowe: 1753; Stowe: 1815 (one of the only 25 copies printed); 'Famous Scottish Houses' (T. Hannan).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE officers of the Society are:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. G. F. E. Rude; Secretary, B. C. Briant; Treasurer, J. W. Stoye; ex-secretary, N. G. Annan. As usual one debate has been held during the summer term.

The 89th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, March 14th, the Motion before the House being: "That this House condemns the Foreign Policy of the National Government."

E. G. G. HANROTT (Hon. Proposer) declared that the Foreign Policy of the National Government fled from the facts and blindly followed the lead of France. He seemed to be infuriated by its cocksure blessedness.

A. R. B. FENWICK (Hon. Opposer) said that sitting on a fence was not necessarily a bad thing, and that he approved of putting our own house in order before attempting anything adventurous abroad.

N. G. ANNAN (ex-Secretary) asked the House to judge the actions of the Government's Foreign Policy as to whether they were conducive to peace. By quoting the Manchurian, Peruvian, and Genevan wars he proved that England has often violated the concert of peace.

J. W. STOYE maintained that England had earnestly encouraged peace and disarmament to the limits of safety. But his side won the votes they polled less from his facts than from his delightful and delicate wit.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*: L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and the Vice-President.

Against the Motion: G. C. O'Farrell, J. E. Mansfield, M. I. Massy, St.G. V. R. Grant.

On a division being taken there voted:

For the Motion	-	17
Against	-	14

The Motion was therefore carried by 3 votes.

The 90th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, July 11th, the Motion being: "That in the opinion of this House a progressive Public School is a contradiction in terms."

G. C. O'FARRELL (Hon. Proposer) described with a wealth of contemptuous detail the methods and products of the Progressive School, and condemned any attempt to combine such ideas with a more orthodox system of education.

B. C. BRIANT (Hon. Opposer) said that Progress was the Law of Life, and, by comparing the institutions in Public Schools of to-day with those of 100 years ago, he urged that Progress had been made, and that it was possible for a Public School to be progressive.

P. W. KEMMIS condemned most institutions in present-day Public Schools, and further suggested that any attempt at reform would inevitably destroy them.

J. E. MANSFIELD approved of the type of gentleman that a Public School produced. He suggested that a progressive Public School could alone produce men who were neither dolts nor bounders.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, Mr. N. Stuart, P. Bosanquet, J. L. Nicholson, N. G. Annan.

Against the Motion, J. O. N. Vickers, D. C. Geddes, E. G. G. Hanrott and the President.

On a division being taken there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	-	7	9
Against	-	8	17

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 1 vote, and, in the Lower House by 8.

B.C.B.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Society has this term undertaken the most ambitious task in its history. Mousorgsky's *Boris Godounov* has the reputation of being the most difficult opera to produce, and for that reason it seldom appears in the repertoire of opera companies. There is no doubt at all that it is a masterpiece in the world of music. Its appeal is not instantaneous nor universal. If a consensus of opinion as to the music had been taken among members early in the term, probably the majority would have definitely stated that they disliked it.

Up till the beginning of July, a general feeling of apathy seemed to exist. This was partly due to the weather, but not entirely. But now that rehearsals have started in earnest, a sudden change seems to have come over everyone, and there is every prospect of the opera being a success.

We have been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Dennis Noble. He is the only English singer who can do the exacting part of Boris.

All the other characters in the opera are being done by members of the school. About two-thirds of the opera will be performed.

The chorus have a big part, and it has been found practicable to have a small stage chorus, with the remainder singing in the wings.

The Society has had 128 nominal members. About a hundred have turned up regularly. The question arises as to whether the Society would not gain in efficiency if membership were limited to 100 or even 80 members.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Society has had a most enjoyable time rehearsing Bach's *Peasant Cantata*, and parts of *Boris Godounov*.

An account of the Society's part in the opening concert at the Queen's Temple appears below.

THE ORCHESTRA.

Most of our time has been spent in rehearsing the music of the opera. The Brass section is again the most efficient branch of the orchestra. We could do with many more string players.

THE O.T.C. BAND.

The time has come to do a little propaganda on behalf of our Band. The Band has had many ups and downs during the last few years, and members of the School are prone to compare its performances with those of Regular Army Bands or efficient Bugle Bands heard at Camp.

The policy at Stowe has been to discourage bugles of any kind; and, in our opinion, a Bugle Band is usually the worst kind of nuisance, and one is never free from it. Comparatively few schools have gone in for Brass Bands, and most of these are helped by professionals. The Stowe Band is entirely a school institution, and has been doing quiet, steady work over several terms under the efficient instructions of Mr. Geoghegan. It would be untrue to say that there is no more room for improvement. For one thing,

several more cornet and trumpet players are required to give it the proper balance. But its performances at the General Inspection, and also on a certain Sunday evening, were well ahead of anything it had yet done.

Now that the Band has a proper headquarters, we can look forward to its future with confidence. It is a pity that we only hear the Band give a performance once a year. Why should it not increase its repertoire and give us a show every term?

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Concert at the Queen's Temple, June 27th.

This concert was a landmark in the history of music at Stowe. For the first time, we possess a building which we can call our own. The rebuilding of the Queen's Temple has been carried out with consummate skill, and the result is truly excellent. The main hall is admirably suitable for small concerts, and it was very fitting that the first meeting of the re-organised Music Society should be held here. Voices sound particularly pleasant in the building.

A programme of the concert is given below.

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| 1. | The Peasant Cantata | | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| | The Madrigal Society assisted by a String Orchestra. | | | | | | |
| 2. | Concerto for three pianos in C major, first movement | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| | Pianists—Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Walker. | | | | | | |
| 3. | Sonata for 'Cello and Piano in G major | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| | Miss Churton and Miss Parkinson. | | | | | | |
| 4. | Concerto in A minor, first movement | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| | Concerto in E major, second and last movements | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| | Violinist—Mr. Loris Blofeld. | | | | | | |

Violin and Piano Recital, Sunday, July 15th.

This concert was also held in the Queen's Temple. Mr. Tucker's group of piano solos was much appreciated. The Brahms Sonata was beautifully played by both artists.

PROGRAMME.

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| Sonata for Violin and Figured Bass | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Tartini |
| Sonata in A major | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Brahms |
| Piano Solos—Island Spell | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | John Ireland |
| Reflets dans l'eau | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Debussy |
| Canope | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Debussy |
| General Lavine, l'eccentrique | ... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Debussy |

Pianist—Mr. Norman Tucker.

Violinist—Mr. Loris Blofeld.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

On Wednesday, June 6th, a committee of Historians presented a report which they entitled, "Making the Balkans safe for Democracy." Their main thesis was based on the view that such ideals as liberalism or democracy were irrelevant and dangerous in such primitive communities as constituted the nationalities of the Balkans.

J. E. Mansfield first approached the subject from the standpoint of internal difficulties. He emphasized the lack of education in the Serbian peasant, the general prevalence of a tradition of violence and corruption, and the cynical indifference to the ideals of President Wilson, which is almost universal. He ended up an interesting paper by describing the murder of M. Raditch and other Croatian deputies in the Chamber in Belgrade.

G. C. O'Farrell then gave a gloomy picture of the finances of the various Balkan States. He explained that they were all, with the exception of Bulgaria, financially unsound and entirely reliant on French loans and French armaments. He concluded with one or two amusing stories to illustrate the corruption which flourishes in Roumania and insisted on the financial instability of each of the Balkan States.

Both these difficulties were intensified by chauvinistic nationalism, as was shown by E. G. G. Hanrott in the third paper. Self-determination on Wilsonian lines had resulted, he urged, in chaotic and bitter rivalry which rendered the development of any ordinary and profitable political life impossible. The greedy eyes cast by Bulgaria on Macedonia, Hungary's yearning for the frontiers she lost at the Trianon, and the jealousy of the "Little Entente" circle all made a peaceful and ordered international situation unattainable. Finally Mr. McElwee, summing up the views of the committee, stressed the fact that the next war might well find in the Balkans another Serajevo. He suggested that some federal system comparable to the old Habsburg monarchy could alone solve the present confusion and anarchy.

W.L.McE.

On Tuesday, July 10th, we were addressed by Mr. Alec Wilson of the League of Nations Union on the "International Situation." In his own words, he took us for a kind of Cook's Tour of the World. He started by dealing with the countries who had most openly criticized the policy of the League, emphasizing that not a single country had actually demanded the abolition of some sort of League machinery.

Italy, who had termed the League of Nations "beautiful but fantastic," wished to effect two reforms: (1) to vest more absolute control of the destinies of lesser nations in the Bigger Powers and (2) to provide the Covenant with some scope for peaceable Treaty revision. Mr. Wilson dismissed the first reform as being contrary to the spirit of the Covenant and prejudicial to the interests of the lesser powers, but claimed some merit for the second would-be reform.

Japan, while still retaining numerous contacts with the League of Nations through manifold committees, had withdrawn from the Council and the Assembly because the League policy had interfered with her imperialist aims in China—aims, said Mr. Wilson, which were perfectly justifiable on the old "Grab-and-Snatch" basis of pre-war Imperialism, but which violated Japan's own League commitments and were foreign to the new attitude towards war expressed in the Covenant of the League.

Germany's withdrawal from the Disarmament Conference in October Mr. Wilson explained partly as the result of her justifiable anger against the discriminatory treatment with regard to armaments meted out to her by the victors of the Great War, and partly as self-consciousness and bad temper. He was willing to recognize that this League machinery would have little value as a means of establishing a collective peace system if it were to be used partly as a weapon in the hands of armed victor powers to keep under the disarmed defeated powers; but he believed that by mutual give-and-take Germany could be persuaded to return to the Disarmament Conference, and that better understanding would be established in the future.

The U.S.A. had been largely responsible, through President Wilson, for the creation of the League of Nations, but had actually in the early years stubbornly refused to recognize the existence of the League, to the extent of leaving their Geneva mail unopened. In an amusing anecdote, Mr. Wilson explained how the first contact had been established between Washington and Geneva, how this had gradually multiplied, and how U.S.A. was now a member of the International Labour Office.

Russia too had shown a change of heart. In the early days of the October Revolution she had qualified the League members as a "gang of thieves," but lately, having already done useful work on Disarmament and other Committees, she had made numerous approaches to France to sponsor her entry into the League Council. He prophesied that the autumn Session of the Assembly would see Russia enrolled as a full-fledged member.

Thus the basis for peaceful co-operation among the powers, despite mistakes and dissensions, was growing even wider, and, in this light, Mr. Wilson considered that present war scares should not be taken too seriously. In summary, he laid particular emphasis on the important rôle that could be played by Britain, if the Government were willing decisively to forswear any isolationist policy and actively throw in its lot with the collective peace system.

Mr. McElwee, thanking Mr. Wilson on behalf of the Society, paid him the tribute of being one of those rare people who had ideals and yet was astonishingly well informed.

G.F.E.R.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE ARTS CLUB.

Eighteen new members were elected this term, and, although this may have been partly due to the Treasurer's feat of bringing the subscription down by 6d., we are nevertheless glad that so many people have been so sensible.

J. H. Penton and J. J-F. Aimers were each awarded the Headmaster's Art Prize at last term's annual exhibition, whilst G. L. Shankland, C. B. Cash, J. H. Penton and P. J. Orde were first, second, third and fourth respectively in the Arts Club section.

We are so overwhelmed with excitement at the prospect of next term's new Art School that we scarcely know how to thank Mr. Watson, who is presenting it, sufficiently. The building is being erected on a site at the back of the chapel. The luxurious furniture will be wonderfully modern and the equipment first-class.

We trust our art may not fall short of this standard.

J.H.P.

THE TWELVE CLUB.

At the end of last term, on March 30th, Mr. T. H. White read a paper on "Admiral Byng." P. E. Hughesdon was elected secretary.

Two papers have been read so far this term:—

June 22nd.—P. N. Hume on "Alfred de Vigny."

June 30th.—Mr. H. W. Heckstall-Smith read a sequel to his last year's "Anticipations," which was a forecast of his plan of campaign at Ludlow Grammar School.

At least one more paper will be read this term.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

Only one meeting has been held this term, on May 28th, when B. J. R. Moreton read a most informative paper on the Athenian Legal System.

H.A.W.

THE VITRUVIANS.

On Wednesday, June 20th, there was an expedition to the churches of various villages. We first saw Winslow, which has a fine fourteenth-century building. There were the vestiges of fairly extensive wall-paintings and a collection of ancient Bibles and other books. Stewkley is one of the finest examples of Norman work in England. There is a great variety of ornament round the arches and windows, and some interlaced arches on the tower. Wing is an interesting church with a Saxon crypt and apse. At Willen we were able to see a Church built of red-brick by Wren, for Dr. Busby, Headmaster of Westminster.

An expedition to Sulgrave, Compton Wynyates and the Edgehill country has been arranged. The Doric Club paid a visit to the School on the 15th of July.

D.S.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

As usual the Headmaster has entertained and, though this is denied, is going to entertain the Society this term. On June 18th Elmer Rice's "The Adding Machine" was read, and later this term "On the Rocks" and "Too True to be Good," by Bernard Shaw, are to be read.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society has met once this term, to hear Mr. Ridley, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, read his paper on "The Tyranny of Psychology."

N.G.A.

THE REVELLE CLUB.

Two meetings have been held this term. Canon Raven addressed the club on the subject of "Leisure," and Mr. Val Bell on "The Life of the London Boy." The members of the Stony Stratford Toc H Group were our guests on Sunday evening, and after a picnic supper a discussion was held on Industrial Relations. The tour of London slum districts and Welwyn Garden City has been postponed to the beginning of next term.

G.G.G-L.

THE ANTIQUARIANS.

Great activity has been shown during this term. There have been two expeditions, one, with the aid of masters' cars, to Earls Barton, Brixworth and Northampton, the other to Oxford. Both were great successes. On June 30th the Society met to hear a paper on "Heraldry," read by J. R. T. Priestman, and one on "The White Horse of Uffington," read by the Hon. Secretary. This horse forms the Society's crest.

Owing to the great heat there has been no active digging, but during the coming term we hope to remedy this defect.

Next term it is hoped to re-organise the Society on a different and improved basis.
P.D.H-S.

THE FORESTRY SOCIETY.

The Society has not done much work this term owing to the excessive heat. Pruning and felling have been carried out at intervals throughout the term, and the tree which was blown down into the Eleven Acre has been partially cleared.

I.W.R.

THE MOTION PICTURE CLUB.

This term a film of Stowe was begun. An expedition to Elstree was also arranged for, which was looked forward to with interest.

The Club will continue next term under the secretaryship of P. N. Hume.

B.M.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

There has only been one meeting this term. An expedition to Whipsnade was held on Wednesday, June 13th.

A.d'A.B.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

There have been no papers read this term, as is usual in the Summer. On Wednesday, June 20th, an expedition went to the Rolls Royce works at Derby. It was a very interesting and entertaining day. Another expedition went to Imperial Chemical Industries at Birmingham, on Wednesday, July 11th.

R.G.C.

BOOK REVIEW

"SWIMMING THE AMERICAN CRAWL" By Johnny Weissmuller. (To be published on September 4, 1934, by Putnam).

Nobody could be more ideally suited to write a book on swimming than Johnny Weissmuller. His success in the swimming world remains unrivalled to this day. What contributed to his success? It was entirely due to the perfected swimming stroke he used—the American Crawl. Bachrach, his coach, set out to invent a stroke which was absolutely natural and yet could produce the maximum speed from the effort put into it. These efforts culminated in the American Crawl.

The book is intended for swimmers of every class. As he was a beginner once himself, he is very closely acquainted with the common difficulties which confront a beginner. The usefulness of the book lies in his ability to explain every detail.

He begins by reviewing the whole stroke and states why certain details are done in certain ways. He carries on to compare his crawl with the strokes of other famous swimmers and convinces one that the crawl, as compared with other strokes, is not a series of jerky movements, but is one continuous smooth gliding motion. He deals with the finer points of racing. He points out that one should not try speed swimming till one has mastered the elements of the crawl. He deals very carefully with the important subject of training and general fitness. One can see the great importance of this feature in competitive swimming. He impresses on one the importance of the loose-arm recovery in breathing. The book is of definite advantage to the beginner. It gives him a method to go by when he is learning the stroke. The text is fully illustrated with action photographs of the author himself.

One cannot help admiring Johnny Weissmuller. From a very early age he was never beaten in a free event. As the book states—"with few exceptions, Johnny Weissmuller holds all free-style records in pools of all sizes at distances from fifty yards to eight hundred and eighty yards indoors and outdoors." His performances in swimming eclipse all other performances in any other branch of sport. Perhaps his most outstanding record is the time of forty-nine and four-fifths seconds for the one hundred yards. But he did not leave the swimming world without bringing the most perfect swimming stroke in the world within everyone's grasp in his book—"Swimming the American Crawl."

J.D.McK.

THE BRITISH WORTHIES (NO. 4)

AELFRED THE GREAT.

Aelfred, son of Aethelwulf, was the grandson of that Ecgbert of Wessex who first assumed the proud title of King of All England: the fifth son of his father, Aelfred was to see three of his brothers reign and die before he came to the throne which he was to hold for nearly thirty years; but he would seem to have been his father's favourite—"illum plus caeteris filiis diligebat," says Asser, the Welsh Bishop, his devoted, if incoherent, biographer. Aethelwulf, "the thriftless and pious," died in 858, and the next twelve years saw the Vikings win a permanent landing in East Anglia, and the

final downfall of the once supreme state of Northumbria. In 871, under the leadership of Halfdene, the Vikings had penetrated into Wessex and seized Reading; eight battles followed in quick succession on the Berkshire downs, in one of which, at the unidentified Aescsedun (Ashdown), Aelfred, now twenty-two years of age, helped his brother Aethelred to win a great victory, although further defeats resulted in the death of his brother and the consequent election of Aelfred to the kingship. Before attempting to assess the purely administrative work of his reign, it will be convenient to give a brief account of the wars which resulted in the exclusion of the Danes from the South-Western half of England, and in which Aelfred appeared as the successful champion of Christian Europe against the hitherto all-conquering Vikings.

By buying peace from the Danes in 871, Aelfred gained a respite of four years during which Wessex remained unmolested, and during which he was able to lay the foundations of his navy. Halfdene with half the Danish army settled at York, but the other half gradually reduced the whole of Mercia, and then turned again to the destruction of Wessex with further reinforcements, this time under the leadership of Guthrum. This was in 875-6, but there was no decisive fighting until January 878, when a sudden double invasion led to a panic and the low-water mark of the English fortunes. Aelfred with his faithful *comitatus* was forced to take refuge in the Somerset marshes, and it was at Athelney in 1693 that the so-called "Aelfred jewel," now in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, was discovered. But the tide soon turned: Aelfred gathered his forces and led them to a victory at Ethandun ("the most glorious victory that was ever obtained over the ravaging Danes," says Camden), and drove back the Danes to their base camp at Chippenham, where they surrendered. Guthrum and twenty-nine other chiefs came to Aelfred at Aller, and were baptized, possibly in the very font which survives in the church—it is certainly of Saxon date—and the "chrysolooing" was followed by a great feast at Wedmore. Guthrum took an oath of peace (this time there was no instance of "Punica fides") and settled down in East Anglia until his death in 890. Thirteen years of almost unbroken peace (879-892) followed the settlement at Chippenham, during which Aelfred built up his system of national defence, of which we shall have more to say presently, and the Danes turned their attention to the Continent; but in 891 they were severely defeated by Arnulf on the Dyle, and in the following year "the Great Army," under Haesten, re-appeared in England. A long campaign followed, but no longer were the Danes always to be the aggressors, and in 893 the Aetheling Edward, Aelfred's eldest son, and Aethelred, the Ealdormann of Mercia, stormed their camp at Bemfleet (Essex) and destroyed their fleet, chased Haesten across England and finally followed him northward and blockaded him in Deva (Chester). Of the events of 894 we know little, but in 895 Aelfred captured entire a second large fleet, and, although a stalemate followed, the Danish army had dispersed before the campaigning season of 896, and the Chronicler was able to write, "By the grace of God, the army had not utterly broken down the English nation." Peace was apparently made with the Danes who had settled in England, and lasted until Aelfred's death in 900.

Before the time of Aelfred, there is only one Englishman of whom we have any really intimate knowledge, and he was the Venerable Bede, who saw history being made and thought fit to record it, safe in his monastery at Jarrow. But Aelfred made history: this victorious general, who created our national kingdom, was the founder of our navy, the reorganiser of church and state, a scholar and an author. He was almost certainly responsible for the compilation of the common original from which the

many versions of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle are derived—probably about 892. He is said to have made a collection of Old English heroic poetry, and, although this has unfortunately disappeared, he was responsible for the translations of Orosius' "Universal History," Bede's "Ecclesiastical History," Boethius' "Consolation of Philosophy" and Gregory's "Cura Pastoralis," which still survive. His preface to the last-named work takes the form of a jeremiad on the state of learning in England: Aelfred's own lack of training in the liberal arts made him an eager patron of scholars, and his magnificent educational programme was that "all the sons of freemen who have the means to be able to undertake it should be set to learning English letters, and afterwards such of them as were fit for a more advanced education, and were to be prepared for higher office, should be instructed in Latin letters also." Thus he hoped to develop a body of learned clergy, which would be followed by a learned laity, and result in an educated governing class.

While working on the translations with his scholar-chaplains in the cause of learning, Aelfred is said to have spent one-sixth of his revenue on his artificers: we have had occasion to mention the gold jewel with its noble inscription AELFRED MEC HEHT GEWYRCAN—Aelfred gave orders for me to be made—but "what exactly this jewel was," says Mr. Edward Hutton, "what it was used for, and what it was meant to commemorate, have never been discovered or decided. It remains a complete mystery." Military and civil architecture were especially dear to Aelfred, and the "burh" at Athelney and the monastery which he founded there were finished "pulcherrima operatione." The abbey, which was inevitably destroyed by Henry VIII, was only built in 1321; but William of Malmesbury, writing in the twelfth century, gives an interesting account of the earlier building. "Of dry land there is barely two acres; [Athelney, as its name shows, was then, of course, an island in the great Seale of Sedgemoor] a small monastery with houses for the monks stands there . . . moderate indeed in size, but as to method of construction singular and novel: for four piers driven into the ground support the whole fabric, four circular chancels being drawn round it. The monks are few in number and indigent; but they are sufficiently compensated for their poverty by the tranquillity of their lives and their delight in solitude." The "burhs" were the chief feature of the system of national defence whose efficiency is vouched for by the inability of the later Danish invaders to gain a footing in Wessex at all during Aelfred's reign: these strongholds were defended by the allocation to each of a specific district the dwellers in which were made responsible for the upkeep and garrison of their "burh," which might be a strategical fortress or a city newly fortified. These were the "burhware," and the document known as the "Burghal Hidage," which is not improbably contemporary with Aelfred himself, gives a full list of all the lands dependent on the "burhs" of Wessex, and there is evidence to show that the system was in force in 892. To provide for a permanent national defence force, Aelfred divided the "fyrd" or national levy into two halves, which were called out for service in rotation. He also increased the number of professional soldiers by the extension of the theynhood to the more prosperous and energetic members of the middle classes. Concurrently with his military reforms Aelfred was steadily building up a navy of "swifter, steadier and higher ships, built neither on the Frisian nor the Danish model, but as himself thought they would be most serviceable," and although these did not make their appearance until 897, the fleet had already met with several successes, and Aelfred has been justly hailed as "Father of the British Navy."

In domestic politics he had a great juristic reputation, and, even if Asser's testimony reveals ignorance of English judicial proceedings, it is probable that Aelfred was often concerned with extra-judicial applications, and kept a careful watch on legal administration in general. But his code of laws is definitely disappointing, being merely a revision of the archaic laws of earlier Kings, and it is to be presumed that he was content to show regard for the counsel of his "witan" and the susceptibilities of future generations, rather than draw up a complete code of his own, "for he knew not how it might like them that came after him." The account of his Budget expenditure, as recorded by Asser, is extremely interesting: the total income was equally divided for secular and religious purposes, and under the former heading, in equal proportions, are the expenses of his military and court retinue, his artificers and the entertainment of strangers: the moneys for religious purposes were likewise divided between the poor, the endowments of the foundations at Athelney and Shaftesbury, the great school, and an emergencies fund. Vague though these headings are, they cannot fail to give some idea of the thoroughness and many-sidedness of Aelfred, "the mildest, justest, most beneficent of kings; who drove out the Danes, secured the seas, protected learning, established juries, crushed corruption, guarded liberty, and was the founder of the English constitution." And if some of this eulogy is a little exaggerated, in the usual eighteenth-century manner, surely that is a failing on the right side.

A.

DEBUSSY

It is an awkward truism that the first composer of what we call "modern music" has been dead for well over a decade: nevertheless Debussy is the first modern musician, just as Bach was himself the founder of a new technique in music. It was Bach who perfected the ordinary diatonic scale, and it was Debussy who substituted for it whole tones and pentatonic intervals. Whereas the pre-Bach composers, however, had decayed because of their technical deficiencies, the late nineteenth-century musicians were suffering from a spiritual degeneration. The vulgar emotionalism of Wagner was only equalled by the decadent classicism of Schumann and Mendelssohn; and if the music of the age had descended from the tradition of Beethoven, it had not inherited his genius or his taste. It is a mistaken policy to put new wine into old bottles, and this had been forgotten by all the composers of the time, including Brahms. Emotional romanticism fits no more into a classical form, like a symphony, than does a folk song. Yet every composer tried to fit a folk song, which is a finished work of art in itself, into a completely alien mould; as well surround a bunch of wild flowers with the highly coloured products of a tropical garden. Debussy was the first to realise these basic misconceptions in music. It is true to say that Wagner was a revolutionary in technique, but spiritually it must be admitted that his display of the whole gamut of emotions was as much a part of the past as Brahms' academic, romantic works.

Strauss and Wagner had finally deluded Europe into imagining that noise and vast orchestras were synonymous with great music. Debussy set himself deliberately to paint in miniature. An intensely personal composer, he began to express an individual's thoughts in a completely individual manner. He was revolted by the worship of noise and by the nineteenth-century exploitation of all the baser emotions.

It was his revolution in technique which defeated the first, and his own music has ridiculed the second, because he alone knew how to create a climax without making a noise. Debussy had realised that the largest is not necessarily the best.

Technically, Debussy did not add so much as re-conceive. He rejected much more than he innovated, and hardly any of his chords are not to be found in Liszt or Wagner. His harmonic method consisted in using a chord as such and not as a thread of argument in a musical phrase. His harmony is not emotional but colouristic and his use of common chords in succession, Mr. Foss assures one, is really a linear intensification of the top line and not a series of chords in support of a melody. His characteristic major ninths in turn intensify his common chords. The revolution was not in the chords he used, but in the way he used them. Nor was he an employer of the folk-song; he is as typically French as Sibelius is Finnish, yet neither distil their nationalism from primitive sources. He left his chords unresolved—that is, he refrained from putting in the resolving notes between the chords, which then seem naturally to lead one to the next. Every earlier composer had at times done this, but never with the same intensity as Debussy.

Both Liszt and Wagner were revolutionaries in their technique, but it was Debussy who combined that with a spiritual revolt. Mr. Constant Lambert quotes an interesting contrast between him and Wagner by comparing the sailor chorus of *Tristan* with that of *Pelléas et Mélisande*. Wagner in his repetitions of phrase hammers home their meaning so that anyone of the meanest intelligence must at last understand; Debussy's repetitions do not quicken the pulse, they slacken it. What Debussy spent his life trying to achieve was to make people think by banning any emotional buzz from his music; he appealed to the intellect instead of pandering to the sensual emotions. Nor must it be supposed that Debussy's music is cold, realistic and absolute; it is much less abstract than, say, Satie's. There is plenty of emotion in his music, but it is of a delicate and restrained nature, indeed almost classical.

His attitude to nature was perforce entirely objective. Nature with Wagner was a convenient dramatic supplement to the actions of his heroes. The sun rose to greet Brünnhilde and a fog the death of Siegmund; the moon shone on the purity of Lohengrin; the forest murmured for Siegfried. It was this Teutonic symbolism that appeared so obscene to Debussy. "*Images*" illustrates best of all his impressionistic treatment of nature. The piling up of the clouds is so little like the stock impressionism of *Pacific* 231 by Honegger, and so entirely in a new and great tradition, that it is impossible not to be struck by its restraint and its detachment. This world is not a Barresque retreat from reality, but it is the world in which we live. This is an expression of musical personality, not an escape from the world, as Stravinsky's in his primitivism, nor a submission to it like Hindemith's *Gebrauchsmusik*. There is all the difference between the melancholy of *Iberia* and the nauseating self-commiseration of Tchaikovsky; but that it is better than nearly all Wagner and some of Brahms is difficult for naturally emotional adolescents to understand. It is natural too that, for them, comprehension of Debussy and later the gigantic intellects of Schönberg and Sibelius must be of necessity difficult.

There are no claims made here for the superiority of Debussy to all other composers dead and alive. He does not approach the greatest three musicians of the past, Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, any more than he can be held to rival Sibelius and Busoni among the living. There is no doubt that he had limitations. His music is at times too static, and throughout shows a marked lack of melody—a fault which characterises

the work of another musician who has recently died, Delius. It is true too, that his greatest struggle was to rid himself of his own stylistic impositions, with which he had defeated the nineteenth century. The danger of mannerisms which become vicious habits is only too well illustrated by the music of Schönberg, Stravinsky and Bartók. Debussy alone has an excuse. For his struggle to make people think was so intense as to prevent him seeing the mannerisms which were marring his work. Liszt's fame lies solely in his technical achievements; Debussy is great not only for what he was and did, but for what he is. Therein lies the difference. It may be possible to forget this revolution against romanticism, or the controversy about his harmonic theories. It is not possible to pass over his works. He is the spiritual creator of modern music. And, after all, it is not the life of the man that matters, but it is what he left behind to confirm his memory that is worthy of our attention.

N.G.A.

AN EXPERIENCE

It was at school and I was in a hurry. I did not know whether I had time to do it or not. I twisted my head round the slightly-opened door to look at the clock. It was half side-on. I could not read through its convex glass at this angle. I took one step inside the room; and another. Ten past eight. Just time to do it.

There were two swing-doors in the passage outside, about ten feet from each other. They were both of the two-leaf kind, which waitresses disappear into in restaurants. When there is a draught, one after the other they swing wide apart, stay for a second, and flop back again, like one's lips in a yawn. Their top-halves were small frosted-glass panes. There was no light behind the doors, so you could not tell if anything was in between them. I put my right hand on the right leaf of the door, shoving it away from me. A crash of breaking china and the door hit back at me, and would have got me in the face if it had not struck my foot. I started. I did not expect a door I was pushing away to come swinging at me, and I gaped like a yokel at a hole that had appeared in one of the panes. Then there was a feeling in my wrist as if a bit of it was not there, the feeling one has on one's knee-caps when the whole of the rest of the body is under water; the feeling one would have if flies settled on every other part of your skin except that one square inch. There was a square-inch hole on the left side of my up-turned wrist from which lots of blood was flowing contentedly. There were a few ends of somethings too, which looked like the cross-sections of small worms you cut in half before putting on the hook. I was interested in this bit of me that I had not seen before.

I clamped my handkerchief on it, gripped tight. The fellow on the other side of the door had dropped a lot of plates, and was clasping his fore-head in theatrical fashion. There was a little blood on it. I ran up to my house-matron, shouting to the other fellow to follow. When I lifted the handkerchief which was now completely red, she threw up her head as if she had suddenly smelt a very bad egg. She told me to run to the San. The other followed. Going down the stairs again, I saw a dotted line of blood-spots that I had made on the way up. It looked like a steam-ship route dotted across a map.

At the San, I was told to lie down on a bed, and my hand was held up in the air: to give the blood a chance to congeal, they said. The drops of blood were dropping fast, considerably more drops than heart-beats to the minute; for I was out of breath

and could feel my heart thumping. The nurse passed the time by asking how it happened and complimenting me on the colour of my blood. The other person had only needed some iodine for two scratches.

When the doctor came, I found I could not feel with the left side of my hand. It is amusing seeing a pin being stuck into one and producing blood, and yet not feeling anything. I had cut an artery, four major tendons, a nerve, and a few other odds and ends. The sooner I was operated on the better. I was feeling very self-important. So much cotton-wool and bandage was put on my arms, I could not put on an overcoat.

When the car reached the hospital, we found my bag with my pyjamas had been left behind. The nurse was buxomly cheerful, as they always are to new patients. I was left in a sitting-room with the doctor while some pyjamas were brought. In getting into someone else's clothes, the skin has that same polished feeling as when you put on your shirt after bathing and sun-bathing.

I got on to the operating table and was wheeled to the anæsthetic room. There were three doctors there all arrayed in white as if about to go to Heaven. There were lots of cylinders of gas round the walls which looked like aeroplane bombs without their tails. "What time did you do it?" I remembered that ten past eight. After a bit of talking all the surgeons but one disappeared. With the help of a nurse, this one—his chef's hat was nearly slipping off forwards—put an enlarged thimble over my nose and told me to breathe in. The room slowly went into bas-relief, then became entirely two dimensional, like shadows; the colours were becoming watered down. I could see nothing. "He's off, sir," said the nurse. "Oh, no, I am not," I tried to say; but could not, because she was right.

R.A.S.

A THUNDERSTORM

The afternoon was still and silent. The bees droned around the flowers in the small garden. The sky was a dark grey, and occasional red patches gave it the appearance of a reddish clay soil. Near the horizon was a small batch of hills covered with conifers, and on top of the middle one a cairn was visible against the rapidly darkening sky. The ducks on the lake in front of the house were disappearing one after the other. Those that were left looked very white against the placid black water. Occasionally a fish would rise to see why the lake was so quiet; and the ripples would flow gently onward until they came to the shore. The sky was assuming a threateningly red glare, and the reflection in the water reminded one of a paint-box, where red and dark grey had been mixed. By this time the bees had stopped droning, and the butterflies had curled up inside some friendly flower, and for a few seconds everything stood still.

Then the first drops of rain fell, and the trees began to shake with the soft breeze as if to dry themselves. At last the stupid hens knew what was happening, and with a sudden cackling, like the closing down of the only pub in the village, they ran to and fro and climbed into their huts to roost. The rain got heavier and quickly turned to hail, which danced about on the paths like a box of beads upset. This was followed by a flash of lightning. The thunder was scarcely audible. One might have taken it for a dinner gong, in a house about a quarter of a mile away. After this there was a silence like death, followed quickly by two flashes of lightning which lit up the dark avenue and threw the shadows of the trees across the ground.

The rain had stopped now, and so had the wind. Except for the howl of a dog, the thunder was the only sound. Far away the lightning still glittered behind the hills, but now it was coming nearer. Suddenly the cairn vanished as if it had never been there, and an ominous peal of thunder rumbled out.

The beech tree in the garden had been split by a sudden flash, and was singed and burnt around its trunk. The boughs drooped weakly to the ground as if to support it. The wind was now almost a hurricane, and the tree was lurching like a drunkard, and moaning each time it reeled to and fro. At last the inevitable happened. The tree lurched too far, and although it tried to recover, it knew it had overreached itself; and with a hair-raising screech it toppled over, accompanied by an extra-loud peal of thunder, as if all the powers of light and darkness were applauding the conquest.

After a period of silence, it was decided that the chimney-pot was higher than other things. So, to make everything even, the chimney was struck. But the gods, being sympathetic, sent it hurtling down into the conservatory. This was also accompanied by a prolonged applause, and a beautiful display of fork-lightning. The storm was at its height now, and for half-an-hour an exhibition of fireworks was given for the amusement of the gods. It soon passed over, and signs of life began to be seen. A bee peeped out, soaked as it was with the rain, and, with a loud droning of its engines, climbed steadily into the air. The flowers were weighed down by the rain, and except for their colour they looked like mourners.

The cock came out, and boasted that he was afraid of nothing. It was enough. A dislodged slate was sent down; and at last the conquest was complete.

W.A.M.B.S.

MURDER

About five years ago I murdered a rabbit. It was young and soft, like a powder-puff. The place where I killed it was perfect for a murder. It was on a hillside, as bleak as anything can be in Herefordshire. Near the top was a gravel-pit, a neat, round hole, like the place where someone has skilfully cut a bruise out of an apple. On the very top, threatening the gravel-pit, was a small black yew-tree. One could not see the trunk from a distance, so that it looked as if God's pen had spluttered as He drew the skyline, leaving a blob of ink just above it.

I crept up the other side of the hill until I reached the tree. As soon as my head appeared over the skyline, a little blob under the big one, all the rabbits in the pit flopped into their holes, except one, a fearless young one. He sat bolt upright, surprised and pugnacious, while I aimed at him with my evil little rook-rifle. I fired and missed. He scuttled off to his hole, his tail looking like a golf-ball bouncing over the gravel. But instead of going home thankfully, I hid behind a heap of stones five yards away from his hole, and waited like the most determined murderer for him to come out. Soon his nut-like head was there and jerked from side to side as he looked about to see if he was safe. I fired again. The bullet knocked him right back down his hole. He lay there, making a noise like the squeakers that come out of crackers. After a time it stopped, and I decided he must be dead. I had to grope for him like a surgeon who has cut an entrail free, but let it go, and has to search for it in the tangle. In the end I pulled him out and took him home.

It hung in the larder for some days, stiff and reproachful. Then we ate it.

P.E.R.E.

THE STOWE DANCE

The first dance given by the School was held in the Library on Saturday, June 23rd, and proved to be an immense success. It would be almost impossible to believe that the conception of a dance emanated from an English mind, and in fact A. C. T. Short, our American visitor, was proposer of the scheme. Unfortunately, almost immediately after proposing it, he retired to the Sanatorium indisposed, and the organisation was almost entirely due to the efforts of J. D. A. Syrett, D. W. Basset and B. K. S. Evans-Gordon, aided in the last ten days by a re-invigorated Short. The majority of the lady guests arrived by car, but those who elected to come by train were met by buses and cars at the stations and were driven up to the School. Here the Radley match was in progress which our XI so gallantly won for the ladies, and there was also some tennis. At about seven o'clock our guests began to depart to the hotels at which they were to spend the night, in order to change, and they returned in about two hours' time.

The dance was spread over as small an area as possible to minimise any interference with school routine. Grenville West Houseroom was used as the Ladies' Cloakroom, the Ante-Library for the reception, Bruce for the supper, and Assembly for the buffet. The guests on their arrival were received by Mrs. Syrett, Mrs. Widdrington and the Headmaster. After being received, the guests moved into the Library, which had been decorated and lit by L. L. Pyman. At 10 o'clock supper was served and went on intermittently till midnight. Meanwhile Harry Saville's band played without a break or refreshments until 11.30, when a cabaret turn, very kindly provided by Mr. Alberty, appeared and entertained us for fully an hour. After this a supper of beer and sausages was served, and the dance broke up at 1.30 in the pouring rain. All we can hope is that our lady guests enjoyed the dance as much as we did, for if so, their enjoyment must have been immense; and we hope too that they will acknowledge it by returning next year in order to make the dance an even greater success.

Where so many people helped, acknowledgements are always embarrassing as well as difficult. However, the Committee would very much like to thank the following for their help and to apologise for the many omissions entailed by so short a space: Messrs. Warden and Webster, for polishing the Library floor against gigantic odds and for co-operating with the caterers; the Staff-Sergeant for the use of his car; all the Matrons, especially Miss Slater for the loan of Cobham dormitories and the skilful organisation of maids, and Miss Dykes for her car; Messrs. Skene, Tallent and Brown for forming the Floor Committee; Messrs. Hankinson and Rude, who advised and aided us in so many ways and are to be heartily applauded; Mr. Capel Cure for accepting the onerous task of Treasurer; Major Haworth and Mr. Clarke for supporting the dance so well, and the latter for spending the morning cutting laurel and decorations; finally the Headmaster to whom a private letter of sincere thanks has been sent, without whose permission, aid and criticism nothing could have been accomplished. With such trouble taken by the authorities, there will always be an added inducement to initiative, and it is not possible to be thankful enough for such real co-operation.

N.G.A.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Stoic.

DEAR SIR,

I am one of those unfortunate people who frequently burn to write letters to the Press on subjects that interest me. I never do, because experience has taught me that anybody else who cares to write on the same subject does so much more capably.

So that when I do write, as in this case, it is not because there is nobody else who can write better, but because I am convinced there is no one who can write more sincerely.

I want to congratulate all who were concerned with the dance at Stowe on June 23rd. It gave me more pleasure than anything I have been to for a long time. I felt grandfatherly but proud. I hardly knew a soul, but I might have known everybody. The rooms looked charming and the supper (I had half expected to see "Syson" on the menu, but saw "Searcy") was positively overwhelming.

I believe I have attended the first of all Stowe's functions and gala days, and for me it was a very lucky chance I did not miss her first dance.

Lastly, here is the comment of an American friend who attended the dance: "It beats anything you get at a school in America."

"And bow!" I replied with determination.

Yours very truly,

28, Upper Hamilton Terrace,
N.W.8.
25th June, 1934.

ALAN DELGADO.

To the Editor of The Stoic.

Dear Sir,

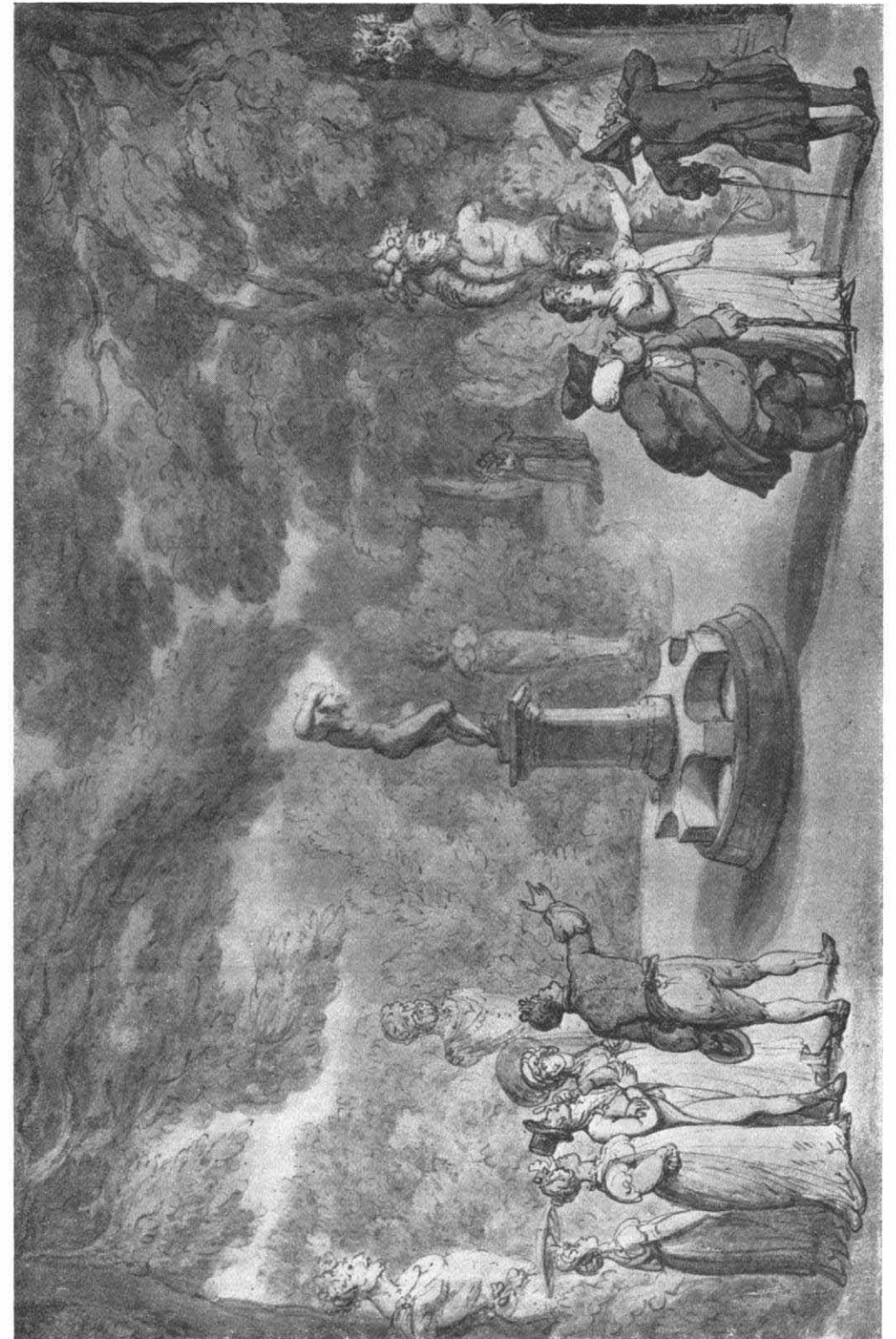
As there are so few reliable records of Stowe in the days of the Marquesses of Buckingham, it would be a real loss for the School not to acquire a drawing of the gardens in the early nineteenth (or perhaps late eighteenth) century—a drawing which is at once a record and a work of art. It is ascribed with tolerable certainty to Rowlandson, and is featuring in an exhibition of drawings by this artist at Frank I. Sabin's Gallery in Bond St. (by whose kind permission the drawing is reproduced here).

The size of the drawing is $10\frac{3}{8} \times 16\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and the technique is the usual Rowlandson green and light-brownish tints. The subject is a party of visitors (country people, middle-class and a little vulgar) being shown one of the sights of the gardens—the Saxon Temple and the Saxon Deities. These smiling deities are not classical beings, but Teutonic gods who gave their names to the days of the week. They were grouped round the altar seen in the centre of the drawing, and placed in a grove between the Queen's Temple and the Gothic Temple, where their brick bases may yet be seen. In 1922 they were sold.

Surely some generous donor will preserve this piece of descriptive satire for the benefit of future Stoics. It deserves a place in the Ante-Library.

Yours sincerely,

T. H. CLARKE.

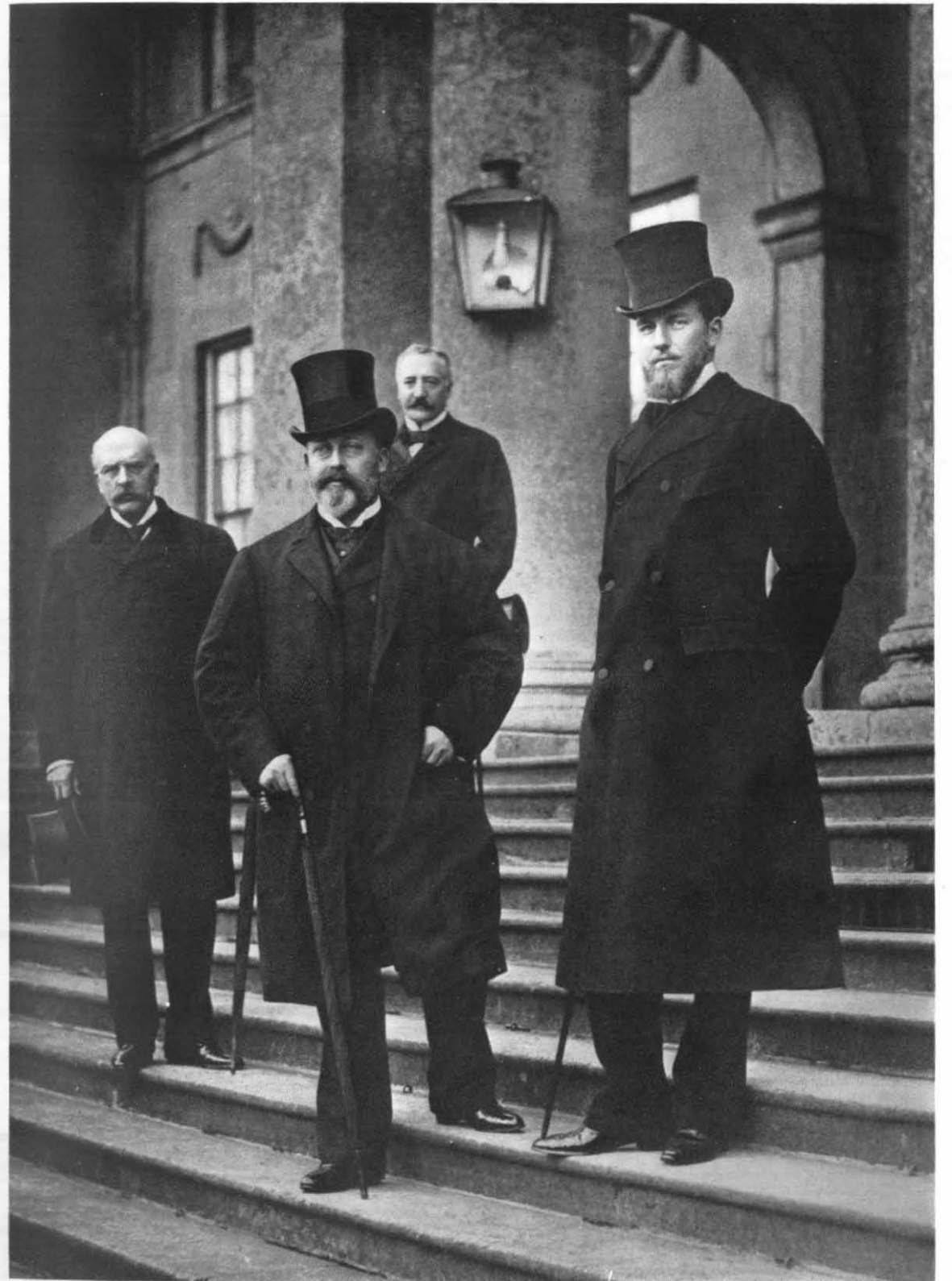


[Messrs. Frank I. Sabin

THE SAXON DEITIES, STOWE

Sketch by Rowlandson

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