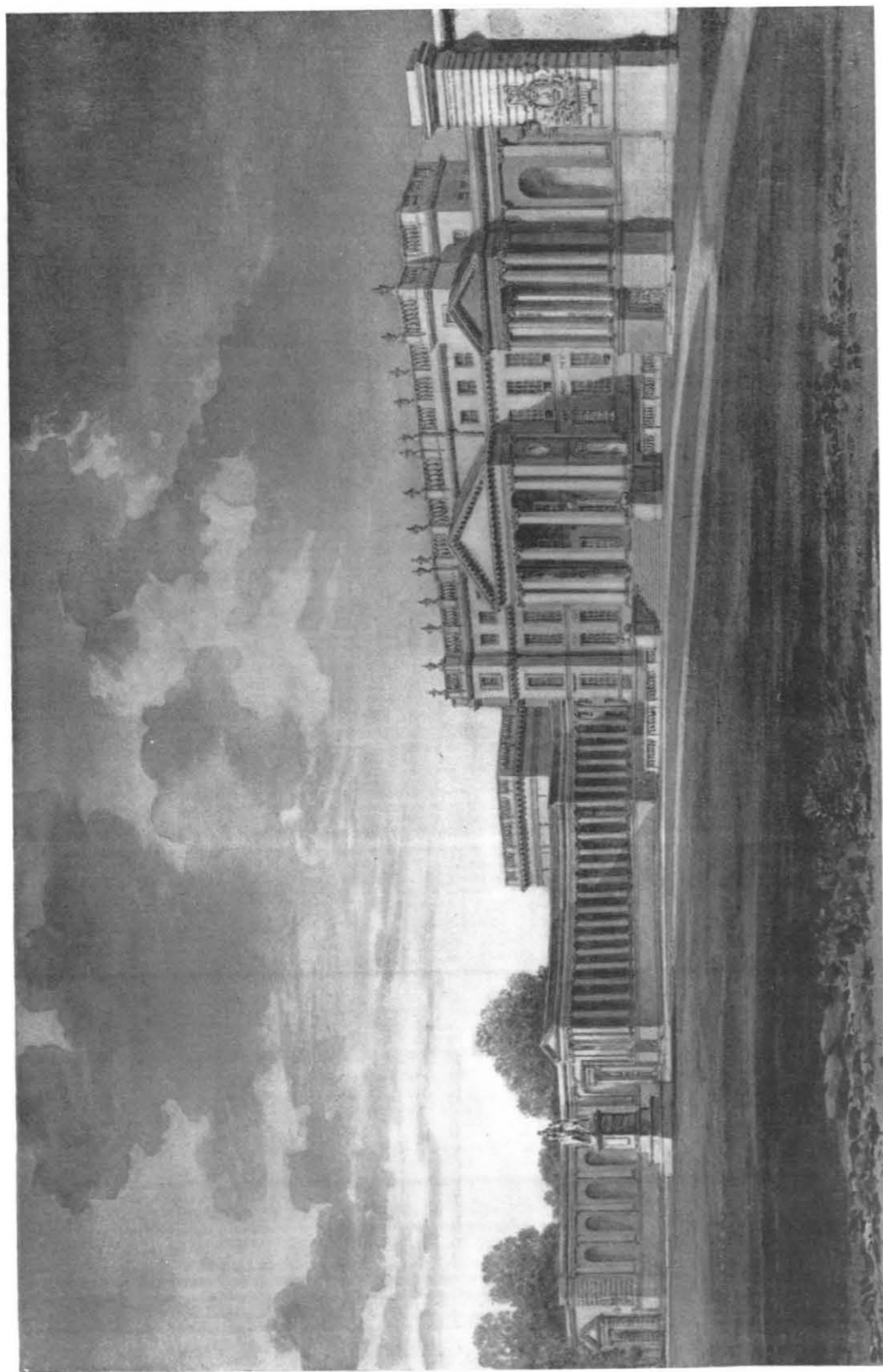


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THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES

THIRTY-NINE articles are (in the eyes of a harassed Editor) a great many. Although it is undeniable that the bulk of these represent the work of an alien hand, or are but accounts of some toward event, or subterfuges of a like kind, yet the number is significant. For thirty-nine articles suggest an Article of Faith.

Pythagoras, so men said, abhorred beans. The soul of his step-mother had entered into one. Our object (not our sole object) is a step farther; and we, moreover, wish to welcome the 'beans,' if we may so term the Old Stoics.

Pythagoras tended to look at things from the right angle, and our invocation of his example is doubly apt, because he, in addition to his views on the future of the soul, held a Theory of Numbers; and we are concerned with the theory of our future numbers. The philosopher thought that Number was at the base of things in a World of Harmony. In times of discord, we do not doubt that one of our numbers in such a position has been of service. But it is in a wider sense that we wish to see our numbers at the base of things. We wish them to cement the bond between Stoics past and present; and we therefore ask more leavers to become regular subscribers, not forgetting that wider circulation is the best road to reduction of price. And, that we may know what is of interest to Old Stoics and that we may hear their views, we would invite correspondence (at present a rare feature of *The Stoic*) both private and for publication.

But we must also strengthen from within. If *The Stoic* should be a record of events and achievements, so also should it testify to the School's creative ability. We are grateful to those who already send us articles and photographs (and regretful when we cannot accept what they send); but we would urge an increase in their ranks, and would dispel doubts

as to what is acceptable. We do not aim at being solemn. Wit and humour we would welcome with open arms, but not 'personalities' nor 'funniness'; historical sidelights on Stowe history; verse of all kinds (light or dark—but not too dark); photographs and drawings. The last should mainly be records or studies connected with Stowe; but original studies by Stoics are also acceptable.

To call in our friend Pythagoras again (dare we call this paper a 'High Spot o' News'?), his chosen band of followers numbered three hundred. The number of our Old Stoic and external subscribers is growing. Is it too much to hope that it will grow yet more, and that three hundred may become our minimum?

NEW HOUSE SYMBOLS

In answer to several requests, we are introducing for the first time in this number a series of symbols to indicate the House to which a person belongs, except where the fact is self-evident. In the 'Olim Alumni' section, we also give the year in which each person left the School. The new symbols are as follows:—

Bruce	B	Gill Sans Type.
Temple	T	Gill Sans Type.
Grenville	G	Gill Sans Type.
Chandos	C	Gill Sans Type.
Cobham	Ⓒ	Old English Text Type.
Chatham	Ⓚ	Lombardic Type.
Grafton	Ⓔ	Old English Text Type.
Walpole	W	Gill Sans Type.

It will be observed that, taking Houses in their order of foundation, Gill Sans type has been used in the first instance; in the second instance (where more Houses than one have the same initial) Old English Text; and, in the third instance, Lombardic.

STOICA

School Officials—Easter Term, 1936.

Prefects:—J. W. Stoye (Ⓒ), Head of the School; R. A. Fisk (C); J. W. R. Kempe (B); P. R. Spencer, ma. (Ⓔ); G. L. Cheshire, ma. (Ⓚ); J. D. A. Langley (G); A. S. Hooper, ma. (Ⓒ); J. R. Hunter (G); N. B. Robinson (T); G. P. Allsebrook, ma. (W); J. G. Nicholson (Ⓔ); J. M. Mayne (C).

Captain of Athletics and Cross-Country—J. M. Mayne (C).

The following telegrams were received by the Headmaster at the beginning of this term, in response to messages of condolence sent by him in the name of the School, on the occasion of the death of His Late Majesty King George the Fifth.

From His Majesty the King:

"My sincere thanks to you and all at Stowe School for your message and sympathy which I deeply appreciate.

EDWARD R.I."

From Her Majesty Queen Mary:

"I am desirous to convey to you, to the Head Prefect and to all who joined in your message, the Queen's grateful thanks for your kind expression of sympathy in Her irreparable loss.

PRIVATE SECRETARY."

A Memorial Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday, January 28th.

The special service broadcast from a Studio on Sunday, January 26th, in connection with the death of His Majesty King George, was relayed to a large congregation in the School Chapel.

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

January 26th. The Rev. W. P. F. Ellis, M.A.

February 23rd. The Rt. Rev. C. W. Wilson, M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Middleton.

March 22nd. Dr. Maxwell Garnett, C.B.E.

On Monday, February 10th, Colonel Victor Haddick lectured to the Upper School on "Young Germany," and on Friday, February 14th, Sir Philip Sassoon lectured on "The Bases of British Air Policy, and the R.A.F. as a career." Accounts of both these lectures will be found elsewhere.

On Thursday, March 5th, a party from Stowe visited Cambridge to see "The Frogs" of Aristophanes at the New Arts Theatre. The part of Charon was convincingly played by O. A. W. Dilke (B, 1933), who showed the correct degree of wearied resignation for one who had been in the same job for some thousands of years. The effect was not marred by the inadvertent retention of his wrist-watch during the performance. Both scenery and dresses, designed by G. J. B. Wright (G, 1931), were very pleasing to the eye.

In the morning, the party was shown over King's Chapel and over the Pepys Library in Magdalene.

On Friday, March 6th, Mr. G. M. Butler gave a demonstration in the Gymnasium on the subject of Field Athletics. He followed this up with a film and a lecture the same evening in the Library.

On Saturday, February 8th, Mr. Raymond Mays gave a lecture on 'Motor Racing.'

Things are beginning to move at Stowe, though at present their direction is uncertain. Mr. Crichton-Miller is giving instruction in Weight Putting, and Dr. Zetl is encouraging the projection of Javelins and Disci.

With rumours of war in the air, it was noticed with some misgiving that an entrenchment had been dug along the whole length of the South Front, and the interposition of the Headmaster's veto was regarded with commendation. It was subsequently learned, however, that neither defence nor a mediaeval effect was in view. It is water that is wanted, for the mastering of local conflagrations. The control is distant; but Cobham Pond will help to prevent Stowe burning while the engineer fiddles.

The repair of the Garter Room Wing is progressing well. It is hoped that the Garter Room itself will be in use again at the beginning of next term.

A Lawn Tennis Cup, to be competed for by the Electi, has been presented by Mr. H. E. Lockhart-Mummery (C, 1935). The cup is an embossed two-handled loving-cup of antique design.

A House Challenge Cup for Place-Kicking has been presented by C. F. Simond, Esq., C.B.E. The cup takes the form of an eighteenth century Irish Mether.

The School's sincere thanks are due to both these generous donors.

The Southern Railway Company have very kindly presented to the School a large photograph of the engine named 'STOWE,' of the new Public Schools type. A reproduction of this photograph appears in this number. The name of Stowe now travels even further than before.

Two Clay-Pigeon Traps (fitted in portable steel towers for safety) have been most generously presented to the School. These have been installed on the Bourbon Field.

Shooting practice has been in progress during the term, and it is hoped later on to arrange matches.

The Final of the Squash House Matches last term was won by Cobham, who beat Chatham by four matches to one.

The Individual Cup was won by J. D. A. Langley (G), who beat P. Sherrard (Q) in the final by three games to one. The score was 9-7, 9-3, 4-9, 9-1. This is his second victory.

In addition to those named last term, Second Fifteen Colours have been awarded to A. C. Bartley (G), R. A. V. Gascoyne-Cecil (C), W. B. Hay (B), A. R. Jennings (C), J. W. R. Kempe (B) and V. G. B. Mansell (C).

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to L. G. McKean (G), P. C. Benson (G), V. G. B. Mansell (C) and J. W. R. Kempe (B).

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following distinctions have been gained :—

- B. J. R. MORETON (C) has been elected to a £100 Open Scholarship in Classics at Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- N. D. CLIVE (T) has been elected to a £100 Open Scholarship in English at Christ Church, Oxford.
- A. S. HOOPER (C) has been elected to a Macbride Open Scholarship of £80 in Geography at Hertford College, Oxford.
- P. R. SPENCER (G) has been elected to a £60 Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Clare College, Cambridge.
- J. W. STOYE (C) has been elected to an Open Exhibition in History at Christ Church, Oxford.
- J. W. R. KEMPE (B) has been elected to an Open Exhibition in Mathematics at Clare College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

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

M. E. Bardwell (C), R. Barker (W), P. J. Blundell (G), E. A. Bonvalot (G), J. A. S. Borrett (G), P. Carter (G), D. P. Cooper (W), T. L. Crookston (C), J. A. R. Falconer (W), P. M. Jeavons (G), H. F. Le Lacheur (B), H. D. C. Satow (C), P. J. Taylor (T), A. D. Tennyson (C), C. E. B. Thompson (B), G. Verdon-Roe (C), A. D. Walker (W), A. L. Wilson (C), P. A. L. Wright (T).

This makes a total of 125 School Certificates gained in 1935.

SERVICES EXAMINATIONS.

The following passed the Services Examinations in November 1935 :—

NAVY :—K. A. Cradock-Hartopp (C) (second); WOOLWICH :—T. G. N. Rowland (C); SANDHURST :—N. D. P. Baird (T) (third), J. W. Barrington (B), G. A. Dick-Lauder (C), H. S. Adair (C); CRANWELL :—R. M. Burns (G), J. C. Breese (C).

OLIM ALUMNI

- MR. B. C. GADNEY (G, 1928) has again captained the England Rugby Fifteen in all its International Matches.
- MR. G. J. B. WRIGHT (G, 1931) designed the scenery and the dresses for Aristophanes' 'Frogs,' at Cambridge.
- MR. P. J. K. PIKE (C, 1932) passed top out of Cranwell in December 1935 and was awarded the King's Medal.
- MR. C. L. HALL (C, 1933) won the Whitehead Memorial Cup at Bisley last year, and in Canada, with the Oxford University Team, was second in the team aggregate. (We apologise for omitting these facts from our last issue.) He is now Captain of the Oxford University Rifle Club, and led the team against Cambridge.
- MR. J. C. MONTEITH (G, 1933) and MR. A. D. FISK (C, 1933) were members of the Cambridge University Rifle Team which defeated Oxford for the Heslop Cup.
- MR. R. P. BLOW (C, 1933) won the Steward's Cup Race, on 'Noble Hero,' at the Cambridge University Meeting at Cottenham this Spring. At the same Meeting, MR. E. G. W. T. WALSH (T, 1935) was second in the C.U.O.T.C. Race, on 'Shining Light.'
- MR. J. L. CHEYNE (C, 1933), who captained the Cambridge University Fencing Team in its successful match against Oxford, won all three of his bouts in the Foil. MR. N. C. McCLINTOCK (G, 1935) was also a member of the team.
- MR. E. V. HOPE (T, 1933) again ran for Cambridge in the Inter-University Sports.
- MR. J. P. SEARIGHT (C, 1934) has been awarded a Cadet Scholarship at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

MR. P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) is now Secretary of the Cambridge University Golf Club and is to lead the team against Oxford. MR. G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934), who has had a remarkably successful season, has also been awarded his 'Blue.'

ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. F. A. LOWE (G, 1927) to Miss J. C. Coates.
 MR. A. W. M. COLTART (C, 1928) to Miss B. D. Gordon.
 MR. H. F. JACKSON (C, 1928) to Miss D. d'Engelbronner.
 MR. A. G. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1929) to Miss P. M. Wauton.
 MR. W. D. P. BEAUCHAMP (G, 1930) to Miss D. Blair.
 MR. F. W. B. CHARLES (G, 1930) to Miss K. Briercliffe.
 MR. H. M. BARCLAY (C, 1931) to Miss V. Parker.

MARRIAGES.

MR. R. C. H. WALKER (B, 1926) to Miss M. J. Plumley, on January 1st.
 (In Uganda.)
 MR. C. D. HARRISON (C, 1927) to Miss B. M. C. Bellew, on February 11th.
 MR. S. C. SWAN (B, 1927) to Miss R. M. Waterlow, on February 12th.
 MR. A. E. BOLTON (C, 1928) to Miss J. A. Tuck, on January 8th.
 MR. E. D. O'BRIEN (C, 1928) to Miss S. I. Denny, on February 12th.
 MR. B. M. NAPIER (B, 1929) to Miss E. Armes, on December 21st.

BIRTH.

To the wife of MR. J. J. HARTLAND-SWANN (B, 1925), a son, on February 28th, (entered for Stowe for September, 1949).

STOWE BOYS' CLUB

62, Carlisle Street,
 Edgware Road, N.W.8.,
 March 1936.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

The Stowe Club has been re-discovered and placed on the map once again! A month or two before Christmas the parent of an Old Stoic, after months of persuasion, got her son to go round to the Stowe Club. He took a friend with him and they decided that it was not such a bad place after all. They came again the following week. The Stowe Show was discussed and more Old Stoics were asked to come round to discuss it; in this way they gradually became interested in the Pineapple, so that there is now a number of regular or fairly regular visitors coming to the Club each week. It is safe to say that if a visitor calls in on any Thursday evening he will find several Old Stoics there. During the last few months the most regular visitor has been Mr. A. R. G. Pearce; other fairly regular visitors have been Messrs. J. B. B. Aimers, G. N. Bell, Daly (two of them and indistinguishable), C. J. Heygate, R. H. Jagger, I. W. Macpherson and G. C. R. Peatfield. This list is by no means exhaustive, and several visitors not directly connected with Stowe have been omitted.

Parties of boys from the School have been coming up regularly on Saturdays, and we hope that they have enjoyed themselves as much as the Club members have enjoyed seeing them.

Through the generosity of the St. Marylebone Winter Distress League, the two upper storeys of the Club have been redecorated, and so the whole of the building is looking clean and respectable once more.

The billiard tables have been re-covered, and for this we offer our thanks to Mr. J. F. Roxburgh.

The St. Marylebone Branch of the Rotary Club have promised to give the Club a new punch-ball and a ping-pong table.

Welcome gifts of books arrive from time to time, but we always need fresh supplies (preferably detective and adventure stories). Since 1934 we have had no regular supply of old illustrated weekly papers. Perhaps some of your readers living in London could remedy this? We could arrange to collect them.

The Club would like to express its appreciation of the organization and support of the New Stowe Show. About 50 members of the Club wish to thank Mrs. Langley for making it possible for them to spend a very enjoyable evening. Not only did the Show provide a substantial sum of money, but it has also been indirectly responsible for a partial renaissance of personal interest in the Club by Old Stoics.

The Annual Summer Camp will be held at Stowe from August 1st to August 9th, and it is hoped that a record number of Old Stoics and Stoics will be able to come this year.

Activities at the Club continue along the usual lines. The number of boys remains about the same. Boxing has been very popular lately; seven boys entered for the Westminster Federation tournament, and five for the London Federation tournament; but unfortunately we had no marked successes. On March 10th, a boxing match with Trinity College (Oxford) Mission resulted in a win for Stowe by 6 contests to 4.

At the moment the Club is very hard up for football shorts and running vests; and if any of your readers have any old clothes of any kind, these will be most gratefully received by the Warden for the use of the boys or for stocking the stalls at a rummage sale.

May I remind your readers that dinner, bed and breakfast can be obtained at the Club for the modest sum of 4/6? Anyone wishing to avail himself of this should telephone to the housekeeper, Mrs. Knight, in order to give her time to make the necessary preparations. The telephone number is Paddington 3903.

I have recently been told by several Old Stoics that they do not know where the Pineapple Club is situated. For the benefit of the Club and your readers I have put the full address at the top of this letter and have attached a plan showing the situation of the Club.

The Warden, Mr. Adams, ably assisted by Mr. Hone and Mr. Betts, continues to do excellent work for Stowe in Marylebone. Members of the Club obviously enjoy being there and it introduces a new interest into their otherwise rather dull and monotonous lives.

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

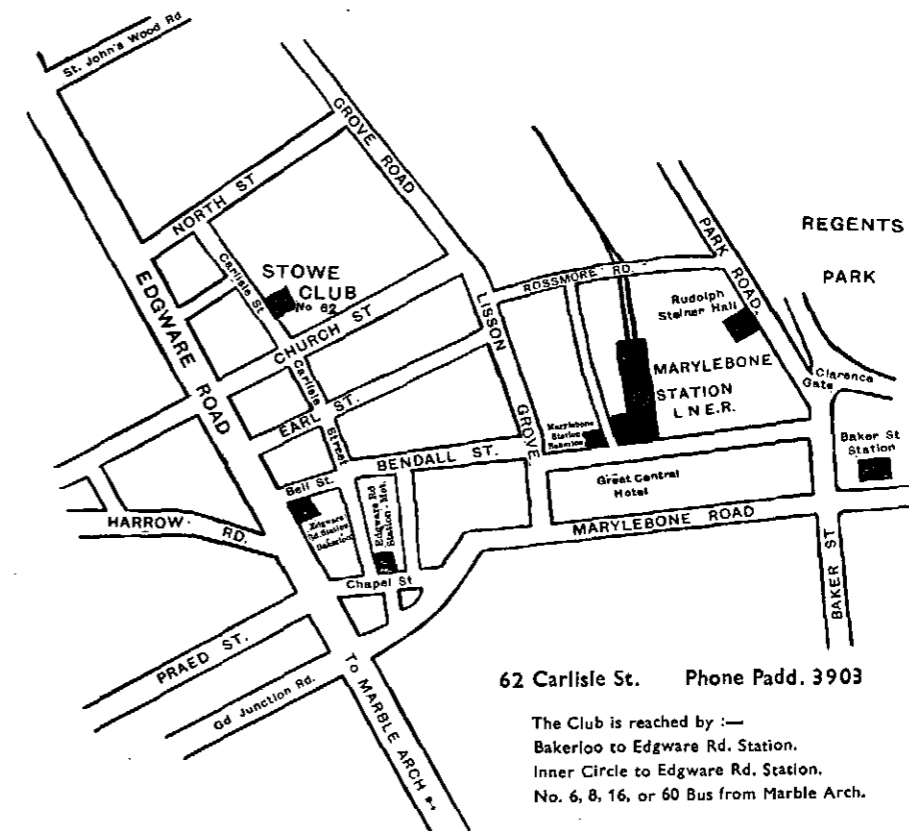
MAINLY FINANCE.

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.*



MAP OF THE STOWE CLUB AND
SURROUNDING DISTRICT

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

EASTER TERM.

The Pineapple has received during this Term:—		£	s.	d.
Collection, January 26th	... ..	15	19	0
Holy Communion collections (to March 8th)	... ..	7	12	4

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance from Christmas Term	... ..	15	6	9
Collection, February 2nd	6	2	9
Collection, February 16th	6	0	9
Collection, March 1st	7	0	9
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		£34	11	0

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Payments for printing and other expenses	4	6	7
Stowe Church Restoration	5	0	0
Bishop Burroughs Memorial Church	5	0	0
Playing Fields Association	5	0	0
The Cancer Hospital	5	0	0
Fund for Relief of Unemployed	5	0	0
Balance to Summer Term and to Reserve Fund	5	4	5
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	£34	11	0

9-3-36.

For the Committee,
J. M. TODD, *Hon. Treasurer.*
T. C. P. BROOK.

The General Fund, to which most of the Chapel collections now go, has distributed through its committee the sum of over £100 since its inception a year ago.

THE LIBRARY

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

From Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter:

Five pounds for the purchase of books.

From Major Haworth:

Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes of Great Britain, 1934.

From Prince Yuri Galitzine:

Vols. CLXVIII and CLXIX of the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.

The following books have been bought this term:—

'The House of Commons and Monarchy' (Hilaire Belloc); 'Stuart Tracts, 1603-1693' (edited by C. H. Firth); 'Mazzini' (E. Hinkley); 'The Endless Adventure,' 3 vols. (F. S. Oliver); 'England, 1870-1914', Vol. XIV of the Oxford History of England (R. C. K. Ensor); 'The Reign of Charles V, 1516-1558' (W. L. McElwee); 'Danton: The Dictator of the French Revolution' (H. Wendel); 'The Collected Prose Works of James Elroy Flecker'; 'The South Country' (Edward Thomas); 'Byron: The Years of Fame' (Peter Quennell); 'In Defence of Shelley' (Herbert Read); 'The Dog Beneath the Skin' (C. Ishewood and W. H. Auden); 'The Crock of Gold' (James Stephens); 'As we were' (E. F. Benson); 'As we are' (E. F. Benson); 'Shooting by Moor, Field and Shore' (Lonsdale Library); 'The Angler and the Thread-line' (Alex Wanless); 'The Way of a Transgressor' (N. Farson); 'Guide to Philosophy' (C. E. M. Joad); 'A Miniature History of European Art' (R. H. Wilenski); 'Air God's Parade' (S. Stokes); 'Go to the Country' (Philip Gosse); 'Voltaire' (H. N. Brailsford); 'Antony' (Lord Lytton); 'Black Parade' (Jack Jones); 'The Coal Scuttle' (J. Jones); 'A Modern Symposium' (G. Lowes Dickinson); 'The Unbearable Bassington' ("Saki"); 'My Life of Revolt' (David Kirkwood); 'London in the XVIIIth Century' (M. D. George); 'Regency' (D. L. Murray); 'The Complete Opera Book' (G. Kobbe); 'The Pursuit of Music' (Walford Davies); 'Deep Water' (Capt. Pryce Mitchell); 'Japan Must Fight Britain' (T. Ishimaru); 'Juan in America' (Eric Linklater); 'Poet's Pub' (Eric Linklater); 'Pitcairn Island' (C. Nordhoff and J. N. Hall); 'Brighton' (Osbert Sitwell); 'All our Yesterdays' (H. M. Tomlinson); 'The Wind in the Willows' (Kenneth Grahame); The "Times" Handy Atlas; 'Elementary Treatise on Pure Mathematics' (N. R. Culmore Dockery); 'Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy' (Bertrand Russell); 'The Barchester Novels' (8 vols.) (A. Trollope); 'World History: The Growth of Western Civilization' (R. Flenley and W. N. Weech).

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St.G.V.R.G.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE House Matches were far more open than in recent years and several Houses seemed to have an equal chance of victory. Unfortunately the weather conditions at the beginning of term were so bad that few practice games could be played. When the thaw did finally set in, the whole competition had to be rushed through in just over a week.

Bruce in the end succeeded in retaining the Cup and this was due in no little measure to the play of Davis at scrum-half. He added to his normal weapons of attack the extremely effective one of dropping goals. But he was supported by a good pack of forwards, who were particularly powerful in the loose, whilst the strength of the side's defence can be gauged by the fact that their line was crossed only twice in the course of the competition. Chandos undoubtedly possessed the best back division, and though Fisk worked wonders with the pack at his disposal they could not quite give their three-quarters sufficient opportunities. Cobham possessed a heavy lot of forwards and were unfortunate in being forced to a draw by Grafton. This undoubtedly took a great deal out of them, as was seen in the following round. Of the rest, Grafton, Temple and Walpole all had sound average sides, somewhat lacking in skill but very hard working.

A pleasing feature of the competition this year was the improved standard of kicking. In the final there were three goals and two dropped goals scored altogether, whilst in the whole competition there were six dropped goals. An inter-house cup for place-kicking has been very kindly presented to the School, and competition for this will take place each year in the Christmas Term.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

THE SCHOOL v. A VETERANS' XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 12th, the School winning by one goal, one dropped goal, and one try (14 points) to one goal (5 points).

In the regrettable absence of W. E. Tucker, D. Turquand-Young captained the Veterans, who took a little time to settle down. Before half-time Hope scored a try for the School, which Dawson converted (5—0), and Dawson also dropped a goal (9—0).

In the second half, the Veterans' forwards improved and gave their three-quarters

more opportunities. But, from a cross-kick by Hope, D'Arcy-Irvine increased the School's lead, Dawson again converting (14—0). A good rally enabled the Veterans to score through Crichton-Miller, Kemp converting (14—5). The end to a most enjoyable game came soon afterwards.

Team:—R. H. Stevens (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (S), G. P. Allsebrook (W); G. B. Dawson (C), H. R. Davis (B); J. F. G. Fletcher (T), P. R. Spencer (S), P. Shaw (C), H. F. Le Lacheur (B), R. A. Fisk (C), J. W. Reid (B), J. P. Stephens (W), M. C. Watson (T).

Veterans' XV:—J. H. G. Leask; Prince Sevelode, E. M. Henderson, C. H. Adams, C. S. Taylor; J. T. Kemp, J. G. Edmiston; D. Turquand-Young, D. Crichton-Miller, M. H. Carpmal, T. F. Mitchell, A. David, C. A. La T. Leatham, J. C. Saunders, R. M. Hamer.

Referee:—Mr. R. W. Skenc.

HOUSE LEAGUES.

This year the Leagues were played at the end of the Christmas Term under slightly altered conditions. Colts were allowed to take part, but members of 'The Fifty' were barred. No one under 15 at the beginning of the term was included. The Houses were divided into two groups, the winners of each group meeting in the final.

The competition produced some very keen matches and interest was maintained until the last week of the term. In addition to the finalists, Cobham and Grenville produced quite good sides. The latter were handicapped by an inability to raise a 'B' League, owing to the extreme youth of the House.

The results were:—

	GROUP A.								
			Matches				Points		Total
	Won		Drawn						
'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'		
Temple	3	3	0	0	36	12	48
Cobham	2	2	0	0	24	8	32
Walpole	0	1	1	0	6	4	10
Grafton	0	0	1	0	6	0	6

GROUP B.									
Bruce	...	...	3	3	0	0	36	12	48
Grenville	...	...	2	0	0	0	24	0	24
Chatham	...	...	1	2	0	0	12	8	20
Chandos	...	...	0	1	0	0	0	4	4

'A' League—12 points for a win.

'B' League—4 points for a win.

FINAL ROUND.—BRUCE *v.* TEMPLE.

'A' LEAGUE.

Played on Monday, December 16th, Temple winning by one try (3 points) to nil.

The ground was treacherous for this game, being very soft after a thaw. Both sides, however, adapted themselves well to the conditions, and though the handling of the three-quarters was often at fault the forwards played good football.

The only score came after twenty minutes of the first half. A quick passing movement along the Temple three-quarter line enabled Gilbert to cross in the corner. The rest of the game produced a grand struggle, and Bruce nearly equalised in the last five minutes. On several occasions their pack brought off some magnificent rushes, but Temple were superior behind the scrum and deserved their victory.

Teams.—Temple:—J. O. H. Beamish; N. P. D. Baird, J. Roche, J. S. Simpson-Hunter, H. L. Gilbert; P. R-H. Hastings, J. V. R. Birchall; J. P. Robertson, M. I. Massy, A. C. Lynch-Staunton, the Hon. D. E. A. Winn, M. W. Gray, N. D. Clive, P. J. Taylor, M. R. Jackson.

Bruce:—M. A. V. Walter; D. W. Calder, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. W. Stobart, M. Luxmoore; C. D. Earle, J. F. Gibson; C. W. Dawes, H. C. Corbett, R. H. Monteith, R. Law, P. H. Koelsch, D. D. Withof, R. M. M. D. Lucas, C. Jennings.

Referee.—Mr. B. C. Gadney.

'B' LEAGUE.

Played on Monday, December 16th, Bruce winning by two tries (6 points) to nil.

The result of this game only affected the final result of the Leagues if a draw occurred between the two 'A' teams. A close match saw Bruce a slightly better side both at forward and amongst the backs.

Referee.—P. R. Spencer.

EASTER TERM.

HOUSE SENIORS.—FIRST ROUND.

CHANDOS *v.* CHATHAM.

Played on Monday, February 17th, Chandos winning by six goals and four tries (42 points) to nil.

Chatham were outweighed and outpaced in this game, and though they put up a stout resistance at first, in the second half the faster Chandos three-quarters were too good for them. Sherrard carved out several openings for Chatham, but was ill supported, whilst Anderson hooked with effect.

For Chandos, all the three-quarters ran well and Fisk proved a useful leader. Tries were scored by D'Arcy-Irvine (4), Mayne, Chamier, Fisk, Mitford, Jebb and Forbes, Fisk converting four and Low two.



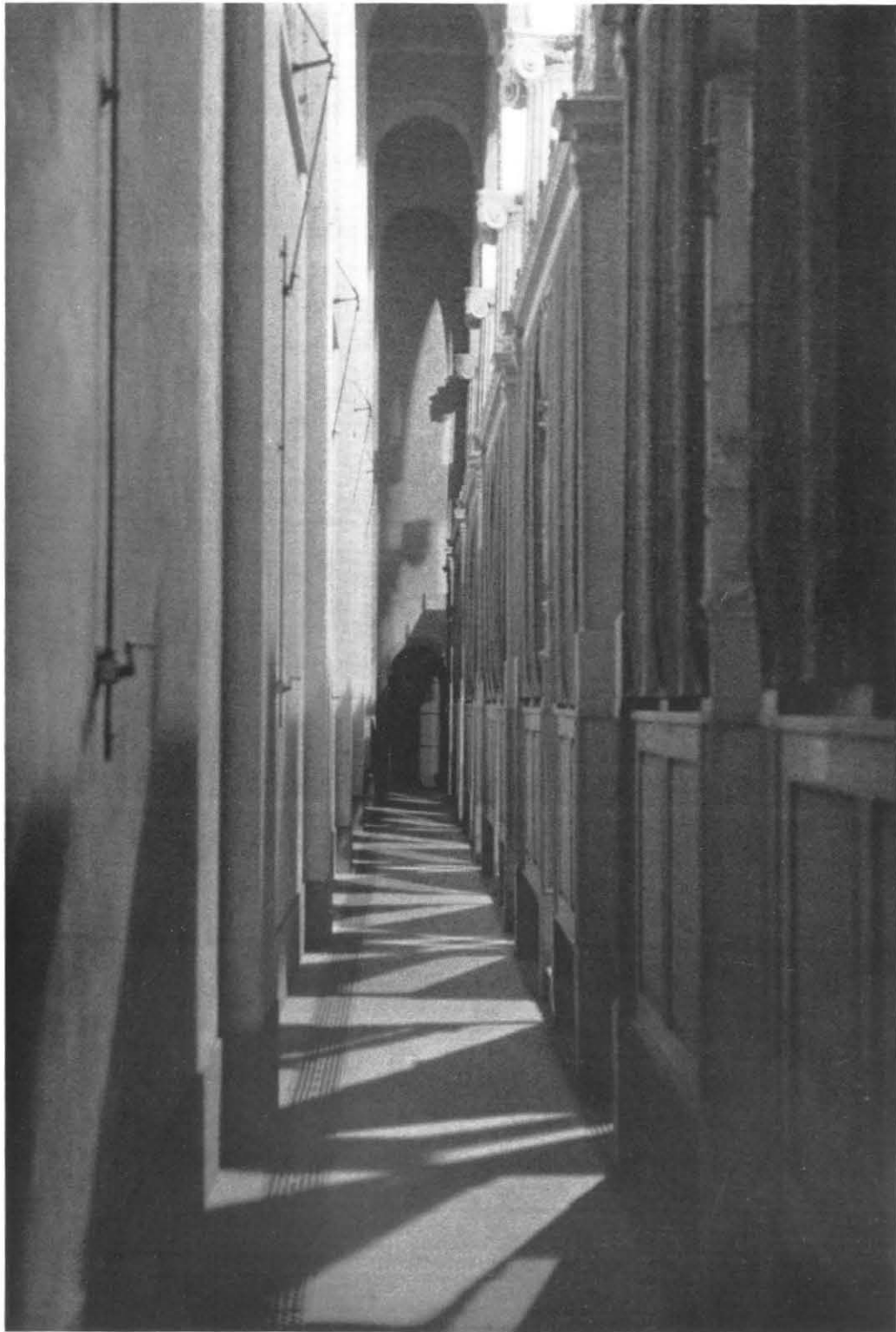


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Teams.—Chandos :—W. W. Cheyne ; M. Jebb, J. M. Mayne, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, P. C. Mitford ; J. A. Forbes, J. E. D. Chamier ; B. A. Stewart, P. F. Low, H. D. C. Satow, P. T. B. Harker, R. A. Fisk, G. V. L. Holbeck, A. R. Coventry, D. D. Demarest.

Chatham :—B. H. V. Paget ; C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, K. G. Rice, P. Sherrard, W. B. Banister ; R. S. Darby, G. L. Cheshire ; A. R. McDougall, J. T. McK. Anderson, T. L. Crookston, J. D. H. O'Rorke, B. D. Henry, J. B. Dunlop, G. Verdon-Roe, P. W. Forsyth.

COBHAM *v.* GRAFTON.

Played on Monday, February 17th, the result being a draw (3—3), each side scoring a try.

Cobham won the toss and played with the wind. At first play was even, but after ten minutes Fletcher beat his man and ran through to score. The kick at goal failed. For the rest of this half, Cobham had more of the game but could not defeat the sound Grafton defence.

Midway through the second half, Robinson made an opening for Bartley to score far out. This try was also unconverted. For the remainder of the game, there was a grand struggle, but the ground was becoming heavy and good movements were difficult. Cobham used long kicks ahead to great advantage, but could not score again.

Extra time of five minutes each way was then played. The lighter Grafton pack, though led heroically by Spencer, were now very tired : Cobham attacked frequently but still they were kept out. On one occasion they had the misfortune to knock on when over the Grafton line. So ended a game more remarkable for the closeness of the tackling and the great energy of the forwards than for much constructive football.

Teams.—Cobham :—R. H. Stevens ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, H. E. Vickers, A. R. Merchant, D. R. Foster ; M. E. Fletcher, C. A. Ashcroft ; A. R. Jennings, P. M. Syrett, J. M. Morgan, A. J. Kilpatrick, P. S. Fowler, V. G. B. Mansell, A. B. McG. Houston, P. Shaw.

Grafton :—R. Kee ; A. C. Bartley, M. P. Robinson, L. G. McKean, F. E. Hanning-Lee ; J. P. G. Benson, P. C. Benson ; P. R. Spencer, R. B. Chidell, D. A. Jefferson, C. W. Bartley, J. G. Nicholson, N. S. Brown, P. J. Orde, D. A. G. Kaye.

WALPOLE *v.* GRENVILLE.

Played on Monday, February 17th, Walpole winning by one goal and six tries (23 points) to one try (3 points).

Walpole were too strong behind the scrum in this game, whilst Grenville had the misfortune to lose Downs early in the second half. Stephens, playing scrum-half for Walpole, was allowed far too much rope near the line. He also had a good understanding with Brown, who gave Allsebrook plenty of opportunities. Hope once got clean away for Grenville and after running half the length of the field sent in Ross.

For the winners, Stephens scored three tries, Allsebrook two, Brown and Cooper one each, Stephens converting one.

Teams.—Walpole :—J. D. F. Penrose ; P. L. Ingham, G. P. Allsebrook, T. R. Gaskell, D. A. Barker ; W. A. Brown, J. P. Stephens ; G. W. A. Keir, M. de L. Wilson, C. F. Tracy, A. B. P. Beeton, H. C. Lowcock, R. V. P. Adams, D. P. Cooper, P. Spencer-Thomas.

Grenville :—R. Evans ; H. G. A. Ross, J. A. S. Borrett, A. H. P. Hope, G. D. Addinsell ; A. E. Cawkell, J. H. Shelmerdine ; W. Downs, J. H. de Lavis-Trafford, S. E. Smith, J. D. Fay, J. R. Hunter, K. F. E. Woods, P. J. Ellam, P. F. E. Foster.

BRUCE *v.* TEMPLE.

Played on Monday, February 17th, Bruce winning by two penalty goals (6 points) to nil.

The ground was very soft on top and hard underneath after the frost. This made conditions difficult, and after the first few minutes good handling was out of the question. As a result, the standard of football was not high and the game was chiefly confined to the forwards.

The Temple pack clearly set out with the idea of smothering Davis as often as possible. In this they were quite successful, since for the only match in the competition he was unable to score. But on two occasions their breaking from the scrum was too quick. Each time Stobart was successful with a penalty kick.

Bruce were the better side, though Temple did well to keep their line intact.

Teams.—Bruce :—J. F. Gibson ; G. McK. J. Nicholl, W. B. Hay, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle ; J. W. R. Kempe, H. R. Davis ; L. S. Buxton, H. C. Corbett, C. W. Dawes, P. H. Koelsch, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. W. Reid, R. M. M. D. Lucas, I. K. White-Smith.

Temple :—J. O. H. Beamish ; P. A. Dyer-Smith, J. Roche, J. S. Simpson-Hunter, H. L. Gilbert ; P. R-H. Hastings, C. K. Simond ; J. P. Robertson, K. J. S. Ritchie, R. J. Walker, N. B. Robinson, M. C. Watson, M. W. Gray, The Hon. D. E. A. Winn, W. A. M. B. Stewart.

COBHAM *v.* GRAFTON (Replay).

Played on Wednesday, February 19th, Cobham winning by two dropped goals and four tries (20 points) to nil.

On this occasion there was no doubt which was the better side. Playing with a strong wind behind them in the first half, Cobham scored four tries, all unconverted, through Mansell, Kilpatrick, Fletcher and Frankenburg. In the second half, Grafton prevented their line being crossed again, but Fletcher, who played a good game for the winners, dropped two goals, one with each foot.

Grafton fought back well but could not score. They found the Cobham pack too strong and heavy, which meant that their three-quarters had few opportunities. Cobham on the other hand played at the top of their form.

Teams.—Cobham :—R. H. Stevens ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, H. E. Vickers, A. R. Merchant, D. R. Foster ; M. E. Fletcher, C. A. Ashcroft ; A. R. Jennings, P. M. Syrett, J. M. Morgan, A. J. Kilpatrick, P. S. Fowler, V. G. B. Mansell, A. B. McG. Houston, P. Shaw.

Grafton :—R. Kee ; A. C. Bartley, M. P. Robinson, L. G. McKean, F. E. Hanning-Lee ; J. P. G. Benson, P. C. Benson ; P. R. Spencer, R. B. Chidell, D. A. Jefferson, C. W. Bartley, J. G. Nicholson, N. S. Brown, P. J. Orde, D. A. G. Kaye.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

CHANDOS *v.* COBHAM.

Played on Friday, February 21st, Chandos winning by two goals and one dropped goal (14 points) to two tries (6 points).

At the beginning of this match, Cobham seemed tired after their two hard games against Grafton. Chandos were quick to seize their opportunity and their back division saw plenty of the ball. As a result they scored two good tries through Arbuthnot and D'Arcy-Irvine, both converted by Fisk, whilst D'Arcy-Irvine also dropped a goal. In addition they beat the Cobham defence on several other occasions and, had their passing been better, they must have scored more tries.

Gradually the Cobham forwards stirred themselves and they were rewarded with a try by Mansell just before half-time. This improvement continued in the second half, whilst Chandos were handicapped by an injury to D'Arcy-Irvine. A scrum on the Chandos line saw Cobham make full use of their weight to shove their lighter opponents over the line and drop on the ball for a try. This ended the scoring, and on the day's play the better side had won, though Cobham would certainly have made a closer fight had they been fresh.

Teams.—Chandos :—W. W. Cheyne ; M. Jebb, J. M. Mayne, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, M. G. H. Arbuthnot ; J. A. Forbes, J. E. D. Chamier ; B. A. Stewart, P. F. Low, H. D. C. Satow, P. T. B. Harker, R. A. Fisk, G. V. L. Holbeck, A. R. Coventry, D. D. Demarest.

Cobham :—R. H. Stevens ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, H. E. Vickers, A. R. Merchant, D. R. Foster ; M. E. Fletcher, C. A. Ashcroft ; A. R. Jennings, P. M. Syrett, J. M. Morgan, A. J. Kilpatrick, P. S. Fowler, V. G. B. Mansell, A. B. McG. Houston, P. Shaw.

BRUCE *v.* WALPOLE.

Played on Friday, February 21st, Bruce winning by two goals, one dropped goal and one try (17 points) to nil.

Walpole were handicapped for this game by the absence of Brown, injured in the previous round, whilst Stephens was suffering from a sprained thumb throughout the match. They did well, therefore, to hold Bruce down to a lead of eight points at half-time. After ten minutes, Stobart scored a try for Bruce and converted it himself. Play was then rather uninteresting, but just before half-time Davis slipped away on the blind side and Le Lacheur was well up for the scoring pass.

In the second half, the Bruce forwards were far more effective, and except for an occasional dash by Allsebrook, Walpole never looked dangerous. Play in fact was confined almost entirely to their half of the field, and Davis once again slipped away and this time scored himself. Finally, just before the end, he dropped a goal.

Teams.—Bruce :—J. F. Gibson ; J. E. C. Nicholl, W. B. Hay, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle ; J. W. R. Kempe, H. R. Davis ; D. D. Withof, H. C. Corbett, C. W. Dawes, P. H. Koelsch, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. W. Reid, R. M. M. D. Lucas, I. K. White-Smith.

Walpole :—D. A. Barker ; P. L. Ingham, G. P. Allsebrook, M. G. T. Webster, A. G. Buchanan ; T. R. Gaskell, J. P. Stephens ; G. W. A. Keir, M. de L. Wilson, C. F. Tracy, H. C. Lowcock, A. B. P. Beeton, R. V. P. Adams, D. P. Cooper, P. Spencer-Thomas.

FINAL ROUND.

BRUCE *v.* CHANDOS.

Played on Monday, February 23rd, Bruce winning by one goal and two dropped goals (13 points) to two goals (10 points).

This was one of the most exciting games ever seen in the final and was decided literally in the last minute of the match. With D'Arcy-Irvine able to play for Chandos, the prospects seemed very even, and whilst Chandos were obviously stronger outside the scrum it was doubtful whether their forwards would get a sufficient amount of the ball.

Chandos started very strongly and were soon five points to the good, through an excellent try by D'Arcy-Irvine, converted by Fisk. Their forwards were gaining possession, and on several other occasions their backs looked really dangerous. But gradually the Bruce forwards began to assert an ascendancy and except for a brief spell in the second half they never again allowed the Chandos pack to get much of the ball. For some time Bruce were on the Chandos twenty-five, and eventually Davis slipped away from a scrum, sold two perfect dummies and was over. Stobart converted, and half-time came with the score 5—5.

Bruce opened the second half with great pressure, and Davis soon dropped a goal with his left foot. For the next twenty minutes a grim struggle ensued, and it began to look as though there would be no further score. Suddenly, however, the Chandos pack found renewed life and for five minutes got the ball repeatedly from set and loose scrums. Several times Mayne and D'Arcy-Irvine went through, but the Bruce covering was very sound. After Chandos had missed a certain try through a knock-on over the line, a quick passing movement down the line saw Arbuthnot get away. He passed inside cleverly to Mayne who scored. Earle was hurt in this movement, and a few agonising moments were spent before the kick, whilst he was attended to. Then Fisk with great care kicked a wonderful goal from fairly near the touch-line.

With three minutes to go, Bruce came back magnificently and rushed the ball to the Chandos twenty-five, where Davis just failed with a drop at goal. From the ensuing drop-out a Chandos player was in front of the ball. From the scrum Bruce got a quick heel and again Davis dropped. This time the ball went straight and just carried the bar. There was time for a kick-off and then the final whistle blew.

It seemed a pity that both sides could not win such a game. Davis was the hero of the match, but the part played by the Bruce forwards must not be forgotten. For two brief periods only did they allow Chandos to gain possession in the scrums. Le Lacheur led them well and was backed up by the whole pack, of whom perhaps Koelsch and Reid were most prominent. Fisk was untiring in his efforts for Chandos, whilst Mayne and D'Arcy-Irvine always looked dangerous when they had the ball.

Not the least pleasing feature of the match was the absence of free-kicks.

Teams.—Bruce :—J. F. Gibson ; J. E. C. Nicholl, W. B. Hay, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle ; J. W. R. Kempe, H. R. Davis ; L. S. Buxton, H. C. Corbett, C. W. Dawes, P. H. Koelsch, H. F. Le Lacheur, J. W. Reid, R. M. M. D. Lucas, I. K. White-Smith.

Chandos :—W. W. Cheyne ; M. Jebb, J. M. Mayne, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine, M. G. H. Arbuthnot ; J. A. Forbes, J. E. D. Chamier ; B. A. Stewart, P. F. Low, H. D. C. Satow, P. T. B. Harker, R. A. Fisk, G. V. L. Holbeck, A. R. Coventry, D. D. Demarest.

Referee.—Mr. D. Crichton-Miller.

HOUSE JUNIORS.

This competition has replaced the former 'Yearlings' from which it differs in certain essentials. The qualification is now solely by age—under 15 at the beginning of the Christmas term—Colts Stockings alone being barred. The intention of this is to give the more promising players, who previously were sometimes debarred by weight, a competition in the Easter Term. Besides giving valuable experience to the players, this enables a reasonable estimate of next year's Colts to be made.

The houses were divided into two groups as for the Leagues in the Christmas Term. Thirteen-a-side was played, four three-quarters being reverted to in the hope of encouraging centre three-quarter play.

The general standard of rucker was encouraging. Cobham were a fast and heavy side but met with good opposition from Grenville in the final. Bruce, Grafton and Walpole also had some promising material, though sometimes handicapped by illness.

FINAL ROUND.

COBHAM *v.* GRENVILLE.

Played on Monday, February 24th, Cobham winning by one goal, one dropped goal and one try (12 points) to nil.

Cobham were the stronger side and deserved their victory, possessing the heavier pack, whilst their three-quarters were faster than their opponents, who lacked thrust. The Grenville forwards, however, amongst whom Waugh and Eastwood were prominent, played up well and with better support must have scored.

Cobham had an advantage at fly-half, where Frankenburg, who was well backed up by Diggle, brought off several strong runs. The latter scored two tries, one of which was converted by Frankenburg. Cunningham also dropped a goal for the winners.

Teams.—Cobham :—D. M. Bolton ; J. C. I. Hooper, P. J. Diggle, C. R. T. Cunningham, P. R. Cassels ; J. B. Frankenburg, P. A. Bates ; J. M. Norman, G. K. Eaton, A. A. Vickers, R. C. Erhardt, G. T. Hugill, J. L. Rolleston.

Grenville :—J. B. Andrews ; B. A. J. C. Gregory, J. B. Dwight, J. M. E. Clarkson, G. T. Betteridge ; J. H. de Burgh, G. Yerbury ; L. J. Eastwood, P. E. Waugh, A. B. Williamson, G. A. Dunnett, F. Carolan, R. U. P. de Burgh.

Referee.—P. R. Spencer.

CROSS-COUNTRY

FIRST VIII v. CHARTERHOUSE.

The race this year was at Charterhouse, and for the first time in the history of these matches—this was the eighth year—the visiting team won.

In the account of the inter-House cross-country last year it was mentioned that the purpose of including a long stretch of road in the race was to give practice to those who would have to run at Charterhouse, where the course is almost entirely road. Our success this year is to a large extent due to the co-operation we have received from Houses who have introduced some road-running into their ordinary house exercise.

In the race itself we owed a great deal to the management of our pace over the first two miles by Mayne and McKean, who kept the pack together, behind but not too far behind Charterhouse in their initial rush, and then guided them through the Charterhouse main body before setting out themselves after the leaders who had immediately opened up a big lead. The result of this was that, whereas after a mile Charterhouse held the first eight places, after two miles and a half Stowe had gained a substantial lead in points.

The rest of the race was interesting for the struggles of McKean, Mayne and Benson with Dunbar and Noyce. With two miles to go, McKean drew level with Dunbar. Mayne and Benson had passed Noyce, who was obviously failing, but it was clear that they would not catch the two leaders. McKean allowed Dunbar to guide him until the finish was in sight and then sprang away to win by thirty-five yards. Benson gained on Mayne in the last mile and chased him home closely, Mayne being very grieved at being compelled to sprint under the impression that Benson was a Carthusian. Meanwhile Noyce was passed first by Coggins, who finished very strongly, and then by Mansell. Kempe, by coming in 8th, completed the Stowe scorers.

Order and times :—

1.	L. G. McKean (Stowe, Ⓒ).	31 mins. 4½ secs.
2.	G. G. Dunbar (Charterhouse).	31 mins. 15 secs.
3.	J. M. Mayne (Stowe, C).	32 mins.
4.	P. C. Benson (Stowe, Ⓔ).	32 mins.
5.	P. W. Coggins (Charterhouse).	32 mins. 26 secs.
6.	V. G. B. Mansell (Stowe, Ⓒ).	32 mins. 37 secs.
7.	C. W. F. Noyce (Charterhouse).	32 mins. 49 secs.
8.	J. W. R. Kempe (Stowe, B).	32 mins. 55 secs.
9.	D. M. Barbour (Charterhouse).	
10.	J. L. Boldero (Charterhouse).	
11.	I. L. Rawson (Charterhouse).	
12.	H. L. English (Stowe, Ⓔ).	
13.	H. L. Gilbert (Stowe, T).	
14.	G. L. Cheshire (Stowe, C).	
15.	D. L. Holt (Charterhouse).	
—	D. F. Hollick (Charterhouse).	

SECOND VIII v. NO. 2 (APPRENTICES) WING, R.A.F. (HALTON), 'A' TEAM.

The Halton First Team has often proved rather too strong for our Second Team in this match. Consequently, the fact that they were this year represented by an 'A' Team really put the match on more level terms.

The race was run at Stowe, over the Senior Cross-Country course, on Saturday, February 29th. It resulted in a win for the School by 23 points to 32.

The final placings were as follows :—

1. J. M. S. Knott (Stowe, Ⓒ). Time : 23 mins. 55⁷/₁₀ secs.
2. R. O. Bowd (R.A.F.). Time : 23 mins. 57²/₁₀ secs.
3. K. J. S. Ritchie (Stowe, T).
4. R. A. Fisk (Stowe, C).
5. B. Jardell (R.A.F.).
6. H. C. Corbett (Stowe, B).
7. L. R. Goodfellow (R.A.F.).
8. R. J. N. Gliddon (R.A.F.).
9. P. R. Spencer (Stowe, Ⓔ).
10. H. Neal (R.A.F.).
11. K. G. Rice (Stowe, C).
12. A. C. Lynch-Staunton (Stowe, T).
13. E. G. Gilbert (Stowe, B).
14. W. B. Sword (R.A.F.).

J. N. Alford (R.A.F.) and F. G. Dunner (R.A.F.) did not finish.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY.

The races were run on Wednesday, March 4th, the Senior over the course of last year, the Junior over a lengthened and (even competitors seemed to think) an improved course.

The Junior race saw an excellent finish, D. R. Foster (Ⓒ) winning by about 8 yards from M. G. T. Webster (W). P. R-H. Hastings (T), who came third, just failed to last the pace set by the leaders over the last quarter-mile. J. H. de Lavis-Trafford (G) set the pace during the first half of the race and came 4th. Grafton by useful packing won the team race with a fair margin from Temple and Walpole. The winner's time was 15 mins. 45¹/₂ secs.

The Senior race was enlivened by a valiant attempt to broadcast a running commentary from the Black Pit, from which we learnt that J. M. Mayne (C) was 15 yards ahead at that point. When the runners came in sight at the Deer Barn, Mayne and L. G. McKean (Ⓔ) were together and well ahead of the rest. They came across the field at a fast pace, but at the Bridge Mayne was forced to stop and came in slowly, leaving McKean to win quite comfortably in 22 mins. 16¹/₂ secs.—7 seconds better

than last year's time. P. C. Benson (Ⓔ) was 3rd, P. L. Stileman (B) 4th and V. G. B. Mansell (Ⓒ) 5th.

Bruce and Grafton between them provided ten of the first twenty and, curiously, achieved a dead-heat for first place. Grafton thus repeated their success of last year.

Team placings and points.

JUNIOR RACE.		SENIOR RACE.		AGGREGATE.	
1. Grafton	530 Points.	1. { Grafton	828 Points.	1. Grafton	1358 Points.
2. Temple	490 "	2. { Bruce	828 "	2. Bruce	1282 "
3. Walpole	474 "	3. Chandos	654 "	3. Temple	1129 "
4. Grenville	456 "	4. Cobham	651 "	4. Walpole	1080 "
5. Bruce	454 "	5. Temple	639 "	5. Cobham	975 "
6. Chatham	426 "	6. Walpole	606 "	6. Chandos	950 "
7. Cobham	324 "	7. Chatham	480 "	7. Chatham	906 "
8. Chandos	296 "	8. Grenville	204 "	8. Grenville	660 "

SPORTS 1936

Sports Day was held on Saturday, March 21st. The weather, which had been good previously but had seriously threatened a change, was in the end warm and fine. Conditions were therefore favourable, though the track was a little heavy. In most events performances were creditable.

The Open Events were well contested. L. G. McKean (Ⓔ) was the outstanding runner. He had won the Half-Mile on the previous Thursday, and to this he added the Mile and the Quarter-Mile. As he is not yet seventeen, he should (with due care) become really good. A. H. P. Hope (G) won both the High Jump and the Hurdles. W. A. Brown (W) won both the Sprints and was second in the Long Jump. This last event was unusually close, only $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches separating the first three at the finish; each of them had cleared 19 ft. 6 ins. or over. P. Sherrard (C), who won, had previously also won the Pole Vault.

The general standard of the Open winners gave cause for great regret that the Annual Triangular Match with Eton and Lancing (which should have taken place at Lancing) has had to be cancelled owing to illness at both these Schools.

In the Junior Events, P. R-H. Hastings (T) was most successful. On Wednesday he had won the Mile in a time that beat McKean's record of last year. He now beat McKean's Half-Mile record as well, and also won the Quarter in a time only one tenth of a second outside the Junior Record of 1926. J. E. C. Nicholl (B) put up a new Record for the Junior High Jump. A. R. Merchant (Ⓒ) won both Sprints.

In addition to Hastings' successes, Temple gained the first two places in the Long Jump and in the Hurdles. This led to the truly remarkable result of Temple's winning the House Cup without having gained a single point in the Open Events. Their Juniors formed a well balanced team.

The points were:—Temple, 55; Chandos, 45; Grafton, 44; Walpole, 36; Grenville, 35; Cobham, 32; Chatham, 26; Bruce, 21.

The Prizes were given away by Brigadier-General Sir H. Osborne Mance, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and by Lady Mance.

The results were as follows:—

100 Yards (Open).—1, W. A. Brown ma. (W); 2, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C); 3, M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C). Time, $10\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

100 Yards (Junior).—1, A. R. Merchant (Ⓒ); 2, J. Roche (T); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl mi. (B). Time, $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

High Jump (Open).—1, A. H. P. Hope (G); 2, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C); equal 3, M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), A. B. McG. Houston (Ⓒ), J. R. Hunter (G). Height, 5 ft. $5\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

High Jump (Junior).—J. E. C. Nicholl mi. (B); equal 2, J. D. Whitby (B) and T. P. Walsh (T). Height, 5 ft. $0\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Record.

120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, A. H. P. Hope (G); 2, K. G. Rice (C); 3, J. R. Hunter (G). Time, $17\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior).—T. P. Walsh (T); 2, M. B. Scholfield (T); 3, J. A. Hay (C). Time, $19\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

Half Mile (Open).—1, L. G. McKean (Ⓔ); 2, J. M. Mayne (C); 3, V. G. B. Mansell (Ⓒ). Time, 2 mins. $8\frac{7}{10}$ secs.

Half Mile (Junior).—1, P. R-H. Hastings (T); 2, M. G. T. Webster (W); 3, I. McC. Tait (Ⓔ). Time, 2 mins. $13\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Record.

220 Yards (Open).—1, W. A. Brown ma. (W); 2, M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C); 3, H. G. A. Ross (G). Time, 24 secs.

220 Yards (Junior).—A. R. Merchant (Ⓒ); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl mi. (B); 3, D. R. Foster (Ⓒ). Time, $25\frac{1}{10}$ secs.

One Mile (Open).—1, L. G. McKean (Ⓔ); 2, J. M. Mayne (C); 3, V. G. B. Mansell (Ⓒ). Time, 4 mins. $53\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

One Mile (Junior).—1, P. R-H. Hastings (T); 2, J. H. de Lavis-Trafford (G); 3, M. G. T. Webster (W). Time, 5 mins. $2\frac{9}{10}$ secs. Record.

Long Jump (Open).—1, P. Sherrard (C); 2, W. A. Brown ma. (W); 3, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C). Distance, 19 ft. $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, J. Roche (T); 2, M. B. Scholfield (T); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl mi. (B). Distance, 17 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Quarter Mile (Open).—1, L. G. McKean (Ⓔ); 2, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C); 3, H. E. Vickers ma. (Ⓒ). Time, $54\frac{7}{10}$ secs.

Quarter Mile (Junior).—P. R-H. Hastings (T); 2, D. R. Foster (Ⓒ); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl mi. (B). Time, $57\frac{7}{10}$ secs.

Pole Vault (Open).—1, P. Sherrard (C); 2, A. C. Bartley ma. (Ⓔ); 3, J. G. Nicholson (Ⓔ). Height, 8 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

FENCING

ALTHOUGH last term the team lost three valuable members, it has gained in self-confidence and skill. This is partly due to the arrival of Tracy to strengthen the sabre team which lost us many matches last term, and partly to the teaching of Professors Bertrand and Perroni. Rutherford, after a shaky start, has shown himself to be as useful as Choyce and really brilliant for his age. Falconer, scarcely older, has also been highly successful in spite of a rather ungainly style. In the épée, Rutherford has so far shown himself dexterous, and Platt on his day, as in sabre, is invaluable. Blundell, though he has an easy style, is too slow to take advantage of openings. In the sabre, Tracy has been the mainstay of the team. He has improved very quickly with M. Bertrand's teaching and is really dangerous. Bassett Wilson suffers from staleness and an appalling lack of confidence, but he should do better. The outlook for the future is very bright indeed, if it were not for the discouragingly small number of fencers this term. Rutherford, Tracy, Falconer and Bassett Wilson will be here for some time, but after them there is little exceptional talent.

The Junior Foil Cup was won by Peel. Rutherford was very much out of form, but this must not detract from Peel's credit for a very promising display.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER. February 8th, at Westminster. Lost, 9—18.

The team was both experimental and inexperienced, and Westminster, who have only lost one fencer recently, were obviously stronger. Falconer's performance in the foil was cheering, and Tracy in the sabre showed that he at any rate was not upset by the defeat. Orde won four, and should have won five, of his fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Westminster* :—M. A. Pears, no defeat ; A. M. Doswell and E. B. Christie, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—P. J. Orde (⊕) and J. A. R. Falconer (W), one defeat each ; F. L. Platt (C), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—*Westminster* :—A. M. Doswell, no defeat ; E. B. Christie and B. H. F. Fletcher, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

Stowe :—P. J. Orde (⊕), one defeat ; M. H. Blundell (⊕) and C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats each. Total, seven defeats.

Sabre.—*Westminster* :—M. A. Pears, no defeat ; A. M. Doswell, one defeat ; M. C. Stuthford, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; P. F. Bassett Wilson (C), two defeats ; F. L. Platt (C), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BANBURY F.C. February 22nd, at Stowe. Lost, 14—13.

This was a disheartening defeat, and one which we all felt should not have occurred. The sabre was fought second, which was a handicap for us, but it was the only weapon we won. Platt was best with four wins, and Grant and Falconer did well to win two each.

Scores :—

Sabre.—*Banbury* :—R. C. Huntriss, no defeat ; D. J. Bowley, two defeats ; N. F. Palmer, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—St. G. V. R. Grant (C) and F. L. Platt (C), one defeat each ; C. F. Tracy, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Foil.—*Banbury* :—R. C. Huntriss, no defeat ; D. J. Bowley, one defeat ; N. F. Palmer, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W), one defeat ; P. J. Orde (⊕) and R. A. Rutherford (⊕), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—*Banbury* :—R. C. Huntriss, no defeat ; C. L. Dawson, one defeat ; E. T. Putin, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—F. L. Platt (C), one defeat ; P. J. Orde (⊕) and M. H. Blundell (⊕), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* R.A.F. (HENLOW). March 7th, at Stowe. Won, 14—13.

Henlow had a better team than Banbury, but in spite of the absence of both Platt and Bassett Wilson we managed to win. Chief credit must be given to Tracy, who won all his fights, and to Rutherford, who won five out of six.

Scores :—

Foil.—*R.A.F., Henlow* :—F. W. Loosemore and J. P. Cox, one defeat each ; R. W. Durrant, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—R. A. Rutherford (⊕), one defeat ; P. J. Orde (⊕) and J. A. R. Falconer (W), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—*R.A.F., Henlow* :—R. C. Jordan, one defeat ; F. W. Loosemore, two defeats ; F. Moreman, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Stowe :—R. A. Rutherford (⊕), no defeat ; P. J. Orde (⊕), one defeat ; M. H. Blundell (⊕), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Sabre.—*R.A.F., Henlow* :—G. R. Smith and R. W. Durrant, one defeat each ; F. Moreman, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), no defeat ; J. A. R. Falconer (W), two defeats ; St. G. V. R. Grant (C), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

FIVES

THE SCHOOL v. THE OLD WESTMINSTERS.

Played on Sunday, February 2nd. Drawn.

J. D. A. Langley (G) and V. G. B. Mansell (C) lost to M. F. Porterfield and E. H. V. McDougall 15—10, 15—18, 6—15; and beat T. H. S. Wyllie and H. A. R. Philby, 15—3.

R. H. Stevens (C) and J. S. Simpson-Hunter (T) beat T. H. S. Wyllie and H. A. R. Philby, 15—4, 18—14; and lost to M. F. Porterfield and E. H. V. McDougall, 10—15.

THE SCHOOL v. THE MASTERS.

Played on Wednesday, February 5th, the Masters winning by two matches to one.

W. E. Capel Cure and J. T. Hankinson beat J. D. A. Langley (G) and V. G. B. Mansell (C), 15—9, 15—5.

P. G. Hunter and E. Hart Dyke beat J. S. Simpson-Hunter (T) and R. H. Stevens (C), 15—9, 15—11.

R. M. Hamer and J. H. G. Leask lost to A. H. P. Hope (G) and R. S. Darby (C), 7—15, 7—15.

The draw for the House Competition was as follows:—

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

CRICKET FIXTURES

FIRST ELEVEN.

Fri.,	May 22.	} Masters	Home.
Sat.,	May 23.		Home.
Wed.,	May 27.	—Cryptics	Home.
Sat.,	May 30.	—Authentics	Home.
Wed.,	June 3.	} Westminster	Away.
Thurs.,	June 4.		Away.
Sat.,	June 6.	—Incogniti	Home.
Wed.,	June 10.	—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	June 13.	—M.C.C.	Home.
Thurs.,	June 18.	—Bradfield	Away.
Sat.,	June 20.	—Haileybury	Home.
Wed.,	June 24.	—I Zingari	Home.
Sat.,	June 27.	—Free Foresters	Home.
Wed.,	July 1.	} Oundle	Kennington Oval.
Thurs.,	July 2.		
Sat.,	July 4.	—Old Stoics	Home.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 30.	—Haileybury	Away.
Sat.,	June 6.	—Harrow	Home.
Wed.,	June 10.	—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	June 13.	—Rugby	Away.
Thurs.,	June 18.	—Bradfield	Home.
Wed.,	June 24.	—St. Paul's	Away.
Sat.,	June 27.	—Bedford	Home.
Sat.,	July 4.	—Old Stoics	Home.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Sat.,	June 13.	—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	June 20.	—Bedford	Home.

COLTS.

Thurs.,	May 28.	—Westminster	Home.
Sat.,	June 6.	—Oundle	Away.
Wed.,	June 10.	—Radley	Home.
Thurs.,	June 18.	—Bradfield	Away.
Sat.,	June 20.	—Harrow	Away.
Sat.,	July 4.	—Rugby	Away.
Sat.,	July 11.	—Wellington	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS.

Sat.,	May 30.	—Haileybury	Home.
Sat.,	June 13.	—Radley	Away.
Wed.,	June 24.	—Bedford	Home.
Sat.,	July 4.	—Rugby	Away.

GOLF

The draw for the House matches is as follows:—

Chandos	}	Walpole	}	}	
Walpole		($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$)			
Grenville	}	Bruce	}		Walpole
Bruce		($2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$)			(4-0)
Temple	}	Grafton	}		}
Grafton		($2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$)			
Cobham	}	Cobham	}		
Chatham		(4-0)			

O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants R. A. Fisk (C), J. R. Hunter (G).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals A. S. Hooper (C), G. L. Cheshire (C), W. B. Hay (B), J. M. Morgan (C), I. K. White-Smith (B).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals H. E. Vickers (C), P. Shaw (C), A. J. Kilpatrick (C), M. Jebb (C), J. V. R. Birchall (T), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), B. G. Dalziel (B), J. G. Drew (C), J. S. Simpson-Hunter (T), B. J. R. Moreton (C).

Appointed Lance-Corporal: Cadets J. E. D. Chamier (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), H. J. MacLiesh (C), J. M. Mayne (C), M. C. Watson (T), J. R. Genth (T), R. Law (B), M. de L. Wilson (W), A. B. McG. Houston (C), A. B. Langton (C), B. H. V. Paget (C), H. D. C. Satow (C), D. D. Demarest (C).

The following obtained Certificate "A" at the examination held in November 1935:—J. E. D. Chamier (C), D. P. Cooper (W), H. C. Corbett (B), H. R. Davis (B), D. D. Demarest (C), A. J. Gordon (C), A. D. Herbert (C), A. B. McG. Houston (C), A. B. Langton (C), H. J. MacLiesh (C), V. G. B. Mansell (C), J. M. Mayne (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), I. O'D. Preston (C), K. G. Rice (C), I. R. Robertson (B), T. G. N. Rowland (C), H. D. C. Satow (C), J. T. Vachell (C), M. C. Watson (T), M. de L. Wilson (W), K. F. E. Woods (G).

34 Candidates were examined in Part I, Certificate "A," on February 18th, of whom 28 passed.

44 Candidates sat for Part II on March 10th. The result will not be known until next term.

ATTACHMENT TO THE 1ST BN. THE WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

At the invitation of the Aldershot Command the Contingent spent February 25th attached to a Regular battalion at Aldershot. The idea was that Certificate "A" candidates should obtain some first-hand knowledge of the handling of the "Support" Company's weapons and that cadets as a whole should have an interesting outing, something rather different from the normal Field Day.

The programme included the Inspection of Barracks (Barrack Rooms, Cookhouses, Dining Halls, M.T. Garage and Stores, Mobilization Store, a soldier's kit laid out for inspection, and Rations), the Demonstration of a Machine Gun Platoon coming into action, the Demonstration of the Bren Gun on the 30 yards range (by Lieut. J. C. Commings, The South Staffs. Regt., an Old Stoic), Mortar Section Drill and Demonstration, Grenade firing, two No. 1 Sets Wireless Telephony, an Air Camera, a Visit to the Officers' Mess to see the Colours and Silver, and a N.A.A.F.I. tea. Each cadet received an excellent folder programme to explain and mark the day. Regular officers and W.Os. conducted small parties on their tour, and on certain occasions a running commentary was made by loud-speaker.

The weather was rather cold for standing about even in greatcoats, and the programme took a little more than the four hours allowed for it, but the interest and hospitality shown by the Worcestershire Regiment deserved our deep gratitude, and this experimental attachment proved most instructive and enjoyable. At one point a smoke screen blew the wrong way, right among the spectators in fact, and gave rise that evening at Stowe to the rumour that certain members of the Contingent had been "gassed"!

SCOUTS

Mr. Gilling-Lax and Mr. Leask are taking a party of Scouts abroad for ten days in the latter part of the Easter Holidays. They will go to Czecho-Slovakia or Austria or Switzerland; but at the date of going to press the plans are immature. They will 'hike' by day and sleep in Youth Hostels or Inns by night. It is hoped that a scheme of this kind will in future be carried out annually, usually in the Easter Holidays.

The Summer Camp this year will be from Tuesday, July 28th, to Wednesday, August 5th. A site has been chosen at Hinam (or Haynham), a few miles North-West of Dulverton in Somerset. It is at the South-Eastern corner of Exmoor, and from the side of the camping-field a steep wooded slope drops down to the River Barle, in which it is possible to bathe.

On Tuesdays this term the Junior Troop has improved its signalling, and a fair number of Tests have been passed. In the Senior Troop some axeing was done in the early part of the term, while latterly two days have been spent on map-making, and two on trees. The principal event of the term was the Field Day on February 25th. The Senior Troop carried out a scheme mainly in Whittlebury Forest, and the Junior Troop's scheme was in the same neighbourhood. Each Troop cooked a meal.

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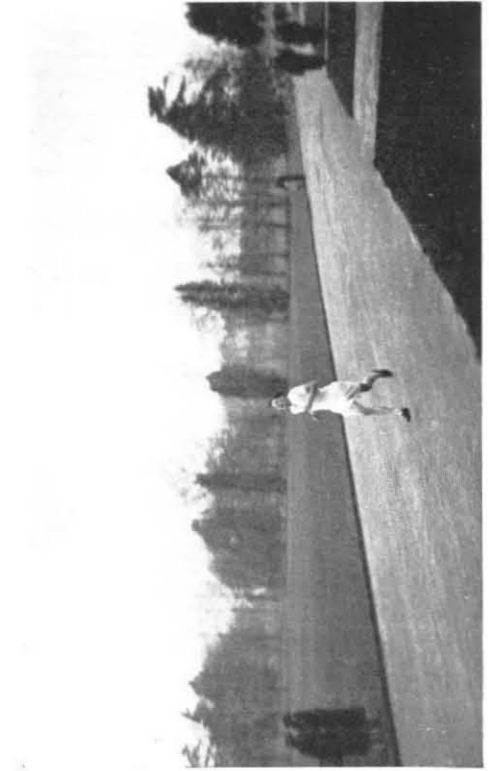
.22 SHOOTING

POSTAL MATCHES. Won 13. Lost 4.

February 8th.	Stowe 618	Malvern Rossall	617 648	Won Lost
February 15th.	Stowe 627	City of London School Canford Trent College	624 583 568	Won Won Won
February 22nd.	Stowe 635	Uppingham Westminster Glenalmond	579 612 629	Won Won Won
February 29th.	Stowe 658	Oundle Lancing Marlborough	602 522 664	Won Won Lost
March 7th.	Stowe 640	Radley Gresham's Wellington Winchester University College School Harrow	622 555 611 662 655 628	Won Won Won Lost Lost Won

The Country Life Competition was fired off on March 7th. The results will be given in next term's number of *The Stoic*.

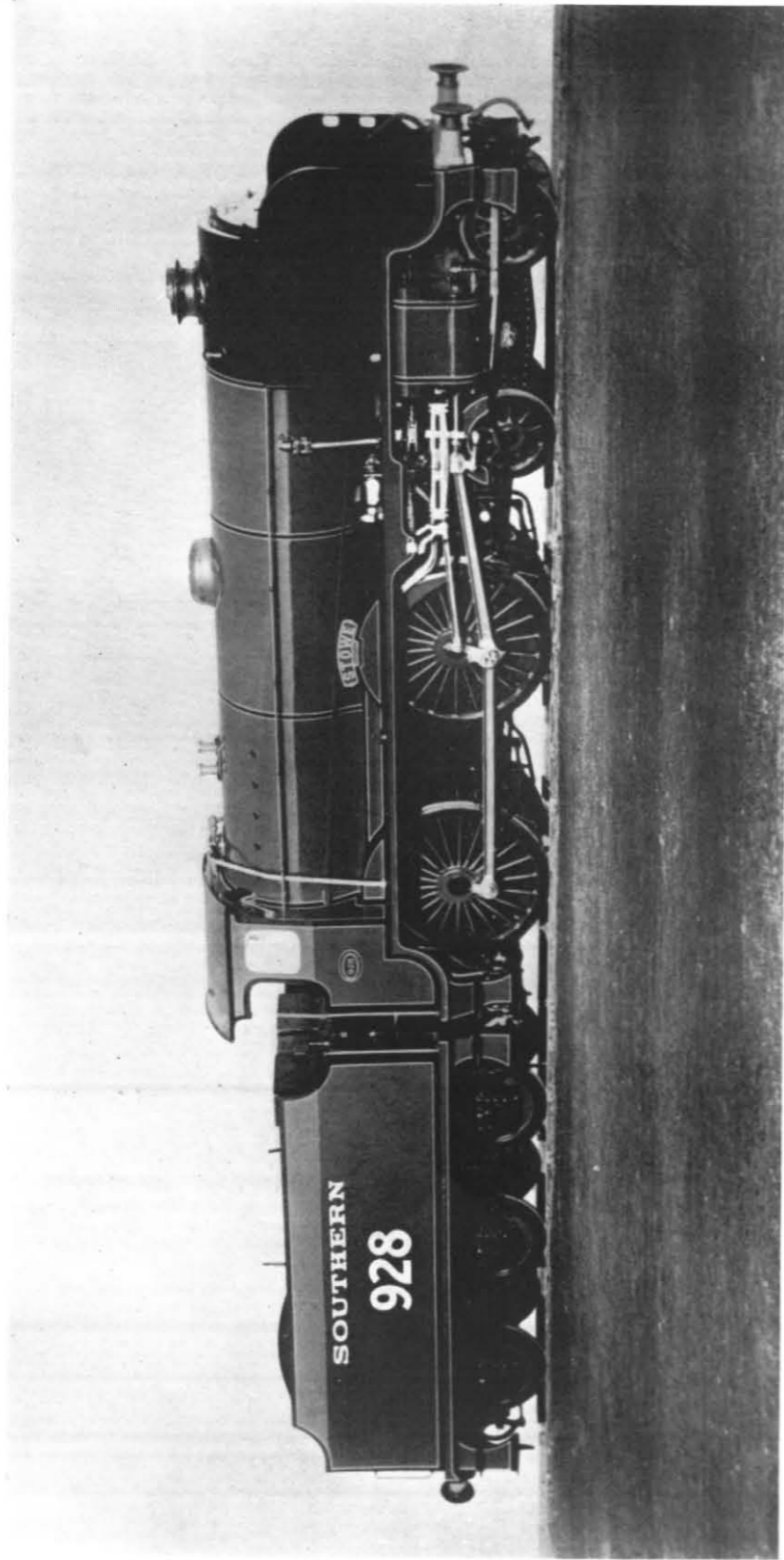
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CROSS-COUNTRY — STOWE V. CHARTERHOUSE
At Godalming, February 29th.

[W. B. Hey



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DEBATING SOCIETY

WE have not yet recovered from recent losses in personnel, but we have an abundance of speakers, some of whom are promising. It is to be hoped that the situation will have improved by next term.

The Officers of the Society this term are:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C); ex-Secretary, J. W. Stoye (C); Treasurer, P. L. D. Frankenburg (C); Librarian, B. H. V. Paget (C).

The following have been elected members of the Society:—J. D. H. O'Rorke (C), A. M. Carr-Gomm (C), B. D. Henry (C), A. D. Herbert (C), R. Kee (C), J. M. Lyon (C).

The 100th Meeting of the Society was marked by a Visitors' Debate, held in the Library on Wednesday, December 4th. Before the Debate a telegram of goodwill and congratulation from Mr. Maclaughlin, the founder and first President of the Society, was read amid cheers. The House then proceeded to debate the Motion "That Western Civilisation is doomed."

MR. J. C. DUNDAS (C, 1933) (Hon. Proposer) declared that there was a Gresham's Law of civilisation; bad things and bad taste were driving out good things and good taste. Advertisement debased art, and propaganda was withering poetry. The lack of manners in the American civilisation and the absence of individualism in German culture were infecting and debasing the virtues of our way of life.

THE HON. MRS. F. A. PAKENHAM (Hon. Opposer) deprecated such blind and useless pessimism, while admiring the subtlety of the Hon. Proposer's sarcasm. A civilisation which admitted of such daily improvements as were ours was not yet doomed. Doubt, our modern crown of thorns, was the cause of many delays and much vexation. But she maintained that a pure and undiluted Socialism would pull our civilisation through at last.

MR. TOYNBEE heartily detested his pretended ally, the Hon. Proposer. After a lengthy attack on that gentleman, he finally veered towards the point at issue, contending that Socialism would succeed, and not uphold, our polluted and iniquitable Western Civilisation, and that here alone did he disagree with the Hon. Opposer.

THE HON. F. A. PAKENHAM disarmingly suggested that when he and his wife agreed upon any one thing it must be true. For many centuries, he reminded the House, the general level of culture had been rising. He warmly advocated the Collective System, claiming that the vitality of our civilisation was proved by its vigorous resistance to ever-increasing dangers.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C), P. J. Orde (C), J. D. H. O'Rorke (C), N. L. M. MacManus (C).

Against the Motion, S. J. Whitwell (C), J. D. Fay (C), M. H. Franklin (C).

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 10	For the Motion	- 8
Against	- 21	Against	- 59

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 11 votes and in the Lower House by 51 votes.

The 101st Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, February 5th, the Motion being "That in the opinion of this House, too many cooks have never spoilt the broth."

J. W. STOYE (C) (Hon. Proposer) charmed the House with the brevity of his wit, for he considered swansong opera to be too long. After a masterful playing on proverbs, he maintained that at the present day there was a great lack of cooks, and declared that Hitler applied food to politics.

B. J. R. MORETON (C) (Hon. Opposer) delved deep into the annals of Greece and Rome, proving conclusively that innumerable classical cooks had spoilt their contemporary broth. After denouncing all historians, he continued his researches into Ancient History; but, remembering himself at the last, cited too many fieldsmen spoiling a catch.

P. R. SPENCER (S) reproved the Hon. Opposer for his inconsistency, and proclaimed the necessity for numbers in the organization of all modern games. Joshua at Jericho needed many cooks; Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for want of men to cook him potage.

R. E. W. HARLAND (C) contended that the old proverb would not have lasted so long had it not been good. The words 'too' and 'never' were sufficient to overthrow the motion, for many instances could be proved of cooks spoiling broth, and too many cooks must by definition be detrimental.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. M. Syrett (C), B. D. Henry (C), the Treasurer (C), H. S. L. Dundas (W), St. G. V. R. Grant (C), M. H. Bullock (C), R. Kee (S), J. M. Lyon (C).

Against the Motion, S. J. Whitwell (C), A. M. Carr-Gomm (C), the Librarian (C), D. R. Barbour (C), R. S. Darby (C), A. D. Herbert (C), the Vice-President, the Secretary (C), M. H. Franklin (C).

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 11	For the Motion	- 19
Against	- 8	Against	- 15

The motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 3 votes and in the Lower House by 4 votes.

The 102nd meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, March 18th, and will be reported in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

R.I.K.M.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

The Branch, this term, has a total membership of 239. Of these, 36 are among the Matrons and the Staff, and 203 are boys. The Committee is constituted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Cross; Vice-Chairman, Mr. McElwee; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Gilling-Lax; Hon. Secretary, P. M. Syrett (C); Librarian, F. B. Richards (T).

The Branch arranged two meetings this term. One was held in the Library on February 26th, when J. W. Stoye (C) addressed the Branch. The second, also in the Library, was on March 19th. On this occasion we were fortunate enough, thanks to Mr. H. Syrett, to have a visit from the Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, P.C., M.P. A report on his address appears on page 111.

Stoye's subject was "The League and the future of the British Empire."

He said that his address was to centre on Imperialism and Internationalism, and therefore that he must proceed, not by one simple unified argument, but by logical steps. He began by stating that there was an urgent colonial question. Germany, Italy and Japan demanded colonies for many reasons, chiefly economic. Most of their claims were justified. What was our claim compared with theirs? He then gave a clear description of the progressive system of the Empire, which, he declared, had, in the end, profited others as much as ourselves. Its aim was the termination of Imperialism, so that there could be no more empires. Freedom was subordinated to authority, yet the latter was not oppressive. Unity was its keynote. The Imperial Conferences had met with success which was greater than any at Geneva, where politicians still thought of their own ends before the common welfare. Yet it was obvious that the present position was by no means perfect. To hand over our colonies directly would be to betray our trusteeship. It was possible, perhaps, to hand them over to the League, and thus abolish what is thought by some to be the chief menace to peace. Our Foreign Policy had been gradually approximated to the needs of the League, and Sir Samuel Hoare had suggested that the Mandates Committee should control the colonies. This was impossible and would only create chaos. Even if this were not so, League control would not satisfy the wants of other nations, for at Geneva nationalism still overrode internationalism; while the British Empire, in 1936, was a rock of internationalism. Our policy, however, was still imperialistic, though progressive. Free Trade could not solve the colonial problem, for the nations did not desire trade with colonies, but actual possession of them. In fact, to his mind, there was no apparent solution; therefore our policy should be to remain imperialistic, while striving towards internationalism. Though the rest of the world was mad, we must not show ourselves selfish, but prove that imperialism could be other than self-seeking.

P.M.S.

LECTURES

Stowe was fortunate to be visited this term by two such distinguished men as Colonel Victor Haddick and Sir Philip Sassoon. Col. Haddick spoke in the Library on Monday, February 10th, before an Upper School audience on "Young Germany," and on the following Friday, February 14th, Sir Philip lectured in the Gymnasium on "The Bases of Air Policy, and the Royal Air Force as a Career."

The Germany that was shown to tourists, said Col. Haddick, was only a curtain masking the real stage. Behind the scenes the German nation was being rebuilt with an almost inhuman intensity of purpose that the English mind could hardly visualize. Organization, it seemed, was in the German blood, and to the old military organization of the Empire there had succeeded the Nazi organization of physical fitness. Hitler had made his bid at a lucky moment when the German nation was sick of words and clamoured for action. The Führer gave them their desire, as the public works schemes testified. But when they were appeased and again content with words, Hitler could still satisfy them. He was a great showman.

The purpose underlying the education which young Germans were receiving now was the solidification of the Fatherland by fusion of its component races into a compact nation with a single aim and the abolition of class distinctions in a common basis of interdependent effort.

Youth was always before the eyes of the new rulers of Germany. Nothing won more support for Hitler from the people than the opportunities his régime offered to their sons. Those sons, with their sisters, were being educated by standardized teaching throughout the country towards a single purpose, the glory of Germany. The slides depicting their training which Col. Haddick showed us could only leave an English audience incredulous, so obviously and so exaltedly was young Germany imbued with the spirit of devoted sacrifice, but there could not be absent from that incredulity a measure of awed admiration.

It was a curious coincidence that four days before Sir Philip Sassoon's talk Col. Haddick should have mentioned that while England is searching high and low for recruits to the R.A.F., Germany is rejecting thousands of applicants for air service. Sir Philip lamented the paucity of Stoics who entered the R.A.F. in comparison with our support of the other Services. His object, he said, was to convince us that Cranwell was not a whit inferior to Dartmouth or Sandhurst or Woolwich. In the Air Force they were asking for courageous men, determined men, men of physical fitness and high intelligence. Was it not Stoics that he was describing? Some thought that flying was a dangerous career, but he would point out that the number of accidents in the air was diminishing every year. In contrast there was the exhilaration of controlling a machine flying at a speed of 200 m.p.h. and of mastering all the finer points of flying; and, as was hardly the case in the sister Services, pilots were entrusted with personal responsibilities from the start. Moreover there was no stagnating in one station for years at a time, and the chances of seeing active service were far higher in the R.A.F. than in the Army or Navy. Men talked of the cruelty of policing the Frontier from the air, but only the ignorant were unaware that disaffected tribes were bombed with nothing more inflammatory than Government pamphlets.

Because the R.A.F. was a young Service and because it was expanding, at no time could it offer rosier prospects to those joining than at the present. With the growth of civil aviation barring the possibility of abolishing military air forces, he could promise that there would be no reduction of personnel within our time.

B.J.R.M.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE ARTS CLUB.

At the end of the autumn term, a number of Art Club members who were interested in marionettes formed a Puppet Club, with a view to producing their own plays. A theatre has now been built and set up in the Club Room, where a fairly large audience can be seated. The number of members has been kept low, so that everybody can take part in productions, although these may of necessity be few until we become more experienced. Miss Marzials, who gave a demonstration last term, has kindly presented a number of books on puppets, which are of great help to those who are making and stringing figures. As their first production, the Puppet Club have chosen Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones," which they hope to present some time next term.

The Arts Club showed no paintings or drawings in its autumn exhibition, but there was a small display of lino-cuts, masks, and printed fabrics. In addition, we have had this term an interesting show of work by students of the St. John's Wood Art School. We are most grateful to Mr. P. F. Millard for lending these pictures and for consenting to judge our Exhibition on Sports Day, as usual.

The following have been elected Members of the Arts Club:—R. H. Anstey, J. M. Browne, T. D. Dawson, J. M. English, R. I. Fraser, M. D. Fyfe, Prince Y. Galitzine, M. W. Gray, C. C. H. M. Morgan, R. C. Pennoyer, J. F. Sandberg, D. V. A. Sanky, D. H. Villiers, R. J. Walker.

C.B.C.

THE TWELVE CLUB.

The following have read papers this term:—

On Friday, February 21st. M. A. V. Walter (B) on "Voltaire."

On Tuesday, March 10th. P. R. Spencer (G) on "Ronsard."

J.W.S.

THE ANTIQUARIANS.

At a meeting of the newly formed committee, it was decided that, as the usual expeditions and lectures were unprofitable, papers were to be read by members or guests of the Society.

The membership, which has been restricted to twenty-five people drawn from the Upper School and the Twenty, now consists of twenty boys and eight masters, under the Presidency of the Headmaster. There is no subscription.

Two meetings have been held this term. On Monday, February 24th, Prince Y. Galitzine (C) read a paper with slides on "The Evolution of Flight from 3000 B.C. to the Present Day." On Thursday, March 12th, the Secretary read paper on "Border Ballads," to which he added stories connected with a number of old Scottish houses.

It is hoped to hold one more meeting this term at which A. B. Stewart (G) will read a paper.

A.M.S.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

At the end of last term the Society met in Mr. Gilling-Lax's room to hear from him a most erudite and delightful paper on the 'Bacchae' of Euripides.

Three meetings have been held this term.

On February 25th, Mr. Todd gave us a very interesting talk on "Greek Mathematics," a subject so comprehensive that a second meeting, on March 10th, was arranged in order that we might hear more.

On Tuesday, March 17th, Dr. P. A. Browne (formerly a Master at Stowe) read a paper on 'The Structure of Latin Hexameters and Elegiacs'.

B.J.R.M.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY.

Ce trimestre on a tenu quatre séances, dans lesquelles on a lu "Les Corbeaux" de Becque. G. L. Cheshire (C) et J. E. D. Chamiet (C) ont été élus membres de la société.

P.R.S.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

After a lapse of a year, the Natural Science Society was re-started this term. On Tuesday, February 11th, the President, Mr. E. S. Dewing, drawing on his practical knowledge of the subject, spoke on "Navigational Astronomy".

On Monday, February 24th, a paper was read by P. Howson (C) on "Meteorology".

On Tuesday, March 17th, the Society was honoured by a visit from Dr. F. Sherwood Taylor, who is a recognized authority on "Greek Alchemy."

J.V.R.B.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Society is hoping to secure, within the near future, a room where 'touching-up' and 'mounting' can be done. The annual exhibition on Sports Day proved to be as successful as usual. The pictorial photography in the School is still maintaining a high standard.

K.G.R.

STOWE FILM SOCIETY.

On March 5th, the Stowe Film Society celebrated its third birthday with a performance of *Maskerade*, which was undoubtedly one of the very best films ever originally shown at the Academy in London (where it had a run of six weeks—a thing unprecedented where the film contains none of the usual ingredients that make for such success). Baron von Simunich in a short speech summarised the aims of the Film Society:—to show the best films that can be seen in Europe, and by these means to raise the critical spirit of the audience; clearly to establish that great art is simple and majestic, that the greatest effects are produced by a subtle restraint, and that vulgarity in every sense of the word—bombast, display, and the subtle poison of insinuation so rife in a number of popular English films—should be banished; and lastly, to inspire someone in this country to emulate the great masters of film technique.

On February 12th, *Unfinished Symphony* was shown. This was frankly disappointing. There were only two good shots: Schubert drawing music notes on the board, and walking early on a summer's morning through a field of waving corn. There were a few touches of deft symbolism—the balances in the pawn-broker's shop, Napoleon's bust being tapped on the head and valued at 2 Kronen. Why must the lives of composers be thus sentimentalized? And why must their music be travestied, lopped and sweetened in this way? Schubert was not half such a melancholy fellow with a glass of beer!

In three years the Society has shown a series of films which compares favourably with those of the Film Societies of Oxford, Cambridge and Manchester. Here is a complete list of films already shown:—*The General Line* (Russian) by Pudovkin; *Potemkin* (Russian) by Eisenstein; *Der Hauptmann von Koepenik* (German) by Richard Oswald; *Westfront 1918* (German) by Pabst; *Kameradschaft* (German) by Pabst; *Thunder over Mexico, Storm over Asia* (Russian) by Eisenstein; *The End of St. Petersburg* (Russian) by Pudovkin; *Sous les toits de Paris, A nous la liberté, Le Million, Le dernier Milliardaire* (French) by René Clair; *Das blaue Licht* (German); *Poil de Carotte, Le petit Roi* (French), with Robert Lynen; *Ces Messieurs de la Santé* (French) by Pierre Colombier, with Raimu; *Der Traumende Mund* (Elizabeth Bergner's first film); *Atlantide* (German) by Pabst; *October* (Russian) by Eisenstein.

One of the greatest film photographers, Komisarjevsky, is now producing Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon. Last year we saw the *Merry Wives of Moscow*. Excellent. The Society must see *Man of Aran*, the finest film these islands ever produced, and quite devoid of any intentional propaganda. Art and Politics are mutually exclusive.

THE RIDING CLUB.

We have been very fortunate this term in receiving a magnificent cup, presented by the Earl Haig. We are very grateful to him for his gift and for his services as secretary of the club last term.

We have had two expeditions this term, one to the Grafton Hunt Kennels, and another visit to the Equitation School at Weedon. Lord Hillingdon was exceptionally kind in providing tea for us all after the visit to the Kennels.

Major Lyon again gave us one of his enlightening lectures; this time he showed us the fundamentals of jumping. Luckily there were no casualties.

P.S.

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The Club has again worked most satisfactorily under the scheme recently started. I should be most grateful if, as soon as the School comes back, all those who intend to be members for the summer term, would give me their names so as to get the Club started immediately.

The following won spoons this term:—J. G. Drew (C), A. C. Bartley (C) (2), M. R. Wallace (C), M. H. Franklin (C), J. G. Ratcliff (C), G. C. Maxwell (G), M. B. Hickling (C), R. E. W. Harland (C) and P. C. Mitford (C).

P.C.M.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

Badminton has been flourishing again this term. Several new members have joined, and the membership is now well over twenty. It does not seem to be realized, unfortunately, that Badminton is a recognized form of exercise, and leave off runs can be obtained to play it.

G.F.G.

THE CHESS CLUB.

The Club has been meeting regularly this term, and there have been some good games in the competition. B. J. R. Moreton (C) and F. L. Platt (C) qualified for the final, which Platt won.

M.deL.W.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB.

A Model Railway Club has been started this term. The object of it is to enable those interested in railway development, actual or model, to carry on that interest during the term. Hitherto there has been nothing at all in this line, and the club will fill a much felt want.

A lay-out is being built by members, and second-hand track and rolling-stock is being bought.

The lay-out is being built in the old motor-bicycle section of the Metal Shop, by kind permission of Mr. Brown.

H.E.V.

WORKSHOPS

No expedition has taken place this term, but it is hoped that an extra one will be fixed for next term. We have had invitations from Spalding's and Singer's: both of these might be attempted during the summer.

Since the new scheme of organizing the wood and metal shops came into force, it has been much easier to get boys interested in their work and to produce better results.

In the metal shop, Mr. Couchman has spent considerable time making new turning-tools, which have been used to good advantage by T. L. Crookston (C) and G. Verdon-Roe (C) in making solid brass candlesticks. Much of the beaten copper work has been of a high standard.

The equipment in the woodshop has been augmented by a Jig-Saw, which will be of great assistance to boys in doing curved work. Some excellent bits of veneering and wood-turning have been finished this term.

Competition Result.—First :— Cobham.
Runners-up :— Temple.

MUSIC

Most of the musical activities of the term have been directed towards the production of "Der Freischutz." We are fortunate in possessing some good soloists in the school, both Treble and broken voices, so that it has not been difficult to find a cast for the opera. Both the Choral Society and the Orchestra have been rehearsing the music all the term. The Orchestra, however, gave a very enterprising concert at a Music Society meeting on February 19th, an account of which appears elsewhere.

The Junior Orchestra has been meeting on Fridays and has done some good work with Mr. Snowden. The Hobbies Orchestra continues to flourish under the thorough and patient instruction of Mr. Geoghegan.

CONCERT IN ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1935.

The combined orchestras gave an interesting concert, performing some works together. The Hobbies Orchestra had an ovation after playing "March of the Men of Harlech" with great aplomb and surprising accuracy considering that nearly all the players started learning their instruments this same term. The Senior Orchestra played the Freischutz Overture of Weber, the Minuet and Carillon from Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite, and the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The Junior Orchestra played a Purcell dance and a Handel Minuet.

The Madrigal Society gave a delightful rendering of some carols, Vaughan Williams' Wassail Song being particularly well sung. Grenville's pipers gave a very melodious rendering of pipe music. Altogether it was a most interesting and enterprising concert.

HOUSE INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITIONS.

The programmes were adjudicated by Mr. MacCarthy, who awarded the cup to Chandos. The standard was higher than last year. Grenville again gave an excellent performance of pipe music. Chandos had a large orchestra which acquitted itself well. The result of the piano and wind competitions are given below. Grade A piano competition had to be postponed owing to the absence at Cambridge and elsewhere of the chief competitors.

Piano—Grade B (adjudicated by Mr. Ratcliffe).

1st. D. A. Jefferson, ma. (G).

2nd. { Hon. H. M. Ritchie (B).
C. B. F. Barham (C).

Wood-wind—C. A. Weston (G).

Brass—H. D. C. Satow (C).

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Society has been greatly enlarged this term in order to compete in the Buckingham Festival on Thursday, March 19th. The three part-songs set for the Competition have been the only work the Society has undertaken, owing to the opera which is being performed by the Choral Society.

K.J.S.R.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Two meetings have been held this term; and, if the size and enthusiasm of the audiences counted for anything, they must both be considered most successful. In the first, Stowe made its own music: the School Orchestra gave us a gallant interpretation of works by Bach, Haydn and Scarlatti. On March 11th, Miss Irene Kohler kindly came down to Stowe and played us a most varied programme of piano music. From the many pieces by Arne, Bach, Chopin, Brahms, Debussy and Ravel, the audience appeared to pick out for special enjoyment Dr. Arne's Allegro and Brahms' Rhapsody in E flat.

J.W.S.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE STOWE SHOW.

There can be no doubt that the Stowe Show this year was an immense success. As an experiment, which it undoubtedly was, it was both ambitious and risky, and the fact that the theatre was crowded and that nobody was in the least bored goes to show that it proved a much greater success, both financially and socially, than ever before. We can only hope that it is made an annual fixture at the Duke of York's Theatre.

As for the show itself, brilliant as it was, it was perhaps a trifle too long. Perhaps many people thought the return of the "Surprise Item" a little unnecessary. The Western Brothers, as blasé and as witty as ever, provided the climax of the show, and the last two items fell rather flat as a result. It is unnecessary to say much about the compère, who contrived somehow to keep the audience laughing with some ripe jokes presumably exhumed for the occasion. Mr. Skene was obviously the man for the job and we hope to see him there next year. Mr. Hankinson's conjuring was worthy of Maskelyne himself and had us all completely mystified.

The short plays, though rather morbid, provided some brilliant acting by the Cambridge Dramatic Society, and were both horribly tense. Mr. Arthur Marshall was superb in his solo imitation of a ladies' tea-party. The ballets were both beautifully done, although it was perhaps a pity that they should have had to be separated by the Western Bros. Harry Saville was in his best form, in spite of the fact that one of the Surprise Items disagreed with his tempo.

Lastly one must offer a word of thanks to the Committee, all from Cambridge, and particularly to A. F. Weaver (T, 1933) and J. T. Melvin (G, 1933), whose efforts contributed more than anything to the great success of the show. Any O.S. who heard Laddie Lucas's speech at the O.S. Dinner can realise the immense amount of work they had to get through. May they run it again next year!

P.G.K.

FILMS.

The following films have been shown this term: "The Thin Man"; "Vanessa"; "Murder on a Runaway Train"; "Clairvoyant"; "Stamboul Quest"; "Me and Marlborough"; "Mala the Magnificent"; "Fighting Stock"; "Boys will be Boys"; "Tugboat Annic".

THE GIBBET

The gibbet was as quiet as a garden of yews. The surrounding bracken was bowed in silence, and even the wind held its breath in the presence of decay. The only movements were the occasional tremors which passed down the crows' nibbled primaries; and these came not from any breeze, but from the ceaseless agitation of little parasites which quartered for dear life's sake such black flesh as the plumage still concealed. Only a week ago life with its stabbing hungers and never-absent fears had flowed in the hot blood of these shrunken cadavers which now hung so stiffly from the branch. Possessed of primeval secrecy as they swept in unhurried and all-seeing beats over forest and grassland and bracken, they had seemed then to have acquired the immortality as well as the cunning of Satan. Next day an egg and a gin had won them for the gibbet. Six days of wasting had stripped the heads and napes of feathering till only the yellowing points were left and the shrivelled skull was turning green, like clover and stubble, but not so good to look upon. The eyes had disappeared during the first three days, and minute white scavengers now laboured round the rims.

The little owl that brushed against the crows was a later arrival, and the yellow eyes had lost none of their grim lustre. That compelling stare disconcerted and at the same time fascinated Tim. Reincarnated cats, he thought, yes, cats, that was what little owls were. Mrs. Trippett's black Tom which had gone wild in the big Dingle would turn into a little owl when Robson shot him.

On the other side of the crows dangled a couple of stoats and, beyond them, several magpies and jays. Robson, the keeper, coming upon the first stoat in the hedgerow between Foxearth wood and Bagley's Roots, had taken a snap shot at fifty yards. Contorting its lithe strength the stoat had shown the white of its belly as it lunged for the hedgebottom. Robson had not hurried over reloading. Continuing his slow way up the hedge he had scarcely interrupted his steps to pick the little dun beast out of the brambles. When evening brought the keeper back to the same hedge, the stoat was in his deep pocket and a gin in the tattered gamebag on his back. Hanging the stoat over a prominent twig, he had scraped a depression in the rabbit runway directly beneath it, that the jaws of the trap might lie flush. Before the dawn was white, a jerky, interrupted scream caused two feeding rabbits to prick their ears. It was only repeated once, and since no further sound came from the hedge the rabbits were reassured, and their heads went down again to the winter-short grass. When Robson visited the gin as the dews were drying, the black beads in the second stoat's head had long since ceased to ache.

That was a month ago, and now the flesh and the hair had all gone. Only the skin hid the brittle skeleton from the disintegrating air. Like tights clinging to the limbs, this brown skin had hugged the bones before it dried, leaving them prominent in high relief like crinkles in stiff parchment.

There were four magpies. One had been there five weeks, the freshest only five days. The gibbet did not need five days to suppress the glistening whites and greens and Roman purples which these birds wore when Robson lifted their shattered legs out of the gins. The white was now bedraggled and smutty, the purples and greens faded to toneless black. Even as Tim watched, a feather lifted as if of its own power, to reveal the fatty contortions of an anaemic maggot seeking once more the caverns of putrefaction behind the plumage.

It was a relief to turn to the jays. They could never wholly lose their loveliness in Tim's eyes, however long the gibbet held them. He loved the warm rose-and-chalk colouring, especially when the flesh, hardly conscious yet of life's departure, lay hot and throbbing across the palm of his hand. Still more he loved the wingbar of blue and made it the touchstone by which he measured the sea and the sky and all other blues.

This morning his bloodstained pocket held another jay. With proud tenderness Tim extracted the soft, dishevelled body and stroked the ruffled feathers as lovingly as a bridegroom, till, their lustre returning, they rippled as smoothly as waves at dawn. He spread out the wings and gloried in them. He extended the tail-feathers so that they stood out individually, and smoothed the webbing of each in turn. When he had exhausted the bird's soft charms he strung it on the gibbet beside the others, sad that these creatures must all decay to dust. If only the purple could stay for ever on the magpies' flanks and the stoats' chestnut need not fade! If only the jay's flesh, now so firm and full beneath the feathers of the breast, need never fall away in slime!

Picking one of the little blue feathers out of the jay's left wing, Tim fastened it with a pin beneath the breast-pocket of his coat. Five other feathers were there already, trophies left by jays whose bones had long since disappeared, no one knew where, from the gibbet. This was Tim's Order of Merit, and each feather constituted an additional bar.

Being himself both awardee and recipient of the decoration, Tim was sometimes tempted to present himself with a double bar for a single victory. It was not like scalping, where the victim only possessed one trophy. Once only, however, had he turned from the strait and narrow way. Then he had been worried for the remainder of the week until the Sunday came. On that day, frightened by a particularly fiery denunciation of ambition from the pulpit of the parish church, he had cast the duplicate feather into the fire with all the pomp and ceremony of repentance, watching it burn with the moral exaltation of a bishop assisting at a conflagration of witches.

B.J.R.M.

THE LAUNCH

The foreman straightened; "Steady!" Slowly the tackles relaxed; "Handsome away!" Gradually the jack-spindles contracted and lost their weight to the bilge-shores. For a moment the ship shivered as they bit the sand; then settled. Wedges flogged home. She stood safe on the beach at last. For five hours they had urged her, foot by foot from the building shed. Slowly she moved forward on her pilgrimage. The rollers ground home in the sand before her, as she advanced steadily, her whole hull flashing and scintillating in a glory. A Cornish launch is no matter of bunting and champagne bottles; rather some spirit of the old "Llan-rod" seemed to haunt the ship's triumphal progress to the sea. It was easy to visualise in it the consummation of a sacrificial rite as the keel moved forward over mangled bodies bound to the rollers.

The throng of fishermen around her dwindled lunchwards. The builder and the owner followed easily across the sand, but beneath the slow turn of her bilge, one figure

lingered. It was the designer. Launching day is proverbially a nightmare for the naval architect, for then his sins must stand revealed. His art may well be one of scientific approximation; but he lives at this minute in fear of a single step more approximate than scientific in a calculation made almost a year ago. When men grown old creating ships sigh gratefully as each curtseys to her true waterline, how could one who has known that gnawing disquiet only once before, comfort himself? Figures piled in his brain, disordered, almost meaningless, wholly terrifying. Had he allowed for that extra tank aft? Eight hundred pounds! He could not remember. It was intolerable.

That evening they watched the spring-tide make. The waters lapped the keel in slow caress; sluiced forwards to the line of her bow; rose steadily to the turn of the bilge; to the boot-topping. They waited anxiously as the tide steadied near its mark. She stirred uncertainly; rocked; and then her fifty feet of length, her full eleven feet of beam, her seven feet of draught, woke to life.

"Plumb to her line by the time she's got the mast in her!" murmured the builder. The designer passed his hand gratefully over a clammy brow.

F.B.R.

WINTER EVENING

Snow-pink storm-clouds mass westerly,
Limning the smoke-banks of the hills.
The blood-shot sun-yolk spreads, festerly
hideous at farewell.

In oil-blue frost-hazed garments bound,
Ancestral, age-crazed elm-woods sleep,
Where pigeons' wings, half-seen, lend sound
to the relentless calm.

Sky-high duck-skeins scribe the blue,
Rippling the West-bound tide of night.
Night-sown hoar-frost clouds the dew,
Salting the grass with grey.

Hear, in sudden half-heard protest,
The sibilant slick of ice-stiff reeds;
But the dull river, heavy, fog-pressed,
Silently hides her face.

R.J.W.

THE WHITE MAN'S HAT

(A True Incident.)

Induku squatted in the sun in front of his hut, smoking tobacco as black as his own skin. He was very contented, for in his ambitious youth he had won fame and power as a chief and a witch-doctor. Lobengula, He Who Never Sleeps, the King of the Matabele, had chosen him as Court Physician; and later when the white men came he had gone into forced but not undignified retirement, passing his old age peacefully in his kraal. Two pot-bellied little piccanins were playing rather solemnly nearby, and a multi-coloured goat happily nibbled a tuft of brown grass, as dry and coarse as cocoanut matting. The air tingled with the hot vivid shrilling of cicadas, and from the river, a quarter of a mile away, came the continuous muffled roar of thousands of frogs, rejoicing in their wet coolness in a scorched, dry land.

A zig-zagging figure approached through the brush, extravagantly waving a club. It was Indaba, the Busybody, a farm-hand from the white man's farm across the river. He was very drunk. For the last three days he had wandered from kraal to kraal, spending his month's wages on bitter, cloudy, powerful Kaffir beer. He was wearing filthy remnants of white men's clothes—garments in his eyes far more splendid than Induku's beautiful rug made of the boldly-patterned skins of jackals; and on his head was the wreck of a pith helmet, a headgear more powerful even than the old chief's headring.

He swaggered up to Induku and thickly asked if he had any beer for sale. The chief, naturally incensed at such impudence from an inferior native, curtly ordered him to take his hat off. "No," replied Indaba, "it's a white man's hat, and not used to being doffed to a nigger. Besides, as I'm wearing it, I'm a white man myself, so I order you to sell me some beer!"

Induku was furious. He cursed the insolent drunkard by all the spirits there are, good and evil, with whom a witch-doctor, as powerful as he, has great influence. Finally he grabbed at Indaba's chest, pretending to tear out his heart and blow it away to the winds as dust.

Indaba crawled home to the compound like a beaten dog, and lay down in his hut. He would speak to no-one, not even to the white man, his Baas. In three days he was dead.

The puzzled farmer could make nothing of it, so he rang up the police in the neighbouring town. A smart, efficient young police trooper rode out the next day, and questioned any native who might know anything about it. When he returned to the farm-house, he said: "It's a clear case of magic. The man was so certain that he was going to die as a result of Induku's curse, that he did." "But surely you aren't going to put that in your official report, are you?" asked the farmer. "Oh, no. I'll call it pneumonia. But I've warned Induku that if he doesn't mind his step, he'll come up against the white man's magic, which is far more powerful than his."

A week later a small procession wended its way southward along a foot-wide path through the parched, rustling veldt. It was Induku making for the Native Reserve, where he would not be so hampered by white men. He led the procession, carrying nothing but a stick and a club; then came his two old wives, with towering, bulging bundles on their heads, and finally two or three shining naked piccanins, dangling scraggy hens by the legs, and driving a small herd of many-hued, evil-smelling goats.

P.E.R.E.

EPIGRAMS

Murder at the Hall.

Marius the cat has deserted the cook.
 "Marius," in pthitic tones queries the housemaid,
 Questing in rhubarb beds, "Pussikins, Marius."
 Thomas the game keeper, taking his book
 Wherein are records of vermin and grouse made,
 Scribbles a "1" in the space under "Various."

The Sightseer.

A clash or two in Cairo, a riot in Bombay,
 Scrapping on the Frontier with an odd bomb hurled.
 All through the Empire you can pass the time away.
 So, Tommy, Join the Army and See the World.

The Vulpecide.

Hounds did not kill, though thrice they found.
 The keeper's course was plain.
 To-day three foxes went to ground
 Which won't come up again.

B.J.R.M.

GENERAL PAPER

(Time Allowed—One Hour.)

What animal or animals (exact biblical term): 1. did Abraham find caught in a thicket? 2. spoke to his master on the road? 3. was the emblem of the Tribe of Judah? 4. were fed by the Prodigal Son? 5. did Our Lord say had better shelter than Himself?

Of what is each of the following the study? 6. Palaeontology. 7. Ornithology. 8. Toxicology. 9. Zoology. 10. Mycology.

From the following list (*Philosopher, Biographer, God of Underworld, Comic Poet, God of Wealth*), put the appropriate description against these names: 11. Plautus. 12. Plutus. 13. Pluto. 14. Plato. 15. Plutarch.

16-20. At which five out of the following places would you expect to find an exhibition of works of art? Coliseum. Ashmolean. Tattersalls. Tate. Vatican. Somerset House. Bastille. Luxembourg. Père Lachaise. Uffizi.

After what celebrated characters in history are varieties of the following commodities named? 21. Underwear. 22. Shaving Soap. 23. Mouth Wash. 24. Push-Bicycles. 25. Handbags.

Give the name of one river which: 26. flows from Lake Tsana through the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. 27. is better than all the waters of Israel. 28. is sacred to the Indians. 29. flows through Warsaw. 30. gives its name to a waltz.

Give the name of: 31. the Officer commanding-in-chief Italian troops in East Africa. 32. the British Foreign Secretary. 33. the French Prime Minister. 34. the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition. 35. the Emperor of Abyssinia.

36. Is the Stowe electric current A.C., B.C., C.C., D.C., E.C., or F.C.?

37. Which of the following are you most likely to find on a weather chart: Isotope, isoclinic, isobar, isocracy?

38. Which of the following is used for electrical measurements: Gasometer, centimetre, hexameter, voltmeter, spherometer?

39. Into which of the following instruments would you speak: Vibraphone, gramophone, microphone, saxophone?

40. Which of the following instruments is used by a chemist: Stethoscope, periscope, telescope, spectroscope, kalcidoscope, syncope?

Who wrote: 41. *Two Gentlemen of Verona*? 42. *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*? 43. *The Amateur Gentleman*? 44. *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*? 45. *Shall We Join the Ladies*?

To whose memory were the following erected? 46. The highest monument at Stowe. 47. The obelisk visible from the North Front. 48. The triumphal arch nearest to the Octagon. 49. The pyramid on Monkey Island. 50. The Arts School.

51. Does 'Wafd' signify a hot wind in the Sabara, a Persian nobleman, a part of Arabia, an Egyptian party or an Indian assassin?

52. The sale of which of the following products is not controlled in England by a Government Board: *bacon, milk, sugarbeet, poultry, potatoes*?

53. Is Hugh Rutledge a journalist, an airman, a statesman, a mountaineer or a mountebank?

54. If you were addressing a letter to Persia, would you address it to *Iraq, Iran, Erin, Oman, or Al Moran*?

55. Which pair of the following pairs of countries has recently signed a treaty: *France and Russia, Germany and Japan, Great Britain and Italy, Egypt and Abyssinia, Latvia and Greece, Andorra and San Marino*.

Allot the words *Fire, Atom, Sea, Light* and *Air* to the most appropriate of the following: 56. Proton. 57. Photon. 58. Plankton. 59. Phlogiston. 60. Argon.

With which European city do you associate: 61. cutlets, pastry and psycho-analysis? 62. lace, sprouts and carpets? 63. scent, cathedral and British occupation? 64. blinds, Doges and glass? 65. candles, scandals and Vandals?

Allot *Bliss, Brandenburg, Briskly, Butt* and *Beecham* to the most appropriate of the following: 66. Conductor. 67. Composer. 68. Contralto. 69. Concerto. 70. Con brio.

In what month would you expect to find: 71. tunny off Scarborough? 72. cub-hunting in the Ridings? 73. grouse shooting ending in Scotland? 74. cuckoos changing their tune? 75. hares mad?

Correct the underlined words in the following quotations: 76. Far from the maddening crowd. 77. All that glitters is not gold. 78. To-morrow to fresh fields and pastures new. 79. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. 80. Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves.

How long does: 81. the sun take to turn on its axis? 82. the earth take to turn on its axis? 83. the moon take to turn on its axis? 84. the moon take to revolve round the earth? 85. the earth take to revolve round the sun?

What do the following initials represent? 86. B.I.F. 87. F.B.I. 88. I.L.P. 89. I.C.I. 90. C.I.F.

What kind of tree: 91. grows on either side of the North Front Ground? 92. produces timber called Red Deal? 93. produces cork in commercial quantities? 94. is used for the manufacture of cricket bats? 95. makes bad climbing for monkeys?

96. There are two troughs each two inches deep. The area of the first is twice that of the second. The rain fills the first in two days. How long does it take to fill the second?

97. A bottle and a cork cost threepence-halfpenny. The bottle costs threepence more than the cork. What does the cork cost?

98. The hot tap fills the bath in ten minutes and the cold in five. How long does it take when both are turned on?

99. The longitude of Llantwit Major is $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees West. When is it lighting-up time at Llantwit Major, if it is at 6.22 p.m. in Greenwich?

100. From nine o'clock in the morning, aeroplanes leave London for Paris and Paris for London at half-hourly intervals, starting at the same times from each end. The distance is 240 miles and they fly at 100 m.p.h. How many aeroplanes would you meet on a mid-day flight from London to Paris?

(The answers will be found on page 112).

“LEISURE”

Fond youth, why look'st thou in yon lily-pool?
 Old Time is too far gone to contemplate
 Reflection; life is not a Grecian rule
 To profit by the faults of former state.
 Cast down despair, and imperfection flies
 The firm approach of thoughtful leisure's tread.
 Thy mirrored sadness cousin is to sighs,
 Thy sighs to smiles, and smiles to dreaming spread.
 On yonder bank thy pleasant limbs extend;
 To leisure's kiss yield up perplexity;
 Secretly warm and soft in secret spend
 The dreamy summer of eternity.
 Cherish thy memories, forget desire and shame;
 Determined leisure will exonerate all blame.

M.A.V.W.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

(ADDITIONAL)

MR. CLYNES'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Clynes began his address with a denunciation of war and all its consequences. War settled nothing. It created “hates” and encouraged the bestial instincts of revenge. The victorious suffered as great losses as the defeated. To-day the life of both young and old had been improved and its duration prolonged; yet no successful method had been found to defeat war. He said that war was especially harmful to us because of our trade interests. Great unemployment was the result of war. After the last war, many men vowed never to fight again, and they were not to be despised; yet young men to-day were not afraid to fight, and in time of war would not hesitate. In any case, modern inventions would bring the war to them. It was the old men, however, who made wars, and theirs was a heavy responsibility. They had to make peace a settled institution, not terms dictated to the loser. Versailles had been a ruthless revenge, not a peace; and Germany would have treated us in the same way, had she been victorious. Despite the last war, suspicions and fears were greater. There was a vicious circle of fears and armaments, the latter intended for “defence.” Might was no longer right, and if ever there had been any romance in war it had disappeared to-day. Personal disputes were settled by law and arbitration, and the same method must be applied to countries. The League had already done great things, but had not yet been fully tried. Man was only in the middle of his educational process, and some nations had betrayed the League. Arbitration must become a convention and permanent peace be secured through such an institution as the League. All other methods to maintain peace had failed. Indeed there would always be disputes, but they must not be decided by mass murder. Some nations had already outlawed war, yet they were not fulfilling their promises. The statesmen of the world had been called upon to secure permanent peace, and they must not fail.

P.M.S.

LATE NEWS

At the Arts Club Exhibition held on Sports Day, the following prizes were awarded.

Headmaster's Art Prize	C. B. Cash (6)
Arts Club—First Prize	P. J. Orde (6)
Second Prize	F. B. Richards (T)
Third Prize	J. G. Drew (C)
Sculpture Prize	S. Barclay (C)
Millard Water-Colour Prize	R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)

ANSWERS TO THE GENERAL PAPER

1. Ram. 2. Ass. 3. Lion. 4. Swine. 5. Fox.
6. Fossils. 7. Birds. 8. Poison. 9. Living Creatures. 10. Fungi.
11. Comic Poet. 12. God of Wealth. 13. God of Underworld. 14. Philosopher.
15. Biographer.
- 16-20. Ashmolean, Tate, Vatican, Luxembourg, Uffizi.
21. Wolsey. 22. Erasmus. 23. Milton, or Lister. 24. Raleigh, or Hercules.
25. Gladstone.
26. Blue Nile. 27. Abana, or Pharpar. 28. Ganges. 29. Vistula. 30. Danube.
31. Badoglio. 32. Eden. 33. Sarraut. 34. Attlee. 35. Haile Sellasie.
36. D.C. 37. Isobar. 38. Voltmeter. 39. Microphone. 40. Spectroscope.
41. Shakespeare. 42. Molière. 43. Farnol. 44. Loos. 45. Barrie.
46. Cobham. 47. Wolfe. 48. Amelia Sophia. 49. Congreve. 50. Watson.
51. Egyptian Party. 52. Poultry. 53. Mountaineer. 54. Iran. 55. France and Russia.
56. Atom. 57. Light. 58. Sea. 59. Fire. 60. Air.
61. Vienna. 62. Brussels. 63. Cologne. 64. Venice. 65. Rome.
66. Beecham. 67. Bliss. 68. Butt. 69. Brandenburg. 70. Briskly.
71. June, July, August or September. 72. September or October. 73. December.
74. June. 75. March.
76. Madding. 77. Glisters. 78. Woods. 79. Learning. 80. Rule.
81. 25 or 26 days. 82. 24 hrs. 83. 28 days. 84. 28 days. 85. One year, 365 or 366 days.
86. British Industries Fair. 87. Federation of British Industries. 88. Independent Labour Party. 89. Imperial Chemical Industries. 90. Cost, Insurance, Freight.
91. Beech. 92. Scots Pine. 93. Cork-oak. 94. Willow. 95. Monkey-Puzzle.
96. Two days. 97. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. 98. 3 mins. 20 secs. 99. 6.36 p.m. 100. Nine.



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