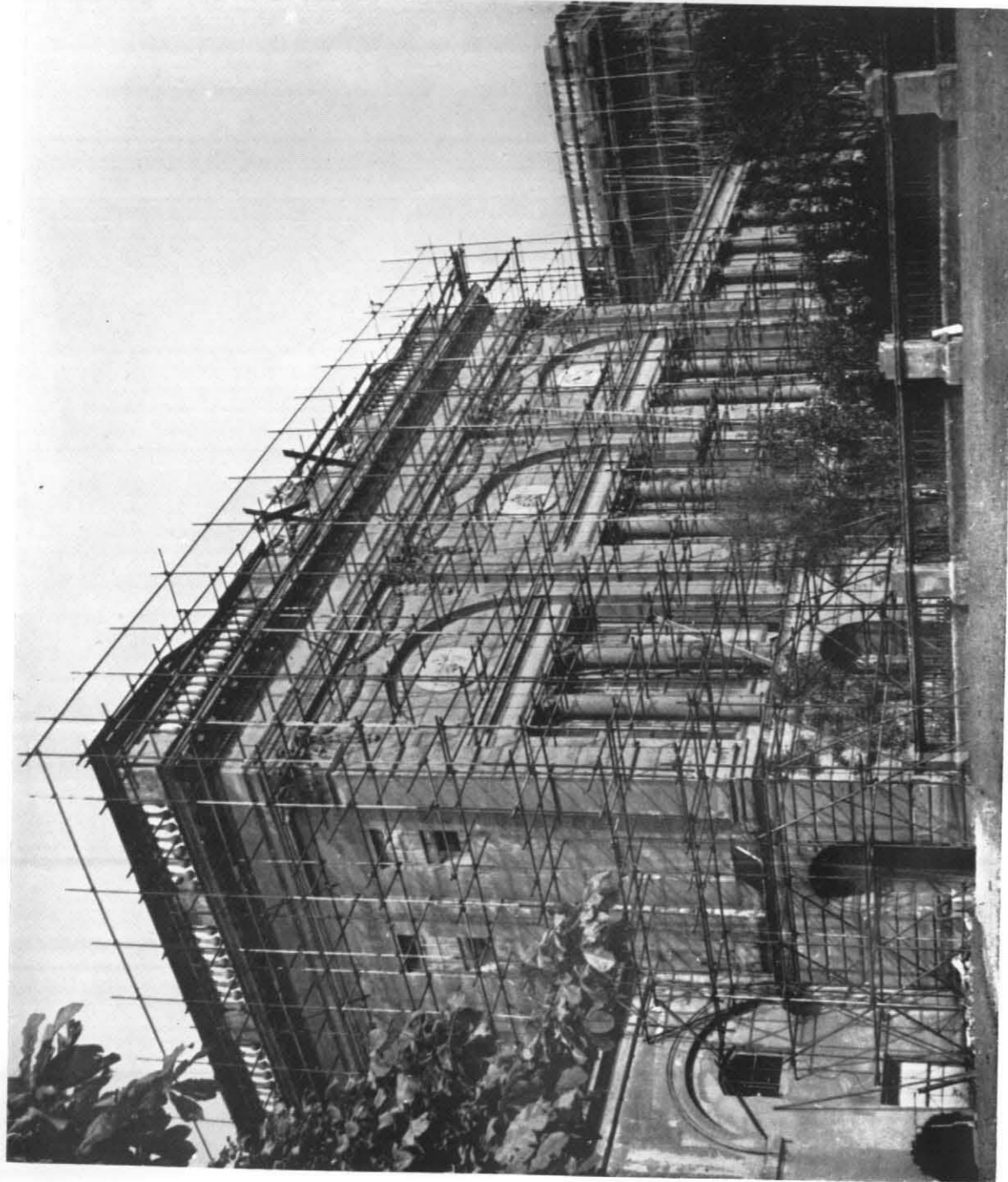


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[Mrs. R. Fielding Dodd

THE GARTER ROOM WING  
RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS

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## FERVET OPUS

WITHIN the last year Stowe has acquired, largely through the generosity of its friends, a new Art School and a New Pavilion. It might have been expected that two such additions would have satisfied, at least temporarily, the local building mania. Actually they appear to have had the opposite effect; for seldom has there been so much work in hand at Stowe as this winter.

In the first place it has proved necessary to pay attention to the fabric of the main building itself. It is perhaps unfortunate that many Stoics learnt the facts about the Garter Room Wing from the daily press rather than from a more reliable source. At one time fantastic stories of a bath which fell through the ceiling were widely circulated, and it was even said that, but for the History Tutor's Study, ever a bulwark of the place, several of the Bruce dormitories would have been precipitated into the Garter Dining Room.

In point of fact no collapse, either immediate or remote, was threatened; but when the wing was built it was found impossible to procure oak beams of sufficient length for the ceiling span. The thirty-five foot pine members, which had been used in default of oak, had now begun to bend and crack a little, so that some damage was threatened to the ornamentation of the ceiling. As it would have been difficult in any case to insert the necessary steel joists, it was decided to gut the wing and to rebuild it in steel and concrete. When this reconstruction is complete, there will be four floors instead of the old three, as it is intended to build an additional dormitory and a Matron's flat on the old roof-level, as well as to provide much improved accommodation on the existing floors. The Garter Room will become a clean rectangle, since the History Tutor's study has followed that of his mathematical colleague in the interests of light and air. To the same end the bricked-up sashes will be opened to provide six large windows on the South side of the room. It had been hoped to preserve and replace the old gilded ceiling, but, since this proved impossible, casts were taken of its most characteristic

features. The new Garter Room will, therefore, have its Garter and much other fine gilt work as well. Even had the old enrichments been preserved, they would have been inadequate to cover the enlarged ceiling.

At the same time the School's own masons have made a start on the work of repairing the balustrades and cornice of the main building. At present they have only got as far as Temple, but their scaffolding is creeping along the South Front bit by bit.

In the West corner of Chatham field the first three of six Master's houses, designed by Mr. R. Fielding Dodd, F.R.I.B.A., have been completed. Until the Common Room Wing is rebuilt as planned, two will have to be occupied by bachelor Masters, three of whom will live in each. These houses are very near to the School, as the crow flies. But as the Stoic walks, they cannot be considered accessible in the present state of the road leading to them.

Behind the Western Screen Wall, which corresponds to that by the Cobham Arch, new men-servants' quarters are being built. The small cottage and game larder, which used to stand to the East of the arch, have been pulled down and replaced by a recreation room and further sleeping accommodation. The demolished cottage was formerly the home of successive ducal butlers, and the famous Mr. North lived there till the School had been in existence for several years.

Digging has been going on since 1928 to fill up the South-East corner of the Bourbon Field, though progress has been rather slow. It is even said to have been calculated by a mathematician of repute that, at its current rate, the work would take twenty-five years to complete. Since effort has now been intensified on this and on two other schemes of improvement, it seems reasonable to hope that the enjoyment of a new Bourbon will not be left to our sons. Work at present in hand on the North side of the field is designed to add a strip forty yards wide to the levelled area. Beyond this again a shelter belt is being planted to protect our grandsons from the cold North wind. When this is finished, work will be begun on Ground 10, which at present is one bad ground running East and West, but which is destined to become two good grounds running North and South. These will be lower than the main Bourbon area, but it will be possible in the future to extend them southwards and to create a second field a few feet below the level of the first. Further, a road is being made along the Sequoia Avenue, which is already cleared of turf and will soon be gravelled. The necessary bridge over the Ha-Ha is being constructed with the beams removed from the Garter Room.

F.B.R.

## IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE RICHARD MOORBY.

28th March, 1911—20th July, 1935.

G. R. Moorby (whom half his friends called "Dick" and half "George," for he would never say which he preferred) came to Stowe in September 1925 and was one of the "foundation members" of Chatham. He passed into Cranwell at 17½ and was the first Stoic to be commissioned as an officer of the R.A.F. He served for four years, partly in England and partly in Transjordan, but eventually decided that the routine of a Service—even of the R.A.F.—was too dull for him. After resigning from the R.A.F. he set out in search of experience, and worked first as a deck-hand on a tramp steamer and later as a reporter in a Glasgow newspaper office. In the Spring of this year he returned to his favourite element and took up civil flying. He was absolutely fearless in the air and if he had a fault it was that when flying alone he was sometimes more daring than wise. On July 20th he "crashed" at Hayling Island soon after taking off and was killed immediately. He was only 24, but his gay and adventurous spirit had helped him to do much and to make many friends in the course of his short life.

NEVIL FISHER.

Chatham House, 1928-1932.

Nevil Fisher was killed in a flying accident at Cranwell on October 17th, 1935. He had come down from Cambridge in June.

A correspondent wrote as follows in *The Times* on October 22nd:—  
 "In the study of aeronautics at the Engineering School and in the practice of flying with the University Air Squadron, Nevil Fisher found what he needed for his development and happiness. To meet him in the streets of Cambridge with his fair hair ruffled in the breeze and his flying-helmet swinging in his hand was to know that someone was going to have a happy afternoon. He was gazetted a member of the Royal Air Force only a few days before his death, and his letters showed how well the life suited him. He had been at Cranwell for eighteen days and had become one of the most welcome. He could appear diffident and was wont to avoid forming strong opinions which his young experience

did not justify. His friends knew how good his judgment was and how effective his action. His invariable kindness joined to these qualities made him a pattern of a gentleman."

#### ROBERT JULIAN PACKE.

8th July, 1913—24th October, 1935.

Robert Julian Packe was born on July 8th, 1913. He came to Stowe (Chandos) in January 1928. In his second term he gave early evidence of his ability at cricket and was awarded both Colts and House colours. In the Summer Term of 1930 he obtained his 2nd and 1st XI colours and in May 1932 he was appointed Captain of Cricket.

He joined the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in September 1932, where he obtained a Blue for Cricket and was promoted to Junior Under-Officer.

On passing out from Sandhurst he was gazetted to the Royal Fusiliers in February 1934, and in the summer of that year he played cricket for the Army against the Australians.

In February 1935 he sailed for India on posting to the 1st Battalion of his regiment at Ahmednagar. In September he was admitted to hospital there with bacillary dysentery. After being reported as dangerously ill for some time he rallied, but later complications set in and he died on October 24th.

At cricket there is no doubt that he would have attained to the very highest rank. As a boy and a man his life was indeed one of "gallant and high-hearted happiness" and underneath his quiet and unassuming manner there lay a most unselfish and loyal nature.

#### CONRAD BAKER.

Conrad Baker joined Chatham House when it was founded in September 1925. He left in 1928 and after a short interval went to Manchester University. He died on September 6th, 1935, at the age of twenty-four. As a small boy he was unassuming and quiet almost to a fault. But before he left he had made many close friends in Chatham. They and not a few others will be grieved by the news of his tragically early death.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Christmas Term, 1935.*

*Prefects*:—J. W. Stoye, Head of the School; I. A. Roxburgh, ma.; R. A. Fisk; N. D. Clive; J. W. R. Kempe; P. R. Spencer, ma.; G. L. Cheshire, ma.; J. D. A. Langley; A. S. Hooper, ma.; D. S. Thomson; J. R. Hunter; N. B. Robinson.

*Captain of Football*—P. R. Spencer, ma.

*Hon. Secretary of Football*—P. Shaw, ma.

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The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

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| October  | 13th. | The Rev. C. D. Read, A.K.C., Rector of Tingewick.                              |
| October  | 27th. | The Very Reverend F. Underhill, D.D., Dean of Rochester.                       |
| November | 24th. | The Rev. W. H. Murray Walton, M.A., Vicar of Broxbourne.                       |
| December | 8th.  | The Rev. Canon B. K. Cunningham, M.A., Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge. |

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The marriage of Mr. I. M. Cross and Miss Barbara Kennard-Davies took place in the University Church at Oxford on Thursday, August 8th. A reception was held afterwards at Magdalen College School.

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Three new houses for Masters, in the corner of Chatham Field near the Boycott Pavilion, have been completed and are now occupied. Considerable reconstruction work is being undertaken in the Garter Room wing of the Main Building. Further work is in hand on the Bourbon Field. A full account of all these operations will be found in the leading article.

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A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, November 29th, when the Bishop of Buckingham (The Rt. Rev. P. H. Eliot) confirmed eighty members of the School.

The following Masters have joined the Staff this term: Mr. C. Jolliffe, Mr. P. A. D. MacCarthy, Mr. C. E. Powell and Dr. E. Zettl.

The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held in London on Saturday, December 7th. Seventy-six Old Stoics were present. The guest from Stowe was Mr. Hunter. E. D. O'Brien and P. B. Lucas made speeches.

The Grafton Hounds met at Stowe on Saturday, November 23rd.

The School Certificate results of July, 1935, were the best that the School has ever achieved. Out of 111 candidates, no less than 106 were successful. Between them they gained 513 credits.

P. A. Dyer-Smith was a member of Surgeon-Commander Murray Levick's expedition of Public Schoolboys which visited Newfoundland during the Summer holidays.

Forty-nine Old Stoics went up to Cambridge this October. Of these, twenty-four are members of Trinity College.

Terpsichore has come to Stowe. Encouraged by her two short Summer visits and by Dr. Huggins, she is now the patron goddess of weekly instruction in the Geography Room. There is a regular dancing class of thirty-two members, under the guidance of Miss Trevor of Oxford.

C. B. Cash has been awarded the first prize (value £50) in one section of Messrs. Winsor and Newton's Empire Jubilee Competition. A photograph of his picture appears in this issue. The judges informed the winner that there were some thousands of unsuccessful competitors.

On Sunday, October 20th, a Missionary film entitled "Through China" was shown in the Gymnasium.

J. D. A. Langley greatly distinguished himself during the early part of August. At cricket, for the Rest against the Lord's Schools XI, he was top scorer in each innings, making 75 and 41; and he subsequently represented the Public Schools against the Army. He then turned to golf.

No less than six Stowe golfers entered for the Boys' Amateur Championship, which was held at Aberdeen during August. D. P. Choyce and R. O. Booth both distinguished themselves, but above all Stowe found a successor to P. B. Lucas in J. D. A. Langley, who won the cup in addition to captaining the English Schoolboys' International team for the second time.

Chatham beat Cobham by two goals to none in the Final of the Water Polo competition last term. Bruce won the Elkington Cup Swimming Relays.

The following Representative Colours were awarded at the end of last term:—

*For Shooting:* J. G. Drew, ma., I. A. Roxburgh, ma.

*For Fencing:* P. J. Orde.

The following have been awarded First Fifteen colours:—  
R. A. Fisk, H. F. Le Lacheur (both re-awarded); H. R. Davis, J. P. Stephens, G. P. Allsebrook, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, A. I. O. Davies, G. B. Dawson, L. G. McKean, R. H. Stevens, J. F. G. Fletcher, A. H. P. Hope, J. W. Reid.

The following have been awarded Second Fifteen Colours:—  
J. P. Stephens, R. H. Stevens, G. P. Allsebrook, G. B. Dawson, L. G. McKean, J. F. G. Fletcher, A. H. P. Hope, J. W. Reid, J. T. McK. Anderson, J. E. D. Chamier, M. E. Fletcher, M. E. Bardwell, R. A. O. Henniker, J. M. Mayne, J. G. Nicholson, N. B. Robinson, M. C. Watson.

The following have been awarded Third Fifteen Stockings:—  
 W. A. Brown, P. S. Fowler, D. E. Hartnell-Beavis, D. A. Jefferson,  
 W. P. Lunn-Rockliffe, K. G. Rice, D. S. Thomson, K. J. S. Ritchie,  
 I. A. Roxburgh, P. Sherrard, D. G. Felce, P. C. H. Morris, R. J. Walker.

The following have been awarded Colts Stockings:—  
 C. A. Ashcroft, R. M. M. D. Lucas, B. A. Stewart, J. D. W. Stobart,  
 P. M. Syrett, P. H. Koelsch, J. P. Robertson, J. E. C. Nicholl, M. B.  
 Scholfield, W. W. Cheyne, R. Evans, J. H. Weir.

At the Army Examination held in June 1935 the following Stoics and Old Stoics were successful. Into Woolwich:—D. J. M. Black (13th). Into Sandhurst:—C. T. Llewellyn Palmer (11th), T. V. H. Beamish, H. E. P. M. S. Upton, O. C. Horne, J. T. B. Notley. Into Cranwell:—J. M. N. Pike (3rd), J. P. D. Gethin.

D. B. Drysdale passed top into the Royal Marines, and S. J. L. Olver passed top into the Indian Police.

#### CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's examination in July, 1935, the following obtained Certificates:—

Higher Certificates:—J. J-F. Aimers, J. V. R. Birchall, E. S. Chapman, G. L. Cheshire, M. E. Fletcher, A. J. Foote, R. A. O. Henniker, M. Jebb, D. A. Jefferson, A. R. Jennings, J. W. R. Kempe, M. Luxmoore, B. J. R. Moreton, I. R. Robertson, J. H. Shelmerdine, P. R. Spencer, R. O. M. Williams.

School Certificates:—A. Allan, J. T. McK. Anderson, D. V. T. Baldwin, W. B. Banister, M. W. Barron, A. C. Bartley, A. B. P. Beeton, J. L. M. Bevan, J. A. S. Borrett, N. S. Brown, W. A. Brown, A. G. Buchanan, A. M. Carr-Gomm, C. C. Cheshire, R. M. Clarke, G. B. Cobb, H. C. Corbett, C. B. Croft, R. C. W. Dampier, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, H. R. Davis, G. B. Dawson, J. P. T. Dawson, T. L. Dewhurst, F. J. T. Durie, C. D. Earle, T. C. Eaton, J. R. C. Elmslie, H. L. English, J. Farquharson, M. E. Farrer, J. D. Fay, J. F. G. Fletcher, J. A. Forbes, P. S. Fowler, M. H. Franklin, P. Gammidge, J. R. Genth, E. G. Gilbert, C. A. Goldingham, G. F. Gomme, M. W. Gray, F. E. Hanning-Lee,

R. E. W. Harland, D. E. Hartnell-Beavis, H. A. Hellowell, B. D. Henry, A. D. Herbert, G. V. L. Holbech, A. H. P. Hope, C. D. B. Howell, J. M. Icke, K. M. Jacobs, D. A. G. Kaye, P. T. Keyes, A. J. Kilpatrick, W. M. Lanyon, R. Law, G. L. Le Bouvier, H. F. Le Lacheur, A. C. Lynch-Staunton, R. B. McGrigor, L. G. McKean, V. G. B. Mansell, M. I. Massy, J. P. May, C. R. Milne, P. C. Mitford, W. McD. Morison, P. C. H. Morris, C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, R. A. Pearson, J. D. F. Penrose, I. O'D. Preston, J. G. Ratcliff, G. Rawson, J. W. Reid, H. G. A. Ross, G. L. Shankland, E. L. Shannon, A. Shaw, C. K. Simond, J. S. Simpson-Hunter, S. E. Smith, P. Spencer-Thomas, A. M. Sprot, J. P. Stephens, W. A. M. B. Stewart, R. Storry-Deans, J. M. Stowers, H. N. Straker, P. M. Syrett, P. J. Taylor, P. L. Tompkins, J. T. Vachell, G. L. Walmsley, M. C. Watson, M. G. T. Webster, J. F. Wheeler, M. L. B. Williams, M. N. Williamson-Noble, M. de L. Wilson, D. D. Withof, K. F. E. Woods, P. Wright, H. Yellowlees.

#### OLIM ALUMNI

MR. C. J. P. PEARSON is the first old Stoic to become an F.R.C.S.

DR. S. J. L. TAYLOR took part in the first of a series of Wireless Debates on European Affairs, arranged by the B.B.C. The subject was "Germany."

MR. B. C. GADNEY (Probables) and MR. J. B. CHARLES (Possibles) were chosen to play in the first of the English Rugby International Trials this season.

MR. J. B. SOPPER has been awarded a Scholarship by the Army Council. He has been commissioned from Trinity College, Cambridge, to the Royal Artillery.

MR. P. D. WARD won the Three Miles race for the Oxford and Cambridge team against Harvard and Yale, at the White City in July. Later, on August 17th, he won the Five Thousand Metres in the European Universities Meeting at Buda-Pesth. His time was a record for these Games.

- MR. J. CORNFORD was awarded a First Class in Part I of the History Tripos, at Cambridge.
- MR. C. T. CROWE was awarded a First Class in the Final School of Modern History, at Oxford. He also won a Laming Travelling Fellowship from the Queen's College.
- THE HON. T. C. F. PRITTE has been awarded the Boulter Exhibition for Modern History, at Christ Church, Oxford.
- MR. A. R. W. STANSFELD has been awarded a First Class in the Final School of Modern History, at Oxford.
- MR. E. A. F. WIDDRINGTON was a member of the Oxford University Rifle Shooting team which in the summer toured in Canada and the United States. He tied for second place in the President's Match at the Ontario Rifle Association's meeting.
- MR. E. V. HOPE represented Cambridge in the Inter-University Relay Races on November 30th. He ran a half-mile in 1 min. 58.3 secs.
- MR. R. O. BOOTH was third in the Stroke Competition at the Cambridge University Golf Trials in October.
- MR. P. BOSANQUET has been representing the R.M.C., Sandhurst, at Squash Rackets.
- MR. G. G. D. CARTER was runner-up for the Carr Cup (Golf) at Cambridge. He has also played for the University team.
- MR. J. K. HAY, like Mr. Widdrington, toured in Canada with the Oxford University Rifle Shooting team. At Ontario, he reached the final stage of the Lieutenant-Governor's Match. This autumn, he has more than once played for Oxford University at Rugby Football. He also played in the Seniors' Match and the Final Trial.
- MR. E. P. R. JOURDAIN ran a half-mile for Oxford in the Relay Races against Cambridge.
- MR. J. M. N. PIKE has been awarded a Prize Cadetship at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell. He represented the College at Rugby Football, against both Woolwich and Sandhurst.

- MR. A. C. R. ALBERY played in the Freshmen's Rugby Football match at Cambridge.
- MR. P. T. ASHTON was awarded the cup for the best performance in flying and in camp life at the Public Schools Aviation Camp, which was held in August by the Norfolk and Norwich Aero Club.
- MR. K. P. P. GOLDSCHMIDT has played Rugby Football for Hampshire, in the County Championship.
- MR. A. E. DE LA T. MALLETT has twice played Rugby Football for Cambridge University. Earlier, he played in the Freshmen's Match.
- MR. J. D. MCKEAN won the Cambridge University Freshmen's High Jump, and was second in the Inter-University Freshmen's Sports.
- MR. R. W. VICK was third in the Long Jump at the Cambridge University Freshmen's Sports.
- MR. J. O. N. VICKERS has boxed for Cambridge University.
- MR. A. P. NESS has been gazetted to the Queen's Bays, and the EARL OF MORNINGTON to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

- MR. S. R. COPLEY to Miss D. K. Hamp.
- MR. A. J. BLAYNEY to Miss D. Pyman.
- MR. J. R. M. BOND to Miss U. M. B. Long-Price.
- MR. A. G. BOWIE to Miss N. M. MacGregor.
- MR. C. D. HARRISON to the Hon. Miss B. M. C. Bellew.
- MR. A. E. BOLTON to Miss J. A. Tuck.
- MR. H. G. MORISON to Miss S. K. Tudge.
- MR. B. M. NAPIER to Miss E. J. Armes.

MR. E. P. W. STEBBING to Miss K. Livingston.

MR. P. L. SHERWOOD to Miss B. Hone.

MR. J. D. FIRTH to Miss E. Gwynne-Pearson.

MR. P. G. AGNEW to Miss M. D. Hervey.

MR. J. R. C. KENYON to Miss O. Winther.

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#### MARRIAGES.

MR. C. A. ADAMS to Miss J. Kirkpatrick, on September 14th, 1934.

MR. R. A. ANDREWS to Miss R. Hansen Bay, on August 24th.

MR. M. T. D. PATMORE to Miss N. McCulloch, on August 10th.

MR. G. A. ROWSE to Miss A. M. Strachan, on September 14th.

MR. G. S. PICK to Miss J. A. Goodwin, on September 11th.

MR. J. N. FEATHERS to Miss Y. Manners-Spencer, on October 18th.

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#### BIRTHS.

To the wife of Mr. F. R. ROTHWELL, a son—on August 2nd.

To the wife of Mr. J. W. ROTHWELL, a daughter—on October 4th.

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#### DEATHS.

MR. G. R. MOORBY, on July 20th.

MR. C. T. BAKER, on September 6th.

MR. R. J. PACKE, on October 24th.

MR. N. FISHER, on October 17th.

## CARRION-CROW AND YELLOW OWL

Carrion-crow and yellow owl  
Were born of a witch's secret brew.  
In myriad bodies other fowl  
Incarnate come, but yellow owl  
And carrion-crow are only two.

The sullen clouds are piling deep.  
The sun withdraws his sallow eye  
And the ermine tips which first did peep  
Over the thunders, as on they creep  
From fort to fortress through the sky.

A crown of darkness thick and hot  
Presses the sweating brow of earth.  
The diving lightnings shatter and rot.  
Then was carrion-crow begot.  
Then came yellow owl to birth.

In envy watching from the poles  
The long lithe flashes skip and fall,  
A witch, amid her steaming bowls,  
Desired to rule the thunder rolls  
And hold the lightnings at her call.

"Fashion, my urn," she called, "a beast  
Dark as the thunder, of silent wings,  
Voice of doom, and Hell's high priest,  
Blacker his heart than black his breast,  
Omen of unrevealed things.

And after, raising up his peer,  
Recall the yellow lightning's flight.  
While crow shall mock the sun's bright sphere  
Black-plumed, the bird of midnight fear  
Shall wound the dark hours, spectre-white.

These shall not die, shall not renew  
Their breed. A thousand forms shall know  
One life." She summoned to the brew  
Her wizard charms. Soft, silent, flew  
Yellow owl and carrion-crow.



## STOWE BOYS' CLUB

To The Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I have to report that Captain Lucas, the Warden, has retired. He had been at the Club for five years and it is not possible to calculate the amount of valuable work he did for it and for the School in running the Club in a way that was worthy of Stowe. As Warden he received very little encouragement from the School. Months and months passed by when no Old Stoic came near the place. Captain and Mrs. Lucas have retired to the country, and I am sure that all yours readers will join me in thanking them for their inestimable work at the Club in the past, and in wishing them the very best of luck in the future.

The new Warden, Mr. Adams, is the brother of an Old Stoic, and he is determined to create a better understanding and a closer co-operation between the School and the Club. Any Stoic is assured a welcome if he calls at any time. In the past Stoic visitors have been so few and far between that visitors must not be upset if surprise is shown when they arrive!

The last three months have seen great changes. We have had several visitors, including Mr. Roxburgh, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Crichton-Miller and Messrs. J. B. B. Aimers, G. N. Bell, R. H. Jagger, A. R. G. Pearce, J. D. A. Syrett and P. Syrett. We hope that they will come whenever they can and invite their friends to meet them there and so help to create a true club spirit. Stoics are always welcome, always have been and, I hope, always will be.

Mr. Roxburgh has raised some money privately and is re-decorating the building almost entirely. The greatest single improvement is the complete refitting of the bathroom in the basement. It is a great success, and the Pineapple may now be referred to as the "Lisson Grove Ritz." Mr. Roxburgh has saved the reputation of Stowe by making this re-decoration possible. Now it is up to the School to see that the building never gets into such a bad state of disrepair again.

The Stowe Show this year is being run by a committee of Old Stoics who are taking a personal interest in the Club. The box-office will be open on the day of the Show and some seats will still be obtainable.

Activities at the Club have been slightly hindered by the decorators, but Mr. Adams has instilled a new spirit into the boys, and everyone is keen to place the Pineapple on the map so far as games and athletics are concerned. The junior football team is very good, but owing to various technical reasons it is rather difficult to raise a full senior team.

The boxing season has started very well and a full team will, we hope, be competing in the London and Westminster Federation Competitions.

62 Carlisle Street,  
Edgware Road, N.W. 8.,  
Nov. 28th, 1935.

Running, as part of training for boxing, is well supported, and with the help of Messrs. Pearce and Syrett it is hoped to train a cross-country team in the near future.

We are very grateful to Mr. Hone, Mr. Betts, and Mr. MacManus for their continued support. Mrs. Knight continues to deal with the housekeeping in her inimitable way.

We are also very grateful for the gifts of books, clothes, etc., that we receive from time to time.

Finally, may I appeal to the parents of present Stoics to encourage their sons to visit the Pineapple?

I remain Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

## AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

It is with the utmost regret that the Club learns that Captain C. R. Lucas, D.S.O., because of the claims of private affairs upon his time, must resign the Wardenship of the Pineapple after five busy years of development and progress.

Of the men who have managed the affairs of the Club in London since it was founded in 1927, it may justly be said that he has been with us longest and given us the most successful service. He has had the personality and the vision to get boys interested in what they could do, as individuals and together, to make their life fuller and give it better direction.

Under his carca spirit existing previously as an ideal has become a reality, so that the Club is spoken of by those of wide experience as outstandingly alive. This spirit however becomes no tiresome thing, nothing provocative to the critic or monotonous, though it remains a compelling incentive to good fellowship and ready service. It produces no type, for it appeals in a varying degree to different boys, and they respond with no loss of personality even though their behaviour becomes modified.

And this attitude to life is perhaps the most important result of Captain Lucas's contact with these boys, in which he has shown above all a sympathetic understanding of their character and circumstances (an Irish element is very strongly marked) and found by cheerful persuasion and great faith the answer to his hopes.

Material success has not been lacking either. In the very first winter of his Wardenship, Captain Lucas produced two winning boxers at the Albert Hall in the London Federation contests, and since then that record has been creditably approached each year. In football, cricket, running and swimming too, the Club has always shown up well in competition with others in the Westminster and London Federations.

Wednesday has become an evening given over to L.C.C. classes. The most popular is always the Gymnastics, run by Mr. MacManus, who to our immense satisfaction has been in charge of this Club activity since the Pineapple first opened. But together with physical training, talks on books and instruction in wood-carving and water-colour painting have been provided. In the basement, boys not old enough to be

members of the Club have with great keenness and ingenuity made themselves a Scout Troop Headquarters under the guidance of Mr. Green.

One of the most commendable features of the whole institution is the way in which direct touch is kept between Marylebone and Stowe boys. Most week-ends in term-time a party of five Stoics spend Saturday night on the premises, and in each of the winter terms some thirty Club boys make a charabanc trip to the School to play football against volunteer Stowe teams and go to the cinema. The summer brings opportunities for camping, and for the Whitsun week-end and a week in August the Pineapple enjoys living under canvas in the grounds.

Last summer holidays nearly sixty boys were present over the Bank Holiday week-end, and there were never less than forty-five at any other time. With games and bathing in the lake and exploring the local countryside the days passed quickly. Some of the older boys made an excellent kitchen staff, and by the end of the week were cooking like veterans for a large number over an open fire. We were highly fortunate in having J. W. T. Lilley and G. E. T. Brown to contribute to our good spirits and give valuable assistance with the daily routine. B. C. Gadney came to see us. In fact it was most gratifying that Captain Lucas should end his Wardenship in such happy circumstances.

His successor, Mr. C. H. Adams, takes over a thriving Club with the help of Messrs. Hone and Betts, ever faithful and popular Club assistants, to maintain continuity. The new Warden is no stranger to Stowe, for his brother, C. A. Adams, left Grenville House in 1926. By his personality and standing as a Rugby player of distinction at Cambridge and by what he has learned of the management of London Clubs he is admirably fitted to hold the Pineapple to its best traditions and encourage development to follow where it can and will.

THE Q.-M.

#### 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 organization 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. Bankers' 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.*



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INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL BY NIGHT

[W. E. C. C.]

## CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

### COLLECTIONS.

|  | £  | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Early Services (July 14th to November 24th) ... .. | 10 | 0  | 1  |
| General Fund (July 21st) ... ..                    | 6  | 13 | 2  |
| Children's Country Holiday Fund (July 28th) ... .. | 18 | 4  | 7  |
| Stowe Club (September 29th) ... ..                 | 15 | 19 | 11 |
| General Fund (October 6th) ... ..                  | 7  | 15 | 1  |
| General Fund (October 20th) ... ..                 | 9  | 5  | 9  |
| General Fund (November 3rd) ... ..                 | 9  | 3  | 1  |
| General Fund (November 17th) ... ..                | 7  | 12 | 6  |

At the end of July, donations were made from the General Fund as follows:—

Stowe Club, £25; King George's Jubilee Trust, £10; Buckingham Hospital, £5; Stowe Church Restoration Fund, £5; Universities' Council for Unemployed Camps, £5; Church Mission Schools, Kashmir, £5.

So far this term donations from the General Fund have been:—

Stowe Club, £25; Tingewick Church Tower Repair Fund, £2 10s.; Bethnal Green Medical Mission (Christmas dinners), £2 10s.

### EXPENDITURE.

|                                       | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|----|
| Flowers ... ..                        | 4 | 7  | 4  |
| Printing ... ..                       | 3 | 10 | 0  |
| Preacher's travelling expenses ... .. | 2 | 8  | 0  |
| Wine for Early Services ... ..        | 1 | 4  | 0  |

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

## ORGANA ZOA

Unloved they span their numbered years :  
 Them no wind fans : they see no sun :  
 Dead, no man mourns. Laurion's tears  
 Must smooth the steps to Helicon.

B.J.R.M.



*Photo by]*

THE GRAFTON  
 STOWE, NOVEMBER 23RD.

*[K. G. Rice*



*Photo by]*

NEW HOUSES FOR MASTERS  
 IN CHATHAM FIELD

*[K. G. Rice*

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

1st XV. Won, 6. Lost, 4. Drawn, 1.

AT the beginning of the season there remained only four old colours, all forwards, and an entirely new back division had to be found. The record of the First Fifteen, therefore, is better than at one time seemed probable. In the School matches, we beat Harrow soundly, drew with Radley in a disappointing game, lost to a strong Oundle side after a good struggle. The Bedford match was scratched owing to their illness. The success of the team was due in a great measure to the captaincy of Spencer. He proved to be one of the best captains the School has had and was able to instil a really good spirit into the whole side.

One of the outstanding features of the season has been the excellent level of forward play in 1st and 2nd Clubs. The 2nd and 3rd XV packs were remarkably strong and were quite capable of holding the 1st XV in set scrummages.

The pack was not particularly heavy, but all the forwards were good in the loose. The outstanding members were Spencer, who as well as leading and hooking successfully was in the van of every rush, and Stephens, who developed a very fine wing-forward game of his own; he is a brilliant 'tackle' and a good 'save,' and he gave valuable assistance to the backs. All the others thoroughly deserved their places; perhaps Le Lacheur was the most dependable of them. It was unfortunate that the scrum had to be arranged for Shaw to play in the front row. This was never a great success and during the latter part of the term there was less improvement in set scrummaging than in other departments of the game. The loose heeling was sometimes brilliant and never less than moderately good. The line-out work was a little crude, but often effective. The main characteristic of the pack was its fighting qualities. Taking their inspiration from Spencer, all the forwards stuck to their work splendidly, even against heavier packs and in discouraging circumstances.

Behind the scrum several changes were made after the opening matches, and eventually two erstwhile forwards, McKean and Hope, were converted into three-quarters. This experiment proved a successful one. They are both still somewhat crude in their methods, but have improved a great deal and are both full of dash. D'Arcy-Irvine, who has a fine natural swerve, managed the backs well, whilst Davis was always a great source of strength at scrum-half. Dawson at fly, though he fre-

quently saved the side by his excellent kicking, was the real source of weakness, being slow off the mark, whilst he never mastered the art of passing. Allsebrook was always a firm rock in defence and improved his attack. Stevens at full-back was uncertain but played some good games. Altogether this back division showed plenty of thrust, which was sometimes wasted by a certain lack of skill in finishing movements. Their defence throughout the term was very sound.

The 2nd XV suffered as usual from constant changes. They developed a good pack, with Chamier always effective at scrum-half. The three-quarters were disappointing and never really combined effectively.

The rugger for the School generally this term has been re-organized. Each day there have been two periods of games, the first taken by members of 1st Club. This has given the latter valuable experience. More strictly organized "Clubs" on a School basis took place in the first half of the term, and the Leagues were played in the last month of the term. An account of these will appear next term. On the whole the scheme has worked well, though seriously handicapped by the number of medicals each day.

### THE SCHOOL v. ROSSLYN PARK A.

This game was played at Stowe on October 5th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by three goals and a try (18 points) to nothing.

Just before the game started there was a heavy downpour of rain which made the ball very difficult to handle. Both sides overcame this well, but there was a woeful lack of constructive play on the part of the School three-quarters. In attack they were quite useless and in defence they were uncertain. The forwards on the other hand played up splendidly against a heavier pack.

At first the School were disconcerted by the loose rushes brought off by the Park, and for ten minutes they were penned in their own twenty-five. Eventually the Park scored through Blackman. Immediately after this the School forwards got into their stride and there was no further score till half-time.

During the second half the Park attacked fairly consistently, and they scored tries through Roberts, Beckett and Blackman. Two of these tries were due to glaring mistakes in the defence.

This match was a disappointing start to the season because the backs were so very poor in attack. The only one who was a success was H. R. Davis, who played a magnificent game at scrum-half.

Among the forwards J. P. Stephens was outstanding for his fine covering in defence, and P. R. Spencer led the side with great dash.

*Team* :— R. H. Stevens ; R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, J. M. Mayne, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, G. P. Allsebrook ; M. E. Fletcher, H. R. Davis ; M. E. Bardwell, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, H. F. Le Lacheur, N. B. Robinson, J. P. Stephens, P. Shaw, I. K. White-Smith.

*Referee* :—Mr. D. Crichton-Miller.

THE SCHOOL *v.* MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

This match was played at Stowe on October 12th in perfect conditions and resulted in a win for the School by one try and one penalty goal (6 points) to nil.

The School forwards played a good bustling game and for a long period in the first half they kept Magdalene penned in their twenty-five. The School backs, however, though given plenty of chances did not look dangerous, and it was not till Davis slipped over the line on the blind-side from a five-yards scrum that the School scored. Dawson failed with the kick, but a little later he scored a good penalty goal.

In the second half the College were more aggressive, but their centres missed many chances and were easily held. Dawson, at fly-half, was a great success in his first appearance for the School. He kicked well and had a steadying effect on the whole back division.

Anderson hooked well for the School, but Spencer and Stephens were easily the best of the School forwards.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; L. G. McKean, M. E. Fletcher, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, G. P. Allsebrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; P. R. Spencer, J. T. McK. Anderson, A. I. O. Davies, H. F. Le Lacheur, N. B. Robinson, J. P. Stephens, P. Shaw, I. K. White-Smith.

*Referee* :—Mr. R. W. Skene.

THE SCHOOL *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH A.

Played at Stowe on October 19th, this resulted in a win for the School by three placed goals (15 points) to nothing.

A strong wind made conditions rather difficult, but the School settled down to play sensible football. Dawson kicked with judgment and the backs combined well in defence. In attack, however, they still appeared very ineffective, and most of the opportunities given to them by the forwards were wasted. There was one brilliant exception to this when D'Arcy-Irvine beat three men in convincing style and scored between the posts. The only other score of the first half came through a mistake by the Scottish, who dropped the ball on their own line and enabled Hope to touch down.

In the second half the Scottish were more aggressive, but their attacks were broken up by good marking in which the forwards, particularly Stephens, gave valuable assistance. Finally the School pack produced some grand rushes, from one of which Davis scored by the posts. Dawson converted all these tries.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsebrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; A. R. Jennings, P. R. Spencer, M. E. Bardwell, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. F. G. Fletcher, J. P. Stephens, P. Shaw, I. K. White-Smith.

*Referee* :—Mr. D. Crichton-Miller.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 26th, Stowe winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to nil.

This game was a triumph for the School forwards, who gained possession repeatedly from both set and loose scrums. This gave the backs frequent opportunities in attack, which they wasted at first by bad passing. After twenty minutes, however, D'Arcy-Irvine scored a good try from near the half-way line. Dawson failed with the kick. (3—0).

In the second half the Stowe three-quarters improved and Dawson made a good opening for Le Lacheur to score under the posts. Dawson converted. (8—0). Soon afterwards Dawson attempted a drop at goal and Hope, following up, got possession and gave to Stephens who crossed in the corner. (11—0.) This ended the scoring, and Harrow, who had been defending for most of the game, pressed in the last ten minutes.

The spirit of the whole side in this game was excellent, due in no little measure to Spencer's captaincy and powers of leadership.

In the pack all played well, Stephens and Spencer being outstanding. Davis played a great game at scrum-half, whilst Dawson's kicking was useful. Of the three-quarters, D'Arcy-Irvine did several good things ; the rest ran hard but lacked skill. The defence was never really tested.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; A. H. P. Hope, L. G. McKean, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, G. P. Allsebrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; J. F. G. Fletcher, P. R. Spencer, M. E. Bardwell, H. F. Le Lacheur, A. I. O. Davies, J. P. Stephens, P. Shaw, I. K. White-Smith.

*Referee* :—Mr. R. B. Hunt.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND A.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 2nd, Stowe winning by three goals (15 points) to one try (3 points).

The Richmond forwards started off with great enthusiasm, but were several times penalised for being off-side. After a quarter of an hour the School pack began to assume a superiority in tight and loose scrums, but from a loose heel in the Stowe twenty-five a Richmond forward snapped up a bad pass and scored. (0—3.) Just before half-time Dawson cut through and passed to D'Arcy-Irvine, who unselfishly passed back to Dawson. The latter converted his own try. (5—3.)

The second half saw the School play most impressively. D'Arcy-Irvine picked up a dropped Richmond pass and scored between the posts, Dawson converting. (10—3.) Finally McKean cut through very quickly to score a really good try. Richmond were pressing at the end.

The School defence was excellent all through and the three-quarters showed plenty of initiative and thrust in attack. Spencer, Stephens and Le Lacheur were the best of the forwards, Spencer in addition showing great powers of leadership.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsebrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; M. E. Bardwell, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, R. A. Fisk, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. P. Stephens, P. Shaw, J. W. Reid.

*Referee* :—Mr. I. A. Clarke.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Radley on Wednesday, November 6th, the result being a pointless draw.

The ground was heavy after much rain, making conditions difficult. The Radley pack proved to be the best which the School had met so far. At first this seemed to unsettle the forwards, but they soon improved. In the end Radley held a slight advantage in the set scrums and Stowe in the loose. The backs found the ball slippery to handle, and though the defence was good on both sides it was made to appear better than it actually was, owing to the poorness of efforts to make openings.

Stowe had the better of the first half territorially, and D'Arcy-Irvine might have scored easily if he had not chosen to pass out to Hope who was pushed into touch. Later Dawson made a good attempt at a dropped goal, but otherwise there were few incidents and neither side really looked capable of scoring.

The second half was very similar to the first, though Radley now looked the more dangerous side. The Stowe defence held out, however, and a draw was the almost inevitable result to a somewhat disappointing game.

For the School, Stephens, Fletcher and Le Lacheur were good amongst the forwards, Davis' kicking was invaluable and Allsbrook alone of the three-quarters looked dangerous.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsbrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; P. Shaw, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, R. A. Fisk, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. P. Stephens, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee* :—Dr. H. L. G. Hughes.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 13th, Stowe winning by one goal and one try (8 points) to nil.

Conditions were excellent at the start, and after the School had pressed for some time D'Arcy Irvine made a good opening for Hope, who had cleverly come inside him, to score. Dawson failed with the kick. (3—0.) Soon afterwards, Davis sold two perfect dummies and when confronted with the full-back sent Spencer over for his first try of the season. Dawson converted. (8—0.)

The second half was ruined by a heavy rainstorm and the ball became very slippery. The School stood up well to an anxious period in their own twenty-five and eventually cleared. There was no further score, though the School should have made more use of kicks up the field owing to the fact that the opposing full-back was limping.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsbrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; P. Shaw, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, H. F. Le Lacheur, R. A. Fisk, J. P. Stephens, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee* :—Mr. D. I. Brown.

THE SCHOOL *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

This game was played at Stowe on November 16th, and resulted in a win for the School by two goals and three tries (19 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

The weather was perfect and the School gave their most promising display of the term. The forwards were in excellent form and the backs, for the first time, really looked dangerous. The ball came out more quickly than usual and Trinity were inclined to be slow onto their men. Consequently, McKean and D'Arcy-Irvine had plenty of room in which to move and—if the comment is fair—plenty of time to think. After about fifteen minutes' play McKean went through very fast and beat the full-back to score between the posts ; a moment later D'Arcy-Irvine made an opening and put McKean over again. Dawson converted both of these tries. The School continued to press and after a good forward rush H. R. Davis scored.

At the beginning of the second half, Trinity pressed steadily and scored twice ; their second try came from a good opening by P. G. Krabbé, who had incidentally converted the first. The score therefore stood at 13—8 and there seemed to be a chance that the School might lose their lead. But Spencer rallied the team well, and the forwards put in some grand rushes. As soon as the side was attacking, the backs recovered their confidence and made some excellent attempts to score. The centres were being well marked, however, and Dawson was just too slow to get through. As a result of this there were attempts to drop goals ; three of these were made and all failed ; and it was left to the wings to make their own chances. Allsbrook snapped up a knock-on by a Trinity three-quarter and Hope got the ball from a line out ; they both showed determination in scoring, but Dawson just failed with the kicks.

*Team* :—M. E. Fletcher ; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsbrook ; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis ; P. Shaw, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, H. F. Le Lacheur, R. A. Fisk, J. P. Stephens, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee* :—Mr. D. Crichton-Miller.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE SCHOOL.

Played at Oundle on Thursday, November 21st, Oundle winning by three tries (9 points) to one try (3 points).

The conditions for this match were appalling. A strong wind was blowing down the field, bringing rain with it later in the game. Both sides, however, rose nobly above the elements and gave a delightful exhibition of hard wet-weather football.

Stowe, winning the toss, played with the wind, but it was Oundle who first looked dangerous. They remained in the Stowe twenty-five for the first ten minutes and were rewarded eventually with an excellent try, scored by the wing after neat passing all along the line. This try was not converted. (0—3.) Stowe seemed to wake up after this and for the rest of the half were attacking more often than defending. Dawson made one perfect diagonal kick to the left wing, which McKean, following up well, caught on the bounce, then drew the full-back and sent in Allsbrook in the corner. Dawson not unnaturally failed with the kick. (3—3.)

For the rest of this half Stowe, who were playing the type of football suited to the conditions more successfully than their opponents, looked dangerous on several occasions, but could not score again. In the last few minutes Oundle pressed hard but great defence kept them out.

At the beginning of the second half, Oundle, helped by a wind that had increased and brought on the rain, pressed again and scored two tries in the first ten minutes. Firstly, from a scrum near the Stowe line a heavy forward pushed his way over. (6—3.) Then in a forward rush by Oundle, which ought to have been stopped in its early stages, the ball bounced against the goal-post into the arms of an Oundle player, who had only to fall over the line. (9—3.) The Oundle pack, which was considerably the heavier, now began to control the game, but the Stowe defence held out well until the end. Once from a quick heel the three-quarters looked dangerous with some good passing, but the ball had become very slippery, and for the rest of the game forward rushes and kicking tactics were used by both sides with no further score.

This was a good performance on the part of Stowe. Oundle, who had one of their best sides of recent years, were definitely heavier and faster than the School, but both forwards and backs played up magnificently, and except for brief periods at the beginning of each half honours were very even. The forwards, though beaten for weight, never gave up; and the three-quarters, with few chances in attack, defended well, Dawson's kicking being first-class. Stevens at full-back played his best game of the season.

*Team*:—R. H. Stevens; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsebrook; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis; P. Shaw, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, R. A. Fisk, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. P. Stephens, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee*:—Mr. A. McM. Buchanan.

#### THE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS.

This game was played at Stowe on November 23rd, and resulted in a win for the Old Stoics by one placed goal (5 points) to a try (3 points).

This was perhaps the best side the School had met this term except in the Oundle match. The forwards stood up well to a strong pack in which Dashwood was outstanding. The brothers Davis had a great duel at scrum-half, but C. R. is bigger and stronger than H. R., and he was able to break away from the scrum in dangerous fashion on several occasions. In the circumstances it was unfortunate that Stephens was absent. The two three-quarter lines were well matched and cancelled each other out, but D'Arcy-Irvine always looked dangerous when he was given the ball early. The real difference was at stand-off half, where Dawson was very slow and never helped his backs, while Brown was enterprising and made several good openings. The truth is that the three-quarters have livened up their game and Dawson is not now fast enough to get the best out of them.

The first try came from an opening by H. R. Davis which enabled Hope to make a great run of fifty yards before scoring in the corner. Soon afterwards C. R. Davis replied with a strong dash in which he managed to score though tackled by Stevens on the line. Krabbé converted this with a beautiful kick.

After this the School got the ball frequently, but could do nothing with it, while the Old Stoics made a number of strong attacks, but the defensive covering was excellent and there was no further score.

*Team*:—R. H. Stevens; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsebrook; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis; M. E. Bardwell, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, R. A. Fisk, H. F. Le Lacheur, I. K. White-Smith, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee*:—Mr. D. Crichton-Miller.

#### THE SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE LX CLUB.

This game was played at Stowe on November 30th, in conditions which were made rather difficult by a strong wind, and resulted in a win for the LX Club by three goals and four tries (27 points) to one goal (5 points).

The LX Club brought down a fairly strong side which played well together and maintained a much greater pace all round than the School. The School backs marked their men well, but they were bewildered by the first-class backing-up of their opponents. The forward struggle was much more even and the School had a good share of the ball throughout and were almost as dangerous in their foot rushes as the heavier University pack. Unfortunately Davies had to leave the field at half-time with a knee injury and this made a difference in the tight scrums.

The LX began with an opportunist try by Castle in the first few minutes, but just after this Dawson, finding his opponents too fast for straight running, made a good kick-ahead which D'Arcy-Irvine anticipated well; he scored between the posts and Dawson converted. Paine then ran in for the LX after a break-away from the scrum, and just afterwards Mallett slipped his man and scored for Body to convert.

During the second half the LX attacked frequently and scored two orthodox tries on the wing through Abrahams, whose man was drawn for him by clever reverse passing between Mallett and Kemp. Paine again slipped round the scrum for a try and finally Marshall struggled over from a five yards scrum. Abrahams succeeded with two of these kicks.

Davis again played a fine game for the School. All the forwards were good, but Spencer and Stephens, who gave great assistance to the backs in defence, were perhaps the best of them.

*Team*:—M. E. Fletcher; A. H. P. Hope, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, L. G. McKean, G. P. Allsebrook; G. B. Dawson, H. R. Davis; P. Shaw, P. R. Spencer, J. F. G. Fletcher, M. E. Bardwell, R. A. Fisk, J. P. Stephens, A. I. O. Davies, J. W. Reid.

*Referee*:—Mr. J. T. Hankinson.

#### THE SECOND XV v. BRACKLEY.

Played at Stowe on October 5th, Brackley winning by five tries (15 points) to nil.

Brackley were a much heavier team, and although the Stowe forwards did well in the loose they were beaten for possession in the set scrums. The three-quarters were disappointing, lacking thrust in attack and being slow in defence. For Stowe, Davies, Nicholson, Reid and Dawson showed promise.

*Team*:—A. C. Bartley; F. K. de Water, L. G. McKean, J. W. R. Kempe, W. B. Hay; G. B. Dawson, J. E. D. Chamier; R. A. O. Henniker, J. T. McK. Anderson, A. R. Jennings, A. I. O. Davies, J. G. Nicholson, J. W. Reid, M. C. Watson, P. S. Fowler.

THE SECOND XV *v.* HAILEYBURY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Haileybury on Saturday, October 19th, Haileybury winning by three tries (9 points) to two tries (6 points).

This game was spoiled by a very strong wind blowing straight down the field. In the first half Stowe, playing with the wind behind them, did most of the pressing. Fletcher and Chamier both scored, in each case from well judged kicks by Mayne.

In the second half the Stowe defence proved too weak and Haileybury just managed to score a third and winning try.

For Stowe, Davies, Robinson and Mansell played well amongst the forwards, but the outsides lacked combination.

*Team* :—A. C. Bartley ; F. K. te Water, W. B. Hay, M. E. Fletcher, R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil ; J. M. Mayne, J. E. D. Chamier ; R. A. O. Henniker, J. T. McK. Anderson, A. I. O. Davies, N. B. Robinson, J. G. Nicholson, J. R. Hunter, K. J. S. Ritchie, V. G. B. Mansell.

THE SECOND XV *v.* RADLEY COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on Wednesday, October 23rd, Stowe winning by two goals and one try (13 points) to one try (3 points).

Play was scrappy, but when the Stowe forwards settled down, they were superior in the set scrums. Hay scored from an opening by M. P. Robinson. Radley retaliated with a try and the score was three all at half-time.

In the second half Stowe dominated the play, Gascoyne-Cecil and Reid, who played well throughout, scoring tries. Both were converted by Henniker. The outsides showed improved form in this match.

*Team* :—A. C. Bartley ; R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, M. P. Robinson, J. M. Mayne, W. B. Hay ; M. E. Fletcher, J. E. D. Chamier ; R. A. O. Henniker, K. J. S. Ritchie, J. T. McK. Anderson, J. G. Nicholson, N. B. Robinson, V. G. B. Mansell, J. R. Hunter, J. W. Reid.

THE SECOND XV *v.* HARROW SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Harrow on Saturday, October 26th, Harrow winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

The main factor in Harrow's success was the excellent loose play of their fast and heavy forwards, whose rushes were always dangerous.

Harrow scored almost from the kick-off by a long kick ahead which bounced luckily and enabled a centre-three-quarter to score under the posts. This try was converted. Just before half-time Gascoyne-Cecil forced his way over in the corner after a neat run.

The second half was notable for the defensive work of the Stowe forwards, N. B. Robinson and Reid being outstanding. Towards the end, weak defence on the right wing let through the Harrow three-quarters for two unconverted tries near the touch-line.

*Team* :—A. C. Bartley ; R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, M. P. Robinson, J. M. Mayne, W. B. Hay ; M. E. Fletcher, J. E. D. Chamier ; R. A. O. Henniker, K. J. S. Ritchie, J. T. McK. Anderson, J. G. Nicholson, N. B. Robinson, V. G. B. Mansell, J. R. Hunter, J. W. Reid.

THE SECOND XV *v.* RUGBY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 9th, Rugby winning by two goals, one penalty goal and one try (16 points) to one dropped goal and 2 tries (10 points).

Rugby won this hard and entertaining game owing to superior backing-up by the forwards, by which they frequently had a man over in attack. Stowe had quite as much of the game, but lacked thrust near the line.

Rugby took the lead after a quarter of an hour with a long penalty goal from nearly forty yards out and soon afterwards added a try. Just before half-time Brown scored in the corner after a good three-quarter movement. Rugby thus led 6—3 at half-time.

Soon after half-time Chamier, despairing of crossing the line, dropped a neat goal, and Stowe led, though not for long. Rugby scored a try far out which was converted with another good kick, and though Stowe got on terms again with a try by White-Smith they did not look like winning. Rugby increased their lead just before no-side with another try, which was converted.

*Team* :—A. C. Bartley ; W. A. Brown, J. M. Mayne, M. P. Robinson, W. B. Hay ; M. E. Fletcher, J. E. D. Chamier ; M. E. Bardwell, J. T. McK. Anderson, R. A. O. Henniker, J. G. Nicholson, N. B. Robinson, I. K. White-Smith, P. S. Fowler, V. G. B. Mansell.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 16th, Stowe winning by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

In this match the 2nd XV played a more spirited game than at any time earlier in the season. Though both the tries were scored by three-quarters, the forwards deserve the real credit for the victory ; they played a fine concerted game, with Bardwell, Nicholson and Robinson prominent and White-Smith dangerous in attack.

Stowe scored first, Hay cutting through cleverly and avoiding two rather half-hearted tackles to score the only try of the first half. Wellington equalised soon after half-time. Stowe then pressed and Gascoyne-Cecil scored after a good run from the twenty-five line, in which he was scarcely a foot out from touch throughout. This try, like both the others, was unconverted.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens ; R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, J. M. Mayne, W. B. Hay, W. A. Brown ; J. W. R. Kempe, J. E. D. Chamier ; R. A. O. Henniker, J. T. McK. Anderson, M. E. Bardwell, M. C. Watson, N. B. Robinson, V. G. B. Mansell, J. G. Nicholson, I. K. White-Smith.

THE SECOND XV *v.* RADLEY COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 20th, Stowe winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

Although the ground and ball were very wet the standard of play was quite good. There was not much between the sides forward except that Stowe were definitely better in the line-outs. Kempe at outside half was in very good form and scored three tries, going clean through on each occasion. Brown picked up a very loose pass to score



the other try after a long run. The work of the other three-quarters was rather weak, though the handling was good considering the conditions.

*Team* :—M. E. Fletcher; R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil, J. M. Mayne, W. B. Hay, W. A. Brown; J. W. R. Kempe, D. S. Thomson; M. E. Bardwell, J. T. McK. Anderson, R. A. O. Henniker, N. B. Robinson, J. G. Nicholson, V. G. B. Mansell, M. C. Watson, I. K. White-Smith.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 23rd, Stowe winning by four tries (12 points) to one try (3 points).

The 2nd XV beat the Old Stoics fairly easily, for, although they defended stoutly, the Old Stoics never looked very dangerous in attack. In the first half Stowe scored tries through Fletcher and te Water. Soon after half-time the Old Stoics scored their one try, and although Stoye was injured early in the half the School scored twice again before the end, Brown and Chamier getting over. The place-kicking throughout was deplorable.

*Team* :—A. C. Bartley; W. A. Brown, W. B. Hay, J. W. Stoye, F. K. te Water; M. E. Fletcher, J. E. D. Chamier; A. R. Jennings, J. T. McK. Anderson, R. A. O. Henniker, N. B. Robinson, J. G. Nicholson, I. K. White-Smith, M. C. Watson, V. G. B. Mansell.

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

Played at Oundle on Saturday, November 30th, Oundle winning by one goal, two penalty goals and two tries (17 points) to one try (3 points).

There was a strong cold wind, which interfered considerably with the handling. Oundle were a faster and more enterprising side, and though the Stowe pack did well in the set scrums Oundle were superior in the loose. Of the three-quarters, Vickers tackled well and Brown scored a clever try. But the centres lacked thrust and were weak in defence. Chamier at scrum-half was very effective, and of the forwards N. B. Robinson and Mansell worked hard.

*Team* :—R. H. Stevens; W. A. Brown, W. B. Hay, J. M. Mayne, H. E. Vickers; J. W. R. Kempe, J. E. D. Chamier; R. A. O. Henniker, J. T. McK. Anderson, A. R. Jennings, N. B. Robinson, J. G. Nicholson, I. K. White-Smith, P. S. Fowler, V. G. B. Mansell.

#### THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third have done particularly well this term. They lost their first match rather unnecessarily to Radley—by a single point—but otherwise they have been unbeaten. The Radley defeat was amply avenged in the replay at Radley. The best performance was against Harrow, who were a heavy side. After Harrow had scored two quick tries, Stowe settled down and played splendidly; the forwards heeled well and fully held the heavy pack opposed to them, while the backs ran with great resolution and no little skill.

The side was very well balanced, the forwards being a good solid lot although lacking a little perhaps in dash in the loose; the backs ran as if they meant it and were not afraid to try for the break-through. There were perforce a good many changes in the side in the course of the season owing to casualties higher up, but the team never lost its cohesion and its character.

D. S. Thomson, who played at scrum-half, captained the side very well and always set a splendid example of hard work.

The result of the matches played was as follows. It was unfortunate that the last two matches on the fixture list (the last being Bedford) had to be scratched owing to illness in the other Schools.

|  |       |             |
|--|-------|-------------|
| <i>v.</i> Radley 3rd.                        | Home. | Lost, 5—6.  |
| <i>v.</i> Harrow 3rd.                        | Away. | Won, 21—14. |
| <i>v.</i> Magdalen College School, Brackley. | Home. | Won, 20—0.  |
| <i>v.</i> Radley 3rd.                        | Away. | Won, 15—3.  |
| <i>v.</i> Buckingham.                        | Home. | Won, 12—0.  |

There played for the 3rd XV :—

At back, W. P. Lunn-Rockliffe; at three-quarter, P. L. D. Frankenburg, W. A. Brown, K. G. Rice, H. E. Vickers, F. K. te Water, P. Sherrard, G. L. Cheshire, J. S. Simpson-Hunter, D. G. Felce, A. C. Bartley; at fly-half, D. G. Felce, J. W. R. Kempe, P. Sherrard; at scrum-half, D. S. Thomson; at forward, D. A. Jefferson, A. J. Foote, R. J. Walker, D. E. Hartnell-Beavis, P. C. H. Morris, I. A. Roxburgh, J. W. Stoye, K. F. E. Woods, K. J. S. Ritchie, P. S. Fowler, J. R. Hunter, J. M. Morgan, N. S. Brown.

#### THE COLTS.

The Colts had a varied season. In the first match the side was very ragged and was well beaten by a fast and clever St. Paul's team. Then followed a very poor match with Radley. Both teams failed to produce much constructive play, and a draw of 6 all was a fitting result. A visit to St. Edward's produced something better. Playing with a strong wind Stowe scored thirteen points in the first half, and St. Edward's made no reply in the second half. In this match the Stowe defence was much sounder. Encouraged by this, they beat Harrow by 24 points to none. From the Stowe point of view it was a splendid match. The ball was thrown about cleverly and the backing up was excellent. The forwards scored one try by a continued shove from a set scrum. There was a relapse against Rugby, who played under 16½. Stowe were overawed by this, and it was not until late in the second half that they realised Rugby were not very powerful. The last home match was against Wellington, who were not strong. Stowe scored eight tries, only one of which was converted. Finally Oundle were met, disastrously. A very cold Stowe team found itself 13 points down in seven minutes. They rallied and scored twice before half-time, but skilful Oundle play aided by a poor Stowe defence gave Oundle an easy win.

At full back Cheyne was rather unpolished but full of pluck. He played his best game against Oundle.

The back play was variable. Most consistent were the halves, and Ashcroft did well in every match. Against Harrow and Wellington the three-quarter line passed the ball cleverly and ran hard. In some of the matches they were very ragged. In the centre Scholfield ran strongly but was too impetuous and frequently lost position.

On the wing Oakey was good in defence but lacked pace. Apart from the team, there were several good back division players available, and they showed promise for the future.

In all matches the pack proved successful in the tight scrums. Syrett was very effective as a hooker. The pack got well together early in the term, and it managed to hold its own in every match except that against Oundle. Even in this match our backs were given a lot of chances. In other departments of forward play the standard was rather variable.

Against St. Paul's and Radley play in the open was very lifeless, but Lucas managed to get much more out of the pack as the term went on, and in the next four matches the standard of play improved considerably, Keir and Stewart being particularly noticeable in the open. In the Oundle match the School did quite well against a really good pack, but the loose scrumming and foot rushes of the Oundle forwards showed us that in these departments of forward play we have still much to learn.

Results :—

|                |                  |             |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| October 12th.  | v. ST. PAUL'S.   | Lost, 8—25. |
| October 16th.  | v. RADLEY.       | Drawn, 6—6. |
| October 19th.  | v. ST. EDWARD'S. | Won, 16—0.  |
| October 26th.  | v. HARROW.       | Won, 24—0.  |
| November 9th.  | v. RUGBY.        | Lost, 5—11. |
| November 16th. | v. WELLINGTON.   | Won, 26—0.  |
| November 23rd. | v. OUNDLE.       | Lost, 6—27. |

Tries were scored by Ashcroft, 5 ; Scholfield, 4 ; Stobart, 3 ; Nicoll, 3 ; Oakey, 2 ; Keir, 2 ; Merchant, Arbuthnot, Robertson, Evans one each. Scholfield kicked one penalty and eight placed goals : Earle kicked a penalty.

JUNIOR COLTS.

After a most promising start against Radley, in a match in which the whole side played as a team, the subsequent form was disappointing. A mud-fight against a heavier Harrow side saw Stowe also to advantage, but after that the side became disorganized. At Bedford, Stowe put up a good fight against a really heavy side and were only beaten by two penalty goals and a try to nothing. Against Oundle, however, the side played badly and should not have been beaten. Andrews, though incredibly slow, kicked well and tackled pluckily at back. Whitby was the best of the three-quarters, particularly when he played on the wing. Drew mi. and Way showed promise at half, Way being dangerous near the opponents' goal-line. Hugill led the forwards well by precept and example, and Kaye mi., Waugh, Tait and Eastwood were hard workers and were prominent in the loose.

Results :—

|                |                    |            |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| November 9th.  | v. RADLEY (home).  | Won, 27—0. |
| November 13th. | v. HARROW (away).  | Won, 3—0.  |
| November 20th. | v. BEDFORD (away). | Lost, 0—9. |
| November 30th. | v. OUNDLE (home).  | Lost, 3—8. |

The Captain of Rugger wishes to thank all Masters who have so kindly helped with the organization of games this term.

CRICKET

STOWE v. CANADIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' XI. Played at Stowe on July 23rd.

For once Mallett won the toss, and on a perfect wicket Sherrard and Langley took easy toll of the not very formidable bowling, after Clive had been caught at the wicket early on. The best innings for Stowe, however, was that of Goldschmidt, who made his 50 in twenty minutes, showing a watchfulness and range of strokes which were most refreshing. The School bowling looked unconvincing, Krabbé alone proving at all troublesome. Mogece went for the bowling from the start and played a grand innings, and Croft watched the ball very carefully. Altogether this was a most enjoyable match, rendered all the more interesting by the vocal efforts of the Canadians both on and off the field.

| STOWE.   |     | CANADIAN SCHOOLS.                      |     |
|--|-----|--|-----|
| N. D. Clive, c Martin, b Boeckh.....   | 8   | J. Boeckh, b Robinson.....             | 24  |
| P. Sherrard, c Croft, b Sweeney.....   | 80  | B. B. Mogece, st Spencer, b Walter.... | 55  |
| J. D. A. Langley, st. Martin, b Boeckh   | 80  | M. Mills, c Stevens, b Krabbé.....     | 27  |
| P. G. Krabbé, lbw, b Mills.....  | 12  | E. Cochran, c and b Krabbé.....        | 18  |
| K. P. P. Goldschmidt, not out.....   | 50  | F. Croft, lbw, b Walter.....           | 30  |
| J. D. Buchanan, not out.....   | 21  | C. Seagram, b Goldschmidt.....         | 13  |
| A. E. de la T. Mallett, M. A. V. Walter,<br>N. B. Robinson, R. H. Stevens, P. R.<br>Spencer did not bat. |     | R. Keefer, lbw, b Stevens.....         | 2   |
|  |     | E. Martin, not out.....                | 5   |
|  |     | F. McEntyre, not out.....              | 2   |
|  |     | G. Sweeney and J. Kerr did not bat.    |     |
| Extras .....   | 16  | Extras .....                           | 12  |
| Total (4 wkts. dec.)..   | 267 | Total (7 wkts.)..                      | 188 |

|               | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Sweeney.....  | 11 | 1  | 43 | 1  |
| Boeckh .....  | 15 | 1  | 60 | 2  |
| Kerr .....    | 5  | 0  | 21 | 0  |
| Cochran ..... | 11 | 1  | 61 | 0  |
| Croft .....   | 5  | 0  | 18 | 0  |
| Mills .....   | 8  | 1  | 35 | 1  |
| Mogece .....  | 2  | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Keefer .....  | 3  | 0  | 8  | 0  |

|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Stevens .....    | 12 | 4  | 29 | 1  |
| Robinson .....   | 9  | 1  | 38 | 1  |
| Krabbé .....     | 10 | 3  | 27 | 2  |
| Walter .....     | 14 | 2  | 46 | 2  |
| Buchanan .....   | 9  | 5  | 13 | 0  |
| Goldschmidt .... | 8  | 2  | 23 | 1  |

## 1ST XI AVERAGES, 1935.

## BATTING.

|                        |     |     | Times   |         | Runs | Highest | Average |
|------------------------|-----|-----|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|
|                        |     |     | Innings | not out |      | Innings |         |
| J. D. A. Langley       | ... | ... | 13      | 0       | 677  | 121     | 52.21   |
| P. G. Krabbé           | ... | ... | 13      | 1       | 343  | 107     | 28.58   |
| A. E. de la T. Mallett | ... | ... | 9       | 1       | 212  | 123     | 26.50   |
| P. Sherrard            | ... | ... | 7       | 0       | 165  | 80      | 23.57   |
| N. D. Clive            | ... | ... | 13      | 0       | 230  | 67      | 17.54   |
| K. P. P. Goldschmidt   | ... | ... | 11      | 1       | 149  | 50*     | 14.90   |
| A. C. Lynch-Staunton   | ... | ... | 8       | 2       | 80   | 42      | 13.33   |
| M. A. V. Walter        | ... | ... | 11      | 2       | 117  | 40      | 13.00   |
| J. D. Buchanan         | ... | ... | 11      | 3       | 61   | 21*     | 7.63    |
| P. R. Spencer          | ... | ... | 7       | 2       | 34   | 18      | 6.80    |

## BOWLING.

|                      | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|----------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| R. H. Stevens        | 71.2  | 21      | 175  | 13      | 13.46   |
| J. D. Buchanan       | 104.3 | 26      | 304  | 18      | 16.89   |
| N. B. Robinson       | 157.3 | 27      | 430  | 25      | 17.20   |
| M. A. V. Walter      | 141.5 | 26      | 498  | 26      | 19.15   |
| K. P. P. Goldschmidt | 116.5 | 27      | 384  | 17      | 22.59   |
| A. C. Lynch-Staunton | 78.2  | 9       | 274  | 11      | 24.91   |
| P. G. Krabbé         | 95    | 12      | 283  | 9       | 31.44   |

## FINAL CRICKET HOUSE MATCH. July 17th—22nd.

Temple batted first and started confidently, Dampier showing good form for his 40. Thanks to some length bowling by M. P. Robinson and Brown, however, 8 wickets were down for 168. Watt found two excellent partners in T. V. H. Beamish (35) and Hartnell-Beavis (42), and the last two wickets actually added 104 runs, Watt playing a good defensive innings of 47 not out. Grafton batted irresolutely, only P. C. Benson who hit impudently for 37 and Storry-Deans (29) showing any form, until Brown, the last man in, came to join Albery; Brown managed to keep his end up without scoring while Albery added 26 runs, Grafton ending up 125 runs behind. N.B. Robinson bowled steadily and was difficult to score from. The Temple second innings was disappointing, Baird alone showing any form, and a total of 133 was unexpectedly low. All the Grafton bowlers kept a steady length and the fielding was keen. Left with 259 to get, Grafton never looked like winning, and the bowling of Simpson-Hunter and some amazing work in the slips by Birchall, who made four most spectacular catches there, proved too much for Grafton.

Scores:—Temple 272 (Dampier 40, Watt not out 47, Hartnell-Beavis 42) and 133 (Baird 46 not out; Felce 3 for 38, McKean 2 for 7).  
Grafton 147 (P. C. Benson 37, Albery 42 not out; N. B. Robinson 7 for 46) and 124 (Felce 22; Simpson-Hunter 7 for 49).

## FENCING

A VERY remarkable improvement has been shown in the fencing this term, thanks to the arrival of M. Bertrand as our instructor. Inevitably, the sabre team has been distressingly weak; it has indeed been mainly responsible for losing us matches. In the foil and épée there is nothing with which to find fault. Choyce's record of only two defeats in the foil is noteworthy, while at épée Orde and MacEwen have met with great success, particularly with their somewhat risky flèche attacks. Haig's exuberant style has earned him many fights. With the sabre there is a different story to tell. Choyce has rightly employed foil tactics with more success than anyone else. Bassett Wilson is too inert, and though Platt shows keenness and determination he has few wins to his credit.

The Juniors only just lost to a more experienced team at Westminster. Rutherford was outstanding and should fill Choyce's place satisfactorily next term. Special mention must be made of Falconer and Peel. Of this term's beginners, Reiche is the most promising. On the whole, the younger fencers show too much impatience. They must not expect to fight épée or sabre until they have mastered the foil, and this they can only do by having regular lessons. It seems a pity that more people do not take up fencing and avail themselves of such notable opportunities for learning the art as are now available at Stowe.

We are much indebted to Mr. R. J. R. McDougall for his gift of a lunging-mirror.

## MATCHES.

On Wednesday, October 23rd, against Cambridge "A," at Stowe. Won, 15—12.

This was an encouraging start to the term. Two ex-captains of Stowe, one of them now captain of Cambridge, were fencing against us. Choyce and MacEwen each won five fights.

Scores:—

Foil.—Cambridge "A":—J. L. W. Cheyne and N. C. McClintock, two defeats each; J. F. Barnes, three defeats.

Stowe:—D. MacEwen and D. P. Choyce, no defeat; P. J. Orde, two defeats.

Épée.—Cambridge "A":—J. L. W. Cheyne and N. C. McClintock, one defeat each; J. F. Barnes, two defeats.

Stowe:—D. MacEwen and Lord Haig, one defeat each; P. J. Orde, three defeats.

Sabre.—Cambridge "A":—J. L. W. Cheyne, no defeat; N. C. McClintock, one defeat; J. F. Barnes, three defeats.

Stowe:—D. P. Choyce, one defeat; P. F. Bassett Wilson and F. L. Platt, two defeats each.

On Saturday, November 2nd, against the Oxford Assassins, at Stowe. Lost, 10—17.

Once again we distinguished ourselves at foil and épée, but we lost the sabre 1—8. McCready was too good for us at foil, though Haig defeated him at épée.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Oxford Assassins* :—M. D. McCready, no defeat ; G. W. Mingay, two defeats ; E. M. Fuller, three defeats.

*Stowe* :—D. MacEwen and D. P. Choyce, one defeat each ; P. J. Orde, two defeats.

Épée.—*Oxford Assassins* :—M. D. McCready and J. E. Mansfield, one defeat each ; D. Scott, two defeats.

*Stowe* :—D. MacEwen, one defeat ; P. J. Orde and Lord Haig, two defeats each.

Sabre.—*Oxford Assassins* :—R. E. Southcote and H. C. Buck, no defeat ; D. P. Bulkeley, one defeat.

*Stowe* :—D. P. Choyce, two defeats ; P. F. Bassett Wilson and F. L. Platt, three defeats each.

On Thursday, November 7th, against Cheltenham, at Cheltenham. Lost, 11—16.

We again lost the match on our sabre. We were decidedly off form, and whether this was due to the unusual idea of fighting sabre second, and up to four hits, or not is difficult to say.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Cheltenham* :—C. F. Killick and J. V. L. Robert, one defeat each ; B. C. Pegg, two defeats.

*Stowe* :—D. P. Choyce and P. J. Orde, one defeat each ; D. MacEwen, three defeats.

Sabre.—*Cheltenham* :—Ritchie and Brandon, no defeat ; Stibbard, two defeats.

*Stowe* :—P. F. Bassett Wilson and D. P. Choyce, two defeats each ; St. G. V. R. Grant, three defeats.

Épée.—*Cheltenham* :—C. F. Killick and J. V. L. Robert, one defeat each ; H. S. Brandon, three defeats.

*Stowe* :—D. MacEwen and Lord Haig, one defeat each ; P. J. Orde, two defeats.

On Saturday, November 16th, against Harrow, at Stowe. Won, 11—7.

This match was only fought at foil and épée, so our usual weakness was not apparent. Choyce won all three foil fights. It was a most enjoyable fixture.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Harrow* :—A. W. Garthwaite, I. N. Bonard and F. W. Tallents, two defeats each.

*Stowe* :—D. P. Choyce, no defeat ; P. J. Orde, one defeat ; D. MacEwen, two defeats.

Épée.—*Harrow* :—I. N. Bonard and F. W. Tallents, one defeat each ; A. W. Garthwaite, three defeats.

*Stowe* :—D. MacEwen and Lord Haig, one defeat each ; P. J. Orde, two defeats.

Against R.A.F. (Henlow) on Saturday, November 23rd, at Henlow. Lost, 10—17.

A strong and rather rough team proved too good for us. Only Choyce distinguished himself in the foil, but a recovery was made in the épée, where Orde and MacEwen won two fights. Once again, however, the sabre team collapsed.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—D. P. Choyce, no defeat ; D. MacEwen, two defeats ; P. J. Orde, three defeats.

*R.A.F., Henlow* :—Four defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—P. J. Orde and D. MacEwen, one defeat each ; F. L. Platt, two defeats.

*R.A.F., Henlow* :—Five defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—P. F. Bassett Wilson, two defeats ; D. P. Choyce and F. L. Platt, three defeats.

*R.A.F., Henlow* :—One defeat.

## SQUASH RACKETS

The following matches have been played this term :—

Wednesday, October 25th *v.* THE JESTERS. Lost, 2—3.

J. D. A. Langley lost to M. McLaren 2—3 ; 9—3, 9—0, 5—9, 1—9, 7—9.  
M. A. V. Walter lost to L. H. Waddy 1—3 ; 3—9, 9—3, 6—9, 8—10.  
T. G. N. Rowland beat J. P. R. Moon 3—2 ; 9—1, 6—9, 7—9, 9—5, 9—7.  
A. C. Lynch-Staunton lost to A. A. Hicks 0—3 ; 6—9, 6—9, 4—9.  
A. H. P. Hope beat I. R. D. Mathewson 3—0 ; 9—0, 9—4, 9—2.

Saturday, November 2nd *v.* CHRIST CHURCH. Drawn, 2—2.

J. D. A. Langley lost to G. J. Gorman 1—3 ; 9—7, 2—9, 7—9, 0—9.  
M. A. V. Walter lost to D. M. Beadle 0—3 ; 3—9, 6—9, 9—10.  
T. G. N. Rowland beat J. C. Dundas 3—1 ; 9—6, 9—7, 6—9, 9—0.  
A. C. Lynch-Staunton beat A. F. Stephenson 3—0 ; 9—4, 9—3, 9—6.

Wednesday, November 13th *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Won, 5—0.

J. D. A. Langley beat I. Earle 3—0 ; 9—5, 9—1, 9—6.  
M. A. V. Walter beat F. V. Beaufort 3—1 ; 4—9, 9—3, 9—4, 9—5.  
T. G. N. Rowland beat P. G. Krabbé 3—1 ; 9—4, 9—5, 2—9, 9—3.  
A. C. Lynch-Staunton beat R. C. Palmer 3—0 ; 9—3, 9—6, 9—3.  
G. D. A. Addinsell beat H. J. Elverson 3—2 ; 9—2, 4—9, 6—9, 10—9, 9—6.

Saturday, November 16th *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD. Won, 4—1.

J. D. A. Langley lost to R. Pulbrook 1—3 ; 2—9, 9—7, 5—9, 2—9.  
M. A. V. Walter beat J. F. Hayley 3—0 ; 9—5, 9—6, 9—6.  
T. G. N. Rowland beat K. A. G. Crawley 3—2 ; 9—6, 5—9, 8—10, 9—7, 9—6.  
P. Sherrard beat J. J. Adie 3—1 ; 2—9, 9—5, 9—7, 9—0.  
A. C. Lynch-Staunton beat R. Pearson 3—1 ; 9—5, 9—3, 3—9, 9—7.

Sunday, November 24th *v.* MR. J. B. CHARLES'S TEAM. Won, 5—0.

J. D. A. Langley beat W. J. Jeffrey 3—0 ; 9—1, 9—3, 9—3.  
T. G. N. Rowland beat D. E. Morris 3—0 ; 9—0, 9—4, 9—6.  
P. Sherrard beat A. S. Gray 3—1 ; 4—9, 9—0, 9—2, 9—6.  
A. C. Lynch-Staunton beat J. B. Charles 3—0 ; 9—3, 9—5, 9—7.  
A. Shaw beat G. W. Clarke 3—0 ; 9—5, 9—3, 9—2.

The draw for the House matches was:—

|           |   |           |   |           |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Walpole   | } | Temple    | } | Grenville |
| Temple    |   | (4-1)     |   |           |
| Grenville | } | Grenville | } | Grenville |
| Chandos   |   | (5-0)     |   |           |
| Cobham    | } | Cobham    | } | Cobham    |
| Grafton   |   | (4-1)     |   |           |
| Bruce     | } | Chatham   | } | Cobham    |
| Chatham   |   | (3-2)     |   |           |

## LAURUS CUP 1934-35

|                   |    |         |
|-------------------|----|---------|
| Football—House    | 24 | Bruce   |
| —Leagues          | 9  | Bruce   |
| —Yearlings        | 3  | Temple  |
| Cricket—House     | 16 | Temple  |
| —Leagues          | 9  | Cobham  |
| —Nomads           | 6  | Cobham  |
| —Yearlings        | 5  | Walpole |
| Athletics—Sports  | 14 | Grafton |
| —Cross-Country    | 12 | Grafton |
| —Relays           | 10 | Cobham  |
| Lawn Tennis—House | 7  | Chatham |
| —Leagues          | 3  | Grafton |
| Swimming—Sports   | 3  | Grafton |
| —Relays           | 3  | Bruce   |
| —Water-Polo       | 1  | Chatham |
| Fencing           | 6  | Grafton |
| Fives             | 4  | Temple  |
| Golf              | 4  | Walpole |
| Squash Racquets   | 4  | Grafton |
| Physical Training | 15 | Temple  |

### TOTAL OF POINTS.

|            |    |               |   |
|------------|----|---------------|---|
| 1. Grafton | 42 | 5. Walpole    | 9 |
| 2. Temple  | 38 | 6. Chatham    | 8 |
| 3. Bruce   | 36 | 7. {Grenville | 0 |
| 4. Cobham  | 25 | {Chandos      | 0 |

## O.T.C. NOTES

### PROMOTIONS.

To *Sergeant*: Corporals N. L. M. MacManus, D. S. Thomson, J. R. Hunter, P. R. Spencer, M. E. Fletcher, P. C. Mitford, J. W. R. Kempe.

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals G. L. Cheshire, W. B. Hay, G. A. Dick-Lauder, J. M. Morgan, D. E. Hartnell-Beavis, I. K. White-Smith.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets M. Jebb, J. V. R. Birchall, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, B. A. Parnwell, J. W. Reid, Earl Haig, B. G. Dalziel, N. P. D. Baird, J. G. Drew, J. S. Simpson-Hunter, B. J. R. Moreton, J. H. D. O'Rorke, J. R. S. Peplow, W. P. Lunn-Rockliffe, St. G. V. R. Grant.

In the November Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 31 out of 42 candidates passed.

### CAMP, 1935.

A contingent 96 strong went into camp at Tidworth Park, forming three platoons of "C" Company in No. 1 Battalion under the command of Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Campbell, D.S.O. This was to renew a pleasure of some years ago and, in unbroken sunshine, meant soldiering under ideal conditions. The cadets gave an excellent account of themselves, and the Stowe Guard won its competition for the eighth year in succession, with record marks.

### FIELD DAY.

On October 29th Stowe held a joint Field Day with Rugby. An hour's march took the Corps out to the high ground beyond Shalstone, where a two company defence was organized on a wide front. Rugby came to Westbury by bus and proceeded to attack with three companies. Stowe then fought a rearguard action to the edge of the School grounds, after which friends and foes reformed and marched in to tea. A high wind kept off all but a little rain, and the day provided good training for subordinate commanders, particularly in keeping direction, over an interesting piece of country kindly put at our disposal by Admiral R. Purefoy and Major T. Close-Smith.

## .22 SHOOTING.

## S.M.R.C. COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL O.T.C.'s.

Two teams were entered for the above competition, but the results will not be published until next term.

| " A " TEAM.          |     |        |             | " B " TEAM.      |     |        |             |
|----------------------|-----|--------|-------------|------------------|-----|--------|-------------|
|                      |     | H.P.S. | 200         |                  |     | H.P.S. | 200         |
| J. R. Hunter         | ... | ...    | 188         | B. J. R. Moreton | ... | ...    | 185         |
| F. N. H. Widdrington | ... | ...    | 184         | A. M. Sprout     | ... | ...    | 183         |
| A. C. Bartley        | ... | ...    | 183         | J. W. R. Kempe   | ... | ...    | 180         |
| P. C. Mitford        | ... | ...    | 181         | A. B. Langton    | ... | ...    | 174         |
| J. G. Drew           | ... | ...    | 181         | I. A. Roxburgh   | ... | ...    | 169         |
| J. R. S. Peploe      | ... | ...    | 178         | K. H. M. Crabbe  | ... | ...    | 168         |
| W. McD. Morison      | ... | ...    | 177         | B. G. Dalziel    | ... | ...    | 165         |
| M. H. Franklin       | ... | ...    | 163         | B. C. Maxwell    | ... | ...    | 165         |
| Total                | ... | ...    | <u>1435</u> | Total            | ... | ...    | <u>1389</u> |

J.R.H.

## THE RIFLE CLUB.

This term the numbers have been higher than in any previous term, and it is hoped they will remain as high in the future. The scores, on the whole, have been lower in 'A' class, owing perhaps to the handicap, but in 'B' class some of the scores have been outstanding.

Those who have won spoons this term are :—W. McD. Morison (2), J. C. E. Peshall, F. N. H. Widdrington, E. B. Moore, J. C. Drew, mi., D. E. S. Osborne, J. R. S. Peploe (2), R. J. Musgrave, B. J. R. Moreton (2), C. C. R. Boulton (2), R. N. C. Knight-Bruce, The Hon. J. V. Fisher (2), D. A. B. Morgan, T. P. Walsh, D. D. Withof.

P.C.M.

## SCOUTS

The early part of the term was devoted by the Senior Troop to signalling, which proved very popular. It is commonly supposed that signalling is dull, but this is true only of the earliest stages. The thing is to press on hard past this stage, when the work quickly becomes interesting. After some weeks the general standard of signalling became better than it had ever been before, though there were half a dozen individuals four years ago who were probably better than anyone at the present time. Signalling was the main item in the programme of the Field Day on October 29th, stations being set up to signal to one another at distances of about a mile, and a few messages being successfully sent from end to end of the line. Since then a more varied programme has been followed.

The Field Day is perhaps the most successful item in the record of the Junior Troop this term. An adventurous journey in the morning was followed by a wide game in the afternoon, and Tingewick Woods proved admirable for both purposes.

Tuesday afternoons have been devoted, as usual, to a variety of occupations. It is hoped that numbers will enable us to maintain four patrols of average strength instead of three in the future and that there will be a sufficient number of recruits to fill the vacancies next term.

## THE SUMMER CAMP 1935.

For the fourth summer camp of the Troop various places as far apart as Scotland and France were suggested, but eventually a good site was discovered near Blandford, thanks to the kindness of E. V. Hope. It was the first camp at which almost the whole troop was present, and in addition Mr. Archer, Mr. Gilling-Lax, Mr. Leask and E. V. Hope came to superintend proceedings. The provisioning and system of meals arranged by Mr. Leask proved a great success; we spent far less time cooking and eating than at previous camps, and also enjoyed better food. Another improvement introduced was a nightly camp-fire, which Mr. Gilling-Lax's ingenuity did much to enliven. We were allowed to spend two days as we liked, and several members of the Junior Troop had a most adventurous afternoon in Bournemouth. Most of the troop also went hiking for two days in the surrounding countryside, where there was much of interest. One of the chief features of the camp was the excellent bathing, for we had the use of the Bryanston bathing-place in the River Stour. Several of the more daring attempted some rowing of skiffs, and one distinguished Scout ruined his uniform in a spectacular capsizing. As usual, Mr. Archer did far more than his share in making the camp a success.

## THE WORKSHOPS

Although the canoe industry has died a temporary death, the membership has been maintained. Turning, veneering and cabinet-making have taken the place of boat-building, and some surprisingly good results have been obtained.

The general standard of production has improved, not only with members, but also with the forms. This has been due entirely to the initiative of Mr. Morris, who has set up many standard models for the boys to copy.

We have lost Mr. Bull from the metal shop, but his place has been adequately filled by Mr. Couchman, who has returned to us after some years' absence. In this shop the standard and design have been improved, for which we must thank Mr. Bull: some excellent results have been obtained with the class work.

The expedition to Messrs. Hazell, Watson and Viney, of Aylesbury, was one of the most successful for some years. Efficient guides, accommodating men at the machines, plenty of time to see everything and no hurried tea, all added to the enjoyment of the excursion.

D.I.B.

## THE LIBRARY

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

From Mrs. Ian Kirkpatrick:

'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' (T. E. Lawrence).

From A. G. Delgado:

'Public School Explorers in Newfoundland' (Dennis Clarke).

From the Earl Haig:

'Haig,' vol. I (Duff Cooper).

From the Author:

'The War Office' (Hampden Gordon).

From Mrs. H. Y. Thompson:

'Bibliotheca Ms. Stowensis' Vols. I and II (Edited by the Rev. C. O'Connor).

The following books have been bought this term:—

'Letters of King Charles II' (ed. A. Bryant); 'A History of the British Army,' in 13 volumes (Sir J. W. Fortescue); 'Louis XIV' (D. Ogg); 'Pepys: The Man in the Making' (A. Bryant); 'Pepys: The Years of Peril' (A. Bryant); Cambridge Medieval History, Vol VII; 'Black Hand over Europe' (H. Pozzi); 'A History of Rome' (C. E. Robinson); 'Greek Ideals and Modern Life' (R. W. Livingstone); 'Euripides and his Influence' (F. L. Lucas); 'The Odyssey of Homer' (trans. by T. E. Shaw (Lawrence of Arabia)); 'Introduction to Physical Optics' (J. K. Robertson); 'The Mechanism of Nature' (E. N. da C. Andrade); 'Simple Science' (Julian Huxley and E. N. da C. Andrade); 'A Treatise on Light' (R. A. Houstoun); 'The Road to Modern Science' (H. A. Reason); 'Joule and the Study of Energy' (A. Wood); 'Advanced Practical Physics for Students' (Worsnop and Flint); 'Modern Physics' (T. Wulf); 'The Autobiography of Montaigne' (M. Lowenthal); 'My Own Trumpet' (D. C. Calthrop); 'Arches of the Years' (Halliday Sutherland); 'Vienna Diary' (Naomi Mitchison); 'England' (D. Jerrold); 'Harrap's Standard French and English Dictionary,' Vol. I. (edited by J. E. Mansion); 'Abyssinia on the Eve' (L. Farago); 'Autumn Foliage' (Lieut.-Col. Cyril Foley); 'Oh! You English' (D. F. Karaka); 'The Menace of Fascism' (John Strachey); 'The Men of the Last Frontier' (Grey Owl); 'England, their England' (A. G. Macdonell); 'A Visit to America' (A. G. Macdonell); 'Just an Ordinary Shoot' (Major Kenneth Dawson); 'Game Birds, Beast and Fishes' (Eric Parker); 'Personal Pleasures' (Rose Macaulay); 'We Europeans' (Julian Huxley and A. C. Haddon); 'The Lion and the Unicorn' (E. Linklater); 'Whisky and Scotland' (N. M. Gunn); 'The Art of Happiness' (J. C. Powys); 'Twentieth Century Poetry' (arranged by H. Montro); 'Martin Arrowsmith' (Sinclair Lewis); 'Beany Eye' (David Garnett); 'Lady into Fox' (David Garnett); 'New Armour for Old' (W. O'S. Molony); 'The Sun in Capricorn' (E. Sackville West); 'The Specialist' (C. Sale); 'Mr. Cardonnel' (H. C. Bailey); 'Illyrian Spring' (Ann Bridge); 'The

Irish R. M. and his Experiences' (E. CE. Somerville and M. Ross); 'Night in the Hotel' (E. Crawshay-Williams); 'Ah, Wilderness!' (Eugene O'Neill); 'The Hairy Ape' (Eugene O'Neill); 'The Complete Plays of Elmer Rice'; 'Other Plays, and Not for Children' (Elmer Rice); 'Modern One Act Plays' (pub. Gollancz); 'The Plays of John Galsworthy'; 'The Cherry Orchard,' 'The Three Sisters' (Anton Tchekov); 'The Historical Plays of John Drinkwater'; 'Easter,' 'Master Olof,' 'Lucky Peter's Travels' (August Strindberg); 'Lady Inger of Ostraat,' 'A Doll's House,' 'Brand,' 'Peer Gynt,' 'Ghosts,' 'The Pretenders' (Henrik Ibsen)

## MUSIC

The Autumn term is always the best for music, and this term has been no exception. There have been numerous concerts both by boys and others connected with the School and by well-known artists. The School has shown its appreciation of all this activity by turning up in large numbers, even on Sunday afternoons.

The two chief events of the term have been the performance of a large part of Handel's "Messiah" by the whole School in Chapel and the concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

### THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Society has been about 140 strong this term and has shown an exceptional keenness and enthusiasm which have made the rehearsals go with a swing. The Society has never been so strong in tenors, while several new trebles have improved the balance of the singing generally. Nearly all the time has been spent on the choruses from the "Messiah," which, though easier than the Bach choruses learned last year, nevertheless require much time spent on them, notably the chorus "For unto us."

The choruses from the opera "Der Freischütz" have also been rehearsed in readiness for the performance next term.

### THE ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra was sadly depleted by the general exodus of good players at the end of last term. Fortunately the Horns have been left to us intact, plus most of the Woodwind. The loss is gradually being made good, but it takes time to produce players of the same calibre as those who have left.

In spite of this, the Orchestra managed to give a performance of the "Freischütz" Overture, by Weber, after only three weeks of term had gone by. A great deal of the time at rehearsals has been spent on rehearsing the music from this opera. Bizet's "L'Arlésienne Suite" has provided light fare.

## THE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA.

This orchestra has been meeting on Fridays, and several new players have come forward. It should be possible very shortly to make this orchestra complete in itself. There is some very promising material. Handel's "Occasional Overture" and a Gavotte by Purcell have occupied most of the time.

## THE LOWER SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

This orchestra has been meeting during the Hobbies period on Tuesday. The orchestra is complete in itself, and after a rather trying time at the beginning when everyone was learning how to play his instrument it is now making rapid strides under the efficient instruction of Mr. Geoghegan.

## THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Three meetings have been held this term.

At the first, held on October 16th, the School Orchestra gave an interesting concert. The chief items played were the "Freischutz" Overture, some movements from the "Suite L'Arlesienne" by Bizet, a Handel and a Bach Concerto, and the Rondo from Mozart's "Ein Kleine Nachtmusik." Mr. MacCarthy played two Bach Arias on the 'Cello with great musical feeling, and received great applause from the large audience who attended the concert.

At the second meeting, on November 6th, which was held in the Library, we listened to one of the most enjoyable evenings we have ever heard at Stowe. We knew that four such eminent players as Cecil Bonvalot, William Murdoch, William Primrose and Lauri Kennedy would give us something that was worth hearing, but their playing surpassed our wildest expectations. The Brahms A Major Quartet was played in a masterly fashion. The Faure Quartet, fine though it is, sounded a little slight compared with the Brahms. We are much indebted to the players for such a splendid meeting.

The Pipers' Guild Quartet played in the Queen's Temple at the third meeting, on November 27th.

Miss Miller gave us some short talks about pipes and pipe music beforehand, and explained how easy it is to make them, and how small the cost.

The recital contained some pure gems, mostly taken from Elizabethan and folk music. The bass pipe with its beautiful tone was especially interesting. It was a most enjoyable evening much appreciated by all.

## THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY.

There has been only one meeting of the Society this term, chiefly on account of the extra amount of Sunday evening concerts of other sorts given by Dr. Huggins and Mr. Snowdon.

The work played was the Brahms Clarinet Quintet in B minor. The object of playing this again was to give those attending a chance of getting to know the work in preparation for the concert given by the Griller String Quartet. It is not easily appreciated at first hearing, but those who listened were undoubtedly helped in the concert the following Sunday.

## THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

This term the Society has been practising about a dozen carols, which were sung at the Carol Service in Chapel on Sunday, December 15th.

## PERFORMANCE OF THE "MESSIAH." SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st.

The Christmas music from the "Messiah," by Handel, was performed instead of the evening service. The whole school took part in five of the choruses. Except for one or two awkward moments near the beginning, the singing was splendid, and the School rose to the occasion magnificently, especially in the last two choruses.

The Choral Society gave a very expressive rendering of "Surely he hath borne our griefs." J. F. G. Fletcher sang "Comfort ye, my people" with great feeling. The Aria "The trumpet shall sound" received an impressive rendering from Mr. Cross, the Trumpet Obbligato being played in masterly fashion by L. A. P. Robinson (O.S.). It was a great evening, and all who took part seemed to enjoy it.

## SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS.

A series of six concerts for the two winter terms has been arranged. The first took place on Sunday, October 27th, in the Queen's Temple, and consisted of a Harpsichord and Flute Recital by Alice Ehlers and Gordon Walker. This was a very agreeable combination of instruments. Madame Ehlers' solo-playing was masterly, especially in the first group, which consisted of pieces by Couperin, Rameau and others. The Bach Flute Sonata showed off the great skill of the flautist, though the ensemble was not always quite as it should have been.

The Handel Flute Sonata in G produced the best and most enjoyable playing of the concert.

The second concert took place on Sunday, November 17th, in the Library. The Griller String Quartet first played Mozart's "Hunt" Quartet with exquisite delicacy and feeling. Pauline Juler assisted on the Clarinet with the Brahms Clarinet Quintet. The playing of this work was all that could be desired, and their performance compared very favourably with the recorded one.

At the third concert, Mr. Loris Blofeld and Mr. Norman Tucker gave us a most enjoyable Violin and Piano recital. The Brahms D Minor Violin Sonata was the principal work, and the last two movements were particularly well played. Mr. Blofeld played some movements from Bach's unaccompanied Violin Partitas. Mr. Tucker provided the biggest thrill of the afternoon with his performance of Bach's "Chromatic Fantasie and Fugue," which was masterly. Schubert's Sonatina in G minor concluded the programme.

Sir Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic Orchestra gave a concert on Sunday, December 8th. This is reported under 'Late News' (see p. 60).

## SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS.

Mr. Snowdon has organized a series of concerts every other Sunday evening. At two of these he has played a number of Bach's Great Preludes and Fugues on the organ. The other concerts have consisted of two-piano music, 'Cello and Song recitals, played chiefly by members of the music staff and other masters.



## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

**T**HREE successful meetings of the Society have been held this term. Attendances have been large, and several new speakers have come forward.

The officers of the Society are:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, J. W. Stoye; Librarian, G. C. O'Farrell; Treasurer, N. L. M. MacManus; Chief Whip, R. I. K. Moncreiffe.

The following have been elected members of the Society:—M. H. Bullock, R. M. Clarke, H. S. L. Dundas, R. E. W. Harland, L. T. Parsons, G. L. Shankland, S. J. Whitwell.

The 98th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, October 2nd, the Motion being "That this House agrees with the Government that colonial concessions should be made to other countries."

P. M. SYRETT (Hon. Proposer) weighed the world in the balance and found it wanting. If we were to progress, Isolation must be replaced by Internationalism; trade no longer followed the flag, which would have to be hauled down if it endangered international relations.

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (Hon. Opposer) delivered an eloquent oration of impassioned jingoism. He wondered whether this mighty empire, the beacon-light of justice, was to be divided among "lesser breeds without the law."

B. H. V. PAGET treated the House to a survey of colonization, with its victims and failings. He wished to satisfy the imperial ambitions of other nations, and advised us to give way to the legitimate desires of others.

P. L. D. FRANKENBURG declared that to renounce our colonies would be to renounce our importance; to weaken our Empire would be to strengthen our enemies. Only a fool in his folly would say that goodwill would be obtained by surrender.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, the Treasurer, R. O. M. Williams, D. A. Hutchison, H. S. L. Dundas, the Librarian, A. Shaw, M. H. Bullock, R. H. Monteith.

*Against the Motion*, A. W. Hornsby, St. G. V. R. Grant, K. M. Jacobs, F. B. Richards, J. N. Carleton-Stiff, G. L. Shankland, P. C. H. Morris, J. R. C. Elmslie, the Vice-President, R. M. Clarke, R. E. W. Harland, L. T. Parsons, J. B. Frankenburg.

The Hon. Proposer summed up.

On a division being taken there voted:

| <i>Upper House.</i> |      | <i>Lower House.</i> |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| For the Motion      | — 12 | For the Motion      | — 10 |
| Against             | — 12 | Against             | — 40 |

Upon the President exercising his casting vote, the Motion was lost in the Upper House by 1 vote and in the Lower House by 30 votes.

## RUGBY DEBATE.

The 99th Meeting of the Society was marked by the Rugby Debate, held in the Library on Wednesday, October 30th. The R.S.D.S. was represented by J. Goatly (Hon. Sec.) and A. R. Moore.

Before the debate, A. W. Hornsby moved a vote of censure upon the Secretary for not previously informing him of his duties as a Teller. St. G. V. R. Grant seconded the motion.

On a division being taken in the Upper House, there voted:—

|                |      |                    |      |
|----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| For the Motion | — 10 | Against the Motion | — 12 |
|----------------|------|--------------------|------|

The Motion was therefore lost by 2 votes.

The Society then proceeded to debate the motion that "This House prefers dissolute brilliance to sober mediocrity."

J. GOATLY (Hon. Proposer) was Gladstonian and purposeful. He cited Alcibiades as the classic example of dissolute brilliance, and convincingly refuted the claims of sobriety to virtue.

N. L. M. MACMANUS (Hon. Opposer) refused to justify a dissolute body by a brilliant mind, quoted de Quincey, and upheld the sober realists of this world.

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE rambled erratically from Demosthenes to China. The Devil would have his due—dissoluteness for brilliance and mediocrity for sobriety.

A. R. MOORE rectified the mistaken impression that sobriety implied puritanism. He criticised the empty dreams of intellectuals and praised the solid stability of mediocrity.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, M. A. V. Walter, D. G. Felce, S. J. Whitwell, St. G. V. R. Grant, G. R. L. Barron, P. M. Syrett, the President, Mr. Timberlake.

*Against the Motion*, N. D. Clive, P. J. Orde, A. M. Carr-Gomm, F. B. Richards, the Vice-President, A. W. Hornsby, L. T. Parsons, the Librarian, the Secretary.

The Hon. Proposer summed up.

On a division being taken there voted:

| <i>Upper House.</i> |      | <i>Lower House.</i> |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| For the Motion      | — 13 | For the Motion      | — 39 |
| Against             | — 15 | Against             | — 19 |

The motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 2 votes and carried in the Lower House by 20 votes.

The 100th Meeting of the Society was the occasion of a Visitors' Debate. It was held on Wednesday, December 4th, and will be reported in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

### STOWE BRANCH.

At the end of last term, on July 26th, Lord Lytton addressed the Branch. First he gave a short summary of his own connections with the League of Nations. In 1927, he told us, he was appointed to lead the Indian delegation, and it was then that he first came to realise the really important work of the Secretariat, which was interrupted rather than stimulated by the meetings of the Council. He explained in some detail the system of an absolute majority which exists in Geneva. He claimed that it was the best system for keeping the interests of all parties alive. The majority could not rest on its laurels, and the minority need never abandon the situation as hopeless. He then went on to explain the true meaning of peace, which, he said, had become considerably confused in many people's minds owing to its frequent misuse. Peace, he declared, meant absolute security. Some people thought it could best be obtained by a superiority in armaments. This method had been tried with monotonous regularity throughout the ages, and had not yet proved successful. We must now try the new method of collective security which Lord Lytton assured us would give to every nation, great or small, unquestionable security through unquestionable superiority.

He went on to suggest some of the reasons why the League had failed in the Far East, where he had had first-hand experience of its activities, and how it could best succeed in the Italo-Abyssinian dispute. The League, he said, had been too slow in the Far East, and at a time when it was necessary for a really experienced and able statesman to be President of the Council, the League had to depend on M. Lerroux and after him Mr. De Valera, neither of them great international personalities. His attitude to the present situation was, however, rather more hopeful. He pointed out that an admirable opportunity was now within the grasp of the League, whose procedure, though legal and therefore fraught with ambiguities, was being given ample time to complete itself by the hampering effects of the rains in Abyssinia. Lord Lytton concluded his address by declaring that if only the countries of the world would take the Covenant honestly and would act promptly instead of being a prey to every political repercussion the League could, and would, become completely effective.

At the conclusion of his address Lord Lytton asked if anybody had any questions to ask him. The Headmaster asked who was to be chairman of the Council in the following week. Lord Lytton replied that the task would fall on M. Litvinov, who had had no previous experience of this work and was perhaps a trifle pre-occupied. He went on to explain that it is not the size of the chairman's country which is important, but his previous experience of European diplomacy. M. Benes, though representing a comparatively small country, would be a most able chairman of the Council. Many questions were asked about the export of arms to both Italy and Abyssinia. To all these Lord Lytton replied that Great Britain had so far allowed no arms to leave this country for either of the disputants. N. M. L. MacManus asked first the extent to which Japan is affected by the dispute, and secondly how much importance would be attached by this country to the Italian possession of Lake Tsana. Lord Lytton said he thought that, as well as having an eye to her commercial interests in Abyssinia, Japan was also seeking to recover some of the international prestige which she lost over the Manchurian

dispute. He added that he had no doubt that the British government would take every step to ensure the integrity of British interests in Abyssinia. Mr. Rude then asked if the action of Italy in Abyssinia would have any effect on the black races throughout Africa. Lord Lytton replied that it would, but only in the same way as it would effect the white races. R. I. K. Moncreiffe concluded the discussion by inquiring why the British Government should not take action in the Mediterranean without the help of the French Government. Lord Lytton answered that it would not have at all the right moral effect. It would be individual instead of collective action.

G.C.O'F.

On Wednesday, November 13th, a "Chatham" committee under the presidency of N. L. M. MacManus read a report on "Territorial Redistribution." N. L. M. MacManus himself drew a brief outline of Irish History, advocated the withdrawal of the English garrison from Spike Island, and prophesied that peace with England would be achieved by the ultimate reunion of Ulster with the Free State.

B. H. V. Paget proposed the restoration of the northern half of the Polish Corridor to Germany and of Vilna to Lithuania. He also suggested the federation of Poland with the Ukraine.

R. I. K. Moncreiffe, taking Yugo-Slavia as the type, dealt briefly, but brilliantly, with the Balkans. He hoped to see a loose economic federation within ten years and the eventual restoration of the Hapsburgs to a limited monarchy.

J. D. H. O'Rorke discussed the position in the Far East. The expansion of Japan, he said, was inevitable, and he considered advisable the cession of some territory in French Indo-China.

N.L.M.MacM.

On Thursday, November 28th, Lt.-Col. Dunlop addressed the Branch and members of the O.T.C. on the Territorial Army. He was going to speak, he said, not so much on the T.A. itself as on its necessity and the reasons for its existence. Save for ourselves and the U.S.A., all countries kept up large armies raised by conscription. We had the smallest regular army in the world, numbering only about 200,000 men, chiefly because we have not long territorial frontiers to guard, and are mainly a maritime power. The duties of our army, he explained, were threefold. First it had to garrison our naval bases all over the world; secondly to police and protect the British Empire; and thirdly to form the core of an Expeditionary Force in cases of national emergency. The first two functions were performed by half the army, while the other half remained at home to carry out the last duty. This Expeditionary Force consisted of one cavalry and five infantry divisions, which, when compared with the nineteen infantry and eighty-three cavalry divisions of Russia, could hardly be interpreted as a signal for an armaments race. Our only reserve, moreover, was the twelve infantry divisions of the T.A., whose most important task was to act as the sole ground defence in case of aerial attack. He told us that he had not come to recruit us all for the T.A. The T.A. did not want us all; and it was obviously impossible for everybody to join. But he did hope that in later life, if any of us had an opportunity to lend a helping hand, we would do so thoroughly and willingly.

P.M.S.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Branch had the pleasure of being addressed in the Library by Sir John Harris, Parliamentary Secretary to the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, and a very notable authority on Abyssinia.

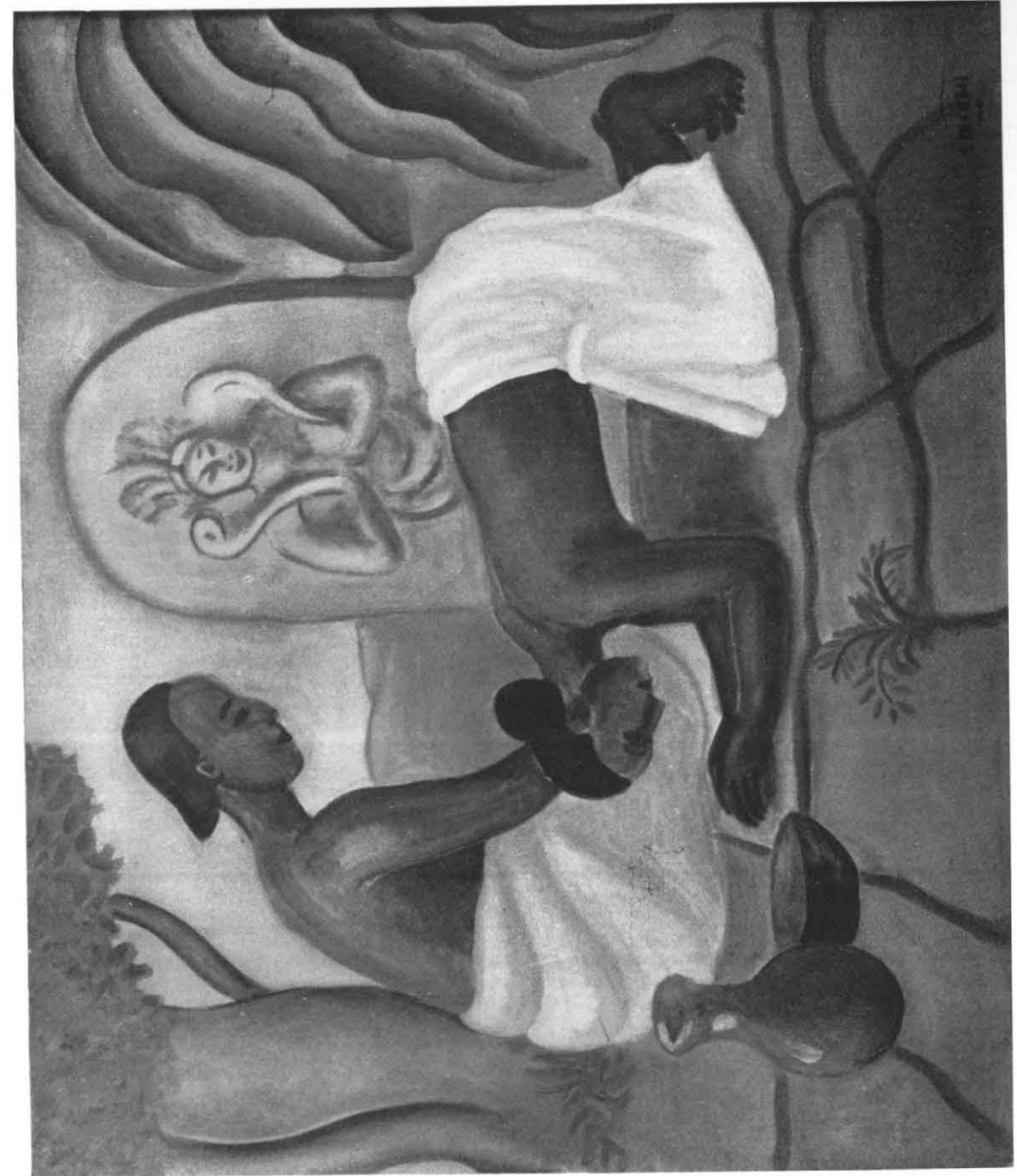
He began by explaining to us that Abyssinia was the size of France, Belgium and Italy combined, and that it had a population of about ten millions, of whom roughly half were Abyssinians proper, while the rest were of mixed African nationality. The priesthood dominated the social and political life, and every fourth man was a priest. The Emperor claimed descent, through three hundred and thirty-three rulers, from one of the sons of Adam. The Abyssinians were, as a people, brave, cruel, proud, patriotic, and religious; they believed that the present unexpected rains, which normally take place only in the first nine months of the year, were a miracle sent from God. Their whole religious, social, and economic structure was based on slavery; during the past twenty-five years they had made one hundred and thirty-five slavery raids into British territory. In all cases, however, the Imperial Government at Addis Ababa had paid compensation.

The Duce had violated three important treaties in going to war—the Covenant of the League, the Pact of Paris, and the Italo-Abyssinian Treaty of 1928. No-one knew what was his ultimate aim. There had been no official declaration of war, and his objective might be Uganda or even the Soudan. But his initial objective was the right to build a railway, over one thousand miles long, connecting Eritrea with Italian Somaliland, and absolute trading rights within the immense area thus cut off. The desire of the Italian engineers to turn the waters of the Nile into the Red Sea was by no means original; such a project had been begun by the ruler of Abyssinia in 1173 B.C. But Mussolini had never anticipated such difficulties as faced his troops owing to the impassability of the country, and the dreadful diseases contracted from the innumerable swarms of insects. Unless he won the War by Easter, it would definitely be lost. After explaining the Sanctions, and pointing out that Great Britain had assumed the moral leadership of the world in this affair, he advocated the Oil Embargo, and declared that Italy must receive nothing by the peace terms which she could not have got previously by peaceful means. Indeed Russia and Turkey were not partial to Italian gains of any kind.

But this was more than a mere quarrel between Italy and Abyssinia. The belief in the sanctity of treaties must be restored to the nations, or only the sword, the tomahawk, the machine-gun, and all the other impedimenta of war would be left.

In reply to a question, Sir John observed that sixty thousand troops were not stationed in Libya without good reason, and that the Italians had always looked upon Egypt as their reversion. In conclusion he pointed out that the Italians had by no means reached even the outskirts of Abyssinia proper; and he ended with a story of Victor Emmanuel, the present king of Italy, who is reputed to have remarked, "If we win, I shall become Emperor of Abyssinia; if we lose, I shall become King of Italy."

R.I.K.M.



[E. A. Bonvalot

OIL PAINTING  
BY C. B. CASH

(Awarded Winsor & Newton £50 Prize.)

Photo by]

## THE ART CLUB

At the end of last term an exhibition of Stowe Art, Past and Present, was held in the Art School. J. G. Wright, A. C. L. Whistler, D. B. Skeffington-Smyth, and M. J. Salaman were among those who contributed, while the lino-cutting room was devoted to the works of G. D. Watson, in whose memory the Art School was given. These were mainly architectural and charcoal drawings and plaster casts. Dress designs were the most numerous contributions in the Old Stoics' section, and the exhibition gallery contained oils done during the term by present Stoics, while pieces of sculpture, lino-cuts, drawings and water-colours occupied the rest of the space in the main studio.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 19th and 20th of October, a small exhibition of purely holiday work was held in the exhibition gallery. As well as the usual exhibitors, we were pleased in having the work of Mr. and Mrs. McElwee and Mr. White in the exhibition.

Public recognition of the work of the Art School has for the first time been achieved by one of our members. C. B. Cash won a first prize of £50 in the Empire Jubilee Painting Competition organized by Messrs. Winsor and Newton.

On Wednesday, October 16th, the Art Club held its first general meeting in the new clubroom; some forty-five members came and several important resolutions were passed at the meeting. It was decided:—

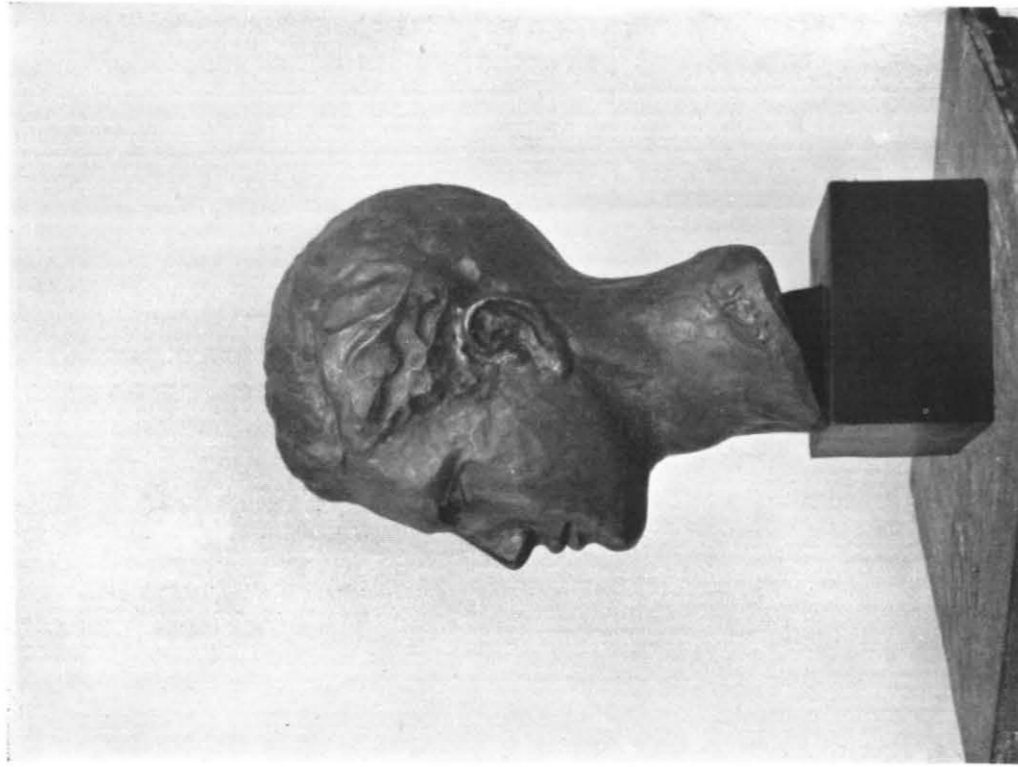
- (i) To ask Mr. John Skeaping to come and lecture to us on animal sculpture and drawing;
- (ii) To ask Mr. John Mansbridge, the well known poster artist of the Underground, to lecture to us on poster design;
- (iii) To institute a series of tea-parties during each term;
- (iv) To complete the furnishing of the clubroom.

Since then, both Mr. Skeaping and Mr. Mansbridge have accepted our invitations, but Mr. Mansbridge will not be able to come till next term. The first tea-party took place on Saturday, November 30th, and was a great success. Forty members accepted invitations, and Mr. Rude, our former Vice-President, came with two friends, one of whom, Mr. R. Roughton, gave a most interesting and knowledgeable talk on modern art in general and contemporary British artists and sculptors in particular. The success of the tea-party was almost entirely due to Mrs. Watt's organization and energy.

The Art School was fortunate in securing the loan, for two weeks, of a selection of textile designs by Miss Diana Donnelly, which have had a noticeable effect on those now being produced in the School.

The Clubroom now has in it a long table, arm-chairs, a sofa, two office desks and a standard lamp. A large reproduction of the Van Gogh "Portrait of a Young Man" has been bought and framed, and the lampshade is being re-covered.

C.G.L.S.



[J. D. F. Penrose

HEAD  
BY J. J-F. AIMERS

Photo by]



[K. G. Rice

NORFOLK SALT

Photo by]

## THE PUPPET CLUB.

This club came into being at the beginning of the term under the presidency of Mrs. Watt, for the purpose of putting on puppet shows at Stowe at more or less regular intervals. The first meeting was held on Sunday, October 20th, and it was decided to restrict the club to twenty members for the present and to divide up those twenty into groups for each separate branch of puppetry; design, costume-making, working of puppets, lighting and music. Mr. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. McElwee, Mr. Saunders and Mr. White were elected vice-presidents, C. G. L. Shankland secretary, and F. B. Richards treasurer.

Since that date, we have received the very generous gift of £10 from the Headmaster to start the club on its way, and also £1 from the Art Club. £8 of this money has been put aside to pay for the theatre which is at present being built.

On Thursday, October 17th, several members of the club visited the Exhibition of the British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild in London and saw every kind of puppet. The club became an authorized branch of the B.P.M.T.G.

Another meeting is to be held at the end of term to select production and arrange about puppet-making.

We have been fortunate in obtaining the interest of Dr. Huggins, who has promised co-operation with the club as regards an orchestra in a proposed production for next term.

C.G.L.S.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## THE TWELVE CLUB.

The following have read papers this term:—

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| On Friday, November 1st.  | B. J. R. Moreton on "Greek Thought."                    |
| On Friday, November 8th.  | J. W. Stoye on "The Life and Times of Francois Villon." |
| On Friday, November 22nd. | G. L. Cheshire on "Beer."                               |
| On Friday, November 29th. | Mr. B. Thomas on "Advertising."                         |

N.D.C.

## THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings this term; the first on Monday, October 14th, when some short Shavian sketches were read; the second on Monday, December 2nd, when the Society read some of the Diminutive Dramas of Maurice Baring.

N.D.C.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The 55th meeting of the Society was held in the New Lecture Room on October 22nd, when Prince Yuri Galitzine read a paper on "The Drama of the Ancients." He sketched the growth of the Greek and Roman dramas, and with the aid of the epidiascope explained in minute detail the architecture of the theatres of classical times and the nature of the costumes and stage property in vogue.

It is hoped to hold one more meeting this term at which Mr. Gilling-Lax has promised to read a paper.

B.J.R.M.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY.

Two meetings were held this term. At the first, on November 3rd, "Gringoire" by Banville was read, and at the second, on November 24th, "Le Baron de Fourchevif" by Labiche and Jolly.

M. Luxmoore, B. H. V. Paget and M. Jebb were elected new members.

R.A.O.H.

## THE VITRUVIAN AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETIES.

This year the Vitruvians and Antiquarians have effected an amalgamation for the winter terms.

On Wednesday, November 27th, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Jolliffe and Dr. Zettl took a dozen members of the Society to see the Rollright Stones, and then to see the old Tudor house of Compton Wynyates. Then we all had tea at the Whateley Hall, Banbury. This was a very good day.

On Wednesday, December 4th, Mr. Stanley Casson, M.A., Fellow of New College, Oxford, lectured on "Anglo-Saxon Sculpture," with slides.

Y.G.

## THE AERO CLUB.

Our Liaison Officer, Flight-Lieut. E. L. Mole, has been posted overseas. We have lost a good friend who was most energetic in arranging activities for us. We welcome his successor, Flight-Lieut. R. Harston, who has been carrying on the good work.

We have made several expeditions to Halton for flights in dual Avros. All members have been able to handle a machine in the air, and some have shown considerable aptitude after a little tuition. We have been to Bicester again, this time to see and fly Sidestrands. We have been invited to go again next term to see some night flying.

H.B.P.

## THE FILM SOCIETY.

The following films have been shown this term:—

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| October 23rd.  | West Front 1918.         |
| November 20th. | Der Träumende Mund.      |
| December 11th. | Le Dernier Milliardaire. |

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

After a record membership in the Summer, numbers fell somewhat this term, and activity has been confined chiefly to the dark-room.

In the annual Lilley and Skinner photographic competition for schools, the first prize of £10 in the individual class was won for the second year in succession by a Stowe boy, K. G. Rice emulating the success of J. P. Searight in the same competition last year.

J.J.F.A.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Many new members joined this term, and Mr. C. E. Powell kindly took the place of Mr. C. P. Petch as President. A visit to the Forest Products Research Laboratory at Princes Risborough proved extremely interesting, though the range of exhibits was somewhat too extensive for our Society. There has been a meeting at which N. L. M. MacManus read a paper, and one at which Mr. T. H. White gave an address to the Society.

R.H.G.

## THE RIDING CLUB.

A club has been formed, under the presidency of the Headmaster, to encourage in the School the knowledge of riding, stable-management and hunting. Other officers of the Club are: Chairman, Dr. Huggins; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Crichton-Miller; Secretary, the Earl Haig. There are ten honorary and seventy-eight ordinary members. A subscription of 2/6 is levied, to cover as far as possible the expense of horses.

The first meeting was held on November 10th, when Major Lyon very kindly inaugurated the Club with a short lecture on the elements of riding. Later he criticized, with the help of their unmounted comrades, the positions of equestrian members. Eleven horses were able to mount about thirty members during the afternoon. Tea in Mr. Watt's studio rounded off a very enjoyable and instructive meeting.

We are looking forward to Major Lyon's next lecture on December 15th, which will be followed by a Gymkhana. Mr. G. Hedley, F.R.C.V.S., gave a lecture on December 1st; and an expedition to the Cavalry School, Weedon, where we may see the perfect performance, has been planned for the near future.

HAIG.

## THE CHESS CLUB.

The Club has been meeting regularly this term, and a subscription has been started. A prize will be presented to the winner of an American Tournament at the end of the Term. The Cup will be played for next term.

M. de L.W.

## ENTERTAINMENTS

The following films have been shown this term:—

*Emil and the Detectives.* This film did not gain anything over its German original by transposition and translation. Though it followed the first version almost shot by shot, the acting had lost much of its quality and the setting much of its interest. The German setting provided a certain stimulation which was here missing, and the standard of Rolf Wenkhaus' Emil was by no means maintained.

*Catherine the Great.* It is always unhappy to see first-class dramatic talent misused as was Elizabeth Bergner's in this film. Her selection to play opposite Douglas Fairbanks, junr., was a piece of bad casting which seemed unredeemed by any other feature of a film intended to dazzle the gallery.

*It's a Cop.* Sidney Howard, like George Arliss, continues to do his daily dozen for the great-hearted British Public. How, without a shadow of character-variation, both manage to make film after film produce the necessary box-office returns is as incomprehensible as indisputable. Of their kind, *It's a Cop* and *The Last Gentleman* are good examples.

*The Emperor Jones.* It is difficult to determine where the *Emperor Jones* miscarried as a good film; but it certainly did not "get across" in the way the play had led one to hope it might.

*General John Regan* had some excellent photography and a great deal of Irish humour which not even bad cutting and some unnecessary prolongation could destroy.

*Up to the Neck* was not the best of the Aldwych farces, though Ralph Lynn did what he could and Mary Brough was really funny.

*Jew Suss.* An excellent box-office draw which deserved all its popularity. Conrad Veidt acted magnificently and he was well supported by Frank Vosper and a good cast.

*The Last Gentleman.* See above.

*The Unfinished Symphony* was a first-class film. Good photography and excellent acting combined to make this adaptation from the German conspicuously successful, just where *Emil and the Detectives* fell short. Few failed to appreciate Marthe Eggerth, with Ronald Squire as the Pawnbroker and a first-rate cast in support. Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" has since constituted a serious menace to the Stowe popularity of Noel Coward and Nat Gonella.

*The Cuckoo in the Nest.* At their best, the Aldwych farces approach, in a separate sphere, the Wodehouse standard. It is sufficient commendation to class *The Cuckoo in the Nest* amongst these. Without any attempt at being a great film, it succeeded admirably as a piece of entertainment.

F.B.R.

## RICHARD II

The production of *Richard II* on the steps of the Queen's Temple, in July, was a reckless venture. Hindered by great difficulties, aided by great strokes of fortune, its fate was precarious to the end. The unfamiliarity of a flight of steps as a stage; the difficulty of diction in such a theatre; the seating problem in an auditorium which sloped inconveniently in the wrong direction; a dozen such questions were discounted by good luck or constant rehearsal. Without the kindness of Mr. Bronson Albery, who lent the dresses from "*Richard of Bordeaux*," and of the Headmaster, who bribed an audience of parents by allowing their sons home two days early, the Historians' "merchant adventure" might easily have become a "South Sea Bubble." Even so, the weather, upon which all depended and against which no precautions could be taken, remained a factor of vital uncertainty. For both performances the crowning mercy of a calm dry night was vouchsafed. It was certainly cold; and a light chilling air lent colour to Aumerle's speech about the bitter North-east wind. But cold could be guarded against to some extent where a stronger wind or rain would have been fatal.

Thus favoured, the venture amply repaid the optimism which had inspired it and the mass of work which lay behind its presentation. M. A. V. Walter's outstanding *Richard*, N. G. Annan's *Bolingbroke*, J. W. Stoye as Gaunt and E. G. Hanrott as York would have distinguished the production in any surroundings. So well supported, so excellently produced and so brilliantly set, *Richard II* promises to become a tradition at least as enduring as that of *Comus*.

## ON RAIN

Jupiter Pluvius has well earned the compliment which the Oxford authorities have paid to him in making "Rain" the subject of competition for the next Newdigate Prize. For, surprising to relate, the deity who for so long has been content to receive the supplications of savages in time of drought and to mock their exorcisms when floods cover the land has now put down his weighty foot in the politics of civilization. Tiring of the charms and the magic rites by which primitive races cajole his favours or seek to transfer them when they prove excessive, bored by the importunity of the Australian Dieri praying for rain through the Mura-Mura, the spirits of their ancestors, and piqued by the rudeness of Central Celebes, where the Toradjas employ a rain-doctor for the express purpose of curbing Jupiter's generosity, the harassed god has this year turned his attention to the nations of Europe. Far be it from us to accuse him of inattention in the past. Indeed he has never spared himself in the production of those storms, gales, mists and fogs which our country wears with such grace. Yet, in spite of their copiousness, his contributions to our climate have always seemed spasmodic and irregular,

and his methods somewhat haphazard. Britain has felt, with some bitterness at times, that her weather is only the idle creation of a genius' leisure hour, the offspring of the ignoble union of pencil and blotting-paper. Indeed during the drought of the last few years some had begun to wonder whether the genius had not entirely forgotten his spare-time pursuits. They were mistaken. Jupiter had merely retired into his study to make plans for Europe.

The offhand manner in which he has watered the garden of England in the past and his deafness to the appeals of farmers, organizers of fêtes, and would-be picnic parties has aroused some ill-feeling in British breasts. Though bitterly insulted in their hearts and inwardly resenting the indifference with which the god regards their island's climate, Englishmen have hidden their wounded feelings by grumbling at drought and at flood, and have experimented with many a notion for overcoming the bad effects of rain or the absence of rain, such as Conservancy Boards and windscreen-wipers, so that their intention to put the weather in its place is plain for all to see.

Imagine then the consternation when England fully realizes that the rain-god has begun to take an active hand in her politics. Old men will shake their shiny scalps, muttering that things were different in the days of their youth. Their juniors, rejoicing at the appearance of yet another novelty to foster, will welcome Jupiter in odes composed in an unknown tongue and written throughout in minuscules. The dispute will doubtless be ended by a unanimous vote of the psychologists that repression would work havoc on the divine ideology.

From what we have seen of his activities it is clear that the god's sympathies lie with the Conservatives. For of the two important occasions of 1935, the Silver Jubilee and the General Election, on one Jupiter smiled upon the Tories and on the other he shed crocodile tears over Socialism. England's rain might have been taking a holiday in the Antipodes during the first week of May for all we saw of it, and while Communists and the redder Socialists scowled from behind their curtains upon the processions in the streets below, blue skies and a shining sun sent up the temperature of popular loyalty. Worse still, in the eyes of the Labour Party, was the temerity which led Jupiter into tampering with the Election. For Lord Snowden himself informs us that the unexpectedly large majority gained by National Government candidates was due in large measure to heavy rain on polling-day. Such circumstances, he assures us, favour the Conservative party, which has "an unlimited supply of motor-cars" in which to carry its supporters to the polls. It is true that the Conservatives have put forward assertions to the contrary, but they are Tories and bloated capitalists, and no credence must be given to their statements.

While it is most regrettable that a god who has held his post long enough to know better should begin interfering with the Englishman's little political fun, so wholesome and so lighthearted, we must admit that his behaviour in Abyssinia has been far more deplorable. For there he had the effrontery to balk for a considerable period of time a dictator whose humane spirit was consuming away in frenzied impatience to free the Abyssinians from their bondage and to demonstrate to that woolly nation, at present so lamentably backward, the pretty art of commercial exploitation. Such flagrant opposition to the march of civilization can only increase our hope that Pluvius will pay some attention to the public rebuke which Lord Snowden has administered to him in the columns of the *Times* for the partisan spirit which he has so unsportingly displayed in British affairs.

B.J.R.M.

## VISIT OF THE GRAND-DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG TO STOWE, MAY 1814

Lord Buckingham was at Bordeaux; Mr. O'Connor was in the Library; Mrs. Bell was checking her housekeeping accounts; only Broadway was prepared for the sudden descent of the Duchess of Oldenburg upon Stowe. With bland courtesy he conducted her down the Colonnade, pointed out painted ceilings and family portraits, and left her to divert herself and her train in the state rooms. Mr. O'Connor was startled at the news. He ran upstairs with a clatter of shoes, in most unscholarly haste. He changed his stock and his waistcoat; then thought better of it and put on his black suit; and all the time hasty calculations ran through his head. It was only five now, so she would not stay to dinner. Had he left everything in place in the Library; had Mrs. Bell put flowers in the Marble Hall; would the Duchess speak French or English or neither?

He walked down the stairs with a final straightening of his stock, caught sight of Jervis (impudent man!) craning round a corner to see the unheralded visitors, and turned to find himself confronted by the Duchess. She was tall and had an agreeable, handsome face; and when he had made his studied bow he found himself addressed in admirably fluent English. She introduced her suite, two ladies and three gentlemen. One of the men he recognized as having attended the King of Sweden on his visit to Stowe some four years back. He was the only one of the party who could speak English, beside the Duchess, and he wore the star of the order of St. Alexander Newsky. She talked to him about France and Italy, asked with interest after the Marquis, wanted to see the house and grounds. He heard with dismay that she had not eaten since nine, and offered her some refreshment. She not only said "yes," but added that she would be much obliged, as she intended not to stop until she arrived at Warwick. He left her in charge of Broadway, in the Chandos room, and ran to Mrs. Bell.

There ensued a furious argument, for only a few sandwiches and Mr. O'Connor's own dinner could be procured at such notice. He stormed and raged at her, but she only stood with the expression of one calmly awaiting inevitable disaster, and his attacks on Jervis and Humphries, who stood about in their liveries, met with no better result. He scuttled back to the Duchess and prepared to detain her with learned conversation. He reminded her of the death of Clorinda in Tasso, and entertained her with classical stories, all the time talking with easy grace, occasionally interrupted by feverish gestures at the servants whose curiosity got the better of their training. In a surprisingly short time dinner was prepared. Mr. O'Connor, with many misgivings, led the way to the Music Room, followed by his cheerfully expectant guests. They found some well browned veal with a plate of asparagus, as well as sandwiches and sweetmeats. Mr. O'Connor's doubts were dispelled; they all ate to their satisfaction and with appreciation. His apologies for the meal were waved aside with charming gratitude, and even the Russians' inability to talk to him seemed not to matter.

After dinner the Duchess went down to the cellar, attended by Jervis and Humphries, who had seen to it that her servants were well primed with English beer. She was delighted with all she saw and, in the mellow enjoyment of a walk after a good

meal, allowed Mr. O'Connor, now relieved of his anxieties, to prattle on as he conducted her over the building. Then, with a last glance at the opulent Regency furniture, she went out on to the South Front to admire the view. Still in the charge of her voluble guide she went past the Temple of Bacchus, and, looking down the valley to the lake and the Temple of Venus, she exclaimed at this true English gardening.

"Le Notre was all for straight lines," she said. "Who laid out these grounds?"

"Originally, a Mr. Brown, who went by the name of 'Capability,' but every succeeding Lord, from Pope's time, has improved."

The Duchess's carriage was waiting at the Royal Pavilion. With a kind word she got into it, Mr. O'Connor eagerly assisting, and amid a jingling of bells, they drove off. The sun shone almost coldly upon the liveries of two of her outriders, the Prince Regent's. Mr. O'Connor turned back in the chill evening, back to his books and his early bed. It seemed a pity, said Mrs. Bell, recalling the visit, that such a beautiful face should be so concealed by such a bonnet.

P.J.O.

## "THE WITCH FINDER GENERALL"

The civil war between Charles I and his parliament was accompanied by a series of minor religious excitements. One of these, and the basest of them, was the craze for witch-finding. The instigator of this particular attack of religious mania was Matthew Hopkins.

He was the son of a Suffolk clergyman, and grew up to become a lawyer, first at Ipswich, and then at Manningtree. His first connection with witches was in 1644, at this latter place. In March of that year, he declares, he was aware of seven or eight witches living around him. Every six weeks they met on a Friday night, and made their sacrifices to the devil. They must have realised the presence of the "witch-seeker" in their midst, for they sent Satan, in the form of a bear, into his garden to destroy him. He did not hesitate in giving his testimony. Within a week twenty-nine witches were condemned and hanged in a batch, some of them being brought twenty-five miles for that purpose.

With incredible impudence, Hopkins realised that this was a money-making scheme. He set himself up as "Witch Finder Generall of Great Britain and Ireland." He travelled through the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Huntingdon, from town to town. His fee was twenty shillings per town to discover every witch. He had two assistants, and his travelling expenses were paid by the towns he visited.

His procedure was this: first he searched out any likely old hags in the town. With a complete lack of decency they were stripped and searched for the distinctive deformity which characterised the witch. This was the possession of a third breast. If this could not be found, they were locked up in a closed room, tied to a chain, with a small hole in the door through which their "familiar" or devil could come. The



results of this were surprisingly good. One old beggar-woman gave the names of her familiars as "a white Kitling," "a fat spaniel without legs," "Jarmana," and "Vinegar Tom, a greyhound with a bull's head." Another gave hers as "Elemauzen," "Pyewackett," and "Grizell Greedigutt." Names, says Hopkins, which no mortal could invent!

Nor was it confined to women only. John Lowes, the aged vicar of Framlingham, was accused. Under torture, he admitted having two imps, one of which he had sent to blow up a ship. He was hanged with the others.

Hopkins' total had now reached 200 witches.

Then a reaction set in. Some one averred that all this witch-finding indicated that Hopkins himself must have some supernatural power. He was suddenly accused of being a witch himself. All his own favourite tests were tried out on him. He was pricked all over with pins to find an anæsthetic spot. Even his hair was shaved off, that no place might remain unpierced. Anyhow, one's familiar imp was supposed to cling to one's hair. Finally he was subjected to the water test. He was thrown into a pond with his thumbs tied together and his ankles bound. He succeeded in floating. There was no doubt about it, Matthew Hopkins was a warlock. He was hanged in Ipswich in 1647.

I.R.R.

## BOOK REVIEW

"THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPLORERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND," by Dennis Clarke. (Putman, 10/6).

Realities never inflame the writer as much as "what might have been." Aristotle has said that plausible impossibilities are more thrilling than improbable possibilities. He was right. Adventures that would provide a Marriott with material for columns are in this book dismissed in a line or two. Explorers are notoriously inarticulate. Unlike mere travellers they prefer to forget their adventures once they are over. The purpose of their explorations is, or so they say, the collection of scientific data, compass bearings, ornithological observations. The two chief objects of this expedition, we are told, were accomplished satisfactorily. First of all, a large area of country was traversed for the first time. This was part of an unmapped area which the Society has undertaken to survey for the Government of Newfoundland. Secondly, a good programme of scientific work was carried out, and the collections of flora and fauna are now included in the permanent collection in the British Museum.

An explorer's notebook is strictly utilitarian. What would a writer of fiction have made of this boy's experience! What tortures of body and mind he would have depicted! "I worked it out that I could live for about five days on berries and water, and if I did not reach the sea within that time I was done. About midnight a lynx came along and looked at me. That was rather frightening, but it sheared off nervously."

It is the exploring outlook. These novices are already hardened Scotts and Martin Lindsays. They shoot birds and rapids; take compass bearings and photographs; talk of 'dumps' and eat pemmican hoosh out of tin mugs. They are no trippers in disguise. The awesome collection of scientific data, which comprises a quarter of the book, proves this. Their maps of hitherto unexplored country have won the gratitude of the Newfoundland Government. Yet, almost in spite of himself, the author makes his adventures interesting. We follow the explorers in their mosquito-ridden swamps with sympathy; feel hungry with them; are excited when they map the Gander river and are alarmed when one of their party disappears. Although we like adventures romantically described, there is something about details that is absorbing. When we are told how many ounces of chocolate each carried on a long march, it makes the experience so much more realistic. This is the stuff of which "Robinson Crusoe" is made.

The historian of the expedition, Dennis Clarke, tends to love his humour. He is inclined to be 'garbed' instead of clothed and is sometimes garbled. When he wants, he writes racy and with gusto. It is a high standard that Peter Fleming has set writers on exploration. Mr. Clarke can hardly be blamed for his failure to attain it.

D.D.D.

"GOLF FROM A TO Z," by J. C. Macbeth. (Putnam, 3/6).

The author is already known to the public through his articles in *Golf Illustrated*, and in his book he analyses the game in all its aspects. As he himself says, he is writing for the average golfer, and it is to this type of player that the book will appeal especially. It is not based on any single theory or principle, but consists mainly of ideas collected from eminent golfers past and present. To those who choose to model their game on a certain pattern and to disregard single theories this book will be of little value.

Mr. Macbeth has certain strong theories of his own, and he finds fault with professional teaching in some directions. He claims that the command "keep your eye on the ball" has been the downfall of many a golfer. It tends to cause tenseness of the muscles and consequently failure of the shot.

Much space is devoted to Putting. One gathers that this must be the strong point of the author's own game. His own theories are more apparent in this than in any other part of the book. He deplors the modern tendency to have sharp edges on clubs, and he deplors it particularly in the case of the putter.

The putting section is fully illustrated with photographs, as is the whole book. His views are in all cases moderate, and one cannot help regarding them as sound and practical.

J.D.A.L.

## LATE NEWS

### SIR THOMAS BEECHAM AND THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

Sunday, December 8th, 1935.

It cannot perhaps be too strongly emphasized how fortunate we were, first in securing such a fine orchestra as the London Philharmonic, and secondly in hearing it play under the direction of the one man who can really obtain the best results from it, namely Sir Thomas Beecham himself. His hold over the players both at rehearsal and during the concert was almost uncanny, especially as he often appeared not to be directing at all. As usual he conducted without stick or scores. It is difficult to praise any particular work because every item appeared to be played with consummate skill and expression. Perhaps the greatest moment of the afternoon was the gradual diminuendo at the end of "Summer night on the river," by Delius. We heard the orchestra at its very best in this work. Other high spots in the programme were the playing of the oboes in the Handel Intermezzo, the consummate phrasing of the players in the second subject of the Scala di Seta Overture, by Rossini, and lastly Sir Thomas Beecham's superb handling of the last two movements of the Mozart Symphony.

The day was not without its comic moments. We understand that Sir Thomas's secretary nearly had a nervous breakdown at Euston, when the orchestra was assembling, as nobody in England had the least idea where he was or whether he would turn up to conduct the concert. Actually he turned up about two moments before the train was due to leave, having crossed the Channel by night from Paris.

The solitary bell in the Handel Musette seemed to give both the player and the conductor some anxious moments.

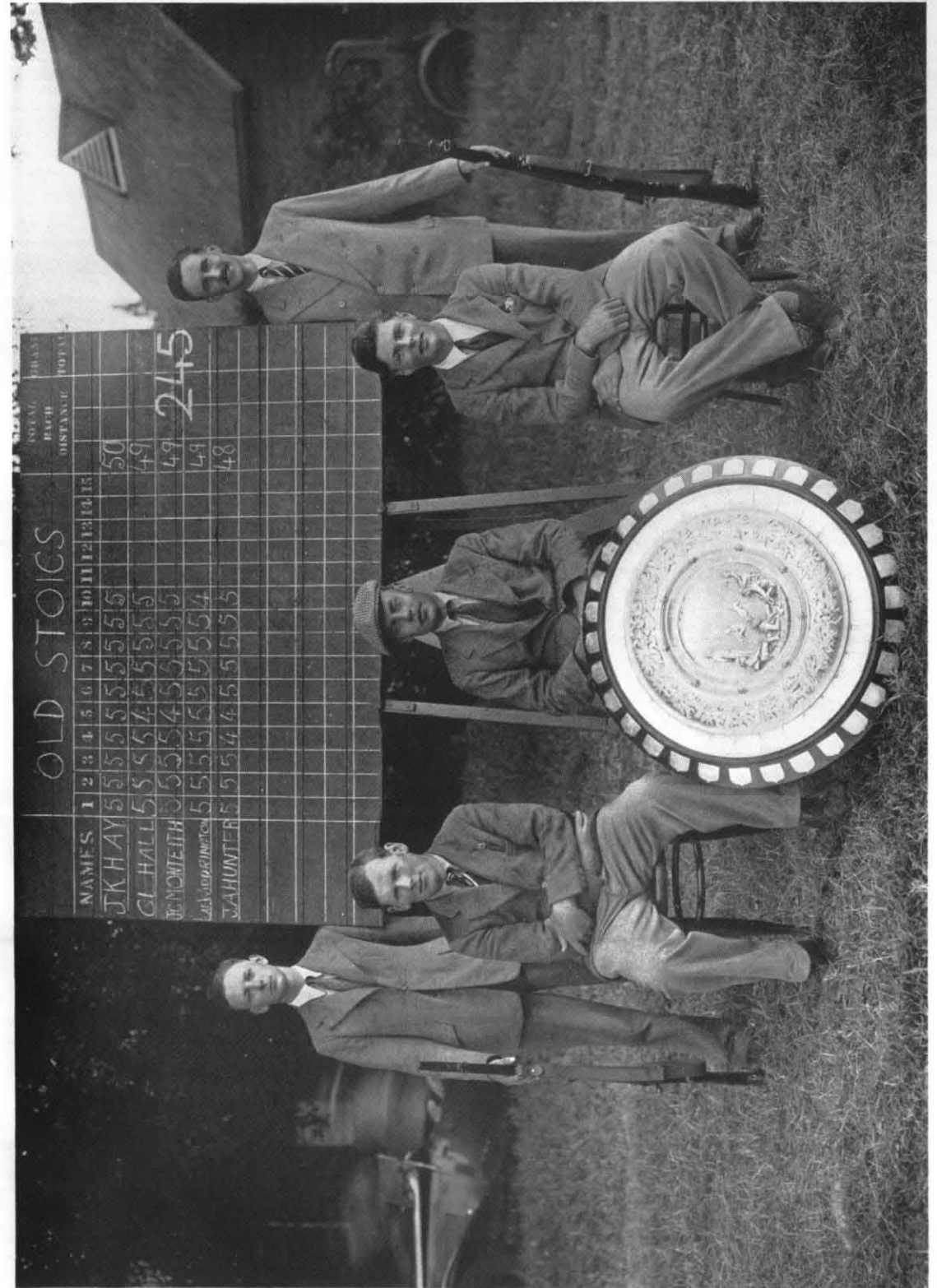
We cannot thank Sir Thomas Beecham, his orchestra, and those who organized the concert, enough for such a truly wonderful afternoon.

The audience was an excellent one and caused the conductor no anxiety. The Gymnasium was filled to capacity and people living for miles around came to the concert.

Such playing as we heard should provide a real stimulus to our young instrumentalists here. As the School now boasts three orchestras, the time was well chosen for such an event as a visit by one of England's leading orchestras.

#### PROGRAMME.

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|----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | Overture—Coriolan                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Beethoven            |
| 2. | Summer Night on the River                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Delius               |
| 3. | Suite—Minuet—Musette—Intermezzo                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Handel, arr. Beecham |
| 4. | Siegfried Idyll                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Wagner               |
| 5. | Overture—La Scala di Seta                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Rossini              |
| 6. | Elegie and Waltz from the Serenade for Strings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Tschaikowsky         |
| 7. | Symphony No. 39, in E flat                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Mozart               |



| OLD STOICS |              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| GLHALL     | 5            | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |
| DEMONTE    | 5            | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |
| ABYDOR     | 5            | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |
| JAHUNTER   | 5            | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |

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