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STANDARDIZATION

THOSE malefactors who have hitherto perplexed their pedagogues by writing their lines in Russian, Spanish and Czech, have received with no good grace the introduction of Standards. No longer can they write, under the cover of an unknown tongue, that the School Certificate is an invention of the devil and that their long-suffering form-master has in store for him some horrible fate. No longer, even, can they squeeze into the middle page of a hundred lines of Latin that "Magister So-and-So est injustus" or sit in a trance automatically rewriting "Salve festa dies" or "Exegi monumentum aere perennius."

All the fun now seems to lie with the masters who are responsible for the composition of the epigrams and grammatical injunctions that the unfortunate Stoic is expected to carry out. "Eligible bachelor disappeared. Pursuit immediately advisable"—this is one which already shows signs of breaking away from the purely didactic type. It opens up endless vistas of possibilities. The soul of the unfortunate evildoer can be seared by the constant reiteration of "Don't forget your Latin prep." Third-degree methods could be used by making a boy copy out carefully twelve times "Have you ever trodden on the edge of the South Front grass?"

To preserve the freedom of the individual it is necessary that the author of the standards refrain from propaganda as rigidly as, in our editorial capacity, we do ourselves. Picture the moral effect on callow youth of the repetition of the phrase "Moscow has a plan" or "Votes for tramdrivers." Though we should not disapprove of "Read *The Stoic*, Britain's snappiest termly paper," we should take it ill if we were asked on a Standard "Did you Maclean your teeth today?" or "What's going on in Brompton Road?"

The introduction of Standards indeed bodes no good for the younger generation. If they escape the ills of advertizing they may be made to copy out a List of Prefects by an unimaginative standard-writer, or even, as happened at one school of which we have heard, be compelled to re-write twelve times the list of winners in every Sports event.

The newspaper, the cinema and the radio, we are told, are more dangerous than guns in the hands of unscrupulous men; but what of the Standard? Imagine masked men by night invading a house-master's private sanctum and substituting for his harmless Standards a set of explosive exhortations to revolution or saccharine appeals on behalf of bogus concerns, which the unsuspecting master will next day hand out to his pupils, whose immature minds will be fired by exhortations such as "Mass-production means the end of individual effort: destroy the machines!"—an appeal which contradicts the very spirit of standardization.

We suggest that house-masters keep their standard-files always under lock and key, and scrutinize them thoroughly before handing them out; for who knows, after we have written such an inflammatory editorial, whether some such saboteur may not flood the school with standards proclaiming "Lynch the Editor of *The Stoic*"?

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

(For my Mother.)

He had drunk deep of the great goblets creased
 In the living rock on the mountain shoulder,
 Cut by the slaves of great races gone; older
 Than thought or record or knowledge of priest
 Were the cisterns whose waters never ceased.
 But now were they dry—and thieves were bolder,
 Parched grew the earth, and thinner blood, and colder.
 My Lord Sun had drunk; he awaited the feast.
 The bride had been chosen; clean, lovely, and good;
 She had watched the last setting of her Lord.
 Chained, arms high, breasts tightened, she stood;
 Eyes on the heavens, she awaited the sword.
 Green shaft flashed up on the molten shield;
 Now to the Gods her naked limbs must yield.

R.A.P.A.

LORD GISBOROUGH

Stowe has deep reason to be grateful to Lord Gisborough, the first Chairman of the School's Governing Body, who died on January 23rd at the age of 81.

Lord Gisborough was Chairman of the Committee which bought Stowe House in 1922 and which conducted the affairs of the School until 1933. He remained Chairman of the Governing Body after its reconstitution, but was obliged through ill-health to resign in 1934.

Lord Gisborough devoted himself from the start to the interests of the School which he had helped to found. He worked hard for its prosperity, spent much time on its business affairs, and followed with close attention every development within it.

He had been unable to visit Stowe for some three years before his death, but his attachment to the School did not become less, and he kept himself informed of all its doings.

Although to the present generation of Stoics he was personally a stranger, the Stowe community as a whole is well aware of its debt to him, and those who worked under him in the early years are conscious now of an individual as well as of a corporate bereavement.

ITINERAIRE DES ROUTES

M. L. DUTENS. 1786.

Vous partirez de bonne heure d'Oxford pour aller à Stow. Vous allez d'abord à Bicester, et de Bicester vous vous faites mener à Stow, en traversant la ville de Buckingham. Vous descendez à une petite auberge, à côté de la porte du Parc et vous envoyez chercher un jardinier pour vous mener promener dans les Jardins. La maison n'a guère qu'une pièce intéressante; encore n'est-elle pas achevée.

STOICA

School Officials—Easter Term, 1938.

Prefects :—T. L. Dewhurst (B), Head of the School ; D. A. G. Kaye (S) ; J. F. G. Fletcher (T) ; J. D. Fay (G) ; P. Spencer Thomas (W) ; W. W. Cheyne (C) ; J. P. T. Dawson (C) ; I. E. T. Jenkin (Q) ; K. J. S. Ritchie (T) ; C. D. Earle (B) ; D. R. Barbour (C) ; D. V. Baldwin (Q).

Monitors :—C. W. Dawes (B) ; R. Evans (G) ; P. J. Blundell (S) ; R. A. L. Black (S) ; M. B. Scholfield (T) ; M. G. T. Webster (W) ; J. Roche (T) ; A. Shaw (C) ; C. A. Ashcroft (C) ; B. J. G. Kaye (S) ; M. I. Massy (T) ; D. A. H. Toler (G) ; C. M. O'Rourke (Q) ; P. R. H. Hastings (T) ; J. R. C. Elmslie (C) ; C. W. Bartley (S) ; T. R. Gaskell (W) ; M. L. Græme (T) ; R. R. Oakey (Q) ; D. R. Foster (C) ; A. K. Frazer (T) ; F. N. H. Widdrington (G) ; J. C. Bartholomew (C) ; B. A. Stewart (C) ; A. B. P. Beeton (W) ; J. C. Drew (C) ; L. S. Buxton (B) ; J. H. Weir (B) ; G. R. E. Brooke (C) ; R. H. Anstey (Q) ; C. E. B. Thompson (B) ; R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) ; J. H. de Burgh (G) ; E. B. Moore (Q) ; P. Carter (S) ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) ; J. B. Dunlop (Q) ; B. A. J. C. Gregory (G) ; G. W. A. Keir (W) ; G. P. Shelmerdine (G) ; A. R. Coventry (C).

Captain of Athletics—C. A. Ashcroft (C).

Secretary of Athletics—W. W. Cheyne (C).

Captain of Cross-Country—R. R. Oakey (Q).

Vice-Captain of Cross-Country—W. W. Cheyne (C).

Secretary of Cross-Country—M. G. T. Webster (W).

Captain of Squash Rackets—A. Shaw (C).

In Charge of Fives—D. R. Foster (C).

Mr. P. K. Bourne and Mr. C. K. McDowall have joined the Staff this term. Mr. Allison and Mr. Proctor are leaving, the former to take up his appointment as Headmaster of Reigate Grammar School.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

February 6th. The Rev. J. McCulloch, M.A., Rector of Turweston, Brackley.

March 6th. The Rev. O. R. Fulljames, M.A., Chaplain of Rugby School.

The following have preached at Monday Voluntary Services, during Lent :—

March 7th and 21st. The Rev. J. E. Fison, M.A., Curate of St. Aldate's Church, Oxford.

March 14th. The Rev. J. B. Collins, M.A., Chaplain of Canford School and Vicar of Canford, Dorset.

In the annual equestrian match between Stowe and Oxford University, the following represented the School :—J. C. E. Peshall (B), J. C. Bartholomew (C), R. A. Colville (G), R. A. L. Black (S), I. N. Craig (C), Earl Haig (C, 1935) was riding for Oxford, who won the match.

In future, points for the Laurus Cup will be awarded for Cricket according to the following altered distribution : House Matches, 24 ; Leagues, 9 ; Junior House Matches, 3.

It will be remembered that in the article "A Second Stowe" (Stoic No. 44) evidence was afforded that much of the woodwork now in Stowe Chapel had been brought here by Lord Cobham early in the eighteenth century. An interesting sequel is that the Royal Coat of Arms now placed on the organ loft has lately been identified as that of Charles the Second. It may therefore be presumed that the Coat was part of Lord Cobham's purchase from the Cornish Stowe. A photograph will be found opposite page 128.

A correspondent writes : ' Three 15 foot sets and several small cuttings of Salix Alba var. Coerulea Smith have been planted in Chatham Field. If they can resist the attacks of Cytospora chrysosperma (Pers.) Fr.,

Armillaria mellea (Vahl) Qucl, and other enemies, it is possible that Stoics in 1950 may be able to use bats made from local grown timber.' There will then be bats outside the belfry too.

In spite of the lack of an Arts Club report, there has been great activity in the more utilitarian branches of painting, which has affected walls, doors, ceilings and several suits of clothes.

On January 25th, the hours of preparation were enlivened by a brilliant and colourful display of the Aurora Borcalis.

So, after all, Keats anticipated us. 'Holding a poor decrepit standard out, Mark'd with most flimsy mottoes . . .'

A 'Bene' Book has been awarded to E. N. Rolfe (B).

Last term, Colts Stockings were awarded to C. D. Drew (C).

School Colours for Athletics have been awarded to C. D. Earle (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. Roche (T), I. McC. Tait (G), and A. G. Way (B).

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to the Hon. J. F. Rodney (W) and R. D. Jay (W).

School Colours for Fencing have been awarded to J. A. Cutforth (G).

School Colours for Squash Rackets have been awarded to M. J. Poulton (C) and G. R. C. Atwood (B).

House Football Leagues were won last term by Grenville.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following distinctions have been gained :—

R. E. W. HARLAND (C) has been elected to an Open Scholarship (£100) for Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge.

J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C) has been elected to an Open Scholarship (£100) for Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge.

D. R. BARBOUR (C) has been elected to an Open Scholarship (£60) for Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge.

G. L. LE BOUVIER (T) has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Modern Languages at the Queen's College, Oxford.

J. M. STOWERS (C) has been elected to an Open Exhibition for Natural Science at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board's examination in December 1937, the following gained School Certificates :—

M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), C. S. Berger (G), S. Birch (W), G. R. E. Brooke (C), P. P. Clarke (C), C. C. de Oliveira (W), J. M. Henry (C), P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox (C), G. T. Hugill (C), E. D. Jones (G), P. Jude (G), J. W. Procter (G), F. N. C. Satow (C), G. P. Shelmerdine (G), B. A. Stewart (C).

SERVICES EXAMINATIONS.

The following passed the Services Examinations in November 1937 :—

ROYAL NAVY :—D. J. I. Garstin (B).

WOOLWICH :—C. F. Tracy (W), W. B. Banister (C), J. C. G. Francis (C).

SANDHURST :—H. C. I. Rome, P. L. Ingham (W), P. F. Low (C), W. R. I. Turner (B).

OLIM ALUMNI

ACADEMIC.

MR. J. G. THYNNE (C, 1934) (Royal Horse Guards) and MR. K. P. P. GOLDSCHMIDT (C, 1935) passed the December Examination for Commissions in the Regular Army from the Regular Army Reserve of Officers and the Supplementary Reserve. MR. THYNNE was second in order of merit out of sixty-five successful candidates.

MR. B. J. R. MORETON (C, 1936), for the second year in succession, has been awarded the Sir William Browne Medal for Latin Epigram, at Cambridge.

ATHLETIC.

MR. B. C. GADNEY (G, 1928) played for England in the first of this season's International Rugby matches.

MR. J. A. HOTHAM (T, 1931), playing cricket for the Royal Tank Corps in 1937, secured the Regimental record for the highest individual score (215) and the R.T.C. ground record for the fastest hundred (43 minutes).

MR. G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934) is Captain of the Cambridge University Golf Team. MR. R. O. BOOTH (C, 1934) and MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) are also members of the team.

In December 1937, MR. A. H. CAMPBELL (C, 1934) won the Riding Prize ('The Saddle') at the R.M.C., Sandhurst; and MR. J. R. HUNTER (G, 1936) won the Riding Prize ('The Saddle') at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

MR. E. P. R. JOURDAIN (C, 1934) has been awarded a Half-Blue for Running. In the University Sports, he represented Oxford in the Half-Mile.

In the University Fencing Match, MR. J. E. MANSFIELD (G, 1934) represented Oxford in the Sabre.

MR. J. O. N. VICKERS (C, 1935) represented Cambridge in the Inter-University Boxing Match. He lost his bout (Bantam Weight) on points.

MR. A. C. R. ALBERY (G, 1935) was awarded a Half-Blue for Skiing, at Davos in December. All Cambridge Half-Blues for Skiing are understood to be unofficial.

MR. N. C. McCLINTOCK (G, 1935) again fenced for Cambridge in the Inter-University match. He captained the team.

ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. W. W. DUNLOP (B, 1926) to Miss C. A. Muir.

MR. A. M. C. DENNY (B, 1926) to Miss D. P. Goodwin.

MR. J. W. APPLEBY (C, 1927) to Miss V. Owen.

MR. G. J. O. BOOTH (C, 1927) to Miss M. Duncan.

MR. C. N. M. BLAIR (G, 1929) to Miss E. D. Luxmoore.

MR. R. W. BATE (C, 1929) to Miss J. I. Messiter.

THE HON. D. P. T. OGILVIE-GRANT OF GRANT (T, 1929) to Miss A. Bowe.

MR. J. W. BEST (G, 1930) to Miss C. M. Otter.

MR. J. D. RUSSELL-DAVIS (C, 1930) to Miss B. E. G. Arnold.

DR. J. M. WEDDERSPOON (C, 1930) to Miss D. S. Glasgow.

MR. R. I. MACKENZIE (C, 1930) to Miss E. L. Short.

MR. D. G. LEVIS (T, 1930) to Miss D. C. Tall.

MR. J. A. HOTHAM (T, 1931) to Miss O. A. Porteous.

MR. D. M. BAKER (G, 1933) to Miss B. Hunt.

MARRIAGES.

- MR. R. P. WATTIE (T, 1926) to Miss R. Bullen, on January 15th. (In British Columbia.)
- MR. R. W. D. SWORD (C, 1927) to Miss P. Rydon, on January 15th. (In Tanganyika.)
- MR. R. G. J. NASH (C, 1928) to Miss G. M. Spencer, on February 10th.
- MR. F. E. M. EASTWOOD (B, 1928) to Mrs. P. Rollo, on February 15th.
- MR. F. W. B. CHARLES (G, 1930) to Miss I. Strugnell, on December 21st. (In Penang.)
- MR. W. J. DAVIS (B, 1930) to Miss P. J. Logan, on January 29th.
- MR. J. L. W. CHEYNE (C, 1933) to Miss M. M. Allen, on January 14th.

BIRTHS.

- To the wife of MR. J. DE P. G. MAYHEW (B, 1926), a son, on February 7th.
- To the wife of THE HON. P. A. S. D. BUTLER (C, 1927), a son, on Dec. 18th.
- To the wife of MR. G. A. GRIFFIN (T, 1927), a son, on March 7th, 1937.
- To the wife of CAPTAIN A. G. BOWIE (T, 1927), a daughter, on January 31st.
- To the wife of MR. E. R. AVORY (T, 1927), a daughter, on February 18th.
- To the wife of MR. J. H. MUIR (B, 1928), a daughter, on January 23rd.
- To the wife of MR. P. A. HARDING (*Roth*) (C, 1929), a son, on December 1st.
- To the wife of MR. K. D. MIALI (B, 1929), a son, on December 12th.
- To the wife of MR. C. C. CAMERON (G, 1930), a son, on November 12th.
- To the wife of Mr. H. D. H. BARTLETT (G, 1931), a son, on March 11th.

DEATHS.

- On February 14th, MR. J. B. DAVIS (B, 1934).
- On August 24th, 1937, MR. R. G. WAUDBY (C, 1932), in South Africa.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET, EDGWARE ROAD, N.W.1.

March 1938.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

The Warden of the Club has been away since the middle of November when he was taken ill and had to be removed to the Royal Free Hospital suffering from pneumonia. After he had been there some weeks complications arose as a result of which he has only recently been able to go away to a convalescent home near Brighton where he is likely to be for some time. Your readers will, I feel sure, join with the Club in wishing him a speedy recovery. We have missed him very much, but we are very lucky in that Mr. Hone, the vice-warden, always seems to be ready and willing to step into the gap when we find ourselves temporarily without a warden, and once again he has put in an enormous amount of work for the benefit of the Club. What we should do without him I do not know; and as he has been there so long we regard him as one of the essential parts of the Pineapple.

In the early part of the year it was, for various reasons, decided to close down the Hostel part of the club for the time being, and as a result Mrs. Knight, who had been the House-keeper for nearly ten years, has left. The fact that she had been there so long speaks for itself, and there is no need to relate all her achievements and good qualities.

Even in the absence of the warden, Mr. MacNicol Smith, the activities of the Club have continued to flourish. This winter, football has been quite satisfactory; the Club runs two teams, the seniors who are fourth in their division, and the juniors who are second in their division. The latter team fought their way to the fourth round of the Cup, when they were defeated by the Rugby Club in a very good game. These two teams play nearly every Saturday; and then there are two more teams, unofficially connected with the Club, who play on Sundays; these are the Old Boys who are at the top of their league and who are in the final for their Cup, and a team who call themselves the "Young Stoics" who are also League champions and who are also in the final for their Cup.

Boxing has not been very successful or popular this season, and this is probably due to the fact that we have not a really regular and keen trainer. Four boys entered for the Westminster Federation competitions, and two managed to win their weights. In the London Federation competitions three boys entered, but two were unable to attend the weighing-in, and the third was beaten during the preliminary rounds at the Hoxton Baths. However, through the kindness of the London Federation, eight of the boys were able to be at the Albert Hall to see the King and the final matches.

Other activities include ping-pong and billiards matches with the Rugby, Colet and Chelsea Clubs, dancing and singing classes in co-operation with the Frognaal Girls' Club, and the formation of a mouth-organ band under the direction of Mr. Bryan Shone.

Amongst our fairly numerous visitors we have been very pleased to welcome Mr. Brown, parties of boys from Temple and Grenville, and G. T. B. France who stayed at the Club for a week in January.

Messrs. R. H. Jagger, A. R. G. Pearce, J. M. Turner and J. N. Weiler, all of the London Committee, have helped Mr. Hone considerably during the absence of the Warden. Mr. Betts, who has been at the Club many years, has also been of great help to Mr. Hone.

The Club wants more old clothes, more books, and more cricket gear; it also wants some towels, a step-ladder and a typewriter. I hope some of your readers will remember these wants when they see that the inevitable spring cleaning season is about to commence.

And now for what the Club does for others. On December 20th, the boys and old boys gave a Christmas Party to 70 children of the neighbourhood. After tea they sang community songs and were entertained by a conjuror; this was followed by crackers, and on leaving each child was given a new penny and an apple and an orange. Mrs. Pearce and Miss Ionides worked very hard cutting sandwiches, laying the tables, and bringing their friends to help organize the catering department.

The Club wants more Stoic and Old Stoic visitors both at the Club and also at their Camps at Whitsun and in the summer, both of which are held at Stowe.

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.*

STOWE BOYS' CLUB.

PINEAPPLE BALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	CR.
To Sale of 526 tickets at 27/6	..	723	5	0			
„ Donations	..	287	1	1			
					1010	6	1
„ Profit on sale of programmes			27	11	6		
„ Profit on sale of pineapples			6	11	0		
„ Profit on photography	..		5	0	0		
By THE DORCHESTER HOTEL							
524 suppers at 12/6	..	327	10	0			
Suppers and re- freshments for band and per- formers	..	7	6	0			
Donation to the Dorchester Hotel Staff fund	..	5	0	0			
							339 16 0
„ SECRETARY'S REMUNERATION:							
8 weeks half time at £2	..	16	0	0			
3 weeks full time at £4	..	12	0	0			
Bonus	..	5	0	0			
							33 0 0
„ Jack Jackson's Band	..		42	0	0		
„ Cabaret fees	..		18	12	0		
„ Printing	..		29	7	0		
„ Postages	..	22	17	11			
„ Telephone	..	1	10	0			
„ Sundry office ex- penses	..	5	10	3			
„ Insurance premium	..	4	1	0			
„ Bank charges	..	4	3				
							34 3 5
BALANCE transferred to the account of the Stowe Club for Boys	552	10	2		
							<u>£1049 8 7</u>
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H. G. MORISON, *Chairman,*

R. H. JAGGER, *Hon. Treasurer,*

J. W. T. LILLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

London Committee of the Stowe Club
for Boys.

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

FROM JULY 1937 TO MARCH 1938.

		£	s.	d.
The Pineapple has received :				
Collection, Sept. 26th	...	20	13	7
Early Services—July 11th—Nov. 28th	...	13	15	1
Dec. 5th—March 6th	...	16	10	0
Collection, Jan. 23rd	...	15	5	6
		<u>£66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from Summer Term	...	7	12	2
July 25th. (Children's Country Holiday Fund)	...	28	6	4
Oct. 10th. General Fund	...	8	14	10
Oct. 24th. General Fund	...	10	2	2
Nov. 31st. General Fund	...	9	0	9
Dec. 12th. (Daily Telegraph Toy Fund)	...	16	5	0
Feb. 27th. General Fund	...	12	6	9
		<u>£92</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
Payments for flowers and other expenses	...	12	16	9
To Children's Country Holiday Fund	...	28	6	4
„ The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post Christmas Toy Fund	...	16	5	0
„ The Alexandra Orphanage	...	6	0	0
„ General Sir Hubert Gough's Fund for Worn-out Horses	...	4	0	0
„ Gifts to Clergy in Poor Parishes (per the Bishop of Buckingham)	...	6	0	0
„ Stewkley Church Restoration Appeal	...	2	2	0
Balance*	...	16	17	11
		<u>£92</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

* The meeting for deciding to which charities this term's collections shall be given has not yet been held, and there is also one more collection still to come.

For the Committee,

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

14-3-38.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST ROUND.

CHATHAM v. CHANDOS.

Chatham beat Chandos in the first round on February 9th by one goal and seven tries (26 points) to one goal (5 points). Chandos were without Cheyne and Stewart, both 1st XV Colours.

Chatham played against the wind in the first half, and at once began to press. After several promising three-quarter movements Thomson scored an unconverted try, which was quickly followed by another one by Yellowlees. Chandos forwards kept play in the Chatham half for a time, but the greater speed of the Chatham three-quarters resulted in a breakaway and a try by Oakey. Chandos again pressed but could not score, and just before half-time Yellowlees scored after a long run, the try being converted by Anstey.

In the second half Chandos had as much of the game territorially, the forwards playing well, but the Chatham three-quarters, although they dropped many passes, always looked dangerous, and scored four more tries, two by Yellowlees and two by Oakey, after good fast movements. Chandos got an excellent try in the middle of the second half by interpassing between the Drew brothers, when C. D. Drew scored. Satow converted.

Teams.—Chatham :—C. M. O'Rorke; R. R. Oakey, D. A. Yellowlees, R. J. Mead, J. M. Thomson; A. D. Thomson, I. R. L. Shaw; R. H. Anstey, N. Ward, H. D. Binyon, E. B. Moore, J. M. Henry, J. B. Dunlop, J. B. Kennedy, I. E. T. Jenkin.

Chandos :—R. H. Widdows; J. R. C. Holbeck, A. E. P. Needham, F. N. C. Satow, P. A. Chamier; C. D. Drew, J. C. Drew; A. R. Coventry, G. G. Riddick, A. W. Cheyne, P. P. Clarke, J. J. O. Hutchison, J. A. Barclay, R. W. Fairhurst, A. B. Luttrell.

BRUCE v. COBHAM.

Played on February 9th, Bruce winning by seven goals, two tries and a penalty goal (44 points) to nil.

Bruce won the toss and played with a fairly strong wind which enabled them to keep the play in the Cobham '25.' A stout resistance kept them out for a quarter of an hour, but then Earle made a good opening to send Stobart over. The latter kicked the goal and repeated the performance soon afterwards when, following on a period of pressure by Cobham, Way broke from a loose scrum on the Cobham twenty-five and scored half-way out. One minute before half-time Nicholl profited by a fumble and scored a good individual try which Stobart also converted.

In the second half the wind dropped; Bruce settled down to play really good football and Cobham faded away considerably. Tries were scored by Weir, Stobart, Way (2), Whitby and Nicholl, the latter's try at the very end of the game rounding off the best

combined movement of the match. Stobart distinguished himself by kicking seven goals and one penalty in the course of the afternoon.

Teams.—Bruce:—T. L. Dewhurst; R. Backus, J. D. W. Stobart, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. D. Whitby; C. D. Earle, A. G. Way; C. E. B. Thompson, M. E. Farrer, J. H. Weir, C. W. Dawes, L. S. Buxton, D. N. Davies, D. H. Villiers, R. G. A. Barclay.

Cobham:—T. D. Dawson; J. C. I. Hooper, C. A. Ashcroft, P. J. Diggle, A. Shaw; J. B. Frankenburg, P. A. Bates; J. M. Norman, A. A. Vickers, H. N. Straker, J. A. H. Lucas, J. R. L. Gale, R. C. Erhardt, M. I. Atkin-Berry, G. T. Hugill.

WALPOLE v. GRAFTON.

Played on Wednesday, February 9th, Walpole winning by one goal, one penalty goal and three tries (17 points) to nil.

This was rather a messy game with little constructive football on either side. Grafton were weak in their backs, and their strong forwards were disorganized by the early loss of D. Kaye with a head injury. Walpole's strength, too, lay in their forwards.

In the early stages Grafton were repeatedly penalized for offside, and after five minutes Farnell-Watson kicked a penalty goal. Soon after, Weiner scored after a good opening by Farnell-Watson, who also converted. A long period of dull play followed until just before half-time, when Spencer Thomas scored in the corner. Playing against the wind in the second half Walpole were kept in their own half until near the end, though Grafton never looked like scoring except from unsupported breakaways by Tait and Bartley. Shortly before the end, Booth scored in the corner and just afterwards in a loose maul the Walpole forwards shoved Grafton over the line and scored.

Teams.—Walpole:—J. F. Rodney; R. B. Booth, P. Spencer Thomas, A. V. Farnell-Watson, D. P. Weiner; M. G. T. Webster, J. T. Holman; G. W. A. Keir, R. C. Roxburgh, A. B. P. Beeton, R. D. Jay, R. D. P. Wilkinson, P. G. Henderson, H. S. L. Dundas, R. A. P. Allsebrook.

Grafton:—R. A. Bernstein; H. B. McCready, J. R. S. Michell, P. J. Blundell, C. Wachmann; R. H. Marten, M. Jefferson; I. McC. Tait, D. A. Braithwaite, C. W. Bartley, A. F. Eccles, R. C. H. Russell, L. G. Darling, B. J. G. Kaye, D. A. G. Kaye.

TEMPLE v. GRENVILLE.

Played on Wednesday, February 9th, Temple winning by 7 goals and 4 tries (47 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Temple kicked off, and in the first minute of the game their forwards, heeling on the half-way line, started Hastings on a run which ended between the posts. This early incident set the tone of the game, and Hastings, proving too fast and too elusive for the Grenville defence, scored six more tries before no-side. Temple's success was largely a matter of individual effort, for Scholfield, playing on the wing, scored three of the other tries, Cross forcing his way over for the last Temple try towards the end of the second half. Fletcher kicked all seven goals.

The Grenville forwards had their full share of the game, and their efforts, combined with a lack of combined play in the Temple scrum, gave the Grenville backs a good deal of the ball. Baxter went over to score the single Grenville try, after a good forward rush.



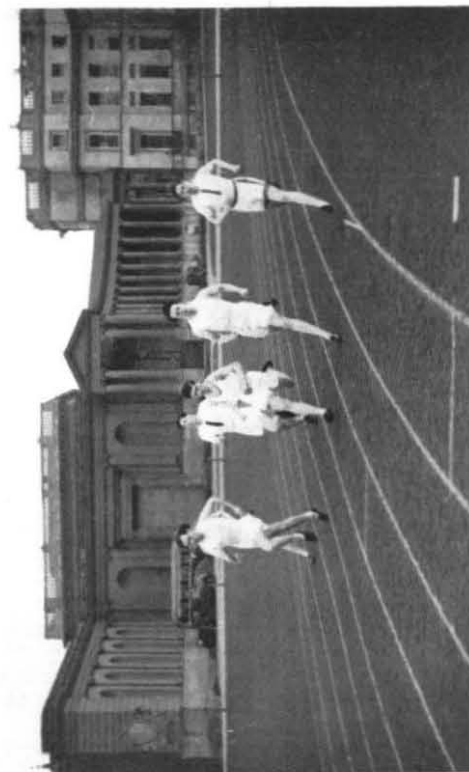
FINISH OF THE HUNDRED YARDS



THE LONG JUMP (J. ROCHE)



THE HURDLES



THE HALF MILE

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[W.F.C.C.]



FINISH OF THE MILE (D. J. MAYALL)



THE RELAY (FIRST BATON CHANGE)

[W.E.C.C.]



THE HIGH JUMP (C. D. EARLE)



THE START OF THE QUARTER

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Temple's superiority behind the scrum, especially in the persons of Hastings and Scholfield, was so great that the result of the game was never in doubt, but good work by Grenville forwards, notably Evans and Toler, and a keen defence, only beaten when outpaced, kept the score down.

Teams.—Temple :—D. K. Murdoch ; M. B. Scholfield, J. D. le Bouvier, C. C. H. M. Morgan, N. K. Bottomley ; P. R. H. Hastings, R. G. Falconar-Stewart ; J. F. G. Fletcher, K. J. S. Ritchie, M. I. Massy, A. K. Frazer, I. D. McEwen, J. B. Cross, M. L. Græme, C. P. D. Davidson.

Grenville :—J. B. Andrews ; P. F. E. Foster, J. B. Dwight, J. H. de Burgh, C. F. A. Baxter ; J. R. McCarthy, G. Yerbury ; R. Evans, D. A. H. Toler, R. U. P. de Burgh, L. J. Eastwood, A. B. Williamson, P. E. Waugh, J. D. Fay, H. W. J. E. Peel.

SECOND ROUND.

TEMPLE *v.* CHATHAM.

Played on February 14th on Ground 14, Temple winning by a penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to a goal (5 points). Chatham won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them during the first half. The game started at a tremendous pace, with Chatham getting more of the ball and handling better. There were several dangerous moves by each side, notably an opening given by A. D. Thomson to J. M. Thomson for Chatham, which should have resulted in a score, and for Temple a movement between Roche and Bottomley on the right wing. Both defences, however, held out, and the score at half-time was 0—0.

The second half began with a blizzard, but just before its arrival Chatham were penalized and Fletcher kicked a fine goal for Temple. A little later Hastings steered a perilous course through the storm and scored an unconverted try in the corner. Keeping up their pressure, and with a slight ascendancy forward, Temple scored again from a loose scrum through Ritchie. The last ten minutes saw a great attack by Chatham, and Oakey scored three minutes from time, O'Rorke converting. When the whistle went Temple was pressing.

Teams.—Temple :—M. J. G. Hann ; C. C. H. M. Morgan, M. B. Scholfield, J. Roche, N. K. Bottomley ; P. R. H. Hastings, R. G. Falconar-Stewart ; J. F. G. Fletcher, K. J. S. Ritchie, M. I. Massy, A. K. Frazer, I. D. McEwen, J. B. Cross, M. L. Græme, C. P. D. Davidson.

Chatham :—C. M. O'Rorke ; R. R. Oakey, D. A. Yellowlees, R. J. Mead, J. M. Thomson ; A. D. Thomson, I. R. L. Shaw ; R. H. Anstey, N. Ward, H. D. Binyon, E. B. Moore, J. M. Henry, J. B. Dunlop, J. B. Kennedy, I. E. T. Jenkin.

WALPOLE *v.* BRUCE.

Played on Monday, February 14th, Bruce winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nil.

Bruce won another very easy victory in this round. There was no doubt from the beginning of the game who would be the winners, but, even so, it was not such a walk-over as the score suggests. Walpole had sacrificed everything to producing a sound

pack, who performed magnificently in defence and more than held their own in the tight. Their backs were correspondingly weak, and many of the tries were such as a more resolute defence on the wings and at full-back would have prevented.

Bruce had a very well-balanced side, though their forwards were only seen at their best in their backing-up of three-quarter attacks. Their wings were fast and determined, scoring three tries. But their main asset was Way, at scrum-half, who scored two tries and made the openings for two more. In the first half, against the wind, Bruce scored three times, Stobart converting once. In the second half, play was even for some time, until Farnell-Watson had to leave the field with an injured back. Bruce then got the upper hand and scored four more times before the end. Earle kicked one goal.

Tries were scored by Way (2), Whitby (2), Calder, Nicholl and Stobart.

Teams.—Bruce:—T. L. Dewhurst; D. W. Calder, J. D. W. Stobart, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. D. Whitby; C. D. Earle, A. G. Way; C. E. B. Thompson, M. E. Farrer, J. H. Weir, C. W. Dawes, L. S. Buxton, D. N. Davies, D. H. Villiers, R. G. A. Barclay.

Walpole:—R. B. Booth; D. P. Weiner, A. V. Farnell-Watson, J. F. Rodney, A. T. R. Nicholson; M. G. T. Webster, J. T. Holman; G. W. A. Keir, R. C. Roxburgh, A. B. P. Beeton, R. D. P. Wilkinson, R. D. Jay, R. A. P. Allsebrook, P. Spencer Thomas, P. G. Henderson.

FINAL ROUND.

BRUCE *v.* TEMPLE.

Played on Friday, February 18th, this game produced one of the best house finals seen for years, and the result was in doubt up to the last five minutes.

Temple produced a light but very fast pack of forwards, well led by Fletcher, who out-pushed and out-scrummed their heavier opponents for two-thirds of the game.

Behind the scrum, Way was the better of the halves, but had few chances, as he was smothered by the quick-breaking Temple forwards whenever he got the ball which was heeled to him slowly. Both three-quarter lines ran hard and tackled well, but Temple were handicapped by the injury to Scholfield who spent most of the game limping on the wing.

Hastings at fly-half for Temple played an excellent game; his try during the first half, when he went clean through the Bruce side to score near the posts, and his defensive kicking in the second half nearly won the game for his side. He was, however, well marked by Earle who rarely let him get away and who played a very sound game.

Bruce kicked off and were quickly on the attack, although they lost the first few set scrums. After ten minutes' play Bruce heeled in the Temple twenty-five, and the ball was passed quickly down the line to Stobart who found a gap and slipped over for the first try of the game. The try was not converted.

Temple came back with some fierce rushes, and from a loose scrum in midfield the ball was heeled quickly and shot out to the left. A missed tackle, and the Bruce defence was in a tangle. The ball went to the wing, and the Temple forwards, led by Fletcher, were up for the latter to take an inside pass and go over near the corner flag. Fletcher converted with a magnificent kick. For some time the play was level, with Temple dominating the scrums, until Hastings received from a loose scrum near the half-way line and swerved his way through the Bruce defence to score near the posts. The kick failed. Half-time came soon after this. *Score*:—Temple, 8; Bruce, 3.

Bruce attacked strongly during the second half, but were driven back time and again by forward rushes led by Fletcher, and by wonderful defensive kicking by Hastings. It was rarely that the Bruce three-quarter line could get going.

A quarter of an hour from the end, however, Temple forwards began to tire, and the weight of the Bruce pack began to tell. The ball appeared more frequently from the Bruce side, and Earle saw a gap in mid-field and went through fast. Way came up with him to take an inside pass and go over near the posts. Stobart converted to equalize the score.

The game now came to life. Bruce forwards, playing strongly, rushed the ball into the Temple twenty-five, and heeled when checked. Way secured, went round the blind side, and made a dash for the line. Short of his object he was tackled, but flung himself over to give Bruce the lead by eleven points to eight. The kick was not converted. Just before the final whistle Stobart raced through the weary Temple defence and passed inside to the Bruce pack who were up in support for Buxton to score between the posts. Stobart converted with the last kick of the game.

Final score:—Bruce (two goals and two tries), 16 points; Temple (one goal and one try), 8 points.

Teams.—Bruce:—T. L. Dewhurst; D. W. Calder, J. D. W. Stobart, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. D. Whitby; C. D. Earle, A. G. Way; C. E. B. Thompson, M. E. Farrer, J. H. Weir, C. W. Dawes, L. S. Buxton, D. N. Davies, D. H. Villiers, R. G. A. Barclay.

Temple:—D. K. Murdoch; N. K. Bottomley, J. Roche, M. B. Scholfield, C. C. H. M. Morgan; P. R. H. Hastings, R. G. Falconar-Stewart; K. J. S. Ritchie, M. I. Massy, J. B. Cross, J. F. G. Fletcher, C. D. Davidson, M. J. G. Hann, I. D. W. McEwen, A. K. Frazer.

CROSS-COUNTRY

FIRST VIII *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

The usual bad luck dogged the cross-country runners at the beginning of the season. Six members of last year's team were left: of these, three were unable to run against Charterhouse; and a fourth, W. W. Cheyne (C), was not completely recovered from a severe concussion. R. R. Oakey (C), the captain, was out with an axe-wound in his foot; D. R. Foster (C) had a strained muscle in the thigh; and J. C. Bartholomew (C) a collapsed metatarsal arch.

Consequently, we went to Charterhouse without any exaggerated hopes of our prospects, but, though heavily beaten, we were not disgraced by the result, for, as will be seen, despite the fact that only one Stowe runner finished in the first five, we had six men home before the final Charterhouse scorer (No. 11) arrived.

Charterhouse have apparently dropped their old play of a fast start, and the pace over the first mile was so moderate that Webster took the lead from Coggins and Browne. On a strange course this was almost certainly a mistake, though it is not likely that by any plan of running he would have bettered his position. The rest of Stowe kept just behind the Charterhouse pack and over the common gradually started overhauling several of them.

After two miles, Roxburgh, Cheyne, and three Carthusians were obviously falling out of the race. The day, it should be mentioned, was of almost summer heat, and several of the runners showed signs of strain.

At the half-way mark, Webster still held the lead—soon to lose it—with Browne and Coggins close behind. Then came Rodney, Jay, Lister and Barbour close together, with Spencer Thomas, Ritchie and Yellowlees coming up. These places were held with little change, except that Browne and Coggins soon got away from Webster, till the bye-pass, where the score was 25—30 in favour of Charterhouse.

Over the last mile, Barbour passed Rodney, and Lister passed Rodney and Jay, thus gaining three more points for Charterhouse. Browne finished very strongly and beat Coggins by nearly half-a-minute. This was strange, as Coggins had only once been beaten during the season of ten matches, and was, in this his last school match, out for a record. It was stranger still that Browne succeeded in beating the record by 8 seconds himself.

Result :—

1.	E. R. M. Browne (Charterhouse).	30 mins. 26 secs.
2.	P. W. Coggins (Charterhouse).	30 mins. 54 secs.
3.	M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W).	31 mins. 8 secs.
4.	{ D. M. Barbour (Charterhouse).	31 mins. 31 secs.
	{ C. W. Lister (Charterhouse).	31 mins. 31 secs.
6.	The Hon. J. F. Rodney (Stowe, W).	31 mins. 41 secs.
7.	R. D. Jay (Stowe, W).	31 mins. 46 secs.
8.	K. J. S. Ritchie (Stowe, T).	32 mins. 1 secs.
9.	P. Spencer Thomas (Stowe, W).	32 mins. 27 secs.
10.	D. A. Yellowlees (Stowe, C).	32 mins. 36 secs.
11.	D. R. P. Booth (Charterhouse).	32 mins. 46 secs.
12.	Charterhouse.	
13.	R. C. Roxburgh (Stowe, W).	
14.	Charterhouse.	
15.	Charterhouse.	
16.	W. W. Cheyne (Stowe, C).	

Score :—Charterhouse : 1, 2, 4, 5, 10—22 points.

Stowe : 3, 6, 7, 8, 9—33 points.

FIRST VIII *v.* UPPINGHAM.

We were successful in winning our first match against Uppingham by 25 points to 31, just about the margin one expects the home team of two evenly matched sides to win by. There were two changes from the team that ran at Charterhouse: Rodney was suffering from a cold, and Cheyne did not run. Oakey and Foster, apparently recovered from their injuries, took their places.

Some of us had been over to Uppingham a fortnight before and knew that they had a fairly good side, with one outstanding runner in Stokes, who has beaten several of the Cambridge side during the term. We were, consequently, not surprised that the signallers, who were sending news from the turn down to the Lillingstone Dayrell road, told us that Uppingham were leading there with Webster second. Then came another Uppingham man, followed by Roxburgh who was running again in his true form after an unlucky day at Charterhouse; then Jay and Yellowlees.

The course was exceptionally dry, and it was confidently expected that the not very distinguished record of three years ago would be beaten, but everyone was surprised when the cheerful cry of "Stowe" went up from watchers near the Bourbon Tower when not quite 32 minutes had gone by. Not only were we to see a very substantial lowering of the record but a magnificent finish as well. Stokes and Webster came into sight almost simultaneously, and as they came over the bridge Webster made his challenge, drew level with Stokes, and the two sprinted down the valley side by side. They held their pace for about 150 yards, until Stokes' superior strength began to tell and he drew away to win by about 12 yards.

There was a full minute before Franklin came in, very closely followed by Roxburgh and Jay. Then came a gap of 30 seconds, followed by a stream of runners at regular 10 second intervals. But the vital places of 4, 5, 6 were taken by Stoics, and the result was clear. The later stages of the match were enlivened by a thrilling finish between Spencer Thomas and Stubbing.

Uppingham think very highly of Stokes. Judging by this race as well as by his other runs during the last two terms, we too can say that Webster is a good runner: he still needs a bit of strength for the finish; in a year or two he may be very good. It is not likely that conditions will be so perfect for this course for a long time, and the time of 33 mins. 8.2 secs. deserves to stand as long.

Result :—

Previous Record :—M. A. Gammidge, 1935, 35 mins. 41 secs.

1.	Stokes (Uppingham)	33 mins. 8.2 secs.
2.	M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W).	33 mins. 13 secs.
3.	Franklin (Uppingham).	34 mins. 15 secs.
4.	R. C. Roxburgh (Stowe, W).	34 mins. 23 secs.
5.	R. D. Jay (Stowe, W).	34 mins. 25 secs.
6.	D. A. Yellowlees (Stowe, C).	35 mins. 1 sec.
7.	Howitt (Uppingham).	35 mins. 14 secs.
8.	K. J. S. Ritchie (Stowe, T).	35 mins. 23 secs.
9.	Ward (Uppingham).	
10.	R. R. Oakey (Stowe, C).	
11.	Pavey-Smith (Uppingham).	
12.	Hodson (Uppingham).	
13.	P. Spencer Thomas (Stowe, W).	
14.	Stubbing (Uppingham).	
15.	Akeroyd (Uppingham).	

D. R. Foster (Stowe, C) did not close in.

Score :—Stowe 2, 4, 5, 6, 8—25 points.

Uppingham 1, 3, 7, 9, 11—31 points.

2nd VIII v. NO. 2 (APPRENTICES) WING, R.A.F., HALTON.

The race was run over the Senior Cross-Country course on Saturday, March 5th, Halton winning a close race by 28 points to 30. Halton got the first three places, but the rest of their team were barely able to back up their effort.

Result:—

1.	Twite (R.A.F.).	22 mins. 19 secs.
2.	Capcorne (R.A.F.).	
3.	Dennis (R.A.F.).	
4.	I. McC. Tait (Stowe, Ⓔ).	23 mins. 14.5 secs.
	A. F. Eccles (Stowe, Ⓔ).	23 mins. 14.5 secs.
6.	J. B. Dwight (Stowe, G).	
7.	I. R. L. Shaw (Stowe, C).	
8.	R. G. I. Forrest (Stowe, Ⓔ).	
9.	Bullock (R.A.F.).	
10.	F. N. C. Satow (Stowe, C).	
11.	J. A. Lake (Stowe, C).	
12.	P. Johnstone (Stowe, C).	
13.	Jarvis (R.A.F.).	
14.	Simpson (R.A.F.).	
15.	Williams (R.A.F.).	
16.	Leach (R.A.F.).	

Score:—R.A.F., Halton: 1, 2, 3, 9, 13—28 points.

Stowe: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8—30 points.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY.

The races were run on Monday, February 28th, in pleasant, dry conditions. Times in practice had been fast, and the course was unusually dry. Good times were consequently expected and, though no record was made, achieved.

The Junior race was notable for the success of Temple in getting three of the first four places, and for the eclipse of fancied runners in Bally (C), who, apparently over-trained, collapsed just before reaching the tape, and Hawkins (C), who finished 19th, though in practice an optimistic watch and trainer had credited him with phenomenal times.

The winner was J. C. D. Green (T), who beat W. E. McCready (Ⓔ) by about 12 seconds. R. J. Ellison (T), P. Wilby (T) and R. D. Lightfoot (W) were 3rd, 4th and 5th. Temple's other scorers were 8th and 23rd, making a total of 574 points. Walpole were 2nd, surprising even themselves, with 5, 7, 13, 14, 17—534, and Cobham, 6, 9, 12, 16, 18—528, 3rd. The time was 16 mins 6.3 secs., against the record of 15 mins. 45.2 secs.

The O.T.C. signallers were responsible for an enterprising, though rather laborious, relay system which gave advance information of the senior race. The blackboard in the Grecian Valley already displayed the names of the four leading runners at Black Pit by the time figures were first seen rounding the Deer Barn. Walpole were known to have a strong side, and their junior score had made it fairly certain that, failing any strange accidents, they would be the eventual winners. There were to be no accidents. Along the road, M. G. T. Webster, by a system of compelling traffic signals, had seen to it that Walpole's five men kept in a bunch at the head of the field and gave his men '10' in the manner of a good stroke when any stranger forced his way level with them. In view of the accidents that had kept Oakey and Foster out of the race, it was fairly clear that Webster would win, and his greater success was in bringing the other members of his team in 2, 5, 6, and 7. The order of the first eight was M. G. T. Webster (W), the Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), D. A. Yellowlces (C), R. C. Roxburgh (W), R. D. Jay (W), P. Spencer Thomas (W), G. T. Hugill (C).

Walpole thus won by 912 points to Chatham's 765, gained by very good packing from 15 to 18. The time was 22 mins. 45.1 secs., against the record of 22 mins. 15.8 secs. by L. G. McKean in 1936.

It is interesting to notice that Walpole's score equals Temple's in 1930, when they scored 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Walpole thus won on aggregate by 298 points.

Team placings and points:—

JUNIOR RACE.		SENIOR RACE.		TOTAL.	
1.	Temple 574 Points.	1.	Walpole 912 Points.	1.	Walpole 1450 Points.
2.	Walpole 538 „	2.	Chatham 765 „	2.	Cobham 1152 „
3.	Cobham 528 „	3.	Grafton 717 „	3.	Chatham 1135 „
4.	Bruce 412 „	4.	Chandos 648 „	4.	Chandos 1058 „
5.	Chandos 410 „	5.	Cobham 624 „	5.	Grafton 1053 „
6.	Chatham 370 „	6.	Grenville 564 „	6.	Temple 1042 „
7.	Grafton 336 „	7.	Temple 468 „	7.	Grenville 788 „
8.	Grenville 224 „	8.	Bruce 234 „	8.	Bruce 646 „

ATHLETICS

ETON—LANCING—STOWE.

The Triangular Match was held at Stowe on Saturday, March 19th. Although there was a strong cross-wind which hindered the runners in all the events except the 100 Yards, the track was fast owing to the perfect weather conditions experienced during the past few weeks, and many fine performances were recorded. Added to this, Stowe gained their first victory since the match was introduced in 1930.

Thomson gave Stowe a great start by winning the 100 Yards very convincingly in 10.2 secs.—the fastest time ever recorded by a Stowe runner. Even taking into consideration the fact that the wind was behind the runners, this was a fine performance, which was made even better, from Stowe's point of view, by Way's securing third place.

Earle was unlucky to hit the eighth hurdle when leading, but Nicholl ran very well to get second place in this event. Roche followed by winning the Long Jump with his last effort, Thomson being placed third.

Then followed what was perhaps the finest piece of running during the afternoon, when Hastings won the Half Mile. He ran a perfectly judged race and looked a really class performer. The first lap was covered in 61 secs. with Hastings lying third, but he passed Joce, the Lancing first string, going up the back straight, and striding out beautifully won as he pleased in the very fast time of 2 mins. 2.9 secs.—a great win which was improved upon by Tait's coming up very fast in the last fifty yards and snatching second place from Joce.

Earle then reversed last year's result in the High Jump, when he was defeated by the same two Etonians, and went on to clear 5 ft. 6½ ins., which was a quarter of an inch higher than the School record.

Reverses then followed for Stowe in the next three events, although in each case the Stowe first string put up his best performance ever. Cathcart, a very powerful runner, won the Quarter Mile in 52.7 secs., while Cuning just defeated Ashcroft for second place. The Weight, introduced for the first time, followed, and the two Lancing men were not only first and second but showed by far the best technique. Way did very well to putt over 36 ft. Mayall from the first set a tremendous pace in the Mile and won easily in the good time of 4 mins. 34.6 secs. Maudslay was second, with Webster a good third, and so once again the result of the match depended on the last event—the Quarter Mile Relay.

Stowe only had to avoid being last to win the match, but from the start, when Way gave them a three yards lead over the first 110 yards, they looked good winners. A perfect baton change, and Thomson, with some very powerful running against the wind, increased this lead and handed over to McCready, who also ran well and had no difficulty in giving Stowe a clear-cut win over Eton in the fast time of 46.3 secs.

A great meeting with excellent times and the knowledge that we shall have Hastings, Thomson, Roche, McCready, Way and Scholfield, who was unfortunately unable to run this year, here again next year.

Mr. R. St. G. T. Harper kindly acted as Referee and other members of the Achilles Club as Judges, while Mr. J. E. Lovelock was the Starter.

Result.—Stowe 40 points.
Eton 32½ points.
Lancing 16¾ points.

The details were as follows:—

100 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (Stowe, Q); 2, Earl Cathcart (Eton); 3, A. G. Way (Stowe, B). Time, 10.2 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, P. Le R. Shephard (Eton); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (Stowe, B); 3, T. Tufnell (Lancing). Time, 16.9 secs.

Long Jump.—1, J. Roche (Stowe, T); 2, S. J. McWatters (Eton); 3, J. M. Thomson (Stowe, Q). Distance, 19 ft. 5½ ins.

Half Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (Stowe, T); 2, I. McC. Tait (Stowe, G); 3, P. S. Joce (Lancing). Time, 2 mins. 2.9 secs.

High Jump.—1, C. D. Earle (Stowe, B); equal 2, D. G. Mathieson (Eton), H. K. Sweeting (Eton), I. F. Guest (Lancing). Height, 5 ft. 6¼ ins.

Quarter Mile.—1, Earl Cathcart (Eton); 2, J. E. Cuning (Eton); 3, C. A. Ashcroft (Stowe, C). Time, 52.7 secs.

Putting the Weight.—1, P. A. C. Marriott (Lancing); 2, C. D. Warde (Lancing); 3, J. A. Mackurtan (Eton). Distance, 38 ft. 3½ ins.

One Mile.—1, D. J. Mayall (Lancing); 2, H. E. Maudslay (Eton); 3, M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W). Time, 4 mins. 34.6 secs.

Quarter Mile Relay (110 yds., 220 yds., 110 yds.).—1, Stowe (A. G. Way (B), J. M. Thomson (Q), H. B. McCready (G)); 2, Eton; 3, Lancing. Time, 46.3 secs.

NOTE: For Sports Finals see page 127.

FENCING

THE team was very slow to find its form. But improvement, though slow, is evident, as the Harrow match shows, and the outlook for next term is promising. H. W. J. E. Peel (G) in particular was, till the last match, disappointing, and showed a much more marked degree of slowness than last term. J. A. Cutforth (⊗), after a bad start, steadily improved, and did very well to win his School Colours. C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗) and J. M. E. Clarkson (G), both of whom were awarded their Chevrons, also improved steadily throughout the term, and should be of considerable value to the team in the future, though Reiche displays a certain timidity, which he will have to grow out of before he can become a first-class fencer. C. Wachmann (⊗), who replaced Cutforth in the sabre team against Harrow, put up a very creditable performance, and should shortly take his place regularly in the team.

As regards those not in the team, P. O. Willing (Q) shows great promise with the épée, and with a little more practice A. B. Luttrell (C) and M. H. R. Sandwith (W) will turn into useful foilists. There is also a certain amount of budding talent amongst the juniors, and J. B. Frankenburg (C) in particular deserves mention in this respect.

Altogether fencing has improved in almost every way this term. Numbers have increased, and the standard of loose play is at a higher level than it has been for some time.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER.

At Westminster, on February 5th. Lost, 3—24.

The team was very much out of practice, having scarcely done any fencing since December. Special credit must be given to Clarkson, who won two fights out of three.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), J. A. Cutforth (⊗) and C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗), three defeats each. Total, nine defeats.

Westminster :—No defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats ; J. A. Cutforth (⊗) and C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗), three defeats each. Total, eight defeats.

Westminster :—One defeat.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and J. A. Cutforth (⊗), three defeats each. Total, seven defeats.

Westminster :—Two defeats.



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THE SCHOOL *v.* R.M.C., SANDHURST.

At Stowe, on February 12th. Lost, 6—12.

The team was still rather out of practice, but lost chiefly owing to the fact that Sandhurst do not do épée, our best weapon.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats ; C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

R.M.C. :—Three defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (⊗), two defeats ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

R.M.C. :—Three defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM.

At Cheltenham, on February 26th. Lost, 8—19.

We lost entirely owing to Peel who had a very bad day losing nine fights. Credit is due to Cutforth who won five fights out of nine, and to Reiche who won three out of six.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗) and C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗), two defeats each ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Cheltenham :—Three defeats.

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

Cheltenham :—Five defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), two defeats ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats each. Total, eight defeats.

Cheltenham :—One defeat.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW.

At Harrow, on March 5th. Won 18—9.

The team fought very well for the first time, in spite of the loss of Cutforth. Great credit is due to Peel, who won all his nine fights, and to Wachmann, who won two out of three fights in his first match.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗) and J. M. E. Clarkson (G), two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

Harrow :—Five defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat ; C. E. L. H. Reiche (⊗), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Harrow :—Six defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (⊗), one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

Harrow :—Seven defeats.

SQUASH

The House Matches were won last term by Cobham by 5 matches to 0.
The Individual Cup was won by J. P. T. Dawson (C).

The last eight in the Competition were :—

P. M. Syrett (C)	} Syrett (3-2)	} Dawson (3-0)	} Dawson (3-2)
M. J. Poulton (C)			
R. H. M. Spencer (W)	} Dawson (3-1)		
J. P. T. Dawson (C)			
A. Shaw (C)	} Shaw (3-1)	} Barbour (w.o.)	
G. R. C. Atwood (B)			
D. R. Barbour (C)	} Barbour (3-0)		
J. M. Henry (C)			

The following matches have been played this term :—

- Saturday, January 29th v. THE ORATORY SCHOOL. Won, 5—0.
Saturday, February 5th v. THE WEST LONDON SQUASH CLUB. Lost, 2—3.
Saturday, February 12th v. THE ACROSTICS. Won, 3—2.
Saturday, February 26th v. THE CAMBRIDGE GANDERS. Lost, 1—4.
Saturday, March 12th v. ETON COLLEGE. Lost, 1—4.
Sunday, March 13th v. THAMES HOUSE. Lost, 1—4.

The School team consisted of :—A. Shaw (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C), D. R. Barbour (C), M. J. Poulton (C), G. R. C. Atwood (B). The following have also played :—R. H. M. Spencer (W), F. N. C. Satow (C), R. B. Booth (W).

The season has been fairly successful, and the standard of the School team has improved with added experience. Shaw, the captain, has been prevented from playing, on occasions, by a loose cartilage in his knee, but is definitely a good player. Dawson, the first string, has also been unable to play in the last few matches. Barbour is a good reliable player who is a great asset to any side. Poulton is a great trier, and has improved a great deal. Atwood makes some very good shots indeed, but gives away too many points at present.

A special effort has been made this term to encourage the younger enthusiasts in the School. They have been enabled to play more often and they have been helped by senior players in their houses.

It is expected that the floors of the two best courts will be scraped before next season, which should be a great help, especially in artificial light, and it is hoped that everyone will make a special effort to keep them clean.

J.P.T.D.

FIVES

More people are now playing Fives than last year, and the game seems to have increased in popularity with the younger members of the School. This year, boys under sixteen have been encouraged to play by the inauguration of a Junior House competition, which was won by Cobham.

On March 24th, Stowe are playing Westminster (in London). This is the first fives match against another school, and we hope other school matches will eventually be arranged.

In J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S), we have a first pair of outstanding ability. One member of an opposing team, which had already played Eton, Harrow, Charterhouse and Lancing, said that only the Eton first pair seemed better than Rolleston and Kaye. Rolleston has played brilliantly throughout the term, putting thought as well as force into his shots. Kaye, although lacking finesse, hits very hard and is good at the back of the court. Among the other members of the School team, R. H. Sharpe (C) and R. H. M. Spencer (W), who are not yet seventeen, show promise.

The teams which have been brought down this term have been strong, and the School players were by no means disgraced by their older and more experienced opponents.

W. Barlow and K. S. Hamilton, who came over from Oxford to represent the Wyverns, both play for Oxford, and they were also favourably impressed by the form shown by Rolleston and Kaye.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Feb. 6th. v. MASTERS. Won, 2—1.

J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S) beat W. E. Capel Cure and E. Cawston, 17—16, 10—15, 12—15, 17—14, 15—12.

R. H. Sharpe (C) and R. H. M. Spencer (W) beat P. G. Hunter and B. A. Barr, 14—17, 15—13, 9—15, 15—12, 15—6.

R. H. Marten (S) and P. R. H. Hastings (T) lost to R. M. Hamer and C. M. O'Rorke, 15—9, 0—15, 8—15, 18—14, 12—15.

Feb. 13th. *v.* OLD CITIZENS. Lost, 0—3.

J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S) lost to B. J. Garrett and L. Deacon, 15—12, 4—15, 9—15, 10—15.

D. R. Foster (C) and R. H. Sharpe (C) lost to R. N. Hewitt and G. W. Brown, 10—15, 4—15, 6—15.

R. H. M. Spencer (W) and C. M. O'Rorke (C) lost to S. A. Eley and J. H. Beale, 14—17, 15—6, 10—15, 9—15.

Feb. 20th. *v.* WYVERNS (one pair). Lost, 0—1.

J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S) lost to W. Barlow and K. S. Hamilton, 15—15, 9—15, 15—10, 6—15.

v. THE OLD WESTMINSTERS. Won, 2—0.

J. L. Rolleston (C) and B. J. G. Kaye (S) beat T. H. S. Wyllie and M. F. Porterfield, 15—7, 18—16, 15—11.

R. H. Marten (S) and H. S. L. Dundas (W) beat J. O. H. Powell-Jones and I. B. Stewart, 15—2, 15—4, 15—1.

FIVES HOUSE MATCHES

Chandos	}	Cobham	}	Cobham (3-0)	}	Cobham (3-0)	}	Cobham (3-0), Winners.
Cobham		(3-0)						
Walpole	}	Temple	}	Temple (2-1)	}	Cobham (3-0)	}	Cobham (3-0), Winners.
Temple		(2-1)						
Chatham	}	Bruce	}	Bruce (2½-½)	}	Grafton (2½-½)	}	Cobham (3-0), Winners.
Bruce		(2½-½)						
Grafton	}	Grafton	}	Grafton (2½-½)	}	Grafton (2½-½)	}	Cobham (3-0), Winners.
Grenville		(2½-½)						

CRICKET FIXTURES 1938

FIRST ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 21.—Free Foresters	Home.
Wed.,	May 25.—Cryptics	Home.
Sat.,	May 28.—I Zingari	Home.
Thurs.,	June 2.—Bradfield	Away.
Sat.,	June 4.—Incogniti	Home.
Wed.,	June 8. } Westminster	Away.
Thurs.,	June 9. }	
Sat.,	June 11.—M.C.C.	Home.
Wed.,	June 15.—O.U. Authentics	Home.
Sat.,	June 18.—Haileybury	Home.
Wed.,	June 22.—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	June 25.—Tonbridge	Away.
Sat.,	July 2.—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed.,	July 6. } Oundle	Kennington Oval.
Thurs.,	July 7. }	

SECOND ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 14.—Rugby	Home.
Sat.,	May 21.—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	May 28.—Haileybury	Away.
Wed.,	June 1.—Bedford	Home.
Sat.,	June 4.—Harrow	Home.
Wed.,	June 8.—R.A.F., Abingdon	Home.
Thurs.,	June 16.—Bradfield	Home.
Sat.,	June 18.—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Wed.,	June 22.—St. Paul's	Away.
Wed.,	June 29.—Metropolitan Police College	Home.
Sat.,	July 2.—Old Stoics	Home.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 21.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed.,	May 25.—R.A.F., Bicester	Home.
Wed.,	June 1.—Buckingham	Home.
Sat.,	June 4.—Radley	Home.
Wed.,	June 15.—Buckingham	Home.
Sat.,	June 18.—Bedford	Home.
Wed.,	June 22.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.

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COLTS' ELEVEN.

Wed.,	May 25.—Bedford	Home.
Sat.,	May 28.—Westminster	Home.
Sat.,	June 4.—Oundle	Away.
Sat.,	June 11.—Rugby	Away.
Sat.,	June 18.—Harrow	Away.
Thurs.,	June 23.—Bradfield	Away.
Wed.,	June 29.—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	July 2.—Wellington	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 21.—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	May 28.—Haileybury	Home.
Sat.,	June 11. Rugby	Away.
Sat.,	June 18.—The Oratory School	Home.
Wed.,	June 22.—Bloxham	Away.
Sat.,	July 2.—Bedford	Home.

O.T.C. NOTES

PROMOTIONS.

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants C. M. O'Rorke (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C), R. Evans (G).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals P. Spencer Thomas (W), R. A. L. Black (G), P. R. Westall (C), P. J. Blundell (G), J. Bruxner-Randall (G), C. W. Bartley (G), W. W. Cheyne (C), P. R. H. Hastings (T).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals M. G. T. Webster (W), M. E. Farrer (B), I. E. T. Jenkin (C), R. G. Falconar-Stewart (T), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), D. B. Reid (B).

The following obtained Certificate "A" in the examination held in November 1937 and were appointed Lance-Corporal:—T. L. Martin (G), J. M. G. Ritchie (W), P. J. Diggle (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), T. R. Gaskell (W), A. K. Frazer (T), I. R. L. Shaw (C), J. H. Weir (B), C. E. B. Thompson (B), J. W. Busk (G), the Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), J. H. de Burgh (G), P. Carter (G), T. S. Law (B), L. J. Eastwood (G), J. S. Filleul (G), P. W. R. Lawford (G), P. Jude (G).

In the February Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 32 out of 42 candidates passed. This number included 11 out of the 16 Senior Recruits of last term.

PRIZES.

Best candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), October 1937:—R. E. W. Harland (C).

Best candidate for Certificate "A" (Part II), November 1937:—T. L. Martin (G) and J. M. G. Ritchie (W).

Best candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), February 1938:—D. M. Bolton (C).

Best Senior Recruit, Christmas term 1937:—R. G. A. Barclay (B).

Best Junior Recruit, Christmas term 1937:—C. M. Musgrave (C) and R. S. Watson (B).



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FROM THE SOUTH FRONT

[A.J.G.C.]

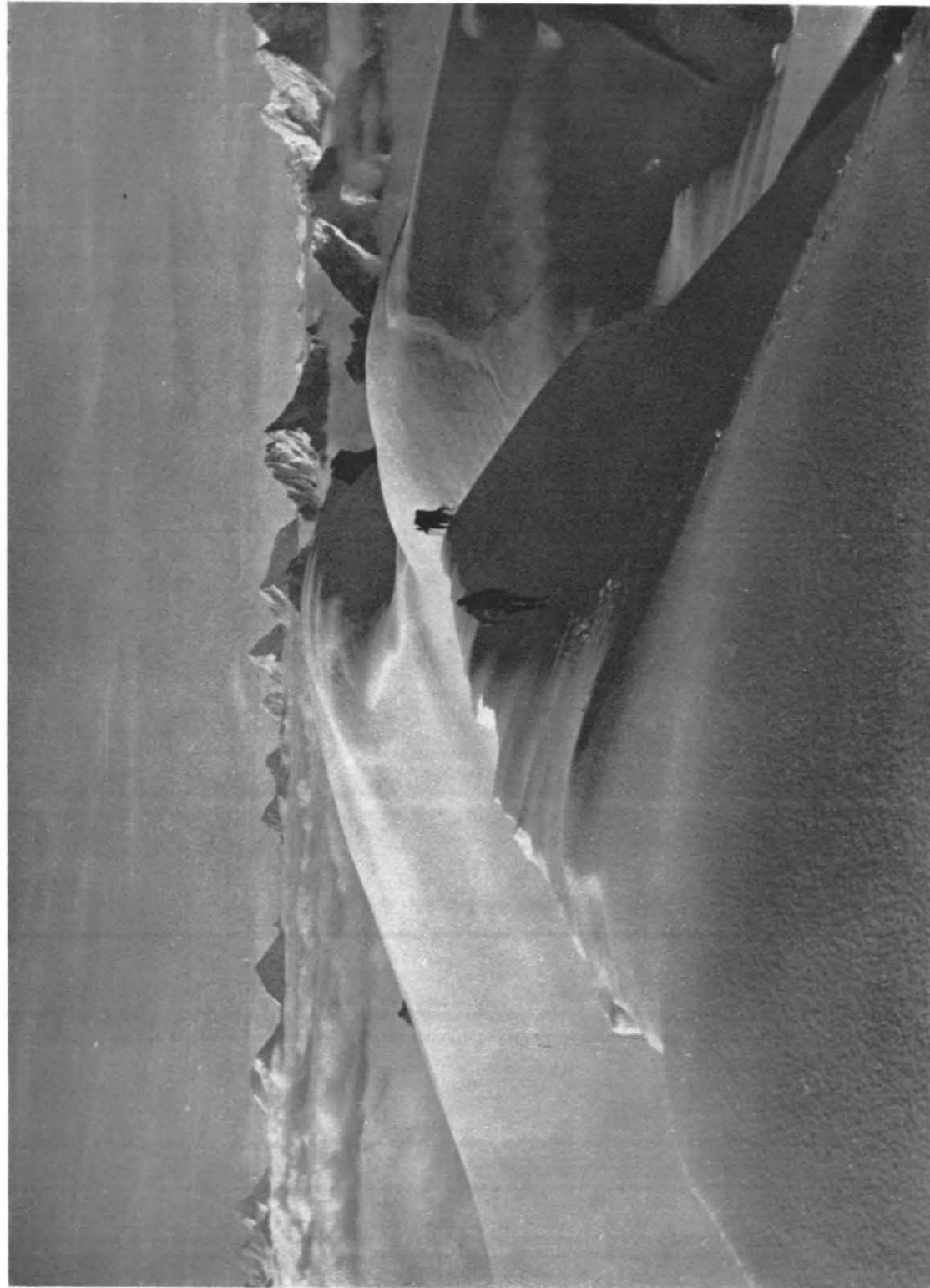


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THE BANKE PLATEAU, HIMALAYA RANGE
Discovered by Lieut. R. A. Gardiner (C), 1939

[Mr. F. S. Smythe

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TRAINING.

The Contingent now has five Under-Officers, and the work of no less than six of the Training Platoons is in the hands of such senior boys. They and the Corporal Instructors reach at least a competent, and sometimes a high, standard of instruction.

In future we aim at presenting cadets for the Certificate "A" examination rather earlier in their O.T.C. career. This will be achieved partly by new regulations which allow either Part I or Part II to be taken first and which, in Part II, do not now require a candidate to retake both papers if he fails in one only. At Stowe we shall also hold a Part I examination in the summer instead of waiting from February till October as hitherto.

Post-Certificate "A" training is meantime increasing in interest and importance. This term courses have been run to teach (1) the framing of T.E.W.Ts., (2) how to instruct a squad, (3) Machine Gunnery, and (4) Signalling. In May a course in Air subjects, run by the R.A.F., will be added. These courses are taken by the most junior N.C.Os. before they are promoted to Corporal and posted to the Training Platoons as Instructors.

UNIFORM.

The new pattern uniform has already been issued to about two-thirds of the Contingent. The rest will be fitted out next term.

FIELD DAY.

A whole day's training took place locally on March 15th. An exercise on Withdrawal during the morning was followed in the afternoon by one on Attack.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The *Country Life* Public Schools Miniature Rifle Competition was shot on Thursday, March 10th. The scores were:—

	Grouping 10.	Rapid 50.	Snap 25.	Total.
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	10	48	25	83
R. C. Roxburgh (W) ...	10	49	25	84
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	10	47	25	82
C. D. Drew (C) ...	10	47	20	79
M. B. Hickling (C) ...	5	45	20	70
R. G. A. Barclay (B) ...	10	45	25	80
A. H. Rowan (C) ...	5	47	20	72
C. C. R. Boulton (B) ...	5	45	20	70
				620

LANDSCAPE TARGET (*H.P.S.*, 48 per pair).

1.	R. C. Roxburgh (W) R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	}	...	...	...	45
2.	C. D. Drew (C) M. B. Hickling (C)	}	...	...	...	31
3.	R. G. A. Barclay (B) J. S. Filleul (G)	}	...	...	...	48
4.	A. H. Rowan (C) C. C. R. Boulton (B)	}	...	...	...	42
						—
	Total		...	...	...	166
						—
	Grand Total		...	...	...	786
						—
	Last Year's Score		...	...	...	720 (39th)

Reserve:—R. J. Musgrave (C).

During this term, Postal Matches under *Country Life* conditions were shot against the following schools:—U.C.S. (lost); Wellington, Somerset (won); Glenalmond (lost); Beaumont College (won); Bradfield (won); Leys (won); Wellington College (1st VIII won, 2nd VIII lost); Epsom College (won); Westminster (won); Radley (won).

Last term the S.M.R.C. Public Schools O.T.C. Competition was fired on October 28th. Stowe came 9th with a score of 724 out of 800.

The scores were:—

	<i>H.P.S.</i>	100
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	...	93
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	...	91
A. D. Walker (W)	...	91
M. B. Hickling (C)	...	85
R. J. Musgrave (C)	...	88
C. D. Drew (C)	...	92
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	...	96
A. K. Frazer (T)	...	88

THE RIFLE CLUB.

This term there were 81 members of the club. Spoon shoots were held every Saturday afternoon of the term. The standard of shooting was high, as usual, but no outstanding scores were made. The following members won spoons:—

Class A.—M. B. Hickling (C), C. D. Drew (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C) (2), D. A. B. Morgan (W), J. S. Filleul (G).

Class B.—D. N. Cox (W), P. D. Bally (C) (2), P. O. Willing (C), D. J. Webster (W), E. F. G. Gosling (C), R. C. H. Collier (B).

Best Novice.—St. J. C. Bally (C), S. S. F. Hornor (C), J. D. Johnstone (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), I. A. S. Clarence (G), R. M. Wood (C), T. G. Knox (C).

F.N.H.W.

SCOUTS

THE JUNIOR TROOP (2ND STOWE).

The Troop has again been divided into four patrols this term. Patrol Leaders, W. V. Machin (W), Curlews; J. F. Nye (C), Eagles; J. D. R. Hayward (G), Owls; R. J. Sassoon (G), Hawks.

The programmes for Tuesday afternoons have alternated between work for badges and Second Class in small groups and more general troop activities. The huts by the Caroline Circle have been reconstructed and improved by the addition of permanent cooking places. Wide games involving practice in signalling, tracking and fire-lighting have been popular and have been greatly helped by the almost traditional Tuesday afternoon weather.

On March 15th, we had an arduous field-day spending the morning on an inter-patrol game before joining up with the Senior Troop for lunch and the afternoon programme. The patrol leaders in charge of the attacking party were responsible for getting their 'force' over a wide stretch of country to a 'base' near the 'Green Man'; the other half of the Troop aimed at interrupting them. Faulty map-reading led to many wrong turnings and unnecessarily cunning detours, and contact with the enemy was only rarely made. However, a reunion was finally effected, and it is to be hoped with the practice of week-end camps and journeyings next term that the Troop will learn to look after itself even better in this respect. The efficiency in cooking and camp-craft generally has definitely improved and should make a good showing at the District Camp in the summer.

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Author :

'English Literature,' by Margharita Widdows.

The following books have been bought this term :—

'Potemkin' (George Soloveyitchik); 'Further Letters of Queen Victoria'; 'The last of the Empresses' (Daniele Vares); 'Commander of the Mists' (D. L. Murray); 'Richard III' (Philip Lindsay); 'Let your Mind Alone' (Thurber); 'Mussolini' (H. C. Armstrong); 'Three Deserts' (Lewis); 'Bartlett's Familiar Quotations'; 'The Boy David' (Barrie); 'This was Germany' (Fox); 'Robinson of England' (John Drinkwater); 'Orphan Island' (Rose Macaulay); 'Promised Land' (Cedric Belfrage); 'Northwest Passage' (Roberts); 'Enchanter's Nightshade' (Ann Bridge); 'Strafford' (Birkenhead); 'Joseph II' (Padova); 'Murder in the Cathedral' (Eliot); 'Great Contemporaries' (Churchill); Concise Oxford English Dictionary; 'The House that Hitler Built' (Roberts); 'Bidden to the Feast' (Jones); 'Dark Invader' (Rintelen); Poems of John Donne; 'Muse in Chains' (Potter); 'Secret Battle' (Herbert); 'Portrait of the Artist' (Joyce); 'All Passion Spent' (West); 'The Crimea' (Temperley); 'War and Peace in Europe' (Woodward); 'Biography of a Family' (Waldman); 'Lion and Fox' (Lewis); 'Blanket of the Dark' (Buchan); 'Augustus' (Buchan); 'World Beneath the Microscope' (Watson-Baker); 'The Species Problem' (Robson); 'Plant Ecology' (Drabble); 'The Soil' (Hall); 'Flowering Plants and Ferns' (Willis); 'Pond Problems' (Unwin); 'Analytical Geometry of three Dimensions' (Somerville); 'Principles of Geometry' (Baker); 'Men of Mathematics' (Bell); 'Electricity and Magnetism' (Ramsey); 'Higher Mechanics' (Lamb); 'Spinning Tops and Gyroscopic Motion' (Crabtree); 'Readable Relativity' (Durell); 'Astronomy' (Smart); 'Great Mathematicians' (Turnbull); 'Number' (Dantzig); 'Analytical Functions of a Complex Variable' (Curtiss); 'Differential Calculus' (Edwards); 'Introduction to Higher Algebra' (Bocher); 'Three Lectures on Fermat's Last Theorem' (Mordell).

W.L.McE.

E.N.R.

N.M.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

TWO debates have been held this term, the first of them the best the Society has heard for some years. The improvement prophesied term after term in this opening paragraph has indeed come about, and it only remains to be hoped that the 116th Meeting will live as an inspiration and not only as a memory.

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

The following have been elected members of the Society :—D. W. Barnes (C), J. C. Drew (C), C. D. Earle (B), G. L. Paget (C), the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. W. Procter (G), M. L. Græme (T), J. R. C. Holbech (C).

The 115th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1st.

When the Treasurer had made his long-awaited report on the Treasury, the House proceeded to debate the Motion that "this House considers its own debates to be of more importance than those of the House of Commons."

J. H. FERGUSON'S (C) syntax was perfect, though his parliamentary knowledge was slight. He was right in claiming that Westminster could have produced no such memorable dicta as the Stowe Debating Society, for parliament could never have heard a speech so nasty, brutish and unfortunately long.

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (C) (Ex-Secretary) lamented that this was his positively last performance before the House. The moribund of the species, he remarked, was more songly than the hale, from which the House judged that he had more than one foot in the grave—a grave to which he trod a path of glory. His assurances of the superiority of Churchill and Chamberlain were vain, for his own brilliance defeated his cause.

R. H. ANSTEY (C) smiled indulgently at the opposition. The House of Commons, he contended, was filled with ex-public school debaters, whose youthful brilliance had decayed to senility. From this rule he excepted the ex-Secretary, whose case would be one of off with the old man and on with the even older.

The Librarian (H. S. L. DUNDAS (W)) need not have been so proud of his single page of notes, for he could have written his speech word for word in a similar space. He accused the Society of bluff without bounce, and taking it for granted that parliament had no such defects sat down in an atmosphere of non-resistance.

There also spoke : *For the Motion*, P. Johnstone (C), T. L. Dewhurst (B), D. V. A. Sankey (B), G. L. Paget (C), the Treasurer.

Against the Motion, The Secretary, J. C. Drew (C), C. A. Moodie (G), C. D. Earle (B), D. W. Barnes (C), E. N. Rolfe (B), the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B).

On a division being taken, there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 8	For the Motion	6
Against	- 8	Against	- 47

On the President's exercising his casting vote, the Motion was carried in the Upper House by one vote and lost in the Lower House by 41 votes.

At an extraordinary Committee meeting held in the President's rooms on Thursday, February 3rd, 1938, the resignation of the Secretary (J. D. Fay (G)) was received with regret.

The 116th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.5 p.m. on Wednesday February 23rd.

The Vice-President attempted to explain away the fact that he had omitted to provide any herbs. The cough lozenges he brought as substitute were deemed wholly inadequate. The House then proceeded to debate the Motion that "in the opinion of this House football-pools do not hold water."

P. SPENCER THOMAS (W) saw football pools only as another temptation in the life of the working man. He appealed for a recognition of their intrinsic harmfulness, and deplored a legal system which could be so easily circumvented by such an one as Mr. Littlewood.

J. D. FAY (G) (ex-Secretary), after misquoting Keats and ante-dating Verity by some twenty years, treated the House to a flow of muddled inaccuracies in the style of Sellar and Yeatman. He insisted that the virtuous were in no way capable of attacking vice, but later coyly reversed his argument, which, however, was soon lost in further bursts of humour.

The Librarian (R. H. ANSTEY (C)) pricked the exhausted ex-secretary with shafts of irony worthy of so renowned a student of Cicero, and revealed a surprising example of the literary style of the speaker who was to follow him. He then made his three carefully labelled points, and finally proved that what Littlewood did not do to break up the lives of the lower classes was not worth doing.

P. JOHNSTONE (C) showed superb indifference to the point at issue, and delighted the House with a versatile display of topical jocularities. As for pools, he contented himself with saying that they were on the rise and then, led on by fishes and water, set out on a final wild goose chase which combined the humours of Ben Jonson with the naiveté of Fred Astaire.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, D. W. Barnes (C), T. L. Dewhurst (B), The Secretary, J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. W. Procter (G), W. Kcc (G), J. B. Frankenburg (C), D. R. Barbour (C).

Against the Motion, M. L. Græme (T), J. R. C. Holbech (C), B. A. J. C. Gregory (G), 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	- 14	For the Motion	- 18
Against	- 9	Against	- 27

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 5 votes, and lost in the Lower House by 9 votes.

The 117th Meeting will be reported in next term's issue of *The Stoic*.

H.S.L.D.

MUSIC

The most noteworthy feature of the music this term has been the new String Class. In response to an appeal earlier in the term to remedy our shortage of String players, 42 candidates came forward. These were divided into six 'cellos, three violas, three double basses, and the remainder violins. Though a certain number of doubtful starters have jibbed at the first fence, there still remains an impressive array of String players, all of whom are very keen, and they have made remarkable progress for one term. They are being taken all together, with a certain amount of individual tuition.

The Choral Society is entering for the Buckingham Music Festival.

The Orchestra has had an impressive programme of music, including "Fingal's Cave" Overture, "The Gods go a-begging" (Handel-Beecham), "The Magic Flute" Overture, "Die Meistersinger" Overture, and a Suite by Benjamin Britten on Rossini airs. Also two concertos have been rehearsed, the Fifth Brandenburg, P. D. Colt (G) taking the solo flute part, and the slow movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto, with K. Emrys-Roberts (C) at the piano.

The Junior Orchestra was re-organized earlier in the term and has taken on a new lease of life.

The O.T.C. Band is giving a Concert at the end of term.

There have been three meetings of the Music Society.

The first, on February 16th, was a costume song-recital by Peter Upcher. The Queen's Temple was converted into a stage with lighting for the occasion. We cannot speak too highly of Mr. Upcher's recital. He gave us a most varied programme of folk-songs, shanties, etc., all with the appropriate costumes of the period. He was ably assisted at the piano by Mr. John Hammond.

The second meeting was held on March 9th in the Chapel. Mr. Lorin Blofeld and Dr. Harold Darke gave us a Violin and Organ recital. The programme was excellent, and we have seldom enjoyed a concert at Stowe more. Dr. Darke's programme included Mozart's Fantasia, Bach's Passacaglia, and an Elgar organ Sonata. Mr. Blofeld played two groups. In the first group the Pizetti piece was most impressive. His playing of the slow movement of Bach's E major Concerto was masterly.

At the third meeting, the orchestra will give a concert in the Queen's Temple.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

This term, the Society has been unable, for various reasons, to attempt any new work, but several Part-Songs and Madrigals were revived for the visit on March 13th of Sir Hugh Allen, late Director of the Royal College of Music.

Besides this, two quartets from the Madrigal Society are competing in the Buckingham Festival on March 24th.

K.J.S.R.

THE FOURTH WALL

On Monday, December 13th, Mr. C. R. Allison presented "The Fourth Wall," a detective play by A. A. Milne. The proceeds were to be given to Stowe Church Restoration Fund; and, thanks to generous support by members of the School, a cheque for £38 has been handed to Major Close Smith for this purpose.

Of the actors, W. McD. Morison (W) did all that was to be expected of him, as hero, having deputised for R. A. L. Black (S) at ten days' notice; but it was the performances given by N. C. Eddy (E) and M. E. Farrer (B) which provided the high spots of the evening. The ladies, particularly C. F. Broughton's (C) bright young thing, considerably enlivened the piece.

Admirable lighting effect were supplied by N. Q. Lawrence (C) and the standard of the setting was high.

R.E.L.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Reports of the two meetings held last term will be found below. A report of the debate held this term will be found in next term's *Stoic*.

"FORGOTTEN MEN."

On Tuesday, November 30th, the film "Forgotten Men" was shown to members of the Union.

The film consisted almost entirely of shots actually taken during the Great War of the fighting on the West Front. A vocal commentary and sound effects were added to the original film, a large part of which had been loaned by the Imperial War Museum. Many parts of the film were exceedingly gruesome, while in at least one case the photographer himself had perished at his job. There could be no doubt, fortunately, of the authenticity of the film, much of the photography being too bad and primitive to be faked, as for example when we were told we were seeing Lord Kitchener when only a pair of uniformed legs was visible.

The commentary was inclined to be partisan, as when it spoke of the German use of gas as fiendish, but of our tanks as master-pieces of British invention and technique; on the whole, however, this film must have left a profound horror of war in the minds of its audience.

D.R.B.

ADDRESS BY MR. VERNON BARTLETT.

On Friday, December 10th, it was the privilege of the Stowe branch of the League of Nations Union to listen to an address by Mr. Vernon Bartlett in the Library. The main theme of a very interesting and stimulating evening was that war at the present moment was exceedingly remote from the minds of the European Powers, so long as Great Britain took a firm line in her foreign policy.

Dictatorships, he said, depended for their existence on more popularity than we should suppose. But that popularity has to be fostered by propagandist methods, such as the threat of war, or grandiose displays, both civil and military. Of the dictator Powers, Germany most certainly did not want war, more especially where Great Britain might intervene. Hitler himself had passed the peak of his popularity, as Mr. Bartlett had seen for himself some time ago in Berlin, when the German Chancellor's speech to his people was in the nature of a flop.

Turning to Italy, Mr. Bartlett said that in several interviews with Mussolini he had found him a very interesting and intelligent man. The Italo-Abyssinian conflict, for all its barbarity, was the logical outcome of the other Powers' failure to settle the Manchukuo question. Had Great Britain taken a firm line then, there might not have been an Italo-Abyssinian war. But in the present case where Japan is now invading China, it was his opinion that Japan had undertaken an almost superhuman task. The Chinese forces were relying on guerilla warfare and avoiding a pitched battle, which strategy they had learned from the Abyssinian campaign.

It seemed that a firm British policy would make the peace of Europe not a political fiction, but a thing of reality.

T.L.D.

THE FILM SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 1937—APRIL 1938.

The Film Society continues to flourish, membership being now higher than it ever was before. During the absence of the Baron, Dr. Zetl was kind enough to run the Society, and he introduced an excellent innovation, that of membership cards: in this connection a vote of thanks is due to the Head of the School and to House Representatives for so efficiently keeping the membership machinery in smooth working order.

Six films have been shown in six months, and reports of five of them follow below. Previous to the showing of *Gribouille*, the Baron made a brief speech in which he said:—

"Gentlemen, you are to see tonight a film which I have had some hesitation in presenting. I have heard it said in certain quarters that some of the films I show are unsuitable for people of your years, and may even have a corrupting influence on you. I feel sure that is not the case. The film tonight is a story of adultery and bloodshed, of the tragedy that overtakes those who give way to unbridled passions. These passions are not made attractive. The function of tragedy is to inspire pity and terror—pity for those caught in the mesh and toils of their passions, terror lest you should do the same yourselves. This can do you no harm. Do you not study in the classroom and

witness on the stage plays even more horrible than the films you are about to see tonight? Of what did Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides write if not of incest, adultery, suicide and murder? Are the tragedies of our own Shakespeare immoral because Macbeth murders, because Edmund is a traitor, because Othello kills his own wife? I maintain, gentlemen, with burning sincerity, that tragedies in which crime, its motives and consequences are thus portrayed have a sobering and deeply sane effect. Much more harmful, on the other hand, are some of the comedies which too often escape criticism. In these, crime is made either amusing or attractive, nothing is viewed in the true light of reality, and there is a certain prurient suggestiveness in many of these comedies which surely is less desirable than a brave and clean confrontation with the essential and eternal problems of human conduct.

"Should it ever be the fate of any of you (and I pray that it may not be) to stand on the brink of crime, may you remember this film and withhold your hand."

Westfront 1918.—Pianos have long disappeared from country cinemas, "effects" are now confined to Broadcasting House, and few will regret the passing of silent films, but the advent of sound to the screen unjustly caused the ruin of many actors in silent films. After nearly ten years of talkies it was clearly shown in *Modern Times* that the human voice is not indispensable to the cinema, and that formerly a far higher standard of acting was necessary to portray emotions which to-day can be shown by an inflexion of the voice.

Owing to the imperfection of the audience's German and the Stowe projector, the latter of which at any rate has since been so ably repaired, *Westfront 1918* virtually became a "sound" film with the talking only illustrated by occasional captions. This factor and the absence of a definite plot, which in an English production might have made the film seem merely documentary, only served to show the undoubted genius of Pabst and the excellence of the acting, for it was a film which succeeded in depicting the relentless working of the war machine and the total disorganization of civilian and family life which comes to a country drained of money and men. Even at the cost of monotony, the producer, during the battle at the end of the film, reproduced in the minds of the audience the same sense of confusion and complete numbness of reason which the soldier must experience. By leaving the spectator in a state of mental exhaustion this film is infinitely superior to those war films which rely for their effect on creating a mere physical repugnance for an interesting biological courage which approaches dangerously near to the ludicrous.

E.N.R.

La Kermesse Héroïque.—In a world which is becoming increasingly cynical of itself and its ancestors this film could hardly fail to gain first awards at the film congresses of Europe and America, for in it almost every element which crosses the screen is subjected to the same subtle satire: the bourgeoisie, the noblesse, the Church, women, and even the name of the Flemish town where the scene is laid. The excellent acting of Françoise Rosay, Jean Murat, and others of a distinguished cast, is enhanced by G. K. Benda's admirable dresses, and by sets which have skilfully avoided the Cecil B. de Mille passion for detailed realism which has infected Hollywood down to the last cobweb; in this film a compromise has at last been found between realism and the essential stylization of stage scenery. There is very little of the film studio about *La Kermesse Héroïque*.

E.N.R.

Remous.—Here the slickness of French production has again triumphed, but this time over a story whose triteness is hardly worthy of it. It is a story repeated all too often since Moses came down from the mountain. Jeanne Duval plays Bath-sheba to a David whose proficiency on the rugger field would be a revelation to Miss Bergner, while Jean Murat's half-paralysed body hobbles dramatically to suicide. Perhaps it was French temperament as much as French production which carried off this film.

Carnet de Bal.—In the direction of *Un carnet de Bal* Duvivier achieved a triumph which surpasses even *La Kermesse Héroïque*. It is the privilege of a director of his ability to switch his audience suddenly from the tense companionship of a bereaved mother, who supposes every sound to herald the return of her son, to the garish atmosphere of a Paris night club, where the more sordid side of suggestive cabarets and professional lovers is masked by a cynical sense of humour. Again it is his privilege and his art to introduce Paul Verlaine into this atmosphere:

"Dans le vieux parc solitaire et glacé
Deux formes ont tout à l'heure passé"—

the effect was the greater for being utterly incongruous.

The cast in itself was tremendous, and the subject allowed unlimited and startling variety: we got it. The hysterical restraint of Françoise Rosay was at its climax, the audience literally sweating with strain, when, hey presto, the comic face of Jouvet was smiling at us from his star-spangled entertainment's office. And again, we had just familiarised ourselves with the loose women and debauched men who made up Jouvet's clientèle when we were introduced into the sombre atmosphere of a monastery. Harry Baur, as the Dominican monk who had relinquished the career of a great composer because his loved one had appreciated neither him nor his music, acted brilliantly: his face knew not whether to smile or to weep, to approve or to disapprove; it was the face of a great actor who knows how to synchronise the movements of his features with the emotions of his nerve. For perhaps ten, perhaps twenty, delicious minutes he talked on; it was the quality of acting which is entirely self-sufficing, which needs no violent accompaniment of motion.

Raimu was as only Raimu can be, and this time he was marrying himself to his cook. But he was followed by one as great even as himself. Playing the part of a doctor who had reached the depths which only a doctor can reach Claudel was utterly terrifying. As a piece of sustained brilliance his acting in this film would be hard to beat. The degradation and sordidness of his existence and his surroundings; the calm, handsome bestiality of his face; his ferocious brutality to an opium-ridden mistress—all those things combined to make him inexpressibly brutish and yet at the same time pitiable. The final, long awaited break-down was a masterpiece of acting; and the murder of his mistress, as a piece of restrained yet utterly convincing horror, made us wish with all our hearts to close our eyes and scream, but fascinated us into being unable to do so.

This was a brilliant film—brilliantly acted, brilliantly produced. The most patriotic Englishman has long admitted that England does not produce such great directors as France; with *Carnet de Bal* running in London there must be many who begin to fear that not only our directors but our actors also must look to their laurels.

H.S.L.D

Gribouille.—It is difficult to tell whether it is merely reaction after Hollywood or real critical appreciation which makes *Gribouille* seem such a magnificent film. There was never any doubt that the hero (a film-word, which sounds inadequate) was the keeper of a provincial Sports Shop who, despite his efforts at dissimulation, could not prevent his face from reflecting his soul. The girl whom he rescues from dishonour could never bear the epithet of leading lady. Some of the small parts, the athletes in particular, were film actors and nothing more, but there was never any doubt of the genuineness of the conscientious juryman. The settings were exquisite. Who can imagine a Hollywood Church scene without a single candle?

S.J.W.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE PUPPET CLUB.

A strenuous term has been spent in preparing a series of performances to be given at the end of the term. This is the first complete show to be given by the club, which would welcome new members, especially from the senior half of the school, when it resumes its activities in the Winter Term. It offers serious and interesting opportunities in production, management, stage-lighting, designing of both scenery and costume, play-writing, musical direction, and manipulation of puppets. A fuller account of the production will be given in next term's *Stoic*.

THE TWELVE CLUB.

At the beginning of the term, J. D. Fay (G) was elected Secretary, and the following were elected members of the Club:—R. A. L. Black (G), R. H. Anstey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. H. Ferguson (C), and, as a permanent guest of the Club, H. F. Sassoon (G).

On Tuesday, February 15th, D. R. Barbour (C) read his paper on "Relativity."

On Friday, March 4th, R. H. Anstey (C) read his paper on "Genghis Khan."

On Monday, March 21st, J. F. G. Fletcher (T) alternately read and sang a paper on "Elizabethan Song."

J.D.F.

THE HERETICS.

On Monday, 28th February, N. C. Eddy (C) read an informative paper on "American Private Schools."

On Monday, 21st March, Mr. C. R. Allison read a brilliant paper on "Basingstoke, or What's in a Name?"

D.G.

THE MODERN PLAYREADING SOCIETY.

There has been time for only one meeting this term, and that was held in the Headmaster's rooms on February 18th, when Balderstone's "Berkeley Square" was read. The following new members were elected at the beginning of term:—R. A. L. Black (G), M. I. Massy (T), S. J. Whitwell (C) and P. Spencer Thomas (W).

At the end of this term the Society loses its invaluable Vice-President, Mr. C. R. Allison, without whom it would indeed be "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." It wishes him every success in the future.

T.L.D.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH CLUB.

The first meeting, on January 28th, was an evening of impromptu debates. Each motion, drawn from a hat, was attacked and defended by one speaker on either side. Prizes were won by C. M. Argles (C) and B. Henshaw (C).

On February 4th, members read short stories of their own choosing. "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" proved most popular, and the general standard of reading made it a very interesting evening.

"Mr. Pym Passes By"—one of A. A. Milne's comedies—was read on February 18th by a cast selected from the Club. The audience was helped to follow the play by the names of the characters displayed above the readers' heads and by a large-scale drawing of the stage setting done by D. H. Villiers (B).

On March 4th, the Club was honoured to have its President, the Headmaster, among the speakers. The Baron V. von Simunich and Mr. J. C. Saunders were the two other masters who spoke. The three members who represented the Club were the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), D. H. Villiers (B), and the Secretary, M. B. E. Clarkson (G). Each speaker was invited to propose the health of a celebrity or notoriety whose birthday had fallen this term. A large audience was delighted by the high standard of the speeches, and some even sampled the birthday cake which was provided, though at the adjournment of the meeting it seemed to share the fate of the Westminster pancake on Shrove Tuesday.

The finances of the Club are sound, as last term showed a balance in hand of $3/7\frac{1}{2}$, and expenses have been further reduced by the economical printing of the membership cards by Messrs. Vanneck and Watson. But a crisis has been reached in another direction. Mr. Allison, the founder of the Club, is leaving Stowe this term, and we are therefore faced with an inevitable change of affairs. But it is to be hoped that the enthusiasm which has supported it so far in the two terms of its existence will continue to supply a need that certainly still exists.

M.B.E.C.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

One meeting has been held this term. On March 8th, M. E. Farrer (B) lectured, with a wealth of illustration, on "Arts and Crafts among the Ancients." Two other meetings were planned but had to be postponed.

M.J.P.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

Ce trimestre, on accueillit comme membres de la société, Messieurs R. G. Falconar-Stewart (T), M. G. Fox (C), E. B. Moore (C) et C. M. O'Rorke (C).

On élut Monsieur-M. I. Massy Secrétaire de la Société et Monsieur J. E. Cable Homme de Comité.

On lut "Le Tartuffe" de Molière, "Un Chapeau de Paille d'Italie" de Labiche et Marc-Michel, et "Der zerbrochene Krug" de Kleist.

Outre la lecture de ces pièces, on assista à un discours, chose qui n'est pas arrivée depuis longtemps. Ce fut Monsieur A. J. G. Corteel, qui nous fit l'honneur de nous donner cette dissertation très intéressante sur "L'Enseignement français, contrasté avec celui de l'Angleterre."

J.E.C., pour M.I.M.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Four meetings have been held this term. At the first, a business meeting, the officers of the Society were increased to seven, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members of the committee. The entrance fee was abolished.

At the next, the Secretary read a paper on "Instinct," while at the last two the President, Vice-President, D. A. G. Kaye (S), J. Roche (T), C. W. Bartley (S), M. S. Adams (B) and R. H. Griffith (B) effectively proved the fall of Evolution. It is hoped to persuade an anti-evolutionist to address us.

On Wednesday, March 16th, a programme of films was held in the Gymnasium. The Society has started a garden by the Pineapple Hut, and greenhouse and tool-shed are forthcoming. At present 'trenching' is going on. An Exhibition will be held on Sports Day.

A.S.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Membership this term was seventeen. We welcomed Mr. Proctor to the Society and are grateful to him for taking on the running of it.

It is hoped to hold an exhibition of members' prints on Sports Day.

R.C.R.

THE RIDING CLUB.

This term the Club has carried through a varied programme. Lord Hillingdon very kindly showed a small party round the Grafton Kennels early in the term. On March 6th, a large party visited the Bicester Point-to-Point. This expedition was a great success, and very good racing was watched.

A team of Stoics rode against an Oxford team at Helidon on March 3rd. Earl Haig (C, 1935) very kindly collected this Oxford team, which succeeded in beating the School team.

The House Competition will take place on Sunday, March 27th, and an expedition has been arranged to go to Weedon on Tuesday, March 28th.

C.W.D.

THE CHESS CLUB.

Eight players entered for the Chess Cup Competition this term. The Cup was won by J. E. Richardson (C), who beat J. O. Outwater (C) in the final.

R.W.

THE AERO CLUB.

The activities of the Aero Club this term have continued with unabated support from members. Visits to Bicester to fly in "Overstrand" bombers and to admire the new "Blenheims" continue to enjoy popularity, and some members also went on a very interesting visit to the de Havilland factory at Hatfield, thanks to the kind assistance of Major O. G. G. Villiers, D.S.O., who made the arrangements for us. An interesting, and to the less expert among us surprising, piece of information we gained on our visit to de Havilland's is of the increasing popularity of wooden instead of metal construction in the recent types of aircraft.

On March 23rd, a lecture on "The Empire's Airways" was given by Mr. T. S. Lucas (Old Stoic), of Imperial Airways.

J.R.H.

ON AN INABILITY TO WRITE POETRY

Lead is my heart, to plumb such deep despair.
The baneful bleakness of the tearless time.
Fain would I weep to sate my inward care,
Than feel my one expression paltry rhyme.

Words have no power emotion to express,
No force to probe confusion's clouded night,
No life to picture love or loveliness,
Or ecstasy, or fear, or yet delight.

I crave an outlet which can never flow;
I storm in vain 'gainst limitation's rock.
Oh stone-faced words! Why must you treat me so?
Hurled back to thought I shatter at the shock.

And fancied glories of what might have been,
Had fate but acted in a different way,
Shine darkly imaged on my mental screen,
To flee distraught at disillusion's day.

Vain visions of ability divine,
Torture and taunt without the strength to slay,
Vain visions of an art that might be mine,
Had callous fate not taken it away.

M.I.M.

HARRIET SPEED

The poem "Stowe," published anonymously together with "Love, in Four Eclogues" in 1742, tells us that the Boycott Pavilion known as "Speed's," at Stowe, was never inhabited by Colonel Samuel Speed for whom it was intended. That Speed died (aged 49) in 1731, gives some clue as to the date of its completion. War Office records show that he had been a Captain in Sir Richard Temple's Foot in 1707, had fought at Malplaquet, had been put on half pay in 1713 and absorbed into the cavalry in 1715, and that in 1716 he was appointed to Lord Cobham's Royal Dragoons, being promoted to Major two years later, and to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1729. Horace Walpole believed Speed's daughter Henrietta Jane, born about 1723 in Edinburgh and baptised at Holyrood, to be Lady Cobham's niece, but Lady Cobham had been a Miss Halsey of Southwark, and Harriet's mother a Miss Jones of Brentford, so that the relationship, if any, must have been more distant.

There is a mention in the Grenville letters of Harriet playing three-handed cribbage with her guardian and his wife at Stowe on winter evenings, but life was not all cribbage and elderly company, and she must have been the friend and companion of the younger Grenville brothers and their young sister Hester, who were often at Stowe on visits from Wotton Underwood. In 1745 she writes a letter from Lord Cobham's town house in Hanover Square to the Countess of Denbigh, and two letters of the next year (also among the Denbigh papers) show her writing for him from Stowe, as his amanuensis. A letter of the Earl of Westmorland's in the same collection mentions the death in action at Bergen-op-Zoom, in the Low Countries, of her brother, the second Colonel Samuel Speed. A postscript with the date September 11, 1747, runs:

"I had no sooner read this letter of Sam Speed than I was chilled with a paragraph in one of the printed papers wherein it is said that (since the writing his letter) my correspondent is shot dead with a cannon-ball."

The second Lord Harcourt, in a note on Harriet written after her death, describes her father as descended from John Speed the geographer, adding:

"At the death of her father, when she was very young, she was received into the family of Viscount Cobham, her relation, and educated under the care of himself, and of the Viscountess, his wife."

His description of her is of a vivacious, good-humoured person with "an inexhaustible fund of original and engaging wit."

"Strong sense, united with observation, and penetration the most acute, more than supplied the want of literary knowledge, for which she had not the least relish . . . Without having ever given herself the trouble of learning anything, she appeared to know everything . . . Her person was tall, but not slender, her complexion dark, and although she had no pretensions to beauty, yet an easy and graceful air, with fine eyes and teeth, united to render her altogether extremely pleasing."

Though it might not have been in her, Lord Harcourt suggested, to love anybody, neither did she dislike anyone, and the "witty playfulness of her conversation," and her power of extracting amusement from any company, dull or pleasant, clever or stupid, made those who lived with her fond of her.

The old Manor House at Stoke Poges, built by the Earl of Huntingdon of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and bought by Lady Cobham's father about the year 1720, became her home and Harriet's after Lord Cobham's death, when his nephew and heir Richard



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HARRIET SPEED

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Grenville entered on possession of Stowe. At Stoke Poges, in 1750, we meet Harriet again, writing a dinner invitation to Gray the poet, who came and went between his rooms at Cambridge and the house at Stoke Poges where his mother lived with a sister till her death in 1753. 1750 is the year in which he finished the "Elegy in a Country-Churchyard" and wrote "The Long Story," in which Harriet appears as "the other Amazon."

*The other Amazon kind Heaven
Had arm'd with spirit, wit, and satire :
But Cobham had the polish given
And tip'd her arrows with good-nature.*

Admiral Duckworth, who died in 1817, remembered Harriet's lively spirits—and that she "prevailed upon the poet, instead of being conducted by a Muse, or mounted on his Pegasus, to trust himself to her guidance, along the parish lanes, in a butcher's cart." Gray, a precise middle-aged bachelor of donnish tastes, was teased by his friends about Harriet, but there is no trace in his letters (issued by Dr. Paget Toynbee in a three-volume Clarendon Press edition) of any romance. As a neighbour at Stoke Poges he was often at Lady Cobham's, meeting there David Garrick and his wife and other visitors. In 1758 he stayed two days with Lady Cobham and Miss Speed at Hampton, and visited Hampton Court. A letter to him from Harriet, dated August 25, 1759, offers him the hospitality of Stoke House whenever he wishes—"there is always a Bed Air'd for you and one for your Scrvt." She has been nursing Lady Cobham, she says, and adds :

"If you are at present an invalide, let that prompt you to come, for from the affected creature you knew me, I am nothing but a comfortable nurse."

In October of the same year Lady Cobham is dying (and believed to be hoping that Gray will marry Harriet); in November she is brought by Gray and Harriet from Stoke Poges to Hanover Square. In April 1760 he writes :

"Poor Lady Cobham is at last delivered from a painful life."

and in June :

"For three weeks I have been going into Oxfordshire with Madam Speed : but her affairs, as she says, or her vagaries, as I say, have obliged her to alter her mind ten times within that space : no wonder, for she has got at least 30,000£ with a house in Town, plate, jewels, china & old-japan infinite, so that indeed it would be ridiculous for her to know her own mind."

A small complimentary legacy was left to Gray. If Lady Cobham had hoped he and Harriet would marry, she had miscalculated. Notes in his diary show that he went to Shiplake on June 28, 1760, and stayed there till July 21. Later he writes from Cambridge to a friend that he has been shut up with "three women that laughed from morning till night, and would allow nothing to the sulkiness of my disposition," with company and cards, parties by land and water, "and (what they call) *doing something*, that is, racketting about." In such a beautiful place, he says, he could have been alone with pleasure. In October he is still grumbling.

"I have passed part of the summer on a charming hill near Henley with the Thames running at my foot ; but in the company of a pack of Women, that wore my spirits, though not their own. The rest of the season I was at Cambridge in a duller, and more congenial situation."

Next year at the chapel of the Sardinian Embassy in Lincoln's Inn Fields, Harriet was married, but not to Gray. The Catholic Record Society has the entry from the chapel register, and Gray writes, January, 1761 :

"My old Friend Miss Speed has done what the World calls a very stupid thing. She has married the Baron de la Peyriere, son to the Sardinian Minister, the Comte de Viry. He is about 28 years old (ten years younger than herself) but looks near 40."

He is, Gray adds, a sober man, good-natured and honest, and his family estate is worth £4,000 a year. The father was Sardinian Minister in London from 1755 to 1763 (the Sardinian Court being at Turin) and then First Minister at his Sardinian Majesty's Court of Turin; the son, after acting as the King of Sardinia's Minister at the Hague, came to London in the same capacity in 1766. In the autumn of that year he succeeded his father as Comte de Viry, and Dutens writes of him in his "Mémoires d'un voyageur qui se repose" :

Je voyais souvent le comte de Viry, Ambassadeur du roi de Sardaigne, qui avoit épousé une Dame Angloise d'un grand mérite et d'un esprit rare.

Gray was amused by Harriet in her new rôle.

"Mad. de la Perrière is come over from the Hague to be Ministress at London . . . I sate a morning with her before I left London. She is a prodigious fine lady . . . not fatter than she was : she had a cage of foreign birds and a piping Bullfinch at her elbow, two little Dogs on a cushion on her lap, a Cockatoo on her shoulder, and a slight suspicion of rouge on her cheeks. They were all exceedingly glad to see me, and I them."

Of the Castle of Viry he says that it is "in Savoy, a few miles from Geneva, commanding a fine view of the Lake." It was a view that Harriet was to have much of, as we shall see. After representing the King of Sardinia at Madrid, Viry was his ambassador to France in the early days of Marie Antoinette as Dauphine. He arrived at Compiègne, where the French court was, on August 2, 1773, and De Choiseul writes of his arrival :

Cet ambassadeur joint à un extérieur poli et réservé beaucoup de douceur et d'aménité dans le caractère et des qualités aimables.

A letter to the French Minister of the time at Berlin, from a lady at the court of France, preserved in the Prussian archives, says of Viry :

J'ai vu le nouvel ambassadeur de Sardaigne ; il est grand et gros, il cause bien, parle francais à merveille, a la physiognomie pleine d'esprit et en a, à ce que le monde dit.

Harriet was placed in an awkward position at the French court by her husband's causing her to visit Madame du Barry, who had assisted in bringing about the useful royal marriages which linked Versailles and Turin, but whose court faction had almost dwindled away, not more than four or five ladies visiting the old Royal mistress. Viry threw himself in with the Sardinian brides, Marie Antoinette's enemies, and his pen, always reckless, had been libelling her in dispatches for four years when it suddenly tripped him up. It is odd that a diplomatist of his standing should have been caught making fun of his monarch in letters to a subordinate in that monarch's foreign office, and the letters may have been forgeries for the purpose of blackmail. Viry was recalled from France in June, 1777, and fearing to be tried for treason, accepted his King's permission to be confined on his own estate. There Harriet found herself once more, as in her Stowe days, the companion of a politician in retirement, who amused himself by building and by laying out his park. That she did not take banishment quietly we learn from Dutens, who saw her at Chambéry, where she came to see him and his friend Mackenzie, who was going to Naples. Mackenzie, son-in-law of Lord Cobham's old friend and political colleague the Duke of Argyll, had been British minister at the Sardinian court, and Harriet came to plead with him that he would try to get her husband forgiven, "*mais il trouva que cela étoit inutile, et n'osa pas trop s'en mêler.*"

On France's annexation of Savoy from Sardinia Viry's punishment ended. In his old age Fortune's wheel brought him up once more, and we catch glimpses of him as this and that—Prefect of the Department of the Lys, Commander of the Legion of Honour, Chamberlain of the Emperor, with a funeral in the Pantheon at the end.

S.R.

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A SADNESS

A LA KIPLING

TO IMPERIAL AIRWAYS LTD.

I met my mates in the morning, a morning keen and cold ;
And washing o'er the mudflats the wintry ripples rolled.
We lifted up to Heaven our morning fishing song
By the waters of the Shannon—a million voices strong.

The song of peewits playing, a bobbing, screeching mob,
The song of curlew skimming the black and oozy slob,
The song of grey geese, seagulls, more birds than one could name,
By the waters of the Shannon ere Imperial Airways came.

I met my mates in the morning (but fewer than before).
They came and went in hundreds on bleak Rynanna's shore :
And through the oily offing as far as cry could reach,
We warned them of the danger as they landed on the beach.

The waters of the Shannon are coated thin with oil.
These damned great zooming menaces have caught us in their toil ;
An airbase at Rynanna, a petrol dump at Foynes,
Our birthplace on the Shannon where sleepy Fergus joins !

I meet my mates in the morning. We've settled down to die ;
Our wings are clogged with Castrol ; we can no longer fly.
The water's white with dying ; the land is just the same,
And still we think of Shannon before the clippers came.

Wheel down ! Wheel down to Southward : to Iveragh we'll go
And tell her sombre sanctuaries the story of our woe ;
And empty as the oilcan the tempest hurls ashore
The mudflats of the Shannon shall know their birds no more !

M.I.M.

BONE DRAMA

At the moment of writing the press is indulging its public with an orgy of crime, and few would suggest that crime is not at least as rich in publicity value as the war in Spain or the crisis in Austria. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of criminology, as dished up every day for the general public, is the undoubted fact that crime has its fashions just as much as hats or motor-car bonnets have theirs. Dr. Buck Ruxton has set a fashion which appears to baffle the police and to intrigue the public more than any other. After the trial of Mr. Smith we heard of few brides dying in their baths ; after that of Jack the Ripper, the crime of ripping undoubtedly diminished. But not so that of cutting up bodies and scattering their members far and wide, in field and market-place, in canal and hedge-row. Here we have a type of criminal who has a sense of humour as well as a sense of crime ; the judicious planting of the members of three bodies so that there is every chance of A's right leg being added to B's torso provides an entirely new element in the detection of criminals ; the detectives have to find not only one set of feet, of legs, of hands and arms, not only one head and one body, but three of each, and only the compiler of 'Believe it or not' knows how many combinations may have to be tried before thirty toes are placed in their right sequence on their right bodies. In supplying thus a bewildering multifariousness of evidence, Dr. Ruxton's disciples have carried the invention of their master one step nearer perfection : had Ruxton murdered and decimated his family as well as his wife he might yet have his last breakfast before him, might still be acting the black-tied widower thirsting for revenge.

But if, as psychologists tell us, the murderer has megalomania, as well as homicidalmania, then it would seem that this time he has gone too far. He has made the morning papers too complex, his game requires too much brain-work for the average reader ; no-one can be expected to play a game of chess over the breakfast coffee, or solve a jig-saw puzzle either ; and this constant hauling-up of various limbs from incongruous places is fast taking on the complexity of the most insoluble jig-saw puzzle. Already the fickle public has admitted greater interest in the lashing of a gang of Mayfair playboys than in the tortuous piccing together of disintegrating limbs from Gloucestershire. Soon, no doubt, a more amateur murder will take place in the West End, and forgotten men will be relegated to the back page, cheek by jowl with a short summary of Hitler's more sensational remarks, and a curt announcement that an odd hundred civilians were killed in a recent bombing at Barcelona.

H.S.L.D.

LATIN EPIGRAM

(Awarded the Sir William Browne Medal at Cambridge.)

Deperit Pauli coniunx occisa veneno :
Cautior exemplo deperit ipse fame !

B.J.R.M.

THE SPELLING BEE

Englishmen are brought up to regard modesty as a virtue, and consequently any breach of it, however small and however justifiable, as a tendency towards vice. Cardinal Wolsey was severely censured by his contemporaries for writing "Ego et rex meus." They ignored or despised the fact that no Roman could have written it otherwise. It is the same to-day. The English child does not take long to discover the disagreeable truth that his parents are not interested in an exhibition of his prowess. The preparatory school and the public school develop and strengthen that discovery, so that it becomes so much a part of the Englishman that he feels profoundly uncomfortable when asked to display publicly anything of his own creation. There is no more bitter humiliation to the small boy with some artistic talent than the necessity of showing his drawings to relations. As he grows older he is better able to hide his shame. Only the boggy of spelling haunts him to his grave.

Horrible revelation of ignorance though it is, the Spelling Bee could not take place anywhere outside England. In no other language (except, perhaps, Chinese) can there be so many words, such varying pronunciation, such schools of language whose numbers are only equalled in greatness by their passionate sincerity. Dr. Johnson warned Boswell not to use big words for little matters, but since his lifetime nearly every word in the language has been given a twist, and scores of new ones invented. The modernists who advocate phonetic spelling and Basic English only serve to complicate the issue. In any Spelling Bee a dictionary is a necessary umpire, and the gong, or less attractive electric bell, often sounds the knell of a whole movement.

Yet, thanks to his education, the Englishman can face this ordeal with equanimity. His efforts may be extremely amusing, but he must not bring his sense of humour into play too obviously, for fear his laughter prove his own, or worse, his side's undoing. The phlegmatic type is perhaps the most successful, the type which could say with Mr. Asquith "Je suis le frère aîné de la Trinité" without upsetting his sober equilibrium. Sheer Machiavellian cunning has its good points, but is rare, while fits of passion are as futile as they are un-English.

The Spelling Bee has been deplored as being yet another form of broadcast amusement, yet another example of vicarious entertainment. It has been pointed out that even our parlour games must now be played for us. A more cheerful attitude is that the wireless is bringing the Spelling Bee into the home. It is English (since, in our language at least, we have to embrace America) in that it encourages a sense of humour and self-control. No Southerner could stand the suave superiority of the spelling master. If the Spelling Bee is harrowing over the wireless, it is a great deal more so in flesh and blood, and it is good for the Englishman to be harrowed.

S.J.W.

GENERAL PAPER

(Time Allowed—One Hour.)

From the list, Abraham, Daniel, Eli, Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist, St. Luke, Moses, Silas, and Solomon, choose the name most appropriate to each of the following incidents. 1. The Choice of a Wife for Isaac. 2. The Call of Samuel in the Temple. 3. The Challenge to the Prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. 4. The Curing of Naaman the Syrian. 5. The Conversion of the Philippian Jailor.

With which of the following archaeologists—Woolley, Schliemann, Evans, Carter, Wheeler—do you associate: 6. Egypt. 7. Ur. 8. Crete. 9. Troy. 10. Britain?

11. *Bakelite* is a poison gas, an explosive, a substance used for making plates and cups, an alloy, a kind of baking powder, a water-softener. Which?

12. *A Vitamin* is an insect, a very transparent glass, a vegetable, a fruit, an essential part of soap, a constituent of food. Which?

13. *Cellophane* is a transparent kind of material, a dry battery, part of a telephone, part of a musical instrument, an unbreakable glass, a kind of varnish or paint. Which?

14. *Artificial Silk* is made from wood, silk worms, coal, asbestos, tar, milk, silica. Which?

15. *The lead of a pencil* is made from charcoal, carbide, carborundum, lead, graphite, granite. Which?

At which of the following addresses—the Elysée, Lambeth Palace, the Quai d'Orsay, the Palazzo Venezia, Marlborough House—would you call if you were in search of: 16. The Archbishop of Canterbury. 17. President Lebrun. 18. Signor Mussolini. 19. H.M. Queen Mary. 20. M. Paul-Boncour?

To whom does the word *my* refer in the following quotations? 21. "Bring me my bow of burning gold." 22. "My man Jeeves." 23. "My uncle Toby." 24. "My daughter! O my ducats! O my daughter!" 25. "Elementary, my dear Watson."

The authors of the following books used quotations as their titles. From the work of what earlier writer was each taken? 26. "Far From the Madding Crowd." 27. "All Our Yesterdays." 28. "If Winter Comes." 29. "Eyeless in Gaza." 30. "There's a Porpoise Close Behind Us."

How many legs has: 31. A fly. 32. A spider. 33. A crab. 34. A stevedore. 35. A salamander?

Which of these forms of government—Mandate, Protectorate, Dominion, Colony, Concession, Protected State—has each of the following? 36. New Zealand. 37. Federated Malay States. 38. British Guiana. 39. Uganda. 40. Tanganyika.

Put each of the following terms—Contango, Debenture, Fiduciary Issue, Tender, Cartel—against the description best suited to it. 41. Bank of England Notes. 42. A Rate of Interest. 43. Offer with Price. 44. Loan Secured on Assets. 45. Association of Companies.

In the space provided write the one word missing from each of the following historical remarks. 46. "Remove that _____." 47. "Roll up that _____." 48. "Who will rid me of this _____ priest?" 49. "Play the _____, Master Ridley." 50. "Oh _____! What crimes are committed in thy name."

51. Which of the following oils would you use as a medium in oil painting; banana, olive, three-in-one, poppy, or midnight?

52. Which of the following is the name of a colour; alimony, antimony, aifresco, alyssum, or alizarin?

53. If you wanted to rest your hand while doing delicate or detailed work in oil painting, which of the following would you use; joss-stick, mahl-stick, thumbstick, slapstick, single-stick, or alpenstock?

54. In making a lino-cut which of the following would you use; gage, gouge, gudgeon, gavel, or gambit?

55. Which of the following would you commission to produce an illuminated address; cartographer, candelabra, calumniator, calligrapher, cantilever, capercailzie?

Who composed the following musical works? 56. The Enigma Variations. 57. The Eroica Symphony. 58. The Jupiter Symphony. 59. The Messiah. 60. Rhapsody in Blue.

Of what European countries are the following colonial possessions or protectorates? 61. Tunis. 62. Cape Verde Islands. 63. Java. 64. Madagascar. 65. Libya.

66. What is the name of the gas used for the purification of town water supplies? 67. What is the Latin name for the coloured lights seen in the sky over southern England last January 25th?

68-69. What do the letters "T.T." stand for (a) with reference to cows, (b) with reference to motor-racing?

70. A carburettor is an instrument for mixing air and water, petrol and water, air and petrol, petrol and oil, air and oil. Which?

71. Who is the First Lord of the Treasury? 72. Who is "The First Lady in the Land"? 73. Who was "The First Gentleman of Europe"? 74. Who were "the first that ever burst, Into that silent sea"? 75. Who was the first man to fly the Channel?

In what country is each of the following a monetary unit? 76. Pengo. 77. Zloty. 78. Lira. 79. Peseta. 80. Drachma.

81-85. Five of the following creatures—shark, whale, koodoo, hoopoe, toucan, dodo, wallaby, sea-horse, sea-mouse, sea-hare, sea-cow, sea-cucumber, armadillo—give milk. Which?

What: 86. Does a baseball-player call the pitch on which he plays? 87. A Frenchman call petrol? 88. An American call petrol? 89. An American call an immigrant from Central Europe? 90. A German call Herr Hitler?

What: 91. Is a 'possible' at darts? 92. Famous Italian poet died recently? 93. Leader of the German Confessional Church has lately been on trial? 94. Is 'the number of the beast'? 95. "Shall we do with the drunken sailor"?

96. A clock takes four seconds to strike five. How long does it take to strike ten? 97. A cube whose side is 4 inches is painted red, and then cut up into cubes, each of side 1 inch. How many of these small cubes have exactly one face painted red?

98. How many gallons are there in a firkin?

99. How many motor-cars can be registered using all the numbers 012, and all the letters A.B.C.?

100. How many choices has a chess-player when he is about to make the first move in a game of chess?

BONE PHANTASY

Surrounded by earth bones, spear through the head, still lying,
Victim of Rome's domination, or thirsty for blood,
Killed as he rushed at the enemy, slayer of father;
Here on the still the same hill-side, jaw split by oak-root,
Arm twisted under, neck by the headlong fall broken,
Stopped in the sudden rush they lie still through infinity.

H.S.L.D.

ANSWERS TO THE GENERAL PAPER

1. Abraham. 2. Eli. 3. Elijah. 4. Elisha. 5. Silas.
 6. Carter. 7. Woolley. 8. Evans. 9. Schliemann. 10. Wheeler.
 11. Substance used for making plates and cups. 12. Constituent of food.
 13. Transparent kind of material. 14. Wood. 15. Graphite.
 16. Lambeth Palace. 17. Elysée. 18. Palazzo Venezia. 19. Marlborough House. 20. Quai d'Orsay.
 21. Blake. 22. Wooster. 23. Shandy. 24. Shylock. 25. Holmes.
 26. Gray. 27. Shakespeare. 28. Shelley. 29. Milton. 30. Carroll, Dodgson.
 31. Six. 32. Eight. 33. Ten. 34. Two. 35. Four.
 36. Dominion. 37. Protected State. 38. Colony. 39. Protectorate.
 40. Mandate.
 41. Fiduciary Issue. 42. Contango. 43. Tender. 44. Debenture. 45. Cartel.
 46. Bauble. 47. Map. 48. Turbulent. 49. Man. 50. Liberty.
 51. Poppy. 52. Alizarin. 53. Mahl-stick. 54. Gouge. 55. Calligrapher.
 56. Elgar. 57. Beethoven. 58. Mozart. 59. Handel. 60. Gershwin.
 61. France. 62. Portugal. 63. Holland, Netherlands. 64. France. 65. Italy.
 66. Chlorine. 67. Aurora Borealis. 68-69. (a) Tuberculin Tested; (b) Tourist Trophy. 70. Air and petrol.
 71. Chamberlain. 72. The Queen Elizabeth. 73. Prince Regent. George IV.
 74. We. Ancient Mariner and his Crew. 75. Blériot.
 76. Hungary. 77. Poland. 78. Italy. 79. Spain. 80. Greece.
 81-85. Whale, Koodoo, Wallaby, Sea-cow, Armadillo.
 86. Diamond. 87. Gaz, Essence, Benzinc. 88. Gas, Gasoline. 89. Bohunk.
 90. Führer, Einiger.
 91. 180. 92. d'Annunzio. 93. Nicmölller. 94. 666. 95. (See words of song.)
 96. Nine seconds. 97. 24. 98. 9. 99. 24 or 36. 100. 20.

SPORTS

OPEN EVENTS

- 100 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (C); 2, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 3, A. G. Way (B); 4, H. B. McCready (G); 5, C. A. Ashcroft (C); 6, T. S. Law (B). Time, 10.7 secs.
 220 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (C); 2, C. A. Ashcroft (C); 3, R. B. Booth (W); 4, H. B. McCready (G); 5, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 6, J. E. C. Nicholl (B). Time, 23.5 secs.
 Quarter Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 2, C. A. Ashcroft (C); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 4, T. R. Gaskell (W); 5, G. T. Hugill (C); 6, R. J. Mead (C). Time, 51.4 secs. Record.
 Half Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 2, W. W. Cheyne (C); 3, M. G. T. Webster (W); 4, R. C. Roxburgh (W); 5, T. R. Gaskell (W); 6, I. McC. Tait (G). Time, 2 mins. 0.7 secs. Record.
 One Mile.—1, M. G. T. Webster (W); 2, R. C. Roxburgh (W); 3, W. W. Cheyne (C); 4, R. R. Oakey (C); 5, J. F. Rodney (W); 6, R. D. Jay (W). Time, 4 mins. 43.8 secs. Record.
 120 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 3ins.).—1, C. D. Earle (B); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 3, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 4, C. C. H. M. Morgan (T); 5, G. T. Hugill (C); 6, I. R. L. Shaw (C). Time, 16.5 secs. Record.
 High Jump.—1, C. D. Earle (B); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 3, J. M. Thomson (C); 4, equal, D. D. Pearson (B), N. C. Eddy (C), R. R. Oakey (C). Height, 5 ft. 3½ ins.
 Long Jump.—1, J. M. Thomson (C); 2, J. Roche (T); 3, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 4, I. R. L. Shaw (C); 5, C. Wachmann (G); 6, D. K. Murdoch (T). Distance, 21 ft. 1 in. Record.
 Pole Vault.—1, R. Backus (B); 2, C. Wachmann (G); 3, C. C. H. M. Morgan (T). Height, 9 ft. 6 ins.
 Putting the Weight (12lbs.).—1, equal, A. G. Way (B) and P. R. H. Hastings (T); 3, P. J. Diggle (C); 4, J. H. Weir (B). Distance, 35 ft. 1½ ins.
 Throwing the Discus.—1, P. R. Cassels (C); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 3, J. D. W. Stobart (B); 4, D. N. Davies (B). Distance, 101 ft. 4 ins.
 Throwing the Javelin.—1, G. W. A. Keir (W); 2, C. B. F. Barham (C); 3, B. A. Stewart (C); 4, C. Wachmann (G). Distance, 128 ft. 1 in.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

- 100 Yards.—1, P. F. Bell (C); 2, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 3, C. D. Drew (C); 4, C. N. Bruce (G). Time, 11.4 secs.
 220 Yards.—1, P. F. Bell (C); 2, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C); 3, C. D. Drew (C); 4, R. Backus (B). Time, 25 secs.
 Quarter Mile.—1, P. F. Bell (C); 2, R. Backus (B); 3, C. D. Drew (C); 4, C. N. Bruce (G). Time, 56.4 secs. Record.

Half Mile.—1, A. K. Higham (T); 2, W. E. McCready (♠); 3, P. Wilby (T); 4, J. R. L. Gale (♣). Time, 2 mins. 16.7 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, P. Wilby (T); 2, R. J. Ellison (T); 3, A. K. Higham (T); 4, P. D. Bally (♣). Time, 3 mins. 46.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3 ft.)—1, R. Backus (♠); 2, R. A. Bernstein (♠); 3, R. A. Hammick (♠); 4, R. J. Ellison (T). Time, 18.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. Backus (♠); 2, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 3, M. B. E. Clarkson (♠); 4, R. A. Bernstein (♠). Height, 5 ft. 3 ins. *Record.*

Long Jump.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, C. D. Drew (♣); 3, M. B. E. Clarkson (♠); 4, R. Backus (♠). Distance, 19 ft. 7 ins. *Record.*

Putting the Weight (8lbs.)—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, R. Backus (♠); 3, A. D. Thomson (♣). Distance, 36 ft. 10 ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, F. M. Frankenburg (♣); 2, T. G. Knox (♣); 3, I. A. Tippetts (W). Time, 11.3 secs.

Half Mile.—1, T. G. Knox (♣); 2, I. A. Tippetts (W); 3, C. M. Griffin (♣). Time, 2 mins. 20.9 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles (2 ft. 6 ins.)—1, F. M. Frankenburg (♣); 2, A. P. R. Holmes (♠); 3, P. Campbell-Cooke (♣). Time, 11.5 secs.

High Jump.—1, equal, J. D. S. Rowntree (T) and R. Benson (♣); 3, T. E. D. Harker (T). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump.—1, J. D. S. Rowntree (T); 2, T. G. Knox (♣); 3, I. A. Tippetts (W). Distance, 15 ft. 11 ins.

The points were:—Bruce, 96; Temple, 95½; Chatham, 72; Cobham, 52; Walpole, 51; Chandos, 26½; Grafton, 22; Grenville, 8.

LATE NEWS—FIVES

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER, at Westminster. Thursday, March 24th.

J. L. Rolleston (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♠) beat J. F. Reid Dick and E. M. H. Wilkinson 9—15, 15—6, 15—10, 15—9

D. R. Foster (♣) and C. M. O'Rourke (♣) lost to P. P. Gawthorne and E. S. Meyer, 9—15, 9—15, 4—15.

R. H. Marten (♠) and R. H. M. Spencer (W) beat P. C. Eyre and R. G. Woodwark, 15—8, 15—10, 15—12.



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