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## LAPSUS CALAMI

THE tale is too old to need repetition, how a local paper, describing a Prize-Giving ceremony, referred to a distinguished General as 'that battle-scared hero'; and how, apologising the next week, it protested its intention to have written 'that bottle-scarred hero.' Merely a slip of the pen. And how these pens do slip! The Editor's pen has slipped so far as to be almost permanently out of reach, and again the hour draws near—in danger of being a too literal zero-hour. Is zero a number? We know—our kind contemporary dropped us the hint—that we must write no more Editorials on numbers. Not even on fractions? There are so many three-quarters about during a Christmas term. 'Quarter, quarter everywhere; and not a drop of ink?' Yes, that was the advice our friends gave us. And there are halves too, though not so many as there used to be! Yet we protest. Zero is not a number; it is nothing. But perhaps we have written too many Editorials about that too. But, with a Latin title, we must surely do something for the Mathematicians. Moving as we do in such high circles, under the arc of the public limelight, it would not square with our principles (the good old Angle spirit!) to leave the Mathematicians outside our radius. That would be acutely obtuse. Not to ignore the Scientists and the Modern Linguists, shall we pass the acid test, shall we—in theory at least—be deemed practical if we give our forty-fourth Editorial the 'coup de grâce' and simply bid our readers 'au revoir'?

## STOICA

*School Officials—Christmas Term, 1937.*

*Prefects*:—M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), Head of the School; T. L. Dewhurst (B); D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (S); P. Howson (C); J. F. G. Fletcher (T); J. D. Fay (G); P. Spencer Thomas (W); W. B. Banister (C); K. J. S. Ritchie (T); W. W. Cheyne, ma. (C); C. D. Earle, ma. (B); J. P. T. Dawson (C).

*Monitors*:—D. R. Barbour (C); W. Downs (G); C. W. Dawes (B); M. W. G. Greenley (W); R. Evans (G); R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C); S. E. Smith (G); H. C. I. Rome (C); D. V. Baldwin (C); R. B. Chidell (S); P. J. Blundell (S); L. C. LaT. Jolivet (B); W. McD. Morison (W); R. A. L. Black (S); M. B. Scholfield (T); M. G. T. Webster, ma. (W); J. Roche (T); A. Shaw (C); J. L. M. Bevan (B); C. A. Ashcroft (C); B. J. G. Kaye, mi. (S); M. I. Massy, ma. (T); R. A. Pearson (B); D. A. H. Toler (G); C. M. O'Rorke (C); P. F. Low (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T); J. R. C. Elmslie (C); C. W. Bartley (S); I. E. T. Jenkin (C); P. L. Ingham (W); P. M. Syrett (C); T. R. Gaskell, ma. (W); M. L. Graeme (T); R. R. Oakey (C); D. R. Foster (C); J. M. Stowers (C); A. K. Frazer (T); F. N. H. Widdrington (G); J. C. Bartholomew (C); P. Carter (S).

*Captain of Football*—J. F. G. Fletcher (T).

*Hon. Secretary of Football*—W. W. Cheyne, ma. (C).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

- October 31st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester, D.S.O., D.D.  
 November 14th. The Rev. Canon C. H. Ritchie, M.A., Rector of St. John's Church, Edinburgh.  
 November 28th. Geoffrey Hoyland, Esq.

A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, December 3rd, when the Assistant Bishop of Oxford (Bishop Allen) confirmed eighty-three members of the School.

The following Masters have joined the Staff this term: Mr. B. A. Barr, Mr. M. F. Proctor and Mr. J. M. Selby. Monsieur A. J. G. Corteel has also come for a year.

Mr. N. Harrow has been appointed Headmaster of Dr. Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham, and will be leaving at the end of this term. Mr. P. A. D. MacCarthy is also leaving.

Major I. A. Clarke, T.D., was awarded the Efficiency Decoration (Territorial Army) in October.

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Stowe Club (The Pineapple), a Ball, organised mainly by the London Committee, was held at The Dorchester on Friday, November 12th, and was well attended. A profit of about £500 was made, and a Balance Sheet will be published next term.

The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held at Grosvenor House, London, on Saturday, December 4th. The guest from Stowe was Mr. Archer. Seventy-three Old Stoics were present. Dr. S. J. L. Taylor (C, 1927) also spoke.

Speech Day was held on Saturday, July 24th. The Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P., Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, was the chief speaker. Speeches were also made by the Headmaster, the Chairman of the Governors, and Sir Stanley Reed, K.B.E. The Band of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards played during the afternoon.

This year, on November 11th, an Armistice Day Service was held in the Chapel, instead of the usual ceremony on the North Front. Parts of the Cenotaph service were relayed.

The Masters' Garden has recently been encircled by a wire-netting enclosure similar to those in use at Whipsnade. In this case, however, the exhibits have been left on the outside.

New Sound and Light have been fitted to the Cinematograph : a new Operating Box was built last year. Next, a new Auditorium ?

A meet of the Grafton Hounds is due to be held at Stowe on Saturday, December 11th.

In the Boys' Golf International match between England and Scotland, held on August 23rd at the Bruntisfield Golf Course, Edinburgh, R. B. Booth (W) played for England and was one of the two English players who won their matches in the Singles. C. T. Cunningham (C) was first reserve for England.

In the Boys' Championship Competition played on the same course on August 24th and the following days, six Stoics competed, R. B. Booth (W), D. A. Braithwaite (G), C. T. Cunningham (C), D. R. Foster (C), J. P. Phillips (C) and M. B. Scholfield (T).

C. T. Cunningham was defeated on the last green by R. G. Inglis who had captained the Scottish team on the previous day, and who fell to R. B. Booth in the next round.

R. B. Booth reached the fourth round after winning his match in the third round on the last green.

The large number of Stoic competitors provoked some comment and it was freely stated among the onlookers that "Of course they have got a first-class golf course of their own at Stowe." Some of us overhearing this wished that it were true and vowed that one day it would be.

P. Sherrard (C) made 51 and 21 not out when playing for the Young Amateurs against the Young Professionals at Lords on August 6th—7th.

Apologies are due to J. M. G. Ritchie (W) in that photographs of his were published by an error last term over the initials H.M.R.

R. J. Ellison (T), competing in the Public Schoolboy Races held in August by the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham, Suffolk, was third in the Schools Championship.

In the under-sixteen match held in August, D. K. Murdoch (T) played for a Lords XI, and S. R. G. Scott (G) for Mr. C. F. Tufnell's XI.

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

*For Shooting* : F. N. H. Widdrington (G), W. McD. Morison (W).

*For Swimming* : L. C. la T. Jolivet (B), P. H. Koelsch (B).

The following have been awarded First Fifteen colours :—

G. W. A. Keir (W) (re-awarded), C. A. Ashcroft (C), P. R. H. Hastings (T), B. A. Stewart (C), G. T. Hugill (C), J. H. Weir (B), D. A. G. Kaye (G), R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. R. Foster (C), P. Spencer Thomas (W), P. M. Syrett (C), D. A. Yellowlees (C).

The following have been awarded Second Fifteen colours :—

P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. H. Weir (B), G. T. Hugill (C), B. A. Stewart (C), D. A. G. Kaye (G), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), P. M. Syrett (C), D. R. Foster (C), D. A. Yellowlees (C), C. D. Earle (B), R. Evans (G), P. Spencer Thomas (W), A. G. Way (B), C. W. Bartley (G), B. J. G. Kaye (G), M. I. Massy (T), J. L. Rolleston (C), J. D. W. Stobart (B), J. M. Thomson (C).

The following have been awarded Third Fifteen Stockings :—

R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), C. W. Bartley (G), A. B. P. Becton (W), L. S. Buxton (B), J. C. Drew (C), J. B. Dunlop (C), J. M. Henry (C), B. J. G. Kaye (G), M. I. Massy (T), I. R. L. Shaw (C), J. M. Thomson (C), J. L. Rolleston (C), M. G. T. Webster (W), T. L. Dewhurst (B), A. K. Frazer (T), P. F. Low (C), C. Tracy (W), J. D. Whitby (B).

The following have been awarded Colts Stockings :—

M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. R. L. Gale (C), D. K. Murdoch (T), P. A. Bates (C), J. B. Cross (T), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), J. T. Holman (W), J. A. H. Lucas (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), D. P. Weiner (W).

At the Army Examination held in June 1937 the following Stoics were successful :—Into Sandhurst :—C. R. C. Weld-Forester (C), C. P. J. D. O'Farrell (C). Into Cranwell :—M. H. Franklin (C). Into the Royal Marines :—J. M. Icke (C) (5th).

'Bene' Books have been awarded to R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) and M. J. Poulton (C).

## CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's examination in July, 1937, the following obtained Certificates:—

Higher Certificates:—G. R. C. Atwood (B), W. B. Banister (C), D. R. Barbour (C), R. G. A. Barclay (B), A. B. P. Beeton (W), J. R. C. Elmslie (C), R. H. Gethin (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), E. B. S. Hewitt (B), P. Howson (C), R. D. Jay (W), C. R. Milne (T), R. A. Pearson (B), J. G. Ratcliff (C), D. V. A. Sankey (B), J. M. Stowers (C), P. Wright (G).

School Certificates:—M. S. Adams (B), M. C. Alexander (W), J. B. Andrews (G), I. C. Ashworth (W), D. W. Barnes (C), D. R. Barr-Wells (G), J. C. Bartholomew (C), P. A. Bates (C), J. K. Beney (G), N. K. Bottomley (T), C. C. R. Boulton (B), C. Bradley-Williams (T), D. A. Braithwaite (G), G. M. Briers (G), J. M. Browne (B), J. C. Brunel (W), N. M. Bryant (G), R. F. Bury (B), L. S. Buxton (B), B. Byrne (T), D. W. Calder (B), D. Campbell-Cooke (C), J. N. Carleton-Stiff (C), F. E. J. Carolan (G), P. R. Cassels (C), A. E. Cawkell (G), P. A. Chamier (C), A. W. Cheyne (C), J. M. E. Clarkson (G), C. R. T. Cunningham (C), J. A. Cutforth (G), C. P. D. Davidson (T), G. L. L. Dodson (C), A. S. Dodwell (G), M. C. Dodwell (G), J. B. Dunlop (C), J. B. Dwight (G), D. E. M. Earle (B), P. J. Ellam (G), J. M. English (B), J. P. Fane (B), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), A. J. F. Fergusson (B), J. S. Filleul (G), R. G. I. Forrest (G), P. F. E. Foster (G), T. R. Gaskell (W), P. F. Greenwell (G), M. B. Hickling (C), J. R. C. Holbeck (C), J. de B. Holland (W), J. T. Holman (W), P. C. Holt (C), J. F. Hope (B), S. S. F. Hornor (C), M. Jefferson (G), W. Kee (G), P. H. Koelsch (B), J. A. Lake (C), T. S. Law (B), P. W. R. Luttrell (C), J. M. Lyon (C), H. B. McCready (G), I. D. W. McEwen (T), J. Mansel-Lewis (C), C. E. Marshall (C), R. J. Mead (C), J. R. S. Michell (G), C. C. H. M. Morgan (T), D. K. Murdoch (T), M. V. Nicholl (B), A. T. R. Nicholson (W), J. M. Norman (C), R. R. Oakey (C), D. E. S. Osborne (G), G. L. Paget (C), H. W. J. E. Peel (G), J. C. E. Peshall (B), C. E. L. H. Reiche (G), R. O. Richards (T), G. G. Riddick (C), J. M. G. Ritchie (W), D. B. Rolleston (C), The Hon. G. D. E. Russell (T), S. R. G. Scott (G), R. H. Sharpe (C), J. M. H. Sinclair (T), B. H. G. Sparrow (W), R. H. M. Spencer (W), S. A. Spencer (C), I. McC. Tait (G), G. R. O. Taylor (G), J. H. Thomlinson (B), M. G. F. Ventris (T), C. Wachmann (G), M. R. Wallace (C), J. H. Weir (B), R. A. West (G), D. A. Yellowlees (C).

## OLIM ALUMNI

## GENERAL.

LIEUTENANT R. A. GARDINER (C, 1929), of the Survey of India, discovered a previously unknown plateau, the Banke Plateau, and a new pass, the Zasker Pass, in the early part of this year. He thereby materially helped Mr. F. S. Smythe and his party to make the first ascent of the Mana Peak (23,860 feet) in the Himalaya Range.

## ACADEMIC.

- MR. J. N. ST. J. HUTCHINSON (C, 1932) has been awarded a Harmsworth Law Scholarship of £200 per annum.
- MR. C. A. RODEWALD (C, 1932) gained a First Class in the Final Honour School of Litterae Humaniores ('Greats') at Oxford.
- MR. P. T. HAYMAN (G, 1933) passed into the Home Civil Service and the Indian Civil Service at the Summer Examination of 1937.
- MR. T. F. S. HETHERINGTON (G, 1933) gained a First Class in the Final Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics ('Modern Greats') at Oxford.
- MR. O. A. W. DILKE (B, 1933) has been awarded the Members' English Essay Prize at Cambridge.
- MR. J. M. N. PIKE (C, 1934) passed top out of Cranwell and was awarded the King's Medal and the Sword of Honour. It will be remembered that in 1935 his brother, P. J. K. PIKE (C, 1932), also passed top out of Cranwell and was awarded the King's Medal.

MR. R. B. MATTHEWS (B, 1934) has passed into the Metropolitan Police College from the Metropolitan Police Force.

MR. P. W. KEMMIS (C, 1935) passed top into the Metropolitan Police College at the June Examination.

## ATHLETIC.

MR. A. H. CAMPBELL (C, 1934) has been awarded a Riding Blue and MR. P. C. MITFORD (C, 1936) a Shooting Blue at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

MR. E. P. R. JOURDAIN (C, 1934) again ran for Oxford in the University Relay Races.

MR. J. K. HAY (C, 1934) played in the Oxford Seniors' Match at Rugby Football and has also represented the University on one or two occasions.

MR. A. E. DE LA T. MALLET (B, 1935) played in the Cambridge Seniors Match, and so did MR. P. R. SPENCER (C, 1936). Both have played for the University on one or two occasions.

MR. R. O. MACM. WILLIAMS (W, 1935) has been chosen as Reserve for the Oxford University Badminton Team to meet Cambridge.

MR. H. R. DAVIS (B, 1936) played in the Oxford Freshmen's Match at Rugby Football.

MR. P. SHERRARD (C, 1937) and MR. J. P. STEPHENS (W, 1937) played in the Cambridge Freshmen's Match. MR. P. SHERRARD has also on several occasions played Squash for Cambridge.

MR. G. F. GOMME (C, 1937) played bridge for Cambridge against Oxford at Almacks on November 24th and 25th. Cambridge won by 5080 points.

## ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. C. W. HESKETH (C, 1928) to Miss A. R. Bull.

MR. T. H. T. GAUTBY (C, 1928) to Miss I. M. Armstrong.

MR. N. LEADLEY BROWN (G, 1931) to Miss A. Doncaster.

MR. P. K. A. ANDREWS (C, 1932) to Miss J. Hampton.

MR. M. R. A. CHANCE (T, 1932) to Fraulein Loewenstein.

THE VISCOUNT PARKER (G, 1932) to the Hon. V. Mansfield.

MR. J. L. W. CHEYNE (C, 1933) to Miss M. M. Allen.

## MARRIAGES.

MR. R. W. BEARD (B, 1926) to Miss N. Cooke, on July 17th.

MR. G. M. CAVENDISH (C, 1927) to Miss C. F. P. Pharazyn, on October 9th.

MR. A. J. PLUMMER (G, 1927) to Miss E. M. Ashby, on April 20th.

MR. D. A. G. KEITH (C, 1928) to Miss H. M. Horsey, on November 2nd.

MR. W. M. C. PEATFIELD (T, 1928) to Miss D. A. Maynard, on November 12th.

MR. E. C. S. PRICE (C, 1928) to Miss B. A. Henderson, on September 7th.

MR. J. S. S. CAMPKIN (C, 1929) to Miss C. M. Cox, on September 11th.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES (C, 1929) to Miss J. A. Roberts, on August 21st.

MR. A. J. P. LING (B, 1929) to Miss K. M. Greaves, on August 9th.

LIEUTENANT P. M. ROUSE (G, 1929) to Miss C. Marr Johnson, on September 11th.

MR. R. G. G. KENT (C, 1931) to Miss B. M. Brooks, on October 12th.

MR. G. O. SCHNELLER (G, 1933) to Miss E. Welden, on September 29th.

MR. R. H. L. FARMER (G, 1933) to Miss P. Campbell, on September 11th.

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#### BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. H. G. C. H. STISTED (B, 1925), a son, on August 21st.

To the wife of MR. H. D. TURRALL (C, 1925), a son, on September 7th.

To the wife of MR. J. R. WATSON (C, 1926), a son, on October 4th.

To the wife of MR. C. M. LANGLEY (B, 1927), a son, on November 14th.

To the wife of MR. J. W. ROTHWELL (C, 1928), a son, on October 4th.

To the wife of MR. B. T. AIKMAN (T, 1931), a daughter, on November 19th.

To the wife of MR. R. A. GORDON (C, 1931), a son, on October 28th.

To the wife of MR. V. R. PARAVICINI (C, 1931), a son, on October 19th.

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#### DEATHS.

MR. R. DE C. GRUBB (C, 1931), whose aeroplane is believed to have crashed in the Irish Sea on July 3rd, was formally presumed dead on July 21st.

MR. A. McC. HENRY (T, 1935) was accidentally drowned on September 5th.

## OLD STOIC GOLFING SOCIETY

1937 SEASON.

The Spring and Summer this year have witnessed the O.S.G.S.'s. most successful season ever. In all, 11 matches have been played in addition to the Spring Meeting, and although defeats outnumbered the victories, exciting finishes were legion and no crushing reverse was experienced.

The match against the Old Harrovians at Worplesdon was a typical example, the day going to the enemy by 4½ matches to 3½, and a ding-dong battle against the Old Westminsterers ended in a similar margin of defeat.

An outstanding achievement, however, was in the Halford Hewitt Cup. This year was our third appearance at Deal, and although in previous years we had succumbed in the first round, this year we reached the semi-final through the most difficult quarter of the draw before going down to the holders and eventual winners, the Old Carthusians. The Old Etonians (conquerors of the Old Rugbeians) and the Old Marlburians were numbered among our victims.

Members of the O.S.G.S. have also proved their mettle individually:—

J. D. A. Langley (G) and P. B. Lucas (G) were selected for the Walker Cup Team against America.

P. H. G. Smith (C) is the reigning Swedish Amateur Golf Champion.

A. S. Anderson (C) has won several leading competitions.

G. G. D. Carter (G) is the present captain of Cambridge.

In spite of this, it is the longer handicap golfer that is the backbone of the Society and it is for him that the majority of matches are arranged.

There is still plenty of room both for "new" and "old" Old Stoics, and anyone who plays a few games of golf a year and would like to play a few more in congenial company and at moderate cost should just drop a card to the Honorary Secretary—name and address below. He will do the rest for you!

G. M. WOLFE,  
Derek House,  
New Church Road,  
Hove, Sussex.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET, N.W. 8.  
December, 1937.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

The 1937 cricket season is now a thing of the past, but since the last Pineapple letter was written the Stowe Club has been making cricket history; the junior team won the final of division B of the junior league of the London Federation by beating the Webbe Institute by 33 runs. Two of the Stowe team were playing for a Schoolboys' representative XI at Lord's that afternoon, so Stowe were deprived of the services of two of their best players and also had to play with only ten men; the result therefore was very satisfactory.

The annual summer camp near the Cobham monument was a great success and this year lasted for a fortnight instead of the usual week; owing chiefly to the fine weather the experiment proved to be a good one. During the fortnight about 60 boys were able to spend some time at Stowe, and over the whole period there were, on an average, about 35 boys in the camp. On the last Sunday the camp cook, "Ernie," provided an excellent dinner for 65 very hungry boys and staff. Several Old Stoics were able to come to the Camp for the week-ends, but unfortunately during the rest of the time we were very understaffed, and if the camp is to be held for a fortnight again next year we shall have to have some more help for the staff! Enough of the Camp, but you will hear more about it next time I write.

The football season, which seems to start in the middle of the summer, is being fairly good, so far at any rate as the juniors are concerned; they have played 6 matches, won 5 and lost the other one. The Club also runs a senior team, and on top of this there are the Old Boys' team and a team of Club members who play on Sundays. The two latter teams run themselves and the only help they get from the Club is a little moral support; the reason for this is that the London Federation is not very keen on organized Sunday games.

Although the results of the inter-club boxing matches have not been very good, the boys are very keen and there are several very promising young ones who will be very useful to the club when they have had a little more experience.

Several inter-club ping pong and billiards matches have taken place and more have been arranged. As a result of these matches club members are taking more interest in indoor games, and this in turn encourages the boys to come into the club.

Last winter the London Committee successfully introduced a series of lectures by Old Stoics and although the audience was never very big it was always appreciative. It is difficult to get enough speakers, and if any of your readers would like to give a lecture perhaps they would write to the Warden.

The visit to Stowe was, as usual, a very enjoyable affair, and as it took place on a Sunday it was possible for 60 boys to go. The School turned out four teams to play the boys at soccer. This was followed by tea, then the usual cinema show. Before going home they were given an excellent supper; the only criticism of the day was that it was too short and the School can hardly be blamed for that!

Last month the Club celebrated its tenth birthday and to mark it the Committee have issued a report of the progress that the Club has made since it was opened in 1927. It is an interesting little book and if any of your readers would like to have a copy they can be obtained from Mr. Clifford or from me, and they are free!

Mr. MacNicol Smith, the Warden, Mr. Hone, the Vice-Warden, and Mr. Betts are looking after the club and its members admirably. The fact that the club is so popular with the boys of Marylebone shows how much their work is appreciated and it would be very sad if one or any of them left the Club.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

### A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

#### 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 meagrely provided for. In spite of every sound economy its slender capital has to be drawn on at times to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management less exacting. The Club has little remuneration of any kind to offer its officials. The Stowe Committee of masters and the London Committee of Old Stoics are purely honorary. The Club boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

In the year ending June 30th, 1937, the Old Stoics subscribed more than £250 and the Stowe boys nearly £120 towards Club funds.

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 most gratefully received and acknowledged. Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques, postal orders and cash are exceedingly welcome too. All serviceable gifts in kind (e.g. billiard and ping-pong tables, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Penfold Street (late Carlisle Street), London, N.W. 8. What cannot actually be used by the boys can be sold for their benefit.

#### EMPLOYMENT.

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.

#### VISITORS.

Anyone interested in Social Service is very welcome to visit the premises on any evening in the week except Wednesday and Saturday. Supper is available at 7 p.m. if due notice is given. Old Stoics in particular can do much good by looking in for



an hour or so to see what is being done and what it is hoped to do. Visitors are never asked to give money or make gifts or run any activity. Their general interest is valued for its own sake. The Club has an excellent name in the London Federation and is happily conscious of every connection with Stowe.

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

## CHAPEL COLLECTIONS

The Collections from July 11th onwards have been as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
July 25th.	Children's Country Holiday Fund ... ..	28	6	4
Sept. 26th.	Pineapple ... ..	20	13	7
Oct. 10th.	General Fund ... ..	8	14	10
Oct. 24th.	General Fund ... ..	10	2	2
Nov. 21st.	General Fund ... ..	9	0	9
Early Services (July 11th to Nov. 28th) (for Pineapple) ... ..		13	15	1

The meeting for deciding on the amounts to be given from the General Fund to various charities had not been held at the time of going to press, but details will be given in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

For the Committee,

J. M. TODD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

T. C. P. BROOK.

1-12-37.

## DARKNESS

The freshened breezes bear their scents to me,  
 Though night, descending, veils the rain-washed land.  
 Then I, made sightless, all the country see,  
 For by my thoughts the whole wide earth is spanned.  
 The Church, the village, cornfield, all are there,  
 The rivers in the darkness-gain the sea;  
 Though hid by night, I know the moorland bare,  
 For my brain, lit by thought, shows them to me.

D.B.B.F.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### FIRST AND SECOND XV'S.

AS is usual, at the beginning of the season the first fifteen were at sixes and sevens. The attack was ragged and unpolished and the defence was non-existent from a team point of view. Individually both departments of the game were good and it was not until the School matches came that the defence was tightened up to such an extent that it became very difficult for any side to score against it.

The kicking was poor at the start, but constant practice brought good results and most members of the fifteen can now kick adequately with both feet. The place kicking has been done by Fletcher and Scholfield and the former has had some fine efforts; perhaps the best one, which just failed, was at Radley from touch on the ten-yard line. Very few drop-kicks have been tried and not one has gone over.

Of the backs, Cheyne began the season in good form but has lost some confidence of late: he has usually managed to save awkward situations, and at times has kicked very long distances. Hastings has good hands, acceleration and a deceptive swerve and is particularly dangerous on the blind side, but he will never be more than a good average player unless he learns to pass the ball better to his three-quarters. Scholfield has been disappointing in the centre, but he has had some very good cut-throughs and has defended well. Ashcroft played a wonderful game at Oundle and must have saved the side a dozen points that day. Oakey is a much improved player and is now going for the corner with enormous dash.

The forwards are a small lot, averaging under eleven stone, and have had the worst of it regarding weight in every match this season. But what they have lost in power they have made up in mobility. At times they played some glorious rucker, backing up the whole time and making much ground by quick short passing methods. They were always good in attack, but defence was lacking for the first few matches: they have improved in this latter respect and are now good in both. Fletcher has set a very good example to the pack in hard shoving, tackling and attack:

the rest have followed him in most things, but very few of them are good tacklers yet. The front row have hooked well on occasions and the outside men have done their duty nobly as regards quick breaking and getting across the field. Stewart has assisted Fletcher admirably in the second row. The back row must learn to do more shoving as well as their loose work. D. Kaye has guarded the blind side well, while Hugill has been a source of trouble to most stand-off halves. Spencer Thomas in the middle of the back row must learn to hold the scrum tight and let the ball out quickly when required. Keir played his best game of the year at Oundle where he was a tower of strength in the loose mauls.

The forwards were especially good in line-out work, Fletcher and Stewart being particularly prominent. In loose scrums binding was not tight enough and the opposition often broke through.

Of the matches the most satisfactory and the one which will live in the minds of the team was against Oundle. There is little doubt that Oundle are the best school side of the year, and Stowe by splendid tackling and positioning kept their score down to six points, which is more than any other school has done. The best attacking game was against Magdalene College, when there were some great passing movements by the forwards.

The second fifteen have played some very good games and some very bad ones. They have attacked very well when the opposition has been weak and have amassed a large number of points. On other occasions their own defence has crumpled under pressure, as against Harrow. They have just as good, if not a better team than last year, but the results have not been nearly so good.

The pick of the forwards has been B. Kaye, Ritchie and Evans, but the others have all played well on occasions. The halves have always played well, but Way must learn to exert himself more in defence. Earle has shone as a full-back at times, but must improve his falling on the ball: his handling and kicking have been excellent.

Results.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV. ...	12	7	4	1	104	101
2nd XV. ...	10	4	6	0	132	82



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## THE SCHOOL v. ROSSLYN PARK "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 2nd, the School winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to four tries (12 points).

A miss-field by Cheyne allowed Rosslyn Park to score an unconverted try in the corner. The Park increased their lead with another try in a similar position; the kick was again missed. Stowe then got together and began to play as a team. When near the opposition line Ashcroft charged down the full-back's kick and managed to touch down just before the ball went into touch-in-goal. Scholfield converted with a fine kick. The School defence went astray and an easy try was scored by the outside centre: no goal resulted. After this reverse, play remained in the centre of the field until Hastings, with a beautiful cut-through and swerve round the full-back, scored near the posts for Scholfield to add the extra points. Half-time: Stowe, 10; Rosslyn Park, 9.

In the second half the forwards played great football and scored two fine tries through Keir and Syrett. Both were unconverted. Rosslyn Park added yet another unconverted try, the ball travelling right across the field and back again before it was grounded at the corner flag.

Perhaps the most satisfying feature of the game was the fact that Stowe did not give up when six points down in the first ten minutes, but rather made a special effort to get control of the game, which they succeeded in doing eventually.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. Roche (T), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); K. J. S. Ritchie (T), P. M. Syrett (C), J. H. Weir (B), B. A. Stewart (C), C. W. Daves (B), G. T. Hugill (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. L. Rolleston (C).

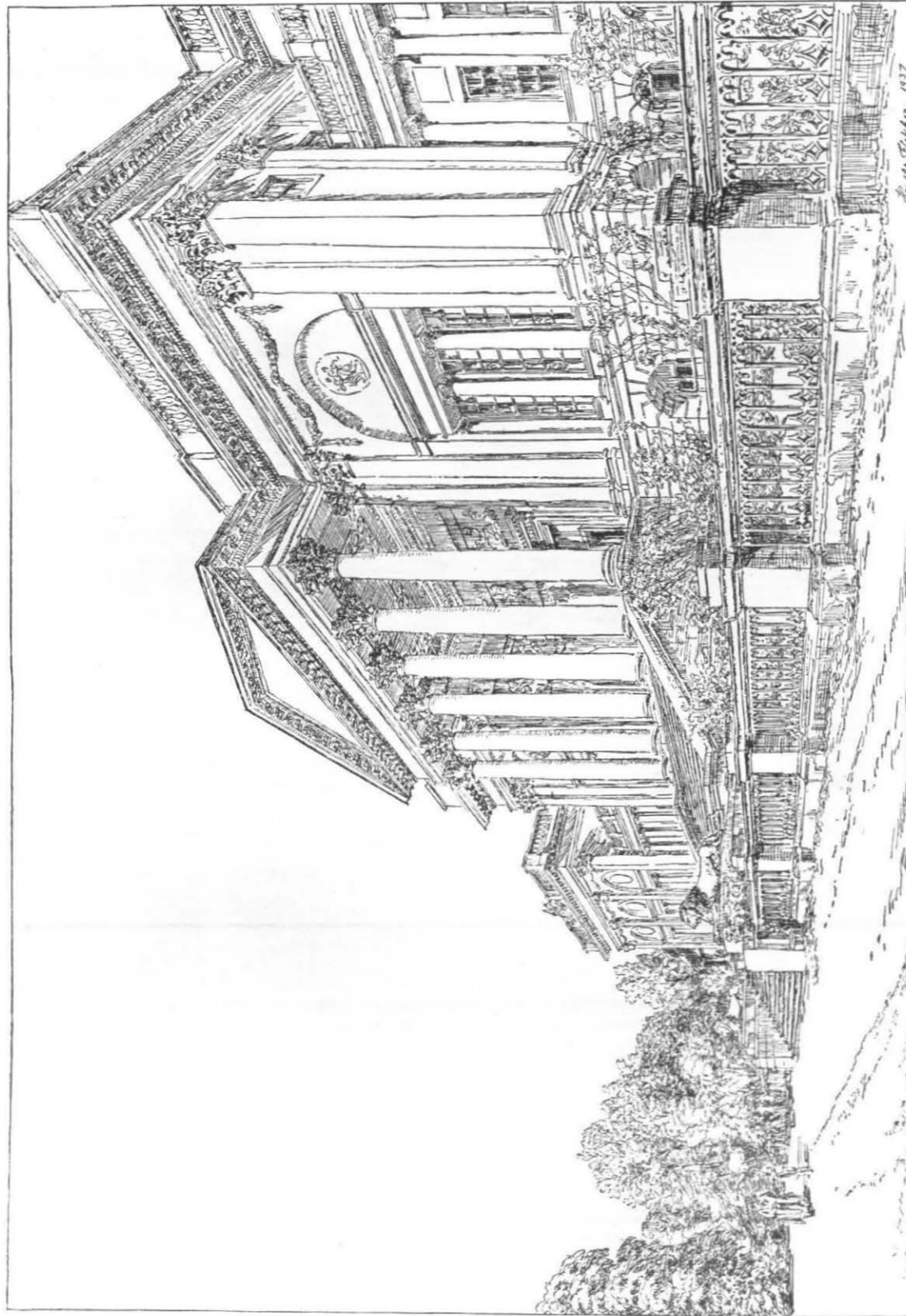
## THE SCHOOL v. R.A.F., HALTON.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 9th, the R.A.F. winning by two goals, one penalty goal and one try (16 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

It was obvious from the beginning that Stowe were going to have a hard time keeping a heavier, faster side in check. The Stowe pack are fine scrummagers, but they were outweighed by a stone per man. The backs played well at times, but they lost much ground by their hesitation in defence. Stobart was specially bad in this respect, putting the line out of action completely. In the loose the forwards were as good as the opposition, and Hugill, Kaye and Ritchie did fine work in the forward rushes. Both forwards and backs should have made more of the opportunities given us by Halton's dropped passes.

Fletcher opened the scoring with a beautiful penalty kick from near the ten yard line. This was equalized later by a fairly easy penalty kick by Halton. Stowe were putting in some grim defence and some splendid counter-attacks, but from a loose scrum a Halton centre broke through and dummied his way over the line. This try was converted. Half-time: Stowe, 3; R.A.F., Halton, 8.

Again it was a question of intensive defence: this was performed in a fine manner, Roche being very prominent with some fine tackles. It was unavailing, however, for Halton got over for two tries, one of which was converted. About half way through the



THE SOUTH FRONT  
from the drawing by Hanslip Fletcher, published in the 'Sunday Times.'

second half, from a 25 kick, Stobart and Ashcroft went away on the open side; they had dribbled to within fifteen yards of the goal line when Stobart picked up and dropped over for an unusual try, which was unconverted.

*Team* :—W. W. Cheyne (C); J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. Roche (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B), C. A. Ashcroft (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), G. T. Hugill (C), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), D. A. G. Kaye (G).

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 16th, the School winning by one goal and one try (8 points) to two tries (6 points).

From the very start Stowe attacked. The ball was coming out well both from the tight and loose scrums. On one occasion it was flashed along the three-quarter line to Oakey, who rounded his man and when confronted by the full back passed inside to Hastings, who scored. Stobart failed to convert. Only a few minutes later the Scottish backs fumbled: Hastings was up very rapidly and dribbled over the line to get the touch down. Stobart made no mistake this time with the kick.

Although Stowe still got more than their share of the play they could not score again, and bad handling by the backs on the right wing led to the Scottish scoring in the corner: no extra points were added. The score at half-time stood at 8 points to three in the School's favour.

The London Scottish played better in the second half and the Stowe line was often threatened; good covering defence by Yellowlees saved one certain try. On another occasion the Scottish fly-half broke through and passed out to the wing: Cheyne brought him down, but the wing man managed to ground the ball before being hurled into touch-in-goal: again it was not converted. Try as they might neither side could score, although many attempts nearly succeeded.

One of the features of the School play was the fine catching of the ball in the line-outs: in this Stewart was especially prominent. The defence of the backs was good considering the hardness of the ground, Oakey and Yellowlees putting in some good work in this direction. Hastings played extremely well and was always a source of danger to the Scottish.

*Team* :—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), D. A. Yellowlees (C), J. D. W. Stobart (B), C. A. Ashcroft (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), C. W. Dawes (B), D. A. G. Kaye (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, October 20th, the School winning by two goals, one penalty goal and two tries (19 points) to one goal, one dropped goal and one try (12 points).

Sherrard, playing for Magdalene, opened the scoring with a drop goal after a rush by his forwards. Stowe attacked from the kick-off and it was not long before Stewart got over from the inside pass. Not converted.

From the Magdalene kick-off Kaye caught the ball and having evaded the opposition passed inside: most of the forwards handled, the movement being brought to an end in the right hand corner. The ball was heeled quickly from the ensuing loose scrum and was passed out rapidly to Foster, who just had to drop over the line for a try. Scholfield converted. Before half-time, Stowe slackened off and Magdalene scored in the corner. No conversion. Half-time, Stowe, 8; Magdalene, 7.

Play had been going five minutes when Hastings cut through and found Hugill inside him to score an excellent unconverted try.

The next try was an unexpected one. Sherrard, half-tackled by Hugill, miskicked into Scholfield's arms, who in turn miskicked. The ball bounced luckily for Foster to catch the opposition on the wrong foot and race away to score. Scholfield converted.

Then came a try by Magdalene. Sherrard burst his way through on the blind side and passed out to the open side. The ball went right along the line and a score resulted near the touch-line. A fine kick gained the two extra points.

Stowe were not finished yet and when attacking were awarded a free kick. Scholfield kicked a beautiful goal.

A feature of the game was the fine handling and backing-up of the Stowe forwards. Of the backs Hastings played very well and on the day was better than Sherrard.

*Team* :—W. W. Cheyne (C); J. M. Thomson (C), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. R. Foster (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), C. W. Dawes (B), D. A. G. Kaye (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* OLD STOICS.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 23rd, the game being drawn, each side scoring a penalty goal (3 points).

It had rained for the first time on the previous day. During the morning of the match there were heavy intermittent showers, which ruined the prospect of fast open play. Actually the handling of an exceedingly greasy ball was of a high standard, but even then the wing rarely got it. Both sides were awake for dropped passes and most ground was obtained by kick-and-rush methods from these lapses.

The Old Stoics had a strong side on paper and the School may be well contented that they held them to a draw. Territorially there was not much in it, but the visiting players always seemed the more dangerous. Sherrard and Davis were the mainstay of the Old Stoic side: the latter gave magnificent passes, which were readily accepted by the former. This gave the O.S. attack a good foundation and it was only excellent defence by the Stowe three-quarters that kept them from scoring.

In the first half a well-placed kick ahead by Sherrard found Cheyne in difficulties. It resulted in a penalty kick for the Old Stoics, for whom Albery kicked a very fine goal with a soaking ball. The score remained at 3—0 until the last minute, when Scholfield kicked as fine a goal to draw level at 3—3.

A feature of the game was the bad tackling of the Stowe forwards, who will never attain class unless they take the man with the ball and see that he is brought down hard and with no hesitation.

*Teams.—The School*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. R. Foster (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), C. W. Dawes (B), B. A. Stewart (C), D. A. G. Kaye (S), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), G. T. Hugill (C).

*Old Stoics*:—J. K. Hay (C); A. C. Bartley (S), L. A. McAfee (B), B. W. J. D'Arcy Irvine (C), R. B. Matthews (B); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); R. A. O. Henniker (B), A. R. Jennings (C), A. C. R. Albery (S), B. N. I. Maude-Roxby (B), J. S. Simpson Hunter (T), A. E. James (S), I. K. White-Smith (B), M. E. Bardwell (C).

#### THE SCHOOL v. RICHMOND "A."

This game was played on the North Front on October 30th, and resulted in a win for Richmond by four goals and a try (23 points) to a goal (5 points).

The fact that Richmond brought down a strong side did not excuse the School from allowing the visitors to cross their line five times. Rank bad marking and high tackling let the visitors in on at least three occasions.

Some bad marking by the School centres allowed Lockton to score an unconverted try in the first few minutes. This early reverse did not rouse the School, and Richmond scored again through Woodall who punted over Cheyne's head and touched down between the posts. Bradley converted. Still more bad marking, this time from a scrum in the School 25, was responsible for Bradley running in unopposed. The scorer converted his own try.

Hastings, who was always trying to pull the outsides together, broke through beautifully and gave to Nicholl who scored. Fletcher converted.

The School improved early in the second half and Hastings was very unlucky not to score after another nice cut through. Richmond, however, once more took command and scored tries through Bisgood and Lockton. Bradley converted both.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); D. R. Foster (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. Roche (T), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), B. A. Stewart (C), G. T. Hugill (C), B. J. G. Kaye (S), D. A. G. Kaye (S).

#### THE SCHOOL v. HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Thursday, November 4th, the School winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

Within the first few minutes the Harrow scrum-half went away on the blind side and passed to the wing who scored: a perfect blind side movement. No goal resulted, but those three points stirred Stowe into action, and for the most of the remaining time Stowe were pressing. On two occasions Stowe got over. Hastings got the ball the first time and finding his way blocked passed in to Ashcroft, who fell over for an unconverted try. The other time, following some scrambling play in the corner, Nicholl got over: this was also unconverted. The inaccuracy of the Stowe passing was evident

when from a wild throw the Harrow wing got away and was just caught by Cheyne in the nick of time. A scrum infringement led to a free kick for Harrow who placed a goal. Half-time, Stowe, 6; Harrow, 6.

In the second half Stowe pressed more than ever and for nearly the first time showed signs of being a team. Passing was still poor in the centre, and Stowe lost at least two tries in this way. However, the halves and the forwards played fine football, backing each other up magnificently. From a forward rush D. Kaye forced himself over and Fletcher added the extra points. Harrow attacked vigorously and the situation was cleared perfectly by Ashcroft kicking to touch. In the last minute of the game Ashcroft went away on the blind side and passed to Oakey, who literally dived over for another unconverted try.

A bad feature of the play was the deliberate handling of the ball in the scrum. Good features were the fine backing up and concerted thrust of the pack, supported by good halves.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. Roche (T), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), D. A. G. Kaye (S), B. J. G. Kaye (S), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE SCHOOL.

Played at Oundle on Saturday, November 13th, Oundle winning by two tries (6 points) to nothing.

Playing at home, Oundle made excellent use of a very heavy pack. Their three-quarters were fast and ran very straight, although faulty handling spoilt many of their movements. The Stowe forwards played very well, but they rarely got the ball back, and even when the three-quarters did start a movement the Oundle tackling usually stopped the ball getting to the wing.

Oundle won the toss and started uphill. The Stowe forwards pressed at once, and only good kicking kept them out of the Oundle twenty-five. After about ten minutes, there was a scrum inside the Oundle twenty-five, when they pushed their way nearly to the ten-yard line before the ball was put in. From then, Oundle pressed until half-time. Hugill once broke through and found a very long touch, and once Foster, after a glorious run, found touch within five yards of the Oundle line. In the line-out, however, Oundle got the ball, and the stand-off half kicked clear of his twenty-five. Later, from a scrum on the Stowe line, Gatford, the Oundle scrum-half, scored on the blind side, falling over the line as Kaye tackled him. The try was unconverted, two penalty kicks also having failed. Half-time came with Stowe just in the Oundle half.

Stowe started the second half with a rush, but, as before, steady kicking forced them back. Stowe rarely got the ball in the loose, though more often in the set scrums, and from one of these the ball went to Scholfield, who beat his man and reached the Oundle twenty-five, when his pass to Oakey went astray. Oundle soon came back, and Stowe were defending for the rest of the game. Ashcroft's kicking constantly relieved the pressure, but it was good tackling that prevented many tries being scored. Once, the Oundle stand-off half passed inside to his wing, who was already past Cheyne, but it was given forward. At last a fine movement left two men with only Cheyne to pass, and Spray scored for Oundle. The kick failed. After a vigorous ten minutes, the game ended.

The forwards played very well, Fletcher as usual being outstanding. Keir also played brilliantly. Ashcroft and Hastings played well together, but Hastings was too well marked to be really effective. The tackling of the whole team was good, particularly Cheyne, who on several occasions was left alone to save a try. About thirty Stoics watched the match, nine masters taking cars.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); D. R. Foster (C), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T), R. R. Oakey (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), B. A. Stewart (C), G. T. Hugill (C), R. Evans (G), D. A. G. Kaye (G).

#### THE SCHOOL v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, Nov. 17th, the School winning by one penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

Stowe played against a strong cold wind which caused a deal of faulty handling by both sets of backs. On the whole the game was scrappy, but this was probably through hard tackling by both sides.

Not ten minutes from the beginning Oriel led by three points, a beautiful penalty from the ten yard line. Stowe equalized with a very good try in the corner. Scholfield got through the centre and just as he was tackled passed to Oakey, who went hard for the line and by sheer determination got through. Before half-time Stowe took the lead from an easy penalty by Scholfield. Stowe ought to have had one more try, but the ball was dropped from the vital pass. Stowe, 6; Oriel, 3.

In the second half play improved, and both sides might have scored on several occasions. Once Hay, an O.S. playing for Oriel, got clear away on the left wing; three Stowe players, including the opposite wing three-quarter, converged in turn to bring him down short of the line. On another occasion Yellowlees got clear on the right, then kicked ahead, and good following-up caught the full back in possession on his own line: but Stowe lost all the ground made by being penalised. However, Stowe did get a try: the ball was passed right across the field to Oakey, who got round his man to score in the corner. No conversion.

The Stowe pack were outweighed, but did not shove well and lost the ball in most of the set scrums. They were, however, good in the loose and the defence was very good indeed.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C), D. R. Foster (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), D. A. G. Kaye (G), P. Spencer Thomas (W), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SCHOOL v. BLACKHEATH "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 20th, the School winning by three goals (15 points) to one goal (5 points).

Stowe were still tired after two strenuous matches in a week and seemed satisfied to sit on a lead instead of scoring as much as possible. This combined with fast-breaking Blackheath forwards tended to make the game a very scrappy one.

Five minutes from the start Oakey got away on the left and when he came into contact with the full-back passed inside to Yellowlees, who scored beneath the posts for Fletcher to convert. Stowe might have had two more tries in the first half, but on both occasions the opposition were allowed to clear. Blackheath levelled the scores before half-time from a good solo effort by Bartley (O.S.), who cut through and scored in the corner for a grand goal to be kicked from the touch-line. Half-time: Stowe, 5; Blackheath "A," 5.

In the second half Stowe combined better in the open play, and had passes been held the score might have been twice as much. Scholfield was also at fault a couple of times for passing the ball too late with two men outside him unmarked.

Ashcroft got both the tries by good backing up. Both were converted by Fletcher from in front of the posts.

The forwards were good in attack, but allowed the opposition forwards too much rope in the loose mauls and loose scrums. The backs were better in attack, but lacked finish and on several occasions were caught well out of position for attack and defence.

*Team*:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C), D. R. Foster (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), D. A. G. Kaye (G), P. Spencer Thomas (W), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY SCHOOL.

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Stowe School beat Radley College at Radley yesterday after a fast and exciting game by two tries (6 points) to a try (3 points).

The home team unfortunately failed to profit by the great game put up by their forwards, a hard-working and unostentatious pack who do good by stealth and blush to find it fame. Although they were outweighed they controlled the game, and it was ironic, on the run of the game, that they should have found themselves on the losing side. A. U. M. Campbell, at stand-off half, did an immense amount of work, but seemed unhappy in opening up the game for his centres, which was a pity, as they both showed dash and initiative. In the first half at any rate Radley had the ball four times out of five, but they did not seem to have the aptitude to make full use of their opportunities. In the Stowe scrummage their captain, J. F. G. Fletcher, set them a fine example, but they did not have the same cohesion as their opponents. They had in P. R. H. Hastings a stand-off who was very quick off the mark, while M. B. Scholfield and R. R. Oakey formed a straight-running and dangerous left wing.

Stowe kicked off into a slight wind and Radley immediately took charge of the game. In the first quarter of an hour or so they swarmed round the Stowe line, but the visitors' desperate defence kept them out. Here was Radley's chance, with their forwards continually getting the ball back, but every attack went awry. During this period they were awarded a penalty, but J. E. Carson missed the kick, and almost immediately a strong run on the left wing by Oakey took play into the home half for the first time. Stowe had a penalty given them and a grand kick from far out on the left by Fletcher hit the crossbar, but refused to go over. After some even play Hastings saw an opening and made good use of it to score near the right-hand corner, but Fletcher could not improve on it. Radley obviously resented this score and took play straight

back to the Stowe "25." First Campbell missed a drop at goal, and then Carson all but touched down in the extreme left-hand corner. Radley continued to harass their visitors, and it looked as though D. T. Birks, a long-striding centre, had scored after a cut-through, but a five-yard scrummage was the result. A minute or two later the Hon. H. R. Grosvenor was in full cry for the line, but Scholfield appeared from nowhere, and another redskin bit the dust. Half-time came with Stowe leading 3—0, the result of opportunism rather than actual merit.

At the beginning of the second half Stowe's forwards were getting the ball consistently for the first time during the game, and their outsides always looked menacing, but Radley were the next to score when, after a series of scrummages on their opponents' line, J. E. Davies darted round on the blind side and touched down in the corner. Carson was short with his kick. Next it was Stowe's turn, and they swept up to the other end of the field. Shortly Hastings received a pass near his own touch-line, and as a result of a brilliant diagonal run he scored far out to the right, but the kick beat Fletcher. Three points down, and with only a few minutes to go, Radley refused to say die and fairly hurled themselves at their opponents. But their spirit was greater than their ability, and in spite of having had far more of the game they had to acknowledge honourable defeat.

The teams were:—

*Radley*:—R. R. G. Atkins, back; the Hon. H. R. Grosvenor, D. T. Birks, J. E. Carson and D. F. Hawley, three-quarter backs; A. U. M. Campbell and J. E. Davies, half-backs; A. O. M. King, H. Stewart, J. W. Arkell, H. W. Ruck-Kecene, D. S. Maxwell, J. R. Warde, G. E. F. Wethered and K. Butler-Smith, forwards.

*Stowe*:—W. W. Cheyne (C), back; R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C) and D. R. Foster (C), three-quarter backs; P. R. H. Hastings (T) and C. A. Ashcroft (C), half-backs; J. H. Weir (B), P. M. Syrett (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), G. T. Hugill (C), P. Spencer Thomas (W) and D. A. G. Kaye (S), forwards.

#### THE SCHOOL v. BEDFORD SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 4th, Bedford winning by two tries (6 points) to a try (3 points).

It began to snow about one o'clock on the day of the match and continued until the end of the game, when there must have been an inch on the ground. The ball was greasy and hands were cold, which meant kick-and-rush tactics. Both stand-off halves kicked whenever they got the ball, and Bedford were more successful in this respect than Stowe.

Hastings was not as good as usual, but the foothold was treacherous and when he was just about to do something good he slipped. Earle played well as deputy full-back, and fell on the ball at times with great courage: he was unfortunate to get a bad kick in the back, but he fought pluckily on. Oakey and Foster did some good defensive work on the wings, while the centres both did good things, but Yellowlees once let his man through dangerously.

The forwards were as good as ever in the line-out, but were beaten for it in most of the tight and loose scrums. They were magnificent in the open work and scored the best try of the afternoon. They fell on the ball with precision when Bedford looked

dangerous, but were not as good as the opposition in the play necessary for the type of day, tight and loose maul work.

The game consisted of many touches, loose and tight scrums. We got the ball in some of the set scrums, but neither did we get it back quickly nor did we manage to take it as Bedford did. However, we were as good as them in many departments and better than them in some. About half way through the first half a kick was charged down by a Bedford player and rebounded over the line, where he had merely to touch it down. The pièce de résistance of the afternoon was in the second half, when Keir went off on a dribble from a missed pass by Bedford; their full-back fell, but Hugill managed to get the ball clear and to touch down after taking it over the line. A great try and the right type for the day. Stowe held the strong Bedford attack until five minutes from the end, when one of their centres got through. From a series of scrums on the Stowe line a Bedford player dived over for a try. All kicks in the match failed with the snow-laden ball.

*Team*:—C. D. Earle (B); R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C), D. R. Foster (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C); G. W. A. Keir (W), P. M. Syrett (C), J. H. Weir (B), B. A. Stewart (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), D. A. G. Kaye (S), P. Spencer Thomas (W), G. T. Hugill (C).

#### THE SECOND XV v. BRACKLEY.

Played at Brackley on Saturday, October 2nd, Stowe winning by two goals and a try (13 points) to nil.

The School began to attack from the beginning and the captain, Gaskell, appropriately opened the scoring with a good try between the posts. Stobart missed the easy kick, but made up for this by scoring a good try and making another for Foster, both of which he converted. In this game the centre three-quarters tended to run across too much, and the forwards, while very good in the loose, where Evans did continual good work, and out of touch, were weak in shoving and heeling the ball.

#### THE SECOND XV v. RADLEY COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, October 13th. Stowe were superior in all departments and won easily by 29—5. Tries were scored by Foster (3), Stobart (2), Yellowlees, Thomson and Dawes (1). Stowe made the most of a weakness in the Radley centre thanks to a very fine service from both half-backs, while the forwards were good in the loose and line-out although somewhat apathetic in the tight. Stobart was inaccurate with his kicks and only converted two out of seven.

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

Played at Oundle on Saturday, October 16th, Oundle winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to two tries (6 points).

This game was played on a very hard ground, and there was a good deal of ragged play. Stowe were badly outweighed forward and so could give their backs few chances. In the first half Oundle scored two unconverted tries, whilst Spencer Thomas went over for Stowe. Stowe equalized early in the second half when Thomson scored an unconverted try. Then Oundle forwards took charge of the game, and two goals were scored.

## THE SECOND XV v. RUGBY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 23rd, Rugby winning by two goals (one dropped) and three tries (18 points) to nil.

The packs were evenly matched, but the School backs found the wet ball very difficult to hold, while Rugby managed to control it in an excellent manner. The visitors were also much superior in defence and variety of attack.

## THE SECOND XV v. HAILEYBURY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 30th, Haileybury winning by one goal (5 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

This was a very even game, in which the School were slightly superior forward, but Haileybury showed more pace and resolution outside the scrum. At half-time, Stowe led by a penalty goal, kicked by Stobart from near the half-way line, to nil.

During a well-fought second half, Haileybury scored a try which was converted, and succeeded in maintaining this precarious lead until the end.

## THE SECOND XV v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 13th, Stowe winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nil.

Stowe began to press from the kick-off and continued to do so for almost the entire game, in which they showed themselves greatly superior to Wellington as a team. Scoring was evenly distributed in the two halves. In the first half tries were scored by Yellowlees, Thomson and Ritchie: two of them were converted by Stobart. In the second half Dawes, Way, Yellowlees and Whitby scored, but Stobart failed with all the kicks, mostly from the touch-line. Yellowlees and Gaskell played very well indeed among the backs, and Ritchie and Rolleston were outstanding in a pack which played very well together.

## THE SECOND XV v. HARROW SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Harrow on Wednesday, November 17th, Harrow winning by 22 points to 5.

Stowe began by playing with immense resolution and hammered away at the Harrow line until Way broke from the twenty-five and scored in an easy position for Stobart to convert. Thereafter they failed to score despite pressure, and Harrow fought back and soon kicked a penalty goal. From this point onwards Harrow steadily improved and achieved a marked ascendancy forward. They got far the greater share of the ball, and, aided by excellent halves and good three-quarters, they continued to score steadily until the game ended at 22—5. Gaskell was the only player to do well on the Stowe side, though Earle on occasions kicked and fielded well.

## THE SECOND XV v. BLACKHEATH Extra "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 20th, Blackheath winning by one dropped goal, one penalty goal and a try (10 points) to one goal and a try (8 points).

This was a ragged game in which neither side really settled down. Stowe opened the scoring with a good try by Thomson, but Blackheath soon replied with a penalty goal and a try. Stowe then scored a try through Nicholl, which Stobart converted. The only scoring in the second half was a well taken drop-goal by Blackheath, which won the match for them.

## THE SECOND XV v. NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 27th, Stowe winning by seven goals and three tries (44 points) to nil.

Stowe proved altogether too heavy and fast for Northampton and scored pretty much as they pleased. The forwards played very well indeed and were backed up by good work by both halves and a three-quarter line which was considerably speeded up by the inclusion of Earle. The contributors to the large score were Nicholl (4), Way (2), Bartley, Thomson, Drew and Earle (1 each), while Earle kicked seven goals, one from the touch-line.

The following have played for the Second Fifteen:—

K. J. S. Ritchie (T), T. R. Gaskell (W), C. W. Dawes (B), J. Roche (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C), D. R. Foster (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), A. G. Way (B), R. Evans (G), C. D. Earle (B), P. Spencer Thomas (W), C. W. Bartley (G), B. J. G. Kaye (G), T. L. Dewhurst (B), J. L. Rolleston (C), M. I. Massy (T), J. M. Thomson (C), L. S. Buxton (B), J. B. Dunlop (C), J. D. W. Stobart (B), M. L. B. Williams (W), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), J. C. Drew (C), P. J. Diggle (C), I. R. L. Shaw (C), L. C. Jolivet (B), P. E. Waugh (G), J. D. Whitby (B), W. R. I. Turner (B).

## THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third Fifteen have again had a successful season, although they were perhaps not quite such a good all-round side as last year's Third. The strength of the side has been in the forwards; the pack, very well led by Buxton, has not only been a hard scrummaging lot but has been good in the loose, both in attack and defence. The backs have improved steadily throughout the season and in a number of matches have shown very good form. Webster has captained the side very well and has himself played very soundly in the centre.

The results of the matches were as follows:—

Sat., Oct. 2. v. OUNDLE 3RD XV. Lost, 9—12.  
 Sat., Oct. 9. v. RADLEY 3RD XV. Won, 16—3.  
 Sat., Oct. 23. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY. Won, 19—3 (away).  
 Wed., Nov. 3. v. HARROW 3RD XV. Drawn, 3—3 (away).  
 Sat., Nov. 20. v. NORTHAMPTON TOWN & COUNTY SCHOOL. Won, 30—9 (away).  
 Sat., Nov. 27. v. IMPERIAL SERVICE COLLEGE 3RD XV. Won, 38—0.  
 Sat., Dec. 4. v. BEDFORD 3RD XV. Lost, 3—4.



The scoring was done by the following :—

Tries, J. D. Whitby (B) (7), W. R. I. Turner (B) (5), C. C. H. M. Morgan (T) (3), J. F. Rodney (W) (3), D. W. Calder (B) (2), D. A. Yellowlees (C), L. C. Jolivet (B), M. G. T. Webster (W), I. R. L. Shaw (C), L. J. Eastwood (G), J. D. W. Stobart (B), A. B. P. Beeton (W), I. McC. Tait (G), A. K. Frazer (T), J. B. Andrews (G).  
Goals, J. B. Dunlop (C), 4 placed, 1 penalty; A. B. Williamson (G), 3 placed, 1 penalty; J. D. W. Stobart (B), 4 placed.

The following have played for the Third Fifteen :—

J. D. W. Stobart (B), M. G. T. Webster (W), D. A. Yellowlees (C), J. D. Whitby (B), L. S. Buxton (B), J. C. Drew (C), P. F. Low (C), J. M. Henry (C), J. B. Dunlop (C), A. B. P. Beeton (W), I. R. L. Shaw (C), L. J. Eastwood (G), W. R. I. Turner (B), A. K. Frazer (T), M. L. B. Williams (W), P. E. Waugh (G), C. E. B. Thompson (B), N. K. Bottomley (T), I. McC. Tait (G), J. F. Rodney (W), A. B. Williamson (G), C. F. Tracy (W), T. L. Dewhurst (B), D. W. Calder (B), E. B. S. Hewitt (B), J. B. Andrews (G).

#### COLTS' FOOTBALL 1937.

As a result of the changed organization of the School football the Colts Club has existed as such throughout this term. So far, the team has beaten Harrow, Wellington and Radley and lost to Oundle, St. Edward's School, Oxford, and Bedford. The matches against Rugby and Northampton Town and County School have still (at the time of writing) to be played.

The team took a long time to settle down, partly perhaps because of changes in the back division necessitated by injuries, and it was only in the later matches that it began to combine effectively. A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) has been a most competent captain, and M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), who has led the forwards throughout the term, has done so well. The forwards have suffered few changes, and since they have begun to settle down as a pack they have on occasion played really well. Stand-off half has been the most difficult position to fill among the backs, and at no time have injuries allowed a settled back division to be built up.

In the first match of the term a not very convincing display by St. Edward's School, Oxford, was good enough to beat a team which lacked all cohesion. A good pass from Farnell-Watson (one of the few given during the match) sent Musgrave over to score the only try for Stowe.

Oundle, as usual, brought over an energetic pack of forwards, and their three-quarter line had two fast wings. The match was lost by 20—6, and Oundle were certainly the better side.

For the first ten minutes of the match against Harrow it seemed that Stowe were likely to win by a big margin. In the outcome they were lucky to win at all. The forward play in the loose was rather better than in previous matches, but the heeling was poor. When the ball did come out the passing of the backs was wild, and passes were often too long delayed. A snap try by Gale from a line-out decided the match in Stowe's favour, but one was left feeling that the team had failed to play its best against an apparently weaker side.

At Bedford the handling of both back divisions was uncertain and a scrappy game resulted in a win for Bedford by 13—6.

Against a weak Wellington side the back division for the first time began to show itself as a scoring machine, and almost every outside contributed to a victory by 22—0.

In the latest match, the team played fast and skilful football to beat Radley 24—9. The forwards combined well and gave their backs plenty of the ball. The backs too had a very good day and ran and handled extremely well.

The following have scored tries :—Farnell-Watson, 7; Backus, 2; Holbech, 2; Beddall, 1; Cross, 1; Gale, 1; Holman, 1; Musgrave, 1; Thomson, 1.

Results :—

v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD.	Lost, 3—9.
v. OUNDLE.	Lost, 6—20.
v. HARROW.	Won, 3—0.
v. BEDFORD.	Lost, 6—13.
v. WELLINGTON.	Won, 22—0.
v. RADLEY.	Won, 24—0.

The following have played for the Colts Fifteen :—

A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. R. L. Gale (C), D. K. Murdoch (T), P. A. Bates (C), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), J. B. Cross (T), J. T. Holman (W), J. A. H. Lucas (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), D. P. Weiner (W), J. R. C. Holbech (C), C. D. Drew (C), C. M. Musgrave (C), A. D. Thomson (C), R. Backus (B), P. G. Henderson (W), P. C. J. Nicholl (B), A. W. Cheyne (C), H. R. M. Beddall (C).

#### JUNIOR COLTS.

The Junior Colts have had a fairly successful season. They won their first three matches in good style. St. Edward's were weak in defence and five tries and a penalty goal were scored; one of these tries, the only one of the season, was converted. We were lucky to play Oundle before they had had a full practice game and won by two tries to nothing. The team—inspired by playing on ground 2—played a fine game. Harrow were convincingly beaten by three tries to nothing. The next match was our first fixture against Rugby; a rather poor and spiritless game resulted in a draw. After this match Thomson, the fly-half and main scoring force, was removed to the Colts team. The Radley match was another draw, without score. The side seemed stale: a week's rest worked wonders and against Bedford, though we were beaten 3—8, the forwards, at any rate, played their best game.

It is worth noting that in six matches our line was only crossed three times; this speaks well for the defence of both backs and forwards.

McCready was a very sound full-back, and should do well in the future either there or in the centre. Lewisohn, though selfish, improved during the term and played well at Bedford. Duff is a promising wing. Struthers, on the other wing, lacked determina-

tion, though he made a fine try at Bedford. Holmes, at centre, and Chandos-Pole, at scrum-half, were keen but handicapped by size. Of the forwards Newport-Tinley and Hurley for their keenness and rapid improvement during the term deserve most praise. Knox and Denempont made a massive second row. Mitchell hooked with success, and Horley against Bedford, Shervington against Radley, and Massy against Rugby, all had their days.

Tries were scored by Thomson (4), Newport-Tinley (2), Duff (2), Knox, Struthers and Carlyon. Thomson converted one and kicked a penalty goal.

Results :—

v. ST. EDWARD'S	Won, 20—0.
v. OUNDLE	Won, 6—0.
v. HARROW	Won, 9—0.
v. RUGBY	Drawn, 3—3.
v. RADLEY	Drawn, 0—0.
v. BEDFORD	Lost, 3—8.

In addition, "Junior Junior Colts" matches were played against Winchester House and the Dragons; they were won, 8—6 and 16—8 respectively. So much appreciated were these games that both schools asked for return matches, which the 'Juniors' regarded as a great compliment.

The Junior Colts team has been :—

W. E. McCready (C); J. G. Struthers (C), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), A. P. R. Holmes (G), R. W. J. Duff (C); T. M. Pragnell (G), A. R. W. S. Chandos-Pole (T); I. M. Horley (C), A. M. Mitchell (C), T. M. J. Shervington (C), M. Denempont (G), T. G. Knox (C), R. C. Hurley (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), H. Le S. Massy (T).

Also played :—A. D. Thomson (C), P. E. Falkner (W), C. M. Griffin (C), M. B. E. Clarkson (G), J. D. R. Hayward (G), T. A. S. Carlyon (C).

#### KICKING COMPETITION.

The kicking competition consisted of place-kicking, drop-kicking and punting this season, as opposed to place-kicking only last season. The day was wet and the standard of kicking was correspondingly low.

Results :—1, Cobham, 109; 2, Temple, 89; 3, Bruce, 84; 4, Chandos, 72; 5, Grenville, 69; 6, Chatham, 67; 7, Walpole, 60; 8, Grafton, 55.

## CRICKET

### CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES, 1937.

Bruce after a hard fight with Cobham reached the final, in which they met Walpole who had had an easier task in winning their division.

The final proved a very close match, Bruce winning by 10 runs, after Booth with two good innings had looked like winning the game for Walpole. The biggest factors in Bruce's win were the bowling of Weir who took in all 23 wickets and the, at times, brilliant wicket-keeping of Buxton.

Division A.—Temple, Chatham, Walpole, Grenville.

Division B.—Bruce, Chandos, Cobham, Grafton.

#### First Round.

TEMPLE v. CHATHAM (Temple won by 58 runs).

Temple, 259 for 8 declared (R. C. W. Dampier 48, J. O. H. Beamish 65, D. K. Murdoch 74, M. B. Scholfield 30).

Chatham, 201 (J. M. Thomson 46, C. M. O'Rourke 70, R. H. Anstey 28, N. K. Bottomley 6 for 50).

WALPOLE v. GRENVILLE (Walpole won by 6 wickets).

Grenville, 113 (C. F. A. Baxter 45, S. R. G. Scott 29, M. L. B. Williams 3 for 44).  
Walpole, 114 for 4 (R. B. Booth 30 not out).

BRUCE v. CHANDOS (Bruce won by 7 wickets).

Bruce, 128 for 3 declared (G. T. de Beer 62 not out).  
Chandos, 119 (J. H. Weir 4 for 32).

COBHAM v. GRAFTON (Cobham won by 169 runs).

Cobham, 259 for 7 declared (H. A. Mitchell 56, C. A. Ashcroft 82, D. S. Mitchell 50 not out).  
Grafton, 90 (R. H. Martin 28 not out).

#### Second Round.

TEMPLE v. GRENVILLE (Match drawn).

Temple, 235 for 7 declared (R. C. W. Dampier 76, J. V. R. Birchall 70, S. R. G. Scott 4 for 64).

Grenville, 223 for 8 (C. F. A. Baxter 48, J. D. Fay 34).

WALPOLE v. CHATHAM (Walpole won by 105 runs).

Walpole, 278 (R. B. Booth 89, M. W. G. Greenley 88).

Chatham, 173 (I. R. L. Shaw 52, M. L. B. Williams 4 for 40, R. H. M. Spencer 3 for 34).

BRUCE v. GRAFTON (Bruce won by 5 wickets).

Grafton, 178 for 9 declared (R. H. Marten 66 not out, D. A. Jefferson 36, J. H. Weir 5 for 46).

Bruce, 183 for 5 (G. T. de Beer 58, A. G. Way 48).

COBHAM *v.* CHANDOS (Chandos won by 86 runs).

Chandos, 238 for 8 declared (A. D. Tennyson 100, W. W. Cheyne 47, J. C. I. Hooper 3 for 56).

Cobham, 152 (H. L. Atkin-Berry 62, M. J. Poulton 36, B. A. Stewart 4 for 42, A. D. Tennyson 4 for 35).

#### Third Round.

TEMPLE *v.* WALPOLE (Walpole won by 3 wickets).

Temple, 138 (J. O. H. Beamish 74, G. W. A. Keir 5 for 41, R. B. Booth 4 for 27).  
Walpole, 142 for 7 (A. V. Farnell-Watson 60 not out).

GRENVILLE *v.* CHATHAM (Chatham won by 4 wickets).

Grenville, 191 (A. B. Williamson 55, G. P. Shelmerdine 36, R. H. Anstey 5 for 57).  
Chatham, 194 for 6 (C. P. J. D. O'Farrell 127 not out, P. C. H. Morris 5 for 56).

BRUCE *v.* COBHAM (Bruce won by 10 runs).

Bruce, 131 (J. H. Weir 36, A. V. Flavell 4 for 29).

Cobham, 121 (C. A. Ashcroft 40, J. H. Weir 5 for 43, R. A. Pearson 3 for 19).

GRAFTON *v.* CHANDOS (Chandos won by 4 wickets).

Grafton, 159 (D. A. Jefferson 93, B. J. G. Kaye 29, A. D. Tennyson 4 for 27, B. A. Stewart 4 for 38).

Chandos, 161 for 6 (B. A. Stewart 66 not out, P. F. Greenwell 4 for 80).

#### FINAL HOUSE MATCH.

BRUCE *v.* WALPOLE (Bruce won by 10 runs).

BRUCE.									
1st innings.					2nd innings.				
R. G. A. Barclay, c Nicholson, b Greenley	81				c Williams, b Keir	11			
R. A. Pearson, c Nicholson, b Keir	23				c Spencer, b Williams	0			
P. C. Nicholl, c and b Spencer	11				absent ill	0			
J. E. C. Nicholl, c Dundas, b Booth	8				c Gaskell, b Spencer	15			
J. H. Weir, c Nicholson, b Booth	1				hit wkt., b Spencer	48			
A. G. Way, c Farnell-Watson, b Williams	13				b Williams	22			
L. S. Buxton, b Greenley	7				b Spencer	3			
C. E. Marshall, run out	33				c Beeton, b Greenley	35			
D. B. Reid, lbw, b Greenley	3				b Williams	5			
T. L. Dewhurst, c Nicholson, b Greenley	5				not out	1			
C. W. Dawes, not out	0				c Rodney, b Williams	5			
Extras	14				Extras	1			
Total	199				Total	146			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Greenley	15	2	50	4	Greenley	8	2	20	1
Williams	17	2	52	1	Williams	6	1	13	4
Keir	9	1	38	1	Keir	7	1	26	1
Spencer	4	0	19	1	Spencer	15	0	54	3
Booth	10	3	24	2	Booth	5	0	32	0

#### WALPOLE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
H. S. L. Dundas, c and b Reid	45	c Buxton, b Weir	0
A. T. R. Nicholson, st Buxton, b Weir	6	b Pearson	1
J. F. Rodney, c Pearson, b Weir	14	b Weir	7
R. B. Booth, c Buxton, b Weir	40	b Pearson	66
A. V. Farnell-Watson, lbw, b Pearson	6	lbw, b Weir	19
M. W. G. Greenley, c Weir, b Reid	32	c Barclay, b Pearson	5
R. H. M. Spencer, b Reid	9	b Pearson	3
G. W. A. Keir, c Barclay, b Weir	4	c Dawes, b Weir	21
T. R. Gaskell, b Reid	23	b Pearson	3
M. L. B. Williams, b Pearson	0	b Weir	1
A. B. P. Beeton, not out	0	not out	1
Extras	14	Extras	21
Total	193	Total	148

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Weir	24	5	68	4	Weir	20.3	2	61	5
Reid	20	3	54	4	Reid	8	1	37	0
Pearson	8.3	1	32	2	Pearson	12	4	29	5
Way	1	0	15	0					
Dewhurst	1	0	10	0					

#### FINAL OF NOMADS.

COBHAM *v.* BRUCE (Cobham won by 195 runs).

Cobham, 1st innings, 139 (R. C. Erhardt 34, G. R. C. Atwood 5 for 61, F. H. V. Beazley 4 for 37).

Bruce, 1st innings, 82 (F. H. V. Beazley 36, G. H. Turner 5 for 23, J. M. Norman 3 for 5).

Cobham, 2nd innings, 211 for 6 declared (G. H. Turner 43, T. D. Dawson 40, C. R. T. Cunningham 44 not out).

Bruce, 2nd innings, 85 (G. H. Turner 6 for 22).

#### FINAL OF YEARLINGS.

COBHAM *v.* TEMPLE (Cobham won by an innings and 113 runs).

Temple, 1st innings, 81 (J. A. H. Lucas 5 for 17).

Cobham, 1st innings, 330 (M. I. Atkin-Berry 108, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley 42, I. J. H. Lewisohn 30, C. M. Griffin 30, J. A. H. Lucas 46).

Temple, 2nd innings, 136 (A. K. Higham 33, J. A. H. Lucas 5 for 39).

## FENCING

**T**HIS term has seen an improvement both in numbers and in keenness, which it is hoped will be continued next term. The match results have been more satisfactory than usual, and all have been very close. The general tendency has been towards a larger team, and this is a most excellent sign. The ideal team is one in which each person fights only one or at the most two weapons. Peel has fought extremely well this term and has been awarded School Colours which he thoroughly deserved. Tracy has not really found form this term, but has on occasion done some nice work with the sabre. Cutforth has fought well in foil, and more recently in épée. He has been awarded a Club Chevron. Of the newcomers to the team, de Oliveira is the most outstanding. His sabre is very good for a beginner. Reiche and Clarkson have fought quite well in foil and sabre respectively. Amongst the Colts, Sandwith is much improved, but Luttrell and Willing are still rather rough. This will, however, soon be rectified by time and practice. Wachmann and Jeavons are extremely promising as beginners.

## MATCHES.

On Saturday, October 13th, against R.A.F., HENLOW, at Stowe. Lost, 12—15.

This was quite a close match, but we felt the loss of Osborne rather badly. Peel took his place in the sabre, and this meant that two members of the team had to fight in all three weapons. This is an unsatisfactory arrangement since if one of them is off form the result is affected very greatly. Tracy created a club record that it is hoped will stand for ever by breaking three foils in one fight.

Scores :—

Foil.—R.A.F., Henlow :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Epée.—R.A.F., Henlow :—Three defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G), two defeats ; C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Sabre.—R.A.F., Henlow :—Four defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and P. F. Bassett Wilson (C), one defeat each ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

On Saturday, October 20th, against R.M.C., SANDHURST, at Sandhurst. Drawn, 9—9.

This was a very exciting match, as the result was dependent upon the last fight. Cutforth fought quite well in the foil, but it was a generally satisfactory match since everyone played an equal part in fighting it.

Scores :—

Foil.—Sandhurst :—Four defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. Cutforth (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Sabre.—Sandhurst :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and P. F. Bassett Wilson (C), one defeat each ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

On Saturday, November 6th, against SALLE BERTRAND 'A,' at Stowe. Lost, 13—14.

In this match we won the foil very easily, and the épée less easily, but lost owing to a collapse in the sabre. Bassett Wilson was not fighting, so de Oliveira was put in the team. Though he did not win any fights he fought very well.

Scores :—

Foil.—Salle Bertrand 'A' :—Six defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Epée.—Salle Bertrand 'A' :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat each ; J. A. Cutforth (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Sabre.—Salle Bertrand 'A' :—Two defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and C. C. de Oliveira (W), three defeats each. Total, seven defeats.

On Saturday, November 13th, against CAMBRIDGE 'A,' at Stowe. Won, 15—12.

This was a most encouraging victory, as N. C. McClintock brought down a strong team consisting of R. J. McDougall, J. A. R. Falconer, D. MacEwen and T. W. Barnes. Peel fought extremely well and was awarded School Colours. Cutforth was awarded a Club Chevron.

Scores :—

Foil.—Cambridge 'A' :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Epée.—Cambridge 'A' :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Sabre.—Cambridge 'A' :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; P. F. Bassett Wilson (C) and C. C. de Oliveira (W), two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

On Saturday, November 20th, against O.U. ASSASSINS, at Stowe. Drawn, 14—14.

This was an extremely well-fought match. Tracy was away, so this left three vacant places in the team. They were filled by de Oliveira, Reiche and Clarkson, all of whom fought very well. Both Cutforth and Peel fought with great success.

Scores :—

Foil.—O.U. Assassins :—Six defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. Cutforth (G), no defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat ; C. E. L. H. Reiche (G), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Epée.—O.U. Assassins :—Three defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. Cutforth (G) and C. C. de Oliveira (W), two defeats each ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, seven defeats (one double hit).

Sabre.—O.U. Assassins :—Five defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and C. C. de Oliveira (W), one defeat each ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

## SQUASH

The following matches have been played :—

Saturday, October 10th v. ESCORTS. Won, 4—1.

Saturday, October 30th v. WEST LONDON S.R.C. Won, 4—1.

Saturday, November 6th v. LEICESTERSHIRE S.R.A. Won, 5—0.

Saturday, November 20th v. TRINITY, CAMBRIDGE. Lost, 1—4.

Sunday, November 28th v. MR. J. B. CHARLES' TEAM. Won, 5—0.

The following have played in the team :—J. P. T. Dawson (C), A. Shaw (C), R. D. Barbour (C), P. M. Syrett (C), M. J. Poulton (C), G. R. C. Atwood (B), R. B. Booth (W).

School colours were awarded to J. P. T. Dawson (C) and D. R. Barbour (C).

The Draw for the House Matches was :—

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

A.S.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country running for this term had originally been intended merely as a Thursday pursuit, with no serious training or competitive running. Happily this situation did not last, as two 'B' team fixtures were arranged, one with a Cambridge University Hare and Hounds side, the other with R.A.F., Halton. This considerably reduced the mental strain of the Thursday runners, who would otherwise have had to provide bright suggestions in order to relieve the monotony of plain cross-country running for no well-defined purpose.

The match with the Cambridge side ended in a very satisfactory draw. (It would not be inappropriate to make mention of Webster's excellent and well-judged running in this match. He won by more than the length of the Grecian Valley, over a minute ahead of his nearest rival.—EDITOR.) It was run at Stowe on November 6th. The result was :—

1. M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W). Time, 29 mins. 33½ secs.
2. J. A. Jukes (Cambridge). Time, 30 mins. 44 secs.
3. P. A. C. Holden (Stowe, B).
4. The Hon. M. Kenworthy (Cambridge)
5. P. Spencer Thomas (Stowe, W).
6. G. T. Morgan (Cambridge).
7. L. G. Copestake (Cambridge).
8. W. W. Cheyne (Stowe, C).
9. P. C. Simpson (Cambridge).
10. E. L. Simons (Cambridge).
11. J. C. Bartholomew (Stowe, C).
12. E. V. Johnston (Cambridge).
13. P. L. Ingham (Stowe, W).
14. D. R. Foster (Stowe, C).
15. D. Ross (Cambridge).
16. R. R. Oakey (Stowe, C).

Stowe, 1, 3, 5, 8, 11 = 28.

Cambridge, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 = 28.

The match against R.A.F., Halton, will be run at Halton on Wednesday, December 8th. Another School match has been arranged, with Uppingham, for next term, which will be run at Stowe on March 12th. The annual Charterhouse match takes place at Charterhouse on March 4th.

M.G.T.W.

## FIVES

On November 14th, the School played a match against the Masters. Although the School lost all three games, their standard was promising.

The score was :

J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S) lost to W. E. Capel Cure and E. Cawston, 0—3.  
R. H. Sharpe (C) and G. L. Paget (C) lost to P. G. Hunter and E. Hart Dyke, 1—3.  
P. R. H. Hastings (T) and A. J. R. Davenport (C) lost to B. A. Barr and R. M. Hamer, 0—3.

## LAURUS CUP 1936-37

Football—House	24	Bruce
—Leagues	9	Bruce
—Yearlings	3	Cobham
Cricket—House	16	Bruce
—Leagues	9	Bruce
—Nomads	6	Cobham
—Yearlings	5	Cobham
Athletics—Sports	14	Chatham
—Cross-Country	12	Chatham
—Relays	10	Walpole
Tennis—House	7	Chandos
—Leagues	3	Chandos
Swimming—Sports	3	Cobham
—Relays	3	Cobham
—Water-Polo	1	Cobham
Fencing	6	Walpole
Fives	4	Cobham
Golf	4	Walpole
Squash	4	Cobham
P.T.	15	Grafton
Points.—Bruce	58	
Cobham	29	
Chatham	26	
Walpole	20	
Grafton	15	
Chandos	10	
Temple	0	
Grenville	0	

## O.T.C. NOTES

## PROMOTIONS.

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeant W. B. Banister (C).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals C. M. O'Rorke (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C), P. L. Ingham (W), P. F. Low (C), C. D. Earle (B), J. F. T. Durie (C), R. Evans (G), H. C. I. Romc (C), H. N. Straker (C), J. L. M. Bevan (B).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals P. Spencer Thomas (W), R. A. L. Black (S), C. F. Tracy (W), P. J. Blundell (S), J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), C. W. Bartley (S), P. F. Bassett-Wilson (C), W. W. Cheyne (C), J. C. E. Peshall (B), D. R. Barr-Wells (G), P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C), E. B. Moore (C), J. Roche (T).

In the November Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 26 out of 37 candidates passed.

## POST-CERTIFICATE "A" TRAINING.

This term the N.C.Os.' Class has been employed in several new ways. Part of the time was spent at the R.A.F. Station at Bicester learning something of the training given there and elsewhere to young officers and men. Other parades have been taken by the Adjutant of the Oxford and Bucks Lt. Infantry Depot as an introduction to Signalling. Our own officers have completed the programme by teaching these cadets to frame and conduct Tactical Exercises without Troops.

## CAMP, 1937.

A rather larger contingent than usual of six officers and 117 cadets camped at Rushmoor, Aldershot, in the battalion commanded by Major E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., commanding the Depot, Oxford and Bucks Lt. Infantry. Stowe formed a company of its own and welcomed Licut. P. J. Luard, Regular Liaison officer for the School, who assisted with the training. After a long morning at work the cadets appreciated being able to get out of camp for the afternoon and evening. The weather was perfect, and a good week rounded itself off well with extensive Night Operations.

## MARCHING-OUT.

On October 19th exercises were held which combined marching round outside the school grounds with practice in minor tactics. The more senior platoons set off independently and, in turn, each dealt with problems on an advance guard, taking up a hasty defensive position and, finally, a withdrawal. The sections of the junior platoons had to carry out, one after the other, a section stalk and a reconnoitring patrol.

## RECRUITS.

Sixteen boys have taken advantage of the opportunity created in September of joining at a later age than usual. It has been interesting to see the excellent progress they have made, even though they have done fewer recruits' parades than the normal entrants.

## PRIZES.

Prizes are now to be awarded to the best recruit for the term and to the best candidate in each part of the Certificate "A" examination.

## UNIFORM.

A new pattern tunic is being adopted this year and will be in general use by the next General Inspection. It will be cut on the lines of an officer's. A khaki sports-shirt is to be worn with it, so that in hot weather the tie can be removed and the shirt opened at the neck.

## SHOOTING

## THE S.M.R.C. COMPETITION.

This was fired off on October 28th on the miniature range. Stowe was ninth, with a score of 724; Marlborough was first with 755. We were ninth last year with a slightly lower score.

There have been four postal matches under S.M.R.C. conditions and two under *Country Life* conditions. The results were:—

## S.M.R.C.

October 23rd against WELLINGTON COLLEGE. Won.  
 against ELIZABETH COLLEGE, JERSEY. Won.  
 November 6th against WINCHESTER. Won.  
 November 27th against LEYS SCHOOL. Won.

*Country Life.*

November 20th against UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL. Lost.  
 November 27th against GLENALMOND. Won.

## THE MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

Membership this term is seventy-nine, nearly twice that of last term. Spoon shoots have been held on every Saturday throughout the term, and the following have won spoons:—

In Class A: B. A. Stewart (C), A. H. Rowan (C), J. S. Filleul (G), R. E. W. Harland (C), P. H. Gaskell (W), R. C. Roxburgh (W), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), M. C. Alexander (W), R. G. A. Barclay (B) (2).

In Class B: J. S. Hollings (T) (2), J. B. Kennedy (C), R. G. A. Barclay (B), P. E. Falkner (W), C. d'A. Dakin (T), A. R. Coventry (C), D. Gardiner (C), J. W. Ker (C), G. R. Brown (W).

W.McD.M.

## SCOUTS

Fifteen recruits joined the Junior Troop at the beginning of the term, bringing the four Patrols up to full strength. The Patrol Leaders are J. F. Nye (C) (Eagles), R. W. Kennon (G) (Owls), A. P. R. Holmes (G) (Hawks), and W. V. Machin (W) (Curlews).

The weather on Tuesday afternoons has been kind this term, and all parades have included out-of-door activities. Patrol shelters have been built near the 'Caroline Circle,' and lunch has twice been cooked in the open. On each occasion, owing perhaps to inexperience and lack of method, it was liable to be confused with tea, though appetising enough when it did come. Wide games, patrol journeys, tracking, and a little bridge-building have made up the rest of the programme.

C.R.A.

## THE LIBRARY

We wish to acknowledge the following presentations:—

From Mrs. Aumonier:

'Little Windows' and 'Ups and Downs' (Stacy Aumonier).

From H. P. Croom-Johnson, Esq.:

'Frederick the Great' (Ronald Hamilton).

From Mrs. Kirkpatrick:

'Socialism' (Ludwig von Mises).

From Mrs. English:

'Punch,' 1881—1915.

From D. R. English, Esq., P. E. R. English, Esq., and J. M. English, Esq.:

'National Geographic Magazine,' Vols. L—LXI.

The following books have been bought this term:—

'The Hundred Days' (Guedalla); 'Desert Encounter' (Homböe); 'Lord Grey and his Birds' (Gordon); 'The Citadel' (Cronin); 'Complete Works (Bentham); 'The Kaiser and English Relations' (Benson); 'Autobiography of a Super-Tramp' (Davies); 'Anne of Austria' (Buchanan); 'Sir Richard Grenville' (Rowse); 'Letters from Iceland' (Auden and MacNeice); 'Something of Myself' (Kipling); 'Orientations' (Storrs); 'Marshal Ney' (Blythe); 'The Unexpected Years' (Housman); 'Diary of Nijinsky'; 'So Great a Man' (Pilgrim); 'Talleyrand' (de Saint-Aulaire); 'My Struggle' (Hitler); 'Morning Flight' (Scott); 'Diary of a Country Priest' (Bernanos); 'Three Comrades' (Remarque); 'Edward VIII' (Bolitho); 'I saw Spain' (Newman); 'Olive Tree' (Huxley); 'The Golden Sovereign' (Housman); 'Victoria Regina' (Housman); 'We are not Alone' (Milton); 'Present Indicative' (Coward);

' Coursing and Falconry ' (Badminton Library); ' Last and First Men ' (Stapledon); ' Rhondda Roundabout ' (Jones); ' Trollope ' (Sadleir); ' Blessington d'Orsay ' (Sadleir); ' My Life and Hard Times ' (Thurber); ' The Coalminer ' (Tomlinson); ' Across Cyprus ' (Chapman); ' Cardinal of the Medici ' (Beach); ' Francis Joseph ' (Tschuppik); ' Ikhnaton ' (Weigall); ' Cleopatra ' (Weigall); ' Alexander ' (Weigall); ' Augustus ' (Buchan); ' Hellenistic Architecture ' (Fyfe); ' Pericles ' (Mackenzie); ' Oxford Companion to Classical Literature ' (Harvey); ' Everyday Life in Roman Britain ' (Quennell); ' Everyday Things in Homeric Greece ' (Quennell); ' Five Men ' (Charlesworth); ' Cry Havoc ' (Nichols); ' Bath ' (Sitwell); Dictionary of National Biography: 1922-30; ' The Testament of Dominic Burleigh, ' Mary Lavelle ' (O'Brien); ' Cinq grandes Odes ' (Claudel); ' Poésies ' (Jammes); ' La Mare au Diable ' (Sand); ' Pêcheur d'Islande ' (Loti); ' Le Disciple ' (Bourget); ' Colette Bandoche ' (Barres); ' A la recherche du temps perdu ' (Proust); ' La Neige sur les Pas ' (Bordeaux); ' Confessions de Minuit ' (Duhamel); ' Deux Hommes ' (Duhamel); ' Journal de Salavia ' (Duhamel); ' La Vie des Martyrs 1915-18 ' (Duhamel); ' Magiciens et Logiciens ' (Maurois); ' Retour de L'U.R.S.S. ' (Gide); ' Retouches à mon Retour de L'U.R.S.S. ' (Gide); ' Distillation ' (Reilly); ' Famous Chemists ' (Tilden); ' The Progress of Scientific Chemistry in our own Times ' (Tilden); ' Practical Organic Chemistry ' (Mann and Saunders); Chemical Society Memorial Lectures: 1901-1913; ' Inorganic Preparations ' (King); ' Studies in Optics ' (Michelson); ' Opticks ' (Newton); ' Electricity ' (Bragg); ' The World of Sound ' (Bragg); ' X-rays Past and Present ' (Pullen); ' Low Temperature Physics ' (Jackson); ' High Voltage Physics ' (Jacob); ' The Physical Principles of Wireless ' (Ratcliffe); ' The Expanding Universe ' (Eddington).

W.L.McE.  
E.N.R.  
N.M.B.

## MUSIC

The musical activities this term have been so numerous that space prevents us from giving anything like a complete account of them. We have been visited by a Music Inspector for the second time in one year. Dr. Geoffrey Shaw's report on us is not yet to hand, but he seemed encouraged by what he saw and heard of our musical activities. The Orchestra seems to have found the most favour with him. It is hoped too that the lack of adequate facilities for music-making at Stowe was fully realized by him. Stowe, the proud possessor of many fine buildings, both ancient and modern, must be the only big public school in the country which lacks a music-school and a concert hall. It is a somewhat depressing outlook that there appears to be no chance of either building materialising for many years to come. The exchange of visits between the Rugby and Stowe Orchestras has been most stimulating.

The fifth series of Subscription Concerts has included a Recital by Albert Sammons and yet another visit by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted this year by Sir Henry Wood.

There have been the usual Sunday evening concerts every week, the Gilbert and Sullivan concert proving an outstanding success.

### THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

Besides some carols for the Carol Service on December 12th and for our annual carol-singing expedition to Buckingham, we have this term been working hard on a programme of songs for the Rugby Concert given on December 5th. This consisted of three light negro part-songs and some of Brahms' "Zigeunerlieder" and two other unaccompanied part-songs, "The Silver Swan" and "Ah! Thou poor world." Our repertoire this term is large and it is to be hoped that quality has not suffered at the hands of quantity on that account.

K.J.S.R.

### THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Society will be conducted by Sir Henry Wood at the last Subscription Concert on December 11th. Five Choruses from some of the lesser known Handel operas will be sung to Sir Henry Wood's own arrangements of the music.

### THE ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra has benefited greatly from having an extra practice a week on Thursdays this term. We now have the largest orchestra the School has ever had. The Wind is complete in all departments. Only the Strings now require additions.

The Music rehearsed has been as follows:—

Overture in D Minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Handel-Elgar
Overture to Hänsel and Gretel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Humperdinck
Piano Concerto in A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
								Pianist—A. F. H. COATES (♫).
Minuet and Trio from 39th Symphony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Fire Dance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	De Falla
Two numbers from Háry Janós Suite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Kodaly

This programme of music was performed at the Music Society meeting on November 17th and was performed again at Rugby on December 5th.

### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

The first meeting was held on October 27th when Guelda Waller and Vera Maconochie gave a delightful recital of old Song pictures with stage effects and flute obbligato. The programme was very varied and well chosen.

At the second meeting on November 17th, the Orchestra gave a concert assisted by the Madrigal Society. The Plantation Songs proved very popular. Mozart's Minuet and Trio from his 39th Symphony received an encore.

CONCERT BY THE RUGBY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA. November 28th, 1937.

This is the first musical visit paid to us by another School, and we hope that many more such visits will take place in the future. Rugby produced a varied programme beginning with three movements from Beethoven's 8th Symphony. They appear to have twice the number of String players that we have, and the balance of the orchestra



was correspondingly better. The effective string tone was particularly noticeable in the first movement from Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto. The performance of this work was an outstanding achievement from all points of view. The pianist, R. F. T. Bullivant, had a surprisingly advanced technique, and played brilliantly. He was excellently supported by the Orchestra.

The programme ended with a finished performance of Järnefelt's Præludium.

We should like to thank Rugby for giving us such a delightful programme, so well performed.

A programme of the concert is given below :—

Conductor : KENNETH STUBBS.

1. The Eighth Symphony ... .. *Beethoven*  
 First Movement : Allegro Vivace.  
 Second Movement : Allegretto Scherzando  
 Last Movement : Allegro Vivace.
2. Three Part Songs for Octet :  
 (a) Sing we and chaunt it ... .. *Pearsall*  
 (b) Vineta ... .. *Brahms*  
 (c) Polly Wolly Doodle ... .. *arr. Stanford Robinson*
3. Characteristic Dance, No. 1 ... .. *Coleridge Taylor*
4. First Movement of Piano Concerto ... .. *Beethoven*  
 No. 4 in G  
 Soloist : R. F. T. BULLIVANT
5. Two Part Songs for Broken Voices :  
 (a) The Gentle Maiden ... .. *arr. Eric Thiman*  
 (b) Down in Alabama ... .. *arr. Paul Edmunds*
6. Præludium ... .. *Järnefelt*

#### CONCERT IN ASSEMBLY ON SPEECH DAY. July 24th, 1937.

A large audience turned up to hear this concert. The chief Choral work was Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens.' The singing sounded very effective in Assembly and the work was well performed. The Madrigal Society sang some Madrigals and part-songs, and were in good form.

The performance of Beethoven's Egmont Overture was one of the best ever given by the orchestra.

Walton's Coronation March was vigorously played. The brass section of the orchestra played particularly well except for a momentary lapse just before the end.

The programme was as follows :

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| Egmont Overture ... ..                                  | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| "Blest Pair of Sirens," for Chorus and Orchestra ... .. | <i>Parry</i>     |
| Three movements from Suite in B minor ... ..            | <i>Bach</i>      |
| Solo Flute—C. A. WESTON (♫).                            |                  |

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| Madrigals—The Silver Swan ... .. | <i>Gibbons</i>          |
| Ah, thou poor world ... ..       | <i>Brahms</i>           |
| Facry Song ... ..                | <i>Rutland Boughton</i> |

The Madrigal Society.

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| Horn Concerto in F major ... .. | <i>Beethoven</i> |
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Solo Horn : J. O. H. BEAMISH (T).

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| Coronation March ... .. | <i>William Walton</i> |
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#### SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS.

Six Subscription Concerts have been announced this term. This is the fifth year that Dr. Huggins has arranged such a series of concerts, and they have already become an important and almost traditional feature in the musical life of the School.

The concerts this term have been of a varied nature, and practically every type of music has been represented in some degree. The School has had an excellent opportunity of hearing famous artists at close quarters and in an informal sort of way.

The first concert was given by Barclay's Bank Male Voice Choir. This is an amateur Choir, and its enthusiastic and spirited singing more than made up for any deficiency in tonal quality that betrayed itself now and again. The Choir was particularly good in the singing of folk songs and negro spirituals.

The Pianoforte recital by John Hunt was memorable for his playing of the Schubert and Haydn Sonatas. John Hunt has a brilliant technique, and he ranks as one of the foremost of the younger school of British pianists.

On October 30th, Frederick Woodhouse, Geoffrey Dunn and Winifred Radford performed their own versions of some of the lesser known 17th and 18th century Operas. Their outstanding performance was in Purcell's "Don Quixote." Here Geoffrey Dunn, as Don Quixote, made an imposing and magnificent figure.

Le Quintette Instrumental de Paris gave the next concert of the series on November 14th in the Library. The Quintet is famous abroad and consists of a rather unusual but attractive combination of instruments. The work by Jongen was specially written for the Quintet and it obviously suited their particular powers and abilities.

Albert Sammons provided the Fourth Concert on November 21st, and was welcomed by a large audience. A word of praise must be given to his accompanist, Ethel Hobday, who played with remarkable insight and feeling without detracting from the playing of the violinist. A Brahms Sonata and a Bach Concerto were the principle works played at this recital. The playing of Sammons was brilliant, especially in the Bach, and it was enhanced considerably by the unassuming way in which he set about his task.

The last concert of the series will be given on December 11th, by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted on this occasion by Sir Henry Wood. Great expectation is attached to this concert, not only because Sir Henry is bringing with him a larger Orchestra than we have had in former years, but because he is going to conduct the School Choral Society in some Handel Choruses which he himself has arranged. This should be a thrilling climax to a wonderful series of concerts.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

THREE debates have been held this term, all remarkable in their excellence: the senior members of the Society can always be relied upon to speak eloquently on some subject—even if not on the subject of the debate in progress; and, with the aid of an able body of potential secretaries rising from the Lower House, the society's regular supporters have had little fear of disappointment.

The 114th Meeting was distinguished by the presence of two representatives of the Rugby School Debating Society, Mr. P. C. Rodger and Mr. R. W. Sebag-Montefiore, whose speeches were two of the most polished, and best read, that have been heard this term.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, J. D. Fay (G); Treasurer, J. R. C. Elmslie (C); Librarian, H. S. L. Dundas (W); ex-Secretaries, D. R. Barbour (C) and R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C).

The following have been elected members of the Society:—P. S. Anstey (C), P. J. Diggle (C), N. M. Bryant (G), C. W. Newton (G), W. Kee (G), J. C. Simopoulos (G), H. M. Taylor (G).

The 112th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th.

The ex-Secretary, whose usual diversion appeared, if anything, more fatuous than ever, was quickly suppressed, and the House proceeded to debate the Motion that "this House would rather have its tongue in its cheek than a bee in its bonnet."

Time must have moved slowly to P. L. D. FRANKENBURG (C) (Hon. Proposer) while he was supposed to be composing his swan song. In the end he was constrained to sing it impromptu; but in that hour of need his stock of Wodehouse failed him, and he found himself singing to the tune of the Society's snores. After trying glibly to pass off a few lame familiarities he subsided among the conventional plaudits of a defrauded House.

J. D. FAY (G) (Hon. Opposer) made the House laugh half-heartedly with a languid flow of indifferent puns, bad French, and dog Latin. After the second round with Cicero he looked tired, but with another good laugh he managed to rally and carried on with an essay in bogus culture, which lasted all too long. He claims to have had something to say, but it was difficult to connect his dissertation in any way with the point at issue.

M. G. T. WEBSTER (W) amazed the House by getting down to the point. He earnestly defended hypocrisy against eccentricity as the lesser of two evils, for he held that it contained a saving element of puckishness. Rounding off his speech with a grave warning against the horrors of people who buzz, he sat down all too soon.

Only the Vice-President understood the SECRETARY'S opening crack, which was mathematical and obscure. Obscurer still, however, was his meaningless remark of Porphyry's about fountains; this he followed with a lengthy peroration which was a catalogue of insect proverbs, but the House was not amused.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, T. L. Dewhurst (B), H. S. L. Dundas (W), the Vice-President, S. J. Whitwell (C), M. L. B. Williams (W), E. N. Rolfe (B), R. H. Anstey (C), D. Gardiner (C).

*Against the Motion*, the ex-Secretary (R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C)), J. R. C. Elmslie (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), P. Johnstone (C).

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 10	For the Motion	- 34
Against	- 6	Against	- 21

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 4 votes and in the Lower House by 13 votes.

At a committee meeting held after the debate the resignations of the Secretary (D. R. Barbour (C)), and the Treasurer (P. L. D. Frankenburg (C)) were received with regret.

The 113th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6th.

The Vice-President carried a motion for the burning of bitter herbs; another was carried that the Vice-President should obtain them. The House then proceeded to debate the Motion that "this House would rather have written Gray's elegy than taken Quebec."

The SECRETARY quoted extensively, inevitably and irrelevantly. His effort to make the House believe that poetry was better than blood and thunder left it cold. He sat down, quoting "Tiger, tiger, burning bright."

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE'S (C) receipt of reason was a limbeck only. He decried pacifism, nearly slit the Librarian's weasand with a dirk, sang an old Scots fragment, and eventually subsided, exhausted by his vehemence.

P. SPENCER THOMAS (W) made the best speech of the evening. Mankind had always sought after the rare and the unusual; and was not soldiering a virtue possessed by many, but poetry one granted to few? With a ready flow of convincing arguments he persuaded the House that writing was better than fighting.

D. R. BARBOUR (C) brought his mathematics into play once again. He persuaded the House that he could never have written Gray's elegy and was readily believed by all and sundry.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, T. L. Dewhurst (B), C. A. Moodie (G), J. B. Frankenburg (C), D. V. A. Sankey (B), J. H. Ferguson (C), G. L. Paget (C), P. S. Anstey (C), C. W. Newton (G), the Vice-President, J. C. Drew (C), the President.

*Against the Motion*, P. J. Diggle (C), S. J. Whitwell (C), the Librarian, D. P. Weiner (W), R. H. M. Spencer (W), the Treasurer, N. M. Bryant (G), Mr. D. Scott.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 13	For the Motion	- 26
Against	- 7	Against	- 31

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 6 votes, and lost in the Lower House by 5 votes.

The 114th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 31st. The Motion before the House was that "this House would welcome the abolition of the Public School."

P. C. RODGER (Hon. Sec., R.S.D.S.) (Hon. Proposer) read an essay that was witty and to the point; indeed its only fault was that it was an essay. He ridiculed almost every side of public school life, and commended the adoption of root and branch methods for its abolition.

T. L. DEWHURST (B) (Hon. Opposer) welcomed the visitors benevolently and at length. He deplored mass teaching, pointed out that the public school gave individual attention, and deduced that it was therefore a Good Thing. Striking an episcopal attitude, he ordained that the House should scrum down with the best and the worst: with these words he gave his final blessing.

According to S. J. WHITWELL (C), the public schools had gone to the dogs since the cad became a music-hall back number, and boys had ceased to be beaten till they bled. Although the House was later informed that the laughter which it accorded to him should, for the most part, have gone to Shane Leslie, it did not at the time miss the quotation marks.

R. W. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE (R.S.D.S.) delivered an able speech with refreshingly few notes to support him. He suggested that total abolition of the public schools was an excessive measure: if, as he admitted, there were several blots on their escutcheons, reform would be saner than complete abolition.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, C. A. Moodie (G), H. M. Taylor (G), J. C. Simopoulos (G), G. L. Paget (C), P. M. Syrett (C).

*Against the Motion*, J. H. Ferguson (C), W. Kee (G), R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) (ex-Secretary), the Librarian, R. H. Anstey (C), P. S. Anstey (C), J. B. Frankenburg (C), R. H. M. Spencer (W), the Vice-President.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 9	For the Motion	- 15
Against	- 15	Against	- 63

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 6 votes, and in the Lower House by 48 votes.

We most deeply regret the inevitable departure of one who for so many terms has taken a very prominent part in the affairs of the House. The ex-Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C), delivered his swansong at the 115th meeting, and it was couched in his most brilliant vein.

The 115th Meeting will be more fully reported in next term's issue of *The Stoic*.

J.D.F.  
H.S.L.D.

## MACBETH

The steps of the Queen's Temple form so natural and yet so difficult a setting for a play that it is inevitable that a criticism should begin with the technicalities of the production itself: for any discussion of the merits of the actors must be governed by a realization of what they could or could not do with their stage. Good acting makes the spectators entirely indifferent to the incongruities of a setting, and at one or two points the production of "Macbeth" reached this high level: but on the whole the success of the play depended on the intelligent balance held between the acting and the pageantry. Great things can be done with the Queen's Temple setting: floodlit splashes of colour, and menacing shadows playing over dark pillars, have an impressiveness that can hardly be hoped for in an indoor production: but on the other hand there are difficult moments when the spectators' co-operation is taxed to the uttermost. This was most apparent in the early parts of the play. The "fatal entrance of Duncan" under the battlements was *up* a broad flight of steps. We had to *persuade* ourselves that the raven meant more than the temple-haunting martlet. All through the scenes of Macbeth's indecision, when the atmosphere of suspense and gloom was being created to give the key to the whole play, we had to *persuade* ourselves that we were in the ante-rooms of a house of death: and we can give high marks to Dundas and Vanneck for their efforts to convince us. But the most difficult moment of all was the discovery of the murder: there was no illusion of courtyard or corridor: the exalted agitation of Macduff (R. A. L. Black (G), who acted splendidly later on) was dangerously near the comic. But on the other hand the very necessity to cope with these difficulties was probably largely responsible for the amazing efficiency of the production: every little detail had its meaning.

Good use was made of the balustrades; among things which linger in the memory are the opening scene, with the witches creeping down and pouncing on the body of the Sergeant, the fine dark dignity of Malcolm (R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C)) as he leant on the balustrade in the "English Court" scene, Macbeth's final weariness, and the sleep-walking scene, where Lady Macbeth came slowly down by the balustrade in silence, and went back as she came, picking up the lamp with a lovely motion of unconsciousness.

The set pieces were splendid, especially the banquet scene. The colourful group of nobles formed a fine picture as they edged away while Macbeth raved before the vacant chair: though the high spot of this scene was the end, with Lady Macbeth's icy question "Are you a man?" and Macbeth's brooding at the deserted table. Oddly enough the brilliant tartans of Jacobite days in which the play was dressed were less effective in the scenes of pageantry than the mediaeval costumes of the memorable production of "Richard II," incongruous as these were in the 18th century setting. In many ways the choice of costume justified itself: hardly any other period would have fitted the stage: but one always felt that the tragedy of Macbeth was darker and more primeval than anything in an age of periwigs, and the pistolling of Young Siward (D. M. Bolton, (C)), though logical, was most disturbing: one fell to calculating whether Macbeth had used up his last bullet.

As for the actors, in spite of some weaknesses, almost everyone did something good sooner or later. A great merit of the play was the liveness of many of the minor characters: some achieved personality by being honest and matter-of-fact, and perhaps

the play was the better for it. Banquo (P. L. D. Frankenburg (C)) was a good example of this, and the prosy sententiousness of Siward (J. D. Fay (G)) was delicious. The murderers were nicely vulgar and natural, but a shade too comic: the doctor (P. M. Syrett (C)) was a doctor, the waiting gentlewoman (R. A. P. Allsebrook (W)) had an arch dignity and primness. ("That, sir, which I will not report after her" was one of the best lines in the play.) Duncan (T. L. Dewhurst (B)) wore his wig like a King.

The diction throughout was excellent. Almost every word could be heard, even when the wind rustled in the trees. The actors certainly knew how to speak verse. It was not prose, it was not sing-song: it was poetry. In particular, Malcolm gave to the close of the play, which is so often an anticlimax, the resolving clarity of a finale in music.

The play, however, must stand or fall with Macbeth and his lady. It stood. Macbeth (H. S. L. Dundas (W)) looked too much like Bonnie Prince Charlie, and in compensation shouted too much. The "tomorrow" speech was disastrous. He had not enough moments of chill desolation. But he was very good in his scenes with Lady Macbeth (especially "My dearest love . . . Duncan comes here tonight.") His sudden resolution "We will proceed no further in this business," his response to Lady Macbeth's stinging reply, his collapse, his harping on Banquo, his despair in Dunsinane ("Doctor, the thanes fly from me."), all these were very well done.

As Lady Macbeth, the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B) (who took the part at about a week's notice) gave a performance remarkable for power and restraint. The very silences were fateful. Scornful composure, resolution, bewilderment, disillusionment, breakdown were all inevitable and most moving.

But on the whole one missed throughout the play a sense of unity: the slow swing of the pendulum was broken by interruptions. The first act had not sufficient evil grandeur to point to the climax and catastrophe. There were brilliantly dramatic scenes: one of the finest things of all was the sinister suspiciousness of Lennox (the Hon. H. M. Ritchie (B)) after the banquet, and there was terrific effect in the sudden change from the red glow and the gigantic shadows of the witches' den to the cold light of day, with Lennox's cool answers to Macbeth's frantic questions. But these were splendid moments, and little more. The core of the play is the development of the souls of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth under the guilt of their great quell, and somehow the fatal continuity of their tragic struggling under the power of evil seemed to be insufficiently emphasized.

There were two points, however, at which we saw the real Macbeth. One was his glorying in the "deed of dreadful note" to be accomplished: this to me was sheer sudden revelation. The other was his final defiance of Macduff. Here we lived with Macbeth: his tragedy surrounded us. We forgot we were watching a play done by schoolboys: there was no need to make allowances. This was success.

The achievement of Mr. E. A. Bonvalot (formerly of Grafton) in composing the music for the production deserves mention. It seemed, however, to be not really suited to the play, and in fact to be the kind of music that would stand best by itself in an indoor performance; and one wished that the "clamorous harbingers of blood and death," when called upon, had not first cleared their throats with a buzzing of stringed instruments.

J.M.T.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Two meetings have been held this term, and accounts of these will be found in next term's *Stoic*.

The first was on Tuesday, November 30th, when the film "Forgotten Men" was shown.

The second was on Friday, December 10th, when Mr. Vernon Bartlett gave an address.

D.R.B.

## THE EXPEDITION TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

It is seldom that Stoics have an opportunity of inspecting their own representative institutions. Londoners are notoriously lax in the exploration of their city, and Stoics who do not live in London generally find their visits there too occupied with other matters; so when Major Nathan offered to conduct a party of forty Stoics round the Houses of Parliament and to pay for their transport and sustenance, the offer was accepted with alacrity—and competition to be included in the party was keen. The eventual choice fell on those who wished to go in the Sixth and Middle Sixth Forms, and the remainder of the party was made up of a number of members of Middle School Civics Sets chosen by competition.

After going into the first two periods of morning school we went up to London by train from Brackley, having our lunch on board, and from Marylebone were taken straight to Westminster by coach. We were met in Westminster Hall by Major Nathan, who took us on a conducted tour of such portions of the building as would be inaccessible when the House was in session. We visited the only remaining ground-level part of the original building, and eventually entered the debating chamber itself, where Major Nathan proved himself an admirable guide and commentator. After admiring the libraries and lobbies and hearing law being made in the Upper House, the party re-assembled, and certain of the fortunate among us were privileged to enter one of the Galleries and to hear a debate in the House, while the others visited Saint Stephen's Chapel, an underground relic of the buildings that were destroyed by fire.

Our conducted tour ended, we assembled in a room overlooking the river and were there treated to an extremely good tea, to which we did full justice. After the meal Mr. Cross thanked Major Nathan on behalf of the whole party, and Major Nathan replied, and said that he hoped he would meet some of us again as Members of Parliament. Having shaken hands with Major Nathan, we returned to Marylebone and arrived back at Stowe at about a quarter to seven knowing a great deal more about Parliament and Parliamentary procedure than when we had set out.

J.H.F.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE ARTS CLUB.

There have been two meetings this term. The subjects for the Sketch Competitions were "Movement," won by B. H. G. Sparrow (W), and "Journey's End," won by S. Birch (W). There is to be another meeting on December 4th, when a competition for poster designs will be judged.

E.N.R.

### THE PUPPET CLUB.

After a dormant summer the Puppet Club has woken to fresh activity as the result of a little propaganda and has spent an energetic term preparing a performance for the near future.

G.L.P.

### THE HERETICS.

On Monday, November 8th, J. E. S. S. Cable (C) read a provocative paper on "The Decline and Fall of Germany."

On Monday, November 29th, P. Johnstone (C), E. N. Rolfe (B), M. J. Poulton (C) and J. H. Ferguson (C) read amusing papers on "Modern Music."

D.G.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

We expected to arrange an expedition this term to the Kodak Works near Harrow, but unfortunately another party had reserved the only possible date. There has not been much activity this term either outside or in the dark room.

J.D.F.P.

### THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

There have been three meetings this term. On Tuesday, October 26th, H. F. Sassoon (G) read an interesting and comprehensive paper on "Ikhnaton." On November 16th, Mr. C. A. Rodewald discoursed with great thoroughness and scholarship on "The Hellenistic Age." This was a fitting prelude to the excellent and delightful talk given on November 30th by Professor N. H. Baynes, on "Byzantine Civilization." To this last meeting the Historians were invited as guests. It was a superb evening, and much gratitude is due to Professor Baynes for his kindness in coming.

R.H.A.

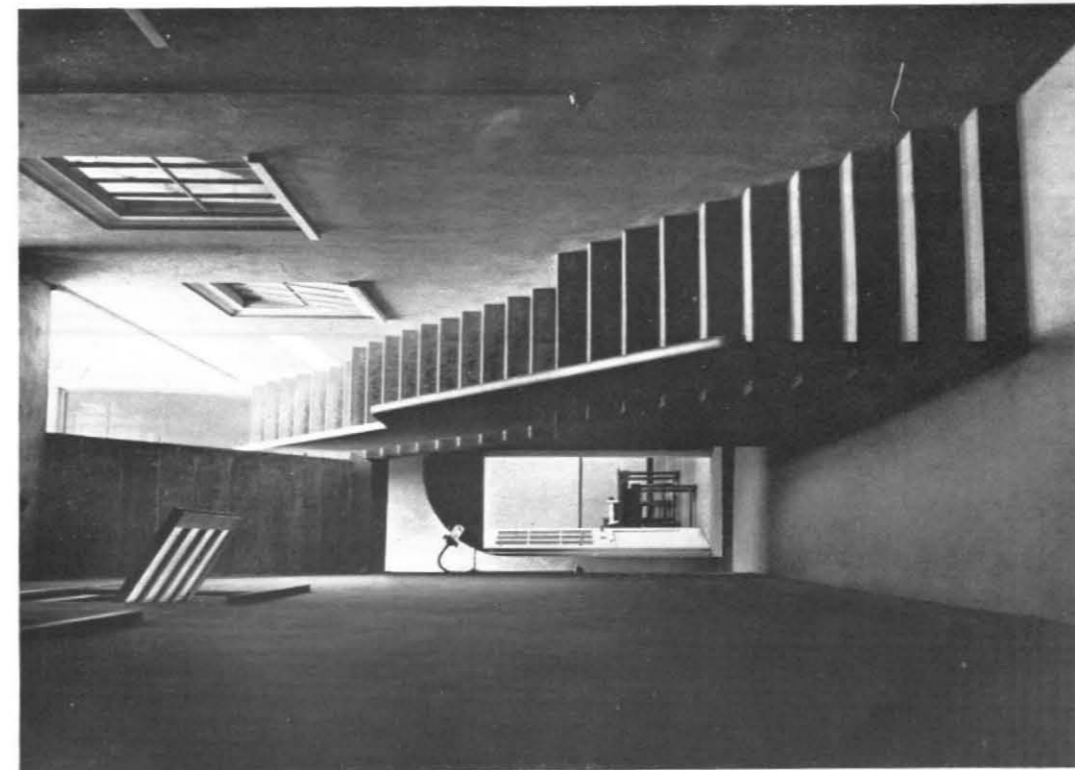
### THE TWELVE CLUB.

The 125th meeting of the club was held on Tuesday, October 19th, when H. S. L. Dundas (W) read his paper on "The Relation between W. H. Auden and A. E. Housman."

The 126th meeting of the club was held on Friday, November 5th, when T. L. Dewhurst (B) read his paper on "Velvet Breeches."

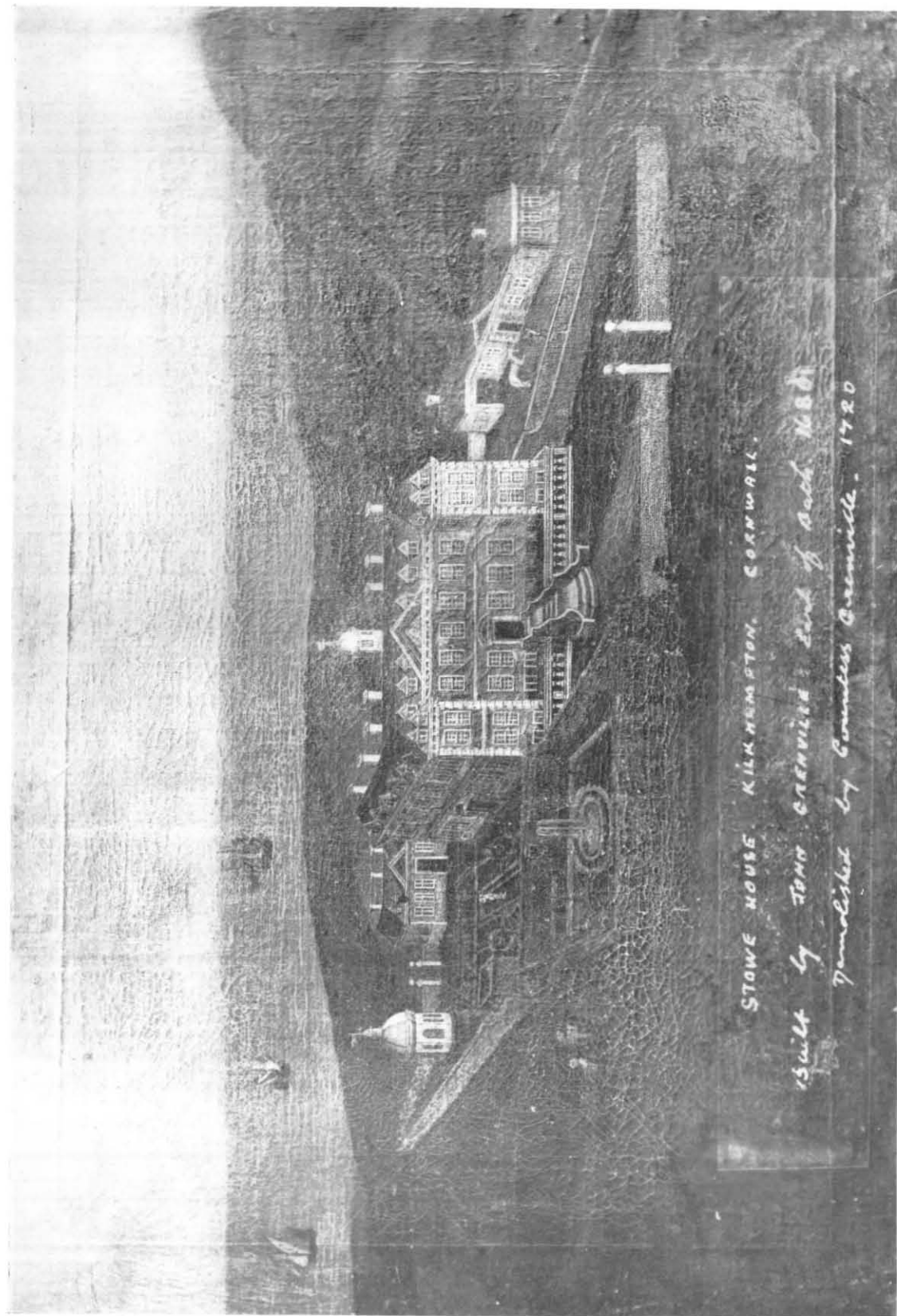


[J.D.F.P.]



TWO STOWE VIEWS

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STOWE HOUSE, CORNWALL

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G. L. Le Bouvier (T), W. B. Banister (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T) and H. S. L. Dundas (W) have been elected members of the club, R. A. L. Black (G) and R. H. Anstey (C) admitted as permanent guests.

R.I.K.M.

### THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 15th, the Society met in the President's rooms to read Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra."

P. M. Syrett (C), H. S. L. Dundas (W), P. R. H. Hastings (T), K. J. S. Ritchie (T) and M. J. Poulton (C) have been elected members of the Society.

R.I.K.M.

### THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH CLUB.

The Middle School English Club was brought into being at a meeting held near the end of the Summer Term. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for the Middle School to entertain itself by means of Debates, Play-Readings, Discussions and the like. The Club numbers some sixty-five members, and six meetings have already been held this term.

The programme opened with a "Hat Night," or "Sharp-Practice Evening," when prizes were given for the best two-minute speeches on a variety of subjects: the winning orator was D. Q. Chalmers (B). On Sunday, October 10th, two modern plays were read, and those taking part were invited to provide themselves with just so much local colour in the way of hats and beards as would indicate the characters' age and sex: some artistic if irrelevant effects were achieved.

To its third meeting the Club had the honour of welcoming two distinguished strangers, Mr. Capel Cure and Mr. Todd both contributing to a Symposium entitled "The Guest of the Evening is . . ." Some brilliant speech-making went on, including a delightful reply from "Mr. Noah" (Mr. Saunders) describing the difficulties of Ark-building.

Other meetings have consisted of a Debate, a Mock-Trial for Murder (in which the prisoner was lucky to escape the death-sentence), and an Eisteddfod. This last was an evening of original work contributed by members: the "bards" elected were J. C. R. Welch (G), R. W. Kennon (G), D. Q. Chalmers (B) and C. D. Harvey-Piper (T). Part of the purpose of the Club is to encourage this kind of work, and it is hoped that at the next meeting of this nature an even higher standard will be reached by the entries sent in.

Any suggestions for next term's programme should be made to the Secretary, C. W. Newton (G), or to any member of the Committee.

C.R.A.

### THE RIDING CLUB.

This term there has been an expedition to the Bicester Kennels and a lecture by Captain Meredith. About twenty-five members were shown over the kennels by the huntman and afterwards saw some of the hunt horses. On November 7th Capt. Meredith lectured to the club with mounted demonstrations, which were followed by practical tuition. It is hoped to hold a gymkhana at the end of the term and an expedition to Weedon.

C.W.D.

## THE FILM SOCIETY.

The membership of the Film Society is bigger this term than it has ever been before, and this has made it possible to show four films of very varying types, each outstanding in its own class. A full report and criticism of the films exhibited will be published in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

The films seen were:—"Westfront 1918" (German); "La Kermesse Héroïque" and "Remous" (French); "The Road to Life" (Russian).

V. VON S.

## THE AERO CLUB.

The Aero Club's activities have again been rather restricted this term, as the R.A.F. is still too busy expanding to welcome many outside visitors. However, at the time of writing we have enjoyed one visit to Bicester aerodrome, where about half the club enjoyed flights in Overstrand bombers, and we hope that the remaining members of the club will also have flights at Bicester before the end of term.

Flight-Lieutenant T. H. L. Nicholls, our liaison officer, came to Stowe in the middle of the term and had an interesting informal talk with several members of the club.

J. R. H.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At the time of writing there have been four meetings this term and three papers have been read to the Society. The President lectured on "Oakapples and other Galls," Mr. Barr on "Respiration of Aquatic Insects" and the Secretary on "Pollination Mechanisms." Of two expeditions, one was a collecting one in the surrounding country, while the other was to the Forest Products Research Laboratory at Princes Risborough.

J. M. S.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

Ce trimestre, on accueillit comme membres de la société P. F. Bassett Wilson (C), J. E. S. S. Cable (C), M. I. Massy (T), J. L. Rolleston (C), et comme membre honoraire Mons. A. J. G. Corteel.

On lut "Les Boulinards" d'Ordonneau, "Cinna" de Corneille, "El Carlista" de María Fernández de Laguna, et "Weh dem, der lügt" de Franz Grillparzer.

S. E. S.

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING.

The Club has had a successful term and membership was higher than for the past year. Shooting has been held regularly every Thursday, and also on several Saturdays. The standard of shooting has been low, but it is hoped that next term the present members will have improved. A match against Oxford was lost by eight points. Next term it is hoped to lower the subscription and to arrange more matches.

H. C. I. R.  
B. A. S.

## A SECOND STOWE

In 1720 the last of a great house fell beneath the house-breaker's pick; and there stands to-day only a small farm-house to mark the spot where the ancient family of the Grenvilles had lived in their mansion of Stowe since the time of Edward II. The Grenvilles had come over with the Conqueror, and almost immediately had gravitated towards Cornwall where they built Stowe mansion, their home for 400 years, at the little village of Kilkhampton. For many generations the Grenvilles constituted one of the great families of the West, and with the Reformation their fame and influence began to make itself felt at Court and, above all, on the high seas. The family name has been immortalised by the last fight of the *Revenge*, whose commander, Sir Richard Grenville, ranks with Raleigh and Drake in epitomising the spirit of Elizabethan chivalry.

In 1679 John Grenville, Earl of Bath, felt that the family fortunes warranted a new and finer abode, and he finally designed and built a magnificent mansion, which covered  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of ground, and which, it is said, boasted 365 windows. In a further effort to consolidate his position as a Peer of the Realm, he decided to change his name from Grenville to Granville, a decision which was based upon some obscure genealogical quibble and which added to his titles that of a French Earldom. It was all to no avail, however, that he made these glorious additions to the family honours, for within ten years of his death his only son and grandson were also in the grave. There was a dispute over the succession; the earldom became extinct, and, in 1720, the eccentric Countess Granville pulled down the palace which had been so proudly built by her nephew, and which was still one of the finest private houses in the country. The hoard of treasures which had been collected by the Grenvilles in the course of 400 years was scattered far and wide. Notable beyond all the rest were some magnificent cedar-wood panels, taken from a Spanish galleon and carved by Michael Chuke for the Grenville chapel; these were bought by Viscount Cobham, and found a home in another, even finer, Stowe House.

That there is a connection between the two Stowes and their respective families is not to be doubted. But the connection has as many branches as the hydra had heads, and to describe it here would be inconceivable, for its complexity defies any description at all. Suffice it to say that there has been a house at Stowe for many hundreds of years. It came into the hands of the Temple family at the time of Edward VI, when it belonged to Peter Temple, among whose long line of descendants it is interesting to find two such different personalities as the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Palmerston. The Temple family became amalgamated with the Grenvilles after the death of the first Lord Cobham; for his nephew, Richard Grenville, of Wooton, Buckinghamshire, succeeded through his mother to the Temple titles and to Stowe, was the first Grenville to own the Buckingham house, and, incidentally, built the South Front as it now stands.

It is terrible to think that the buildings in which we now live might have shared the fate which befell that other Stowe 200 years ago. The circumstances of their unhappy decline are remarkably similar: but generosity and foresight combined to make the salvation of our Stowe possible, and it is fascinating to think that this house is so directly connected with the home which the Grenvilles made for themselves nearly a thousand years ago. It may be of interest to add the odd coincidence that the Stowe of Kilk-

hampton was also at one time used as a place of education. George Grenville, writing on this subject, says :—

“Stowe in my grandfather’s time was a kind of academy for all young men of family in the country. He provided himself with the best masters of all kinds for education, and the children of his neighbours and friends shared the advantages of his own.”

There is concrete evidence at our Stowe to-day that the other house existed, evidence which everybody sees several times a week. For the carved cedar-wood in the chapel is none other than that taken from a Spanish galleon, carved by Michael Chuke, and for many years lodged in the home of the Grenvilles at Kilkhampton.

M.G.T.W.  
H.S.L.D.

## THE BEE REVIVED

JUNE 26th, 1734

Following upon the protest of 22 peers, including Lord Cobham, against the screening, by Walpole’s Ministry, of frauds connected with the South Sea Company (June 2nd, 1733) Lord Cobham was removed from the command of the King’s Own Regiment. Among the many contemporary protests the following apostrophe to Lord Cobham appeared in *The Bee Revived*, June 26, 1734.

An Address from the Statutes (*sic*) at Stowe to the Lord Cobham, upon his late Dismission from Court\* and return to his Garden.

*From every Muse, and every Art, thy own,  
Thy Bow’rs our Theatres, thy Mind our Throne,  
Hail to thy Virtues, manumis’d from State!  
Hail to thy Leisure, to be wisely Great!  
Fetter’d by Duties, and to Forms enslav’d,  
How timely have thy Years a Remnant sav’d  
To taste that Freedom which thy Sword maintained,  
And lead, in letter’d Ease, a Life unpain’d.  
So, Scipio (Carthage fall’n) resign’d his Plume  
And smil’d at the Forgetfulness of Rome.  
Yet where thou shin’st, like Heav’n behind a Cloud,  
Moving, like Light, all piercing, tho’ not Loud;  
The Muse shall find thee, in the blest Retreat;  
And breathe this honest Wish at Cobham’s Feet.  
Fresh as thy Lakes may All thy Pleasures Flow!  
And breezy, like thy Groves, thy Passions blow!  
Wide as thy Fancy be thy spreading Praise!  
And long, and lovely, as thy Walks thy Days!*

\* The regiment, also known as Cobham’s Horse, had the duty of providing Royal escorts.

## THE TEMPLE OF BRITISH WORTHIES

‘Hic manus ob patriam pugnando vulnera passi,  
Quique pii vates, aut Phoebæ digna locuti,  
Inventas aut qui vitam excoluere per artes,  
Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo.’

(VIRGIL, AENEID VI)

(inscribed on the square of black marble in the centre of the temple)

It is no credit to our power of observation that until the other day no one had noticed an interesting fact about one of the more conspicuous and well-preserved temples in the grounds. It was left to some Australian visitors to point out that the inscription above Queen Elizabeth’s bust was altered at some time, and that one sentence is in reality a palimpsest. The present reading runs as follows :—

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

“Who confounded the projects, and destroyed the power that threatened to oppress the liberties of Europe; shook off the yoke of ecclesiastical tyranny; restored religion from the corruptions of popery; and by a wise, a moderate and a popular government, gave wealth, security and respect to England.”

Our Australian visitors alleged that the fourth line was originally: “subdued the religious zeal of popery.” Close inspection, however, proves this rendering to be impossible, and the actual deleted line is: “subdued the fury of religious zeal.” The available information at Stowe does not supply any reason for this alteration, nor even its date, but it is possible to form some plausible theories as to the date of the temple’s building and of the alteration. The chief source of information is the book published by the local bookseller, Seeley of Buckingham, entitled, “Stowe, the Gardens of the Rt. Hon. Viscount Cobham,” editions of which were printed until 1832. The earliest of these at Stowe is the second, which was published in 1745. This gives the present rendering of the inscription, so that the alteration must have been made sometime between the building of the temple and that date, but of the former even the date can unfortunately only be guessed at.

The owner of Stowe at the time, Lord Cobham, is famous for re-building the house and laying out the gardens. In this task, he employed many artists and architects, the most renowned of whom are Vanbrugh and Kent. The temple of British Worthies is by the latter, whose more celebrated work at Stowe is the temple of Venus. As he was engaged with the work of his greatest patron, Burlington, from about 1742 until his death in 1748, the Worthies was almost certainly built between 1742 and 1730, the year in which Kent first began to concentrate on landscape gardening and architecture. But the date can be narrowed down by the inclusion of the rather insignificant Sir John Barnard among the more illustrious names of Pope, Gresham, Ignatius Jones, Milton, Shakespeare, Locke, Newton, Sir Francis Bacon, King Alfred, Edward Prince of Wales, Elizabeth, William III, Raleigh, Drake and Hampden. Sir John was a good



honest merchant, whose only doubtful claim to worthiness was his scheme for reducing the national debt. This he tried to introduce in opposition to Walpole in 1737 (it was subsequently adopted by the Pelhams in 1750, and proved a dismal failure). But whatever his uselessness in the history of England, his one claim to be mentioned in it is useful to us, in that it confines the date of the temple, where his bust stands, to a period between 1737 and 1742.

He and Alexander Pope were the only two 'worthies' to be included in the group while still alive, and it is very probable that Lord Cobham considered the genius of the poet and the mistaken abilities of the merchant in a purely political light. For, although a staunch Whig and an early supporter of Walpole, he opposed the famous Excise scheme of 1733; he was consequently deprived of his regiment, and went into bitter opposition to form the 'Boy Patriots,' who had Pope for a satirist and Barnard for an enthusiastic supporter. Cobham's earlier inscription over Pope's bust does not help us in any way; nor could George Bickham, a London engraver, who in 1753 printed a book on the Gardens of Stowe, understand it. "The gentleman (if a gentleman, who left the following lines on his bust) best knows what he meant by them."

'For love, some worship; some for fear:  
Ask'st thou, my friend, how Pope came here?'

Cobham's little joke must remain unknown; but it is certain that he had a sense of humour, for at the back of the Worthies there is a tablet to commemorate Signor Fido, an Italian greyhound, for whom he claims all the virtues and none of the vices of men. However, Pope finally got a more suitable inscription; it was put up by Cobham's nephew and successor, Earl Temple, at the same time as the more unsuitable one of Sir John Barnard, who had previously had none. The date again can only be said to be between 1764, the year of Sir John's death, and 1773, in which year both inscriptions appear for the first time in an edition of the invaluable Seeley. It is probable also that the three tiers of steps were added then, for they too appear for the first time in an illustration of the 1773 edition.

Such is the temple of British Worthies, and it keeps its secret. The alteration of Elizabeth's inscription can hardly be attributed to political or religious reasons. Had Cobham been a Puritan non-conformist or an admirer of the rising Wesley, the historian would triumph; but he was an immovably solid Whig churchman, nor is it at all likely that he was affected by the bogus fear of Catholicism that was raised in the cry, "No excise, no popery, no wooden shoes." It is possible that he, as an indignant Whig, was hitting at the High Churchmen, who in the Sacheverell case had injured the prestige of his party. But in all probability he only felt that "subdued the fury of religious zeal" was too violent and vague a sentence, and that it might be considered as an affront to any religious zeal. Elizabeth herself, the person whom the alteration could perhaps affect most, cannot really have any cause to grumble, nor is it likely that she cares, whether she is remembered for opposing fanaticism or popery; to that moderate and procrastinating mind they were both equally unpleasant influences to be suppressed. She still looks upon the Serpentine river with a dignified and unperturbed composure, even though her nose has been broken by the relentless ravages of time; and as long as she is satisfied, we can lay the unsolved problem of her inscription on one side, feeling that whatever her memorial, she is still assuredly worthy to be placed among

"Unspotted names, and memorable long,  
If there be force in Virtue or in Song."

And it is very appropriate that her memorial's secret should have been pointed out by some members of that Empire the creation of which she did so much to encourage and promote.

P.M.S.

### SIGNOR FIDO

The epitaph on a greyhound: "To the Memory of Signor Fido" (at the back of the British Worthies) is ascribed to Dr. Arbuthnot in "Miscellaneous Works of the late Dr. Arbuthnot," 1751 (not all authentic), of which the foreword says "The Contents of these Volumes, and what is inserted in Swift's Miscellanies, comprehend all the Pieces of Wit and Humour of this admirable Author." Arbuthnot, born in Scotland in 1675, became physician in ordinary to Queen Anne. He was a friend of Pope and Swift, had a large London practice, attended Lord Chesterfield, and may have attended Lord Cobham. He died at his house in Cork Street, London, February 27, 1735.

S.R.

## THE PICTURE

(After E. A. Poe.)

I noticed it the moment my host opened the door of my bedroom. I couldn't help it. The room was only lighted by a few candles and a log fire which was flickering and spluttering in a wide grate. The picture hung above it over a narrow carved black wooden mantel-piece. The candles which were set on tables about the room cast an upward shadow from this and it obscured the lower part of the picture. Thus the startling contrast of the face was even more marked and the wavering light from the candles seemed to make the lights in the dark eyes change as though they were weeping. Never, I hope, shall I see such terrible sadness again. The picture might have been painted in black and white alone, so pale were her cheeks and so dark the mourning head-dress and background. I could not take my eyes off it for a long time and when finally I turned my back to climb into bed I felt those eyes still on me. I shivered and experienced the accompanying tingling sensation across my shoulder-blades. My nerves were on edge and I noticed it particularly, surprised at my uneasiness.

In bed, it still fascinated me. I lay with my shoulders on the bolster and my head propped up against a narrow wooden strut of the bed. As I stared at the picture, I started to roll my head slowly from side to side; after I had been doing this only half consciously for some time I found that I was swaying with the same rhythm as the beating of my heart, which seemed to become louder and louder against a dull background of the grumbling of the wind in the wide chimney. My eyes still remained fixed and, though they were wet almost to weeping, my eyelids felt stiff as I slowly blinked them from time to time. The face stood out strangely and seemed to be surrounded by a purple mist whose thickness varied from almost nothing to such a density that it blotted out all

but the face. Sometimes I shut my eyes, though only with an effort, but I could still see those eyes as though I had been staring at two lights. I lost all sense of the rest of my surroundings and it was as though I was upheld by the air alone. Gradually it was borne into my mind that a request was being made of me, a feeling which became more and more definite and more and more irresistible with its continuance. I do not know how long I can have lain there in this state, for I was too afraid to keep count of time or to make any mental resistance. The picture now seemed a long way off and less distinct than before. I thought I heard a voice from a great distance, or perhaps it was a thought being brought into my comprehension without using the medium of my ears. I remember the words quite distinctly, however they came. They were soft, low and infinitely persuasive. "Come to me and save me from my loneliness." I remember as clearly answering, "I will come." I must have got out of bed and the cool air must have aroused me somewhat, for my mind started to reason again. Why should I go? Whither was I going? Probably to my death. A terror seized me and I began to shake with a fear all the more terrible from being unknown. I was still going on. The last of my strength I used with a shout of "No," which must have awakened a large proportion of the household. I must have fainted then, as the next thing I remember was my host offering me a small glass of brandy. I had been lifted into an arm-chair on the landing outside my door. I was told that I had been found collapsed in my own door-way by my neighbour, who had heard my shout followed by a crash. I was in no state to tell my story then, but promised that I would do so in the morning, at the same time refusing to stop in the same room. A bed was hastily rigged up for me in a spare room and I slept peacefully till morning.

I told my story at breakfast, but my host said that the picture was very old and dim, and that they had always thought it was of a man and nothing out of the ordinary. Another thing for which I could think of no satisfactory explanation was the crash, which had been heard. It had been very loud and so was probably not due to my fall. However we all went up to my room when the meal was over to examine the mysterious picture. I led the way and as soon as I opened the door I saw the wreckage on the stone hearth. The picture had fallen in its heavy frame, smashed the mantel-piece and landed on the floor. It must have bounced some distance backwards, as all that was visible now was a part of the massive gilt frame, and a few pieces of charred canvas among the ashes of the fire which had gone out some time ago.

J.D.F.P.

## EXERCISE XVII

Leaving my narrow lamp-lit room,  
I venture out into the night;  
A million fancies of my mind  
Take shapes and fill my vacant sight.  
Then back to the light I wondering creep,  
And think of them until I sleep.

G.L.Le.B.

## CIVIC PRIDE

The habit of some of our popular newspapers of deciding, or pretending to decide, important questions of the day by interviewing representative citizens and asking their opinions may be uncertain and open to abuse, but it is far simpler than conducting a nation-wide ballot, besides being far less expensive; so when I was asked to assess the value of a townsman's civic pride, I asked various intelligent people I came across whether they were townsmen, and if so whether they had any civic pride. The result was not encouraging from the point of view of the municipal patriot. From inhabitants of Kensington, Darlington, Cambridge, Woodford, Bisham, Bromley and Bexhill, together with three citizens of Marylebone, I received the reply that they had no civic pride at all. Discouraged with the English, I approached a compatriot from Edinburgh. The Edinburgh people, he said, were very nice, but it was a horrid town (a statement immediately challenged by the Kensingtonian, who did not seem to think charity or civic pride began at home). Still I had met no one who was proud of his town. Ireland however came to the rescue, and a citizen of Dublin informed me that it was the finest city in the world, possessed the widest street in the British Isles, and had the finest public buildings in Europe. After this things began to look up; an inhabitant of Tenterden, having been woken up, informed me savagely that of course he had the hell of a lot of civic pride and that Tenterden was the only town in the south of England with no slums, and almost before he had finished speaking a citizen of Norwich told me he was descended from three Lord Mayors of that city and that Norwich had more picture-palaces and parish churches per head of population than any town in the kingdom.

Even these patriots, however, were content to sit back on their laurels and accept what their ancestors had done or their harassed town council was doing, without the faintest wish to take a part in the political or civic life of the town themselves. There is too much apathy in these days. In this disillusioned twentieth century we are far too ready to let others bear the burden that we should carry ourselves, and to allow the machinery of local government and local organization to be carried on by an already overworked bureaucracy. We are too inclined to think enthusiasm vulgar. A motor-manufacturer of my acquaintance, though his political views are obnoxious to me, has a great sense of civic responsibility, and recently stood for election to the Middlesex County Council as Conservative candidate for the borough in which we both reside. He had the interest of the borough at heart. He was really proud of the fact that it maintained the largest sewage-disposal works in the world. He was really keen that a programme of slum-clearance should be carried through; and because the few people who troubled to vote preferred him to his Socialist and Independent (teetotal) opponents, he was elected. But although he has all the qualities that are needed in a county councillor representing a municipality, he is universally condemned. "That awful business

man!" I have heard said, "Always blithering about the poor! Why doesn't he do something about getting the rates reduced?" "I do hate these awfully efficient people," said someone else, "the man's a perfect Babbitt." Enthusiasm seems to have sunk as low in the scale of human virtues as it did during the eighteenth century.

Only in a few cities are the inhabitants really patriotic, and it is always in the most unlikely cities that they are so. The people of the northern industrial towns have a fierce local patriotism, and an inhabitant of Manchester, Newcastle or Bradford is insulted if you mistake his home-town, and the same is true of the people of the Scottish midlands, who are really proud of Auld Reekie or "Dear Auld Dirty Glasgow," though the Paisleyans, it must be admitted, are traditionally ashamed of Paisley. But, like the patriots I mentioned in the first paragraph, their pride is more vocal than practical. The people of Glasgow deplore their slums, but curse the Socialist City Council if a penny is put on the rates. The people of London, though they may admire Westminster Abbey, be proud of Oxford Street and have a sentimental affection for the Old Kent Road, never lift a finger to fight the vested interests that keep Holborn a bottleneck, and show less interest in the Charing Cross Bridge proposals than a New Yorker would in the Grand Coulee dam, two thousand miles away.

It has been said that one's patriotism should have an always-increasing radius, that the tribal community should supersede the family, the nation the tribe and the world the nation. But to be a citizen of the British Empire does not mean that you should ignore your wife and children, and to be a citizen of the world does not mean that you should let Battersea, Bermondsey, Kansas City or Chichicastenango go to the dogs. In Britain now municipal patriotism is needed perhaps more than it ever has been before. Towns are growing and changing out of all recognition, and it is the duty of the citizen to see that they are growing up in the right way. Satellite suburbs are growing up around the great cities, and it is the duty of their inhabitants to see that they are more than mere dormitories for business men where wives drag out day after unsociable day. The town is becoming more and more the prime unit of social organization, and it is essential that it shall not become ugly, haphazard, unsocial and uninspired. The town dweller must sacrifice some of his personal interests to the good of the community, and as things are at present it looks as if he is not willing to do so. Over-centralization portends bureaucracy and dictatorship, and civic pride and personal local government are essential if Britain is to remain a democratic country.

J.H.F.

## THE FISHERS

I first saw the Salmon Fishers' hut on a misty September afternoon, and perhaps to that I owe my downfall. For something in the aspect of the deserted stone cottage with the rotting thatch, standing alone at the head of a little inlet, combined with the sea and the mist, prompted in me strange feelings of admiration and of envy for the fishers. I heard how in past years my friend had gone out with them in the evening and returned in the early morning. It appeared that the dawns were always beautiful and the experience delightful. From this attitude it was only a little while until we had agreed to seek the next best, an invitation to go out with the linefishers from Stonehaven.

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I was called at two o'clock in the morning and lay watching the shadows and the dancing candle flame, listening to the stillness of the night. I could hear the pounding of the sea at the foot of the cliffs below the village and the drumming of the wind in the telegraph wires. We dressed in what we hoped would prove to be suitable clothes and went down to the kitchen to drink tea and remark on the coldness of the morning. My sleepiness, however, passed from me with the starting of the car, and as we drove through the beechwoods towards our fate we still had no forebodings. The dark and silent streets of Stonehaven pandered to that sense of superiority which I never fail to feel when I am awake in a sleeping world, a sense which there was nothing stirring in the harbour to disturb. The "Crissie" lay deserted in the beam of our headlights and we were content to sit and smoke and watch her. Presently a pair of white legs drifted towards us and proved to be those of Skipper Fairweather, encased in Dunlop Waders. One by one the crew of five old men—for all the sailors of Stonehaven are old, the young men leaving for more prosperous places while they still have the initiative and courage to do so—appeared out of the darkness to lean against the Harbour Master's wall, smoke, spit, and watch the sky. Only one man spoke to us during the long, cold, wait. He told us that "there was a deal of wind and a high sea outside, but he'd no doubt we'd get out soon." Thus fortified, we endured the tension as best we might. Shortly after 3 a.m. there was a silent and concerted movement towards the boat; no word was spoken, and we followed, a little awed. The ancient petrol-engine was swung into life and we chugged out through the harbour walls.

A kerosene flare was tied to the mast and in its lurid light the crew moved quietly about their tasks, while we sat and watched. The scene was unforgettable and I found beauty in the faces of the men. The glare painted in full tones, and the strength and character of the old heads were revealed. A couple of miles out to sea a buoy was thrown overboard and the first line began to run out. Before the second was well started, I had a queasy feeling in my stomach; I moved about uneasily and leant on the idle boom, fighting inexorable fate.

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I crouched in the scuppers, shaken with horrible spasms, the cold forgotten; and then for a long time I lay still. After what seemed hours, I was aroused by a new silence and a change in the motion of the boat. I stirred and sat up to find that we were

tossing idly, the engine stopped. The oldest member of the crew approached me. He opened by shouting in my ear "day was making fast," informed me that it was necessary to wait half an hour to give the fish a chance to get on the hooks, and then reached his real object. "De ye nae smoke?" he bellowed in my ear. I nodded. "Aye, so ye dae smoke?" I nodded again, too weak to comprehend. He tried again; "Hae ye nae fags?" At last I understood, and produced a battered packet. He took three, which even in my poor befogged condition I felt to be a little cool, and vanished into the well of the boat. The engine was restarted at length and we began to retrace our way along the three miles of line. One man hauled in the line, hand over hand. Every two feet there was a branch line about thirty inches long, to which were attached baited hooks. Another man detached the fish which now hung in ones and twos and threes, while a third coiled the line backwards and forwards into flat wicker baskets. The fish were thrown into boxes, haddock to the right, others to the left, and as the boxes filled they were removed into the well. I sat and watched the mechanical movements of the men until, again overcome with nausea, I fell back among the ropes and baskets at the foot of the mast. From time to time I opened my eyes and closed them quickly at the sight of the fish; to my distorted imagination it seemed that all my life had been spent thus and that until my death I should lie and watch an immortal man hauling in a never-ending line.

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"Look at the dawn," said my companion in my ear. I shook my head without opening my eyes but was at last persuaded to turn on my elbow to gaze at the wonderful sky. Eastwards, the sun was still below the horizon, but had painted the heavens with unearthly colours; red faded imperceptibly into orange, greens and greys melted into a clear brittle blue, and around us was the mist-covered silent sea.

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I slept. The cold was intense and my body had long lost all sense of feeling. Once there was shouting and excitement; someone fell heavily over my legs and cursed me. The lines were tangled and there was a long delay, but I slept again. It was nearly eight o'clock when I returned to consciousness. The last line was coiled, the buoy lifted in, and we turned towards Stonehaven, which stood in the sun far away, infinitely lovely and desirable. Pipes and my cigarettes were lit and everyone was jubilant; it seemed that we had caught seven and a half boxes of fish, a large cod, and a number of crabs, the best catch for a fortnight. The Skipper threaded pieces of tarred string through the gills of a dozen haddock and presented them to us. We thanked him, too weak to explain that he was needlessly generous. At last we reached the harbour. Grasping our bunches of fish, we clambered slowly up the tall iron ladder and staggered the hundred and fifty yards to the car. Slowly we drove home through the sunny morning to our beds. On the golf course some early players were swinging on the first tee. It was seven hours since we had set out.

R.A.P.A.

## A RADIO PLAY

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SCENE I. *A cave underground with a huge fire blazing at one end. Two devils walk out of the fire and sit down on a seat of glowing metal on the right hand side of the cave.*

1ST DEVIL: You notice Wemyss has had a son?  
 2ND DEVIL: Another hunting squire? What fun!  
 1ST DEVIL: Shall we kill him in the chase?  
 2ND DEVIL: No, we'll shoot him full i' the face.  
 1ST DEVIL: Or shall we drown him in the river?  
 2ND DEVIL: No, we'll goosify his liver.  
 BOTH: We'll make him live as high as high,  
 Until his reckoning time is nigh,  
 And then whoopee! And vengeance dire!  
 He'll find his earnings in this fire.

*They get up, give the fire a good blow and hop back into it. Their grinning faces can be seen for a moment peering out before the scene fades.*

SCENE II. *The North Front. It is deserted except for an old man with an bourglass who comes out of the West Colonnade.*

OLD MAN: The years pass by. The Hell fires glow,  
 And Wemyss's boy has come to Stowe.  
 The Devils laugh with fiendish din,  
 For now the fun will soon begin.

*(exit Old Man.)*

CHORUS OF SPRITES: *(They seem to have come from nowhere.)*  
 Wemyss-Jones is just the usual sort of boy:  
 It is his greatest pleasure to annoy  
 The masters whom he thinks are gifts from God,  
 Until his House one beats him with his rod.  
 And then young Robert in a mood of play  
 Sneaks in and takes the master's cane away.  
 He really is the lousiest little boor  
 That e'er disgraced the ranks of Lower Four.  
 His fellows worship him, the little hounds!  
 Because he's always going out of bounds  
 And smoking cigarettes and drinking wine.  
 He would, of course. The beastly little swine!  
 His language too leaves much to be desired,  
 And if 'twas overheard, he would be fired.  
 It is about a week ago to-day,  
 He last returned from having run away;  
 And, by the way, what really makes him sing  
 Is when he gets a chance to kill a thing.  
 The cane and line affect him not at all;  
 He little knows he's riding for a fall. *(The scene fades but sprites remain.)*  
 Time marches on, and now he is a man,  
 But just the same as when he first began.

SCENE III. *Robert is seen in front of Petham Hall, very much the lord and master talking to his tenants.*

ROBERT : I think I'll drop the lowly name of Jones  
(God rest of course my aged Granpop's bones),  
For Wemyss is such a noble sounding name ;  
With it alone I'll find some sort of fame.

CHORUS OF TENANTRY :

But yet your father only was a Wemyss  
Because your mother's mother, as it seems,  
Once had a cousin of that noble line :  
And that relationship we can't define.

ROBERT : Silence, you churls, or else you'll deeply rue  
The day that you called me a parvenu.  
And, if another word like that I hear,  
You'll pay me double rent for half a year.

MEMBERS OF CHORUS (*aside*) :

A nasty bit of work, if you ask me ;  
And, mark my words, a pretty sight we'll see,  
If e'er a day of reckoning there be.  
He ought to get a hotter piece of fire  
Than any other son of Blicestershire.

*Chorus file out. Robert is left alone.*

ROBERT : Yes, now I am Wemyss of Petham, you know,  
And it really is fun for me ;  
The Land is mine wherever I go,  
Much, much more than there is at Stowe,  
And as far as the eye can see.

I hunt and I fish and I shoot, you know,  
And I'm really a country squire ;  
In a punt on the lake I'm wont to row,  
A larger lake than there is at Stowe,  
And at every duck I fire.

I hunt with the Blics. 'neath the sun, you know,  
And walk with a girl 'neath the moon,  
And I am a terrible one to go,  
Faster than ever we went at Stowe,  
On a starry night in June.

There is'nt a bird in the covert, you know ;  
They've all succumbed to my gun.  
They all have passed to the realms below,  
Much, much worse than life at Stowe,  
But Boy ! I've had some fun !

SCENE IV. *Fade Out. Fade in. The Devils' Cave.*

1ST DEVIL : Shaping nicely, don't you think ?  
2ND DEVIL : I guess he's sure right on the brink.  
1ST DEVIL : Now we'll lead him on and on.  
2ND DEVIL : Paddock calls, anon, anon.  
1ST DEVIL : Not to Shakespeare must we sink.  
2ND DEVIL : We'll weave a circle round him thrice.  
1ST DEVIL : Him in our meshes we'll entice,  
BOTH : And close his eyes to holy dread,  
For he on evil fruit hath fed,  
Not drunk the milk of Paradise !

*The Scene darkens except for a sort of clock which we see ticking off his years. When we first see it, it has reached the twenty-first, but it suddenly speeds up and goes on to forty-five.*

SCENE V. *Robert is walking in his garden alone. He is older now and paunchy. He has that horrible self-satisfied look of the successful business man. He has given sufficient money away to become a knight. It is evening. An angel appears in the sky and alights silently behind him.*

ANGEL : Pray, Sir Robert, turn you round and face  
One who returns all erring souls to grace.  
For now the hour has come that I must save  
Your soul from torment when you reach the grave.

*Sir Robert turns and stares. His face is suddenly transfigured. It makes him look simply foul. He falls jerkily to his knees.*

SIR ROBERT : The Light has come, and now I clearly see  
What previously has been concealed from me ;  
And I confess that I have much to rue  
In doing what the fiend has meant me to.  
In future then I shall accept your will,  
And nevermore do anything that's ill.

ANGEL : There never yet was born a perfect man,  
Not since the day when first the world began.  
But do your best in every deed and word,  
To serve and follow Him you call your Lord.

*(vanishes)*

*A deputation of villagers enters and asks that their rents be lowered.*

SIR ROBERT : I'll halve your rents, my worthy friends, and then you'll richer be :  
For good, contented Tenantry is what I like to see ;  
And if, perchance, there's one of you whose house may want repairing,  
Just send a line along to me, for the total cost I'm bearing.

*Cheers from the villagers. They depart with cries of "Thank 'ee kindly, Sir," "Much obliged to 'ee, Sir." "For he's a jolly good fellow" is heard in the distance.*

SIR ROBERT : It really is fun to be good you know :  
You enjoy the spirit of giving.  
If only I'd known it long ago,  
Long before ever I went to Stowe,  
Such a much better life I'd be living.

There isn't much fun in hunting, you know ;  
It's only the lust for killing,  
And shooting a hundred birds or so  
Or ragging the masters back at Stowe  
Isn't really so frightfully thrilling.

And being a knight and a Wemyss, you know,  
And living in Blicestershire,  
And managing Lathbury, Jones and Co.,  
And gracing the Governing Body of Stowe,  
Is worse than zero hour.  
So now I'll throw the whole thing up and be R. Jones, Esquire.

"Drat him," the friends in baffled fury say,  
"We'll miss our bonus next delivery day!"

M.I.M.

## THE 'PINEAPPLE' BALL

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Sir,

The Pineapple Ball which was held at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on November 12th gave ample proof, if proof is needed, of the interest which is taken in Stowe's social activities by the outside world.

The London Committee of the Pineapple conceived the idea of holding a Ball early this year, and from April till October worked extremely hard to ensure its success. We took the main responsibility, but without the help of the larger committee which was formed during September and which held its first meeting only a month before the Ball, the story of our success might have been very different.

As a result of hard work and wonderful co-operation between the two committees, more than 520 people came to the Ball. The profit, including donations, amounts to over £500, and the London Committee would like to take this opportunity not only of thanking all those who made the Ball such a success, but also of making an appeal to those who may be leaving Stowe shortly.

Next year, when we write and ask for your support, please do not think that because the Ball did so well this year there will be no need for you to come. We shall need just as much support as we did this November. We have set a high standard this year and we must keep up to it.

Yours faithfully,

GORDON MORISON.  
Chairman, London Committee.

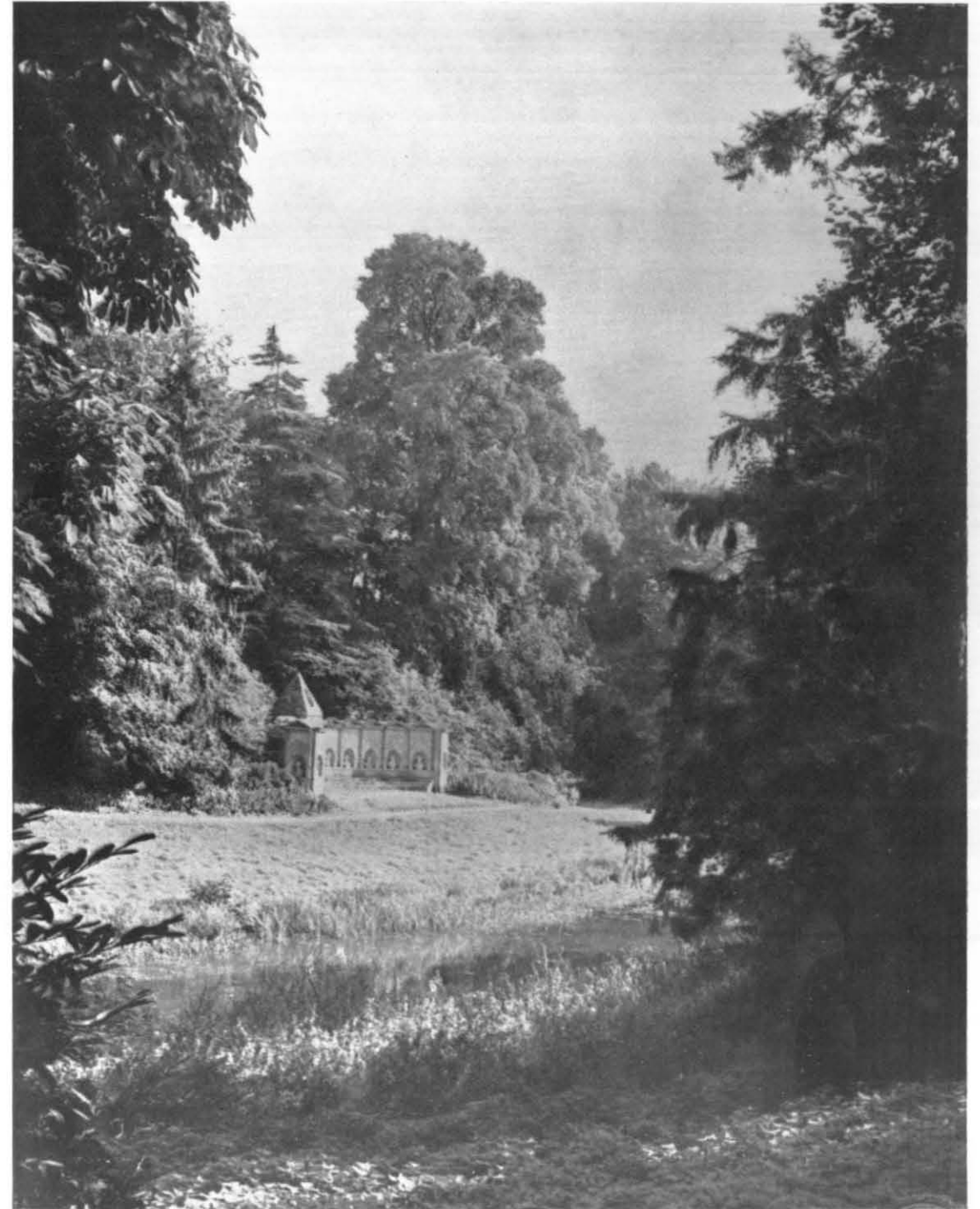


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