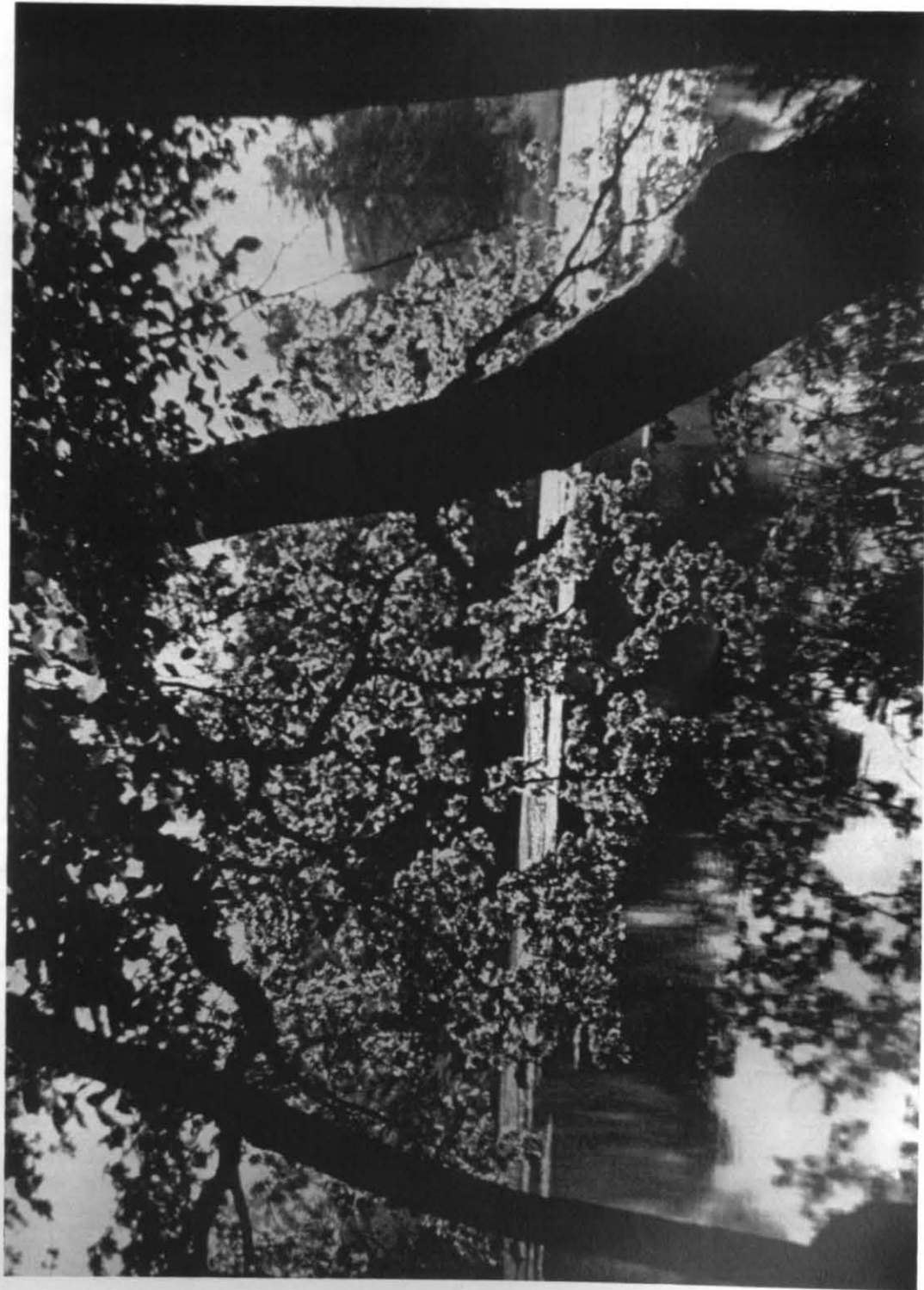


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THE OCTAGON LAKE AT DAWN

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## NIHIL OBSTAT QUIN . . .

THE first School Exeat came rather tamely into a term of innovations and surprises. To many its only purpose must have seemed to be to bring home to the slothful masses a word otherwise only familiar to athletes setting out on those day-trips which, if we interpret their groans aright, so tear tutors and form-masters between their academic and athletic souls. The school, bedecked in coloured collars and all the appurtenances which are apparently so necessary for a properly social end of term, departed with carollings whose volume made up for their lack of blitheness, but those who had any jobs to perform in connection with the Royal Visit remembered rather guiltily that, so far from being over, the term had not even begun. There must have been some who, returning on the bright Monday evening after, realized that there were still twenty boys waiting drearily on Buckingham station; and, amid this chaos, seeing the magisterial hounds lying at ease in the customary places, these might well have said with Mark Antony "O judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason." But now that it is all over, it becomes apparent that this seemingly so badly-timed holiday provided a rest which was a real factor in the success of the Royal visit, and its lighter moments join with the night fire-practice and the School photograph to complete the pattern of the most eventful term for years.

## THE ROYAL VISIT

The completion of Stowe's first fifteen years was marked, on July 1st, by the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. His was the fifth royal visit during these fifteen years. In 1924, Prince Arthur of Connaught came when the Avenue was presented to the School; Queen Mary, in 1927, laid the foundation-stone of the Chapel; two years later, the Duke of Kent (then Prince George) read the lesson at the opening of the Chapel; and five years ago, the Prince of Wales came on the occasion of our tenth birthday.

Arriving just before lunch, the Duke of Gloucester was received by the Governors and saluted by a Guard of Honour of members of the O.T.C. The Guard was commanded by Captain H. R. Watt, M.C.

At 2.30 speeches were held in a large marquee on the South Front. Dr. Pickard-Cambridge, the Chairman of the Governors, welcomed the Duke in the name of the Governors. He then referred to previous royal visits and expressed Stowe's happiness in the honour it had received. He recalled the gloomy prognostications of the prophets who had foretold failure when the School was started in 1923; and, after talking of the School's progress, he claimed that Stowe had already built up a distinctive character of its own.

The Headmaster welcomed the Duke in the name of the School, and regretted the absence, owing to a previous engagement, of the Duchess. He looked forward to a Coming-of-Age celebration in six years time, and added that plans were already approved to guide the development of the School's buildings for fifty years to come. By 1946 a further landmark would be reached, when the first sons of Old Stoics would be coming to the School.

The Duke of Gloucester then spoke as follows :

"I am very grateful to the Chairman and the Headmaster for their kind words of welcome, and I know that the Duchess is very sorry that a previous engagement prevents her from being here to-day. As one who also received part of his education in Buckinghamshire—although at the other end of the county—I have always wanted to see Stowe and its buildings of historic association. It gives me much pleasure that my visit happens to coincide with the School's fifteenth birthday. I am glad that Stowe has a character of its own, because variety is desirable among Public Schools, and it is in accordance with the habits of English schools in general to develop individualities and traditions of their own. I have been very pleased to see so smart a Guard of Honour, and I congratulate the Officers Training Corps on their good turn-out. I hope that many Old Stoics who have passed through the Corps will apply for Territorial commissions."

"We have heard that when Stowe was started in 1923 with 99 boys there was some doubt expressed, in various quarters, as to whether a new Public School of this kind was really needed. Any such misgivings have been abundantly disproved by the outstanding success of the School since its foundation. I congratulate you on the School's fifteenth birthday and give you my best wishes for the future."

The Duke finally asked for the addition of three days to the Summer holidays, and this request was granted.

His Royal Highness was then presented by the Head of the School, T. L. Dewhurst (B), with a book, a historical record of Stowe with photographs. He also signed his name in the Visitors' Book.

After planting a Cedar of Lebanon near the first green of the golf course, the Duke witnessed a display of equitation given by Stowe Riding Club. A musical ride and some jumping were followed by some trick riding on the part of E. G. Reynard (C).

The Duke, after this, made a tour of the School Buildings, took tea with the Prefects, and left shortly after five o'clock.

In the evening, the School gave a performance of 'Julius Caesar' on the steps of the Queen's Temple. An account of this will be found elsewhere.

## IN MEMORIAM

DONALD EDWARD SEYMOUR OSBORNE.

Born March 20th, 1920,

Died June 11th, 1938.

Don Osborne died at home on June 11th after a long illness fought with characteristic cheerfulness and courage. He came to Grenville in 1934. His school career was often interrupted by illness, but his determination to overcome difficulties enabled him to win a considerable measure of success both in work and games. It was in fencing that he most distinguished himself, and he was considered one of the most promising fencers that the school has produced for some years. He gained his colours in 1937 and would have been captain of the School team this year.

Don was a person of decided views and fearless speech, with a fine sense of loyalty and duty and a contempt for public opinion. In everything he showed an indomitable courage and determination. He loved Stowe and had it constantly in mind during his last illness. He is a great loss to the School and to all who knew him.

## ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1938

- C. R. P. ANSTEY (Mr. J. A. Zair, The Knoll, Woburn Sands).  
 H. W. SANSOM (Mr. C. S. Malden, Windlesham House, Highden, Findon, Worthing).  
 J. M. BUDDEN (Mr. R. M. Routledge, Moorland House, Heswall, Cheshire).  
 A. J. GRAY (Mr. T. S. Wheildon Brown, Terra Nova, Birkdale, Lancs.).  
 J. F. TUOHY (Mr. H. F. Chittenden, Newlands, Seaford).  
 R. C. D. BROW (Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Upper Deal, Kent).  
 P. W. HARVEY (Mr. H. G. S. Howell, The Cottage, Clevering Sq., Llanelly).  
 J. E. COLBECK (Mr. W. B. Harris, St. Ronan's, West Worthing).  
 N. G. ANDREWS (Commander I. C. M. Sanderson, Elstree School, Herts.).  
 D. A. SETON GORDON (Mr. H. D. Pearson, Alton Burn, Nairn, Scotland).

## ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1938

READING PRIZES— <i>Senior</i> :	H. S. L. Dundas (W)
<i>Junior</i> :	C. D. Harvey-Piper (T).
PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE :	J. D. Fay (G).
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	P. Johnstone (Q).
BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity) :	E. N. Rolfe (B).
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK— <i>Prose</i> :	M. J. Poulton (C).
<i>Verse</i> :	M. J. Poulton (C).
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN— <i>Essay</i> :	J. C. Drew (C).
<i>Prose</i> :	R. H. Anstey (G).
PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	M. E. Farrer (B).
J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES—	
<i>Senior</i> :	J. L. Rolleston (C).
<i>Junior</i> :	G. L. L. Dodson (C).
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	E. N. Rolfe (B).
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE :	R. C. Roxburgh (W).
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	J. C. E. Peshall (B).
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	J. R. C. Elmslie (C).

## TIRED LOVE

(To C.R.B.S.)

The moon swam slowly up behind the needle spire ;  
 Silver fingers touch Saint Michael's ebony sword.  
 My hand clutches and holds the coiled silken cord,  
 As my plucked heart by the trembling white-hot fire  
 Is gripped and held in a love that could not tire.  
 I lie a slave where once was a strong-willed Lord,  
 To a slighted love have I my whole life moored ;  
 By such my weary soul is set upon a pyre  
 Of adoration ; came late and all is wasted ;  
 And the breaking point approached now very near.  
 I loveliness but never true love tasted.  
 Anger and bitter madness took the place of fear—  
 I noosed the cord, and in that moment feared  
 That had you seen you would have only jeered.

R.A.P.A.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Summer Term, 1938.*

*Prefects* :—T. L. Dewhurst (B), Head of the School; D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (G); J. D. Fay (G); W. W. Chcyne, ma. (C); I. E. T. Jenkin (C); M. B. Scholfield (T); M. G. T. Webster, ma. (W); A. Shaw (C); C. D. Earle, ma. (B); J. Roche (T); R. Evans (G); P. R. H. Hastings (T).

*Monitors* :—P. J. Blundell (G); R. A. L. Black (G); B. J. G. Kaye, mi. (G); D. A. H. Toler (G); J. R. C. Elmslie (C); C. W. Bartley (G); T. R. Gaskell, ma. (W); M. L. Græmc (T); R. R. Oakey (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, ma. (C); J. H. Weir (B); G. R. E. Brooke (C); R. H. Anstey, ma. (C); C. E. B. Thompson (B); R. A. P. Allsebrook (W); J. H. de Burgh (G); E. B. Moore (C); P. Carter (G); J. M. E. Clarkson, ma. (G); J. B. Dunlop (C); B. A. J. C. Gregory (G); G. W. A. Keir (W); G. P. Shelmerdine (G); F. J. T. Durie (C); J. L. Rolleston (C); H. S. L. Dundas (W); J. P. Phillips (C); D. B. Reid (B); R. D. Jay (W); D. M. Bolton (C); J. E. C. Nicholl, ma. (B); L. G. Darling (G); R. C. Roxburgh (W); M. E. Farrer, ma. (B); C. P. D. Davidson (T); P. R. Westall (C); R. H. Marten (G); M. V. Nicholl (G); A. R. Coventry (C); H. N. Straker (C); N. K. Bottomley (T).

*Cricket* :—Captain—C. D. Earle (B); Secretary—P. R. H. Hastings (T).

*Lawn Tennis* :—Captain—D. A. G. Kaye (G); Secretary—B. J. G. Kaye (G).

*Swimming* :—Captain—R. D. Jay (W); Secretary—F. J. T. Durie (C).

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

May 29th. The Rev. T. W. Heale, M.A., C.F., Chaplain of R.M.C., Sandhurst.

June 19th. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Sc.D., F.R.S.

July 3rd. The Rev. P. P. Noble Fawcett, M.A., Chaplain of Worksop College.

So attractive did last year's Coronation Exeat prove that 1938 has seen the introduction of a regular Summer Exeat. From lunch-time on Friday, June 24th, until the evening of Monday, June 27th, the School enjoyed a welcome and successful three days holiday.

Old Stoic Day was held on Saturday, July 2nd, when the usual programme of sporting events took place and a number of Old Stoics remained for Supper in Temple House Room.

Fourteen members of the School spent the first week of the Easter holidays working in a distressed area in South Wales. One party from Chatham stayed at Merthyr and constructed a road through an allotment field belonging to the unemployed. The other party, drawn from several houses, stayed at Pontllynn, near Bargoed, and was occupied chiefly with digging on allotments. Visits were paid to unemployed centres, mines, etc., and the most friendly contacts were established with the hospitable Welsh people in their homes and clubs. An impression of the visit will be found on another page.

The quinquennial School Photograph was taken on Monday, July 4th. Any boy appearing at both ends was expected to buy two copies.

Has the Bourbon Bus-t?

Only one School Match has been seriously obliterated by the 'Bursar's Chimney' this year.

At the Examination held in March 1938, T. L. Martin (G) passed into the Royal Navy.

R. A. L. Black (G) has been elected to a Metalliferous Mining Scholarship of £150 per annum at the Royal School of Mines.

1st XI. Colours have been re-awarded to :—J. P. Phillips (C), H. C. Lowcock (W), M. G. T. Webster (W), J. Roche (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B).

1st XI. Colours have been awarded to :—M. B. Scholfield (T), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W).

2nd XI. Colours have been awarded to :—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), S. R. G. Scott (G), J. M. Henry (C), R. H. Marten (S), The Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), L. G. Darling (S), R. H. M. Spencer (W), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. C. I. Hooper (C), A. B. Williamson (G), C. R. T. Cunningham (C).

3rd XI. Colours have been awarded to :—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), R. H. M. Spencer (W), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. C. I. Hooper (C), A. B. Williamson (G), J. M. Henry (C), The Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), S. R. G. Scott (G), C. R. T. Cunningham (C), C. F. A. Baxter (G), T. L. Dewhurst (B), C. R. Milne (T), D. B. Reid (B), A. D. Tennyson (C), R. H. Sharpe (C), P. A. Bates (C), R. J. Mead (C), G. H. Turner (C), R. Backus (B), T. D. Dawson (C), J. C. Drew (C), G. R. E. Brooke (C), M. B. Hickling (C).

Colts Caps have been awarded to :—I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), C. M. Griffin (C), A. K. Higham (T), A. D. Thomson (C), E. P. Hickling (C), R. H. Hawkins (C), P. E. Falkner (W), A. M. Mitchell (C), M. B. E. Clarkson (G).

School Tennis Colours have been re-awarded to J. B. Andrews (G) and C. Wachmann (S); and awarded to J. B. Dunlop (C) and J. R. C. Holbech (C).

School Colours for Fencing have been awarded to J. M. E. Clarkson (G).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to :—C. F. Warner (S), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), J. A. H. Lucas (C), S. Birch (W), P. Carter (S), E. Carolan (G), F. Carolan (G); and re-awarded to : R. Backus (B), J. B. Andrews (G), P. M. F. Sichel (C).

The following Representative Colours were awarded at the end of the Easter Term :—

Athletics :—P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. M. Thomson (C), C. D. Earle (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), A. G. Way (B), W. W. Cheyne (C).

Cross-Country :—The Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), R. D. Jay (W), R. C. Roxburgh (W).

Squash Rackets :—A. Shaw (C), D. R. Barbour (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C).

During the past year the following have passed parts of the 1st M.B. :—  
D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (S) and J. D. Whitby (B), pts. 1, 2 and 3; P. R. Westall (C), M. L. Græme (T) and G. Yerbury (G), pts. 2 and 3; A. Shaw (C) and R. C. Roxburgh (W), pts. 3 and 4; J. Roche (T), pts. 1, 3 and 4; D. Campbell-Cooke (C), B. A. J. C. Gregory (G) and J. M. G. Ritchie (W), pt. 2; C. W. Bartley (S), pts. 1 and 3; P. B. S. Cooper (W), pt. 1; J. C. E. Peshall (B), pts. 1 and 2; P. M. Jeavons (G), pt. 3.

## OLIM ALUMNI

### GENERAL.

MR. E. A. F. WIDDRINGTON (G, 1932) was a member of the N.R.A. Shooting Team representing Great Britain, which toured South Africa, Australia and New Zealand and won the Empire Trophy at Sydney; he made top score at the long ranges, breaking the previous records.

MR. W. B. DRYSDALE (S, 1935) is an Under Officer at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

### ACADEMIC.

MR. O. A. W. DILKE (B, 1933) has been awarded a First Class in the Classical Tripos, Pt. II., at Cambridge.

MR. N. G. ANNAN (T, 1935) has been awarded a First Class with Distinction in the History Tripos, Pt. II., at Cambridge. He has also been awarded an Open Foundation Scholarship for History at King's College.

MR. A. d'A. BELLAIRS (T, 1935) has been awarded a First Class in the Natural Sciences Tripos, Pt. I., at Cambridge.

MR. K. J. DUFF-DUNBAR (B, 1935) has been awarded an Exhibition for History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

MR. H. E. LOCKHART-MUMMERY (C, 1935) has been awarded an Exhibition for Natural Science at Trinity College, Cambridge.

MR. B. J. R. MORETON (C, 1936) has been awarded a First Class in the Classical Tripos, Pt. I., at Cambridge.

#### ATHLETIC.

MR. J. E. MANSFIELD (G, 1934) was a member of the Oxford Fencing team this year. He was second in the Epée Championship of the English Universities. Also, he again played Polo for Oxford in the University match.

MR. H. E. P. M. S. UPTON (C, 1935) represented Sandhurst in the annual Triangular Athletic Match, which Sandhurst won, against Woolwich and Cranwell.

MR. N. C. MCCLINTOCK (G, 1935) was Captain of the Cambridge University Fencing team this year. He also won the English Universities Foil Championship again, being the first person to win it for the second year in succession.

MR. P. J. ORDE (G, 1936) was a member of the Oxford University Epée team this year, and has been elected Captain for next season. He has also won the English Universities Epée Championship and is a member of the English Universities Fencing Team which is to visit Belgium.

MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) played for Cambridge against Oxford in this year's University Cricket Match. He is the first Old Stoic to be awarded his Blue for Cricket. He has made two centuries for the side.

MR. P. SHERRARD (C, 1937) made 78 and 30 in the Cambridge Freshmen's Cricket Match. He has played for the University on one occasion, and also made 53 for Leicestershire against Oxford University.

MR. I. C. S. MUNRO (B, 1937) played in the Freshmen's Cricket Match at Cambridge.

MR. P. L. INGHAM (W, 1937) has been awarded a Blue for the Pentathlon at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. C. P. COWELL (G, 1926) to Miss J. M. Nears.

MR. R. G. D. MUSSETT (C, 1927) to Miss M. R. Lester.

MR. G. A. EVANS (T, 1927) to Miss M. Oxford.

MR. J. V. DURDEN (C, 1928) to Miss K. I. Meredith.

MR. A. F. ASHBURNHAM (C, 1928) to Miss K. M. Willett.

MR. C. ROCHFORD-BOYD (T, 1928) to Miss E. B. Howard Paget.

MR. M. GOWING (C, 1929) to Miss J. M. Robertson.

MR. R. A. GARDINER (C, 1929) to Miss M. R. Flowers.

MR. E. SHEPPARD (C, 1929) to Miss B. Ricketts.

MR. M. F. PARKER (C, 1930) to Miss H. Caruana.

MR. I. D. DAWSON SHEPHERD (T, 1930) to Miss M. Grigg.

MR. J. C. CATER (G, 1931) to Miss Burnett.

MR. F. S. D. BURGIS (C, 1932) to Miss J. Lambarde.

MR. J. R. LAMBTON (B, 1933) to Miss E. Rademeyer.  
 MR. J. L. TWEEDIE (B, 1933) to Miss A. E. Wilson.  
 MR. W. R. L. THORNE (C, 1933) to Miss N. M. Young.

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MARRIAGES.

MR. J. W. APPLEBY (C, 1927) to Miss V. Owen, on April 21st.  
 MR. C. N. M. BLAIR (S, 1929) to Miss E. D. Luxmoore, on April 23rd.  
 MR. B. J. BRADFORD (C, 1929) to Miss T. M. Brooks, on March 1st.  
 MR. L. E. DE NEUFVILLE (G, 1931) to Miss A. McCreary, on April 22nd.  
 (In New York).  
 MR. N. LEADLEY BROWN (G, 1931) to Miss A. Doncaster, on May 16th.  
 MR. D. G. HUGHES, R.E. (B, 1931) to Miss H. M. Stamer, on July 23rd.  
 MR. C. T. CROWE (C, 1932) to Miss B. Lum, on May 21st. (In Australia).  
 MR. J. M. TURNER (G, 1932) to Miss C. Rivington, on June 1st.  
 THE VISCOUNT PARKER (G, 1932) to the Hon. Valeric Mansfield, on  
 June 18th.  
 MR. W. A. SMITH (T, 1933) to Miss E. Freeman, on May 17th. (In  
 Nova Scotia).

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BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. C. M. LUCKOCK (C, 1926), a son, on April 15th.  
 (In Australia).  
 To the wife of MR. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927), a son, on June  
 16th.

To the wife of MR. C. D. HARRISON (C, 1927), a daughter, on May 10th.  
 To the wife of MR. G. A. GRIFFIN (T, 1927), a son, on March 7th, 1937.  
 To the wife of MR. D. M. MAYFIELD (G, 1927), a son, on April 29th.  
 To the wife of MR. H. E. RAPHAEL (S, 1929), a daughter, on May 1st.  
 To the wife of MR. H. F. KING (B, 1930), a daughter, on June 2nd.

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DEATH.

On July 2nd, the result of a motor accident, MR. G. SCOTT BROWN  
 (W, 1937).

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET, EDGWARE ROAD, N.W.1.  
 July 1938.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

Once again I have to report that we have a new Warden at the Club. Last November Mr. MacNicol Smith was taken ill, and while he was away he decided that he must leave the Pineapple in order to take up an appointment at the Rugby School Mission, where there is much more scope for his ability as it is a much larger concern than our Club. We are very sorry to lose him, but I am sure your readers will join in thanking him for all that he did for us and in wishing him every success in his new undertaking. We have been very fortunate in acquiring the services of Mr. C. H. Seymour, who took up his duties on the first of this month.

Between November and this month Mr. Hone has been acting as the Warden, and we are all very grateful to him for the way he has looked after the Club and its interests. For six months he has run the Club with, I am sorry to say, practically no assistance; if it had not been for him we should probably have had to close it down, at any rate until a new Warden was found.

Meanwhile the activities of the Club have continued uninterrupted. The senior cricket team is, at the moment, top of its division and the junior team is second. Athletics have also been fairly satisfactory, as the Club was second on points in the Westminster Federation Sports meeting; and in the London Federation Sports, Harris was 2nd in the junior long jump, and Cheney, although beaten in the final, ran a very good race in the senior half mile.

Swimming in the new St. Marylebone Baths is always very popular, and at the moment teams are in training for the Westminster and London Federation Galas.



Camping is another attraction of the Summer months; as usual the Whitsun Camp was a great success, and the Boys are now looking forward to the annual Summer Camp which will be held at Stowe from July 30th to August 14th. This year there is a very serious shortage of helpers and we hope that some people who read this letter may feel inclined to come along and lend a hand; they will be more than welcome and I am sure that they would not be bored.

Now that the Hostel part of the Club has been re-opened, we are looking forward to next term, when we hope that the Stowe House-parties will be started again. Other than Mr. Playford, Mr. Hamer and members of the London Committee, we have had practically no visitors during the last three or four months.

In view of the success of the Pineapple Ball last year the London Committee have decided to hold it again this year at the Dorchester Hotel on Thursday, November 10th. It is probable that once again the tickets will be 27/6, and it is hoped that this time we shall get even more support than we got last year.

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

#### A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

##### FINANCE.

The Stowe Club is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the School, the Staff and friends of Stowe for its income. A membership of 150 is meagrely provided for. In spite of every sound economy its slender capital has to be drawn on at times to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management less exacting. The Club has little remuneration of any kind to offer its officials. The Stowe Committee of masters and the London Committee of Old Stoics are purely honorary. The Club boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

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

Particulars of the subscription list are entirely private to me. Any sum of money, no matter how small it may seem, and especially if it can be sent regularly, will be most gratefully received and acknowledged. Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques, postal orders and cash are exceedingly welcome too. All serviceable gifts in kind (e.g. billiard and ping-pong tables, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Penfold Street (late Carlisle Street), London, N.W.8. What cannot actually be used by the boys can be sold for their benefit.

##### EMPLOYMENT.

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

##### VISITORS.

Anyone interested in Social Service is very welcome to visit the premises on any evening in the week except Wednesday and Saturday. Supper is available at 7 p.m. if due notice is given. Old Stoics in particular can do much good by looking in for an hour or so to see what is being done and what it is hoped to do. Visitors are never asked to give money or make gifts or run any activity. Their general interest is valued for its own sake. The Club has an excellent name in the London Federation and is happily conscious of every connection with Stowe.

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

## CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

### SUMMER TERM.

	£	s.	d.
The Pineapple has received:—			
Collection, May 8th	16	17	2
Collections at Early Services (March 13th—July 3rd.)	12	12	3
	£29	9	5

### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

#### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from Easter Term Account	16	17	11
Collection, March 27th	12	2	3
Collection, June 12th	9	8	4
	£38	8	6

#### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Expenses	2	0	0
To Gifts to Clergy in Poor Parishes (per the Bishop of Buckingham)	5	0	0
„ The Duke of Marlborough's Appeal for Boys' Clubs in Oxon, Bucks and Berks	5	0	0
„ The Lord Mayor's Fund for Relief in China	5	0	0
„ Buckingham Hospital	5	0	0
„ Stowe Church	5	0	0
„ Mersey Mission to Seamen	5	0	0
„ "Isle of Dogs" Mission	5	0	0
Balance to Christmas Term	1	8	6
	£38	8	6

For the Committee,

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

THE 1st XI have had a rather disappointing season—one match they would look a really good side and the next an equally poor one. In nearly every case it was the batting, which at the beginning of the season had looked so strong, that was the cause of the trouble. Many opening pairs were tried and with one exception they could not give the side a good start. However, J. P. Phillips, who was converted into an opening bat, did really well under these trying circumstances, and his innings against Radley, Tonbridge and Oundle were quite first class.

C. D. Earle has had a most successful season, and if he had been able to keep to his proper place in the batting order—third wicket down—it is likely that he would have been even more successful. As it was, the above circumstances forced him to bat number three and this responsibility had the effect of curtailing some of his scoring shots. He played a really great innings against the Free Foresters—his 157 including 3 sixes and 18 fours. After 6 wickets had fallen for 54 runs, he and J. Roche, 52, added 158 runs for the next wicket—a really grand performance.

J. D. W. Stobart, after a bad start (and all credit to him for getting over this) played really well. His 103 not out against Radley will long be remembered, and he finished up with two good innings at the Oval. A. V. Farnell-Watson is at the moment rather unsound, but there is any amount of cricket in him and his year's experience in the side should be of great value to him next year. H. C. Lowcock and M. G. T. Webster have both had disappointing seasons, although Webster always went in to bat on the plus side owing to his really fine fielding at cover.

M. B. Scholfield in his first year in the eleven has bowled magnificently. He has invariably kept a good length and his bowling has always had plenty of life in it. His 10 wickets for 62 against Westminster and his great effort to win the Haileybury match, when he took the first five wickets, were fine performances. Earle at the beginning of the season bowled very fast and well but latterly with an injured back has been neither so fast nor so accurate. Phillips has bowled well on several occasions, but the side has lacked a really good slow bowler.



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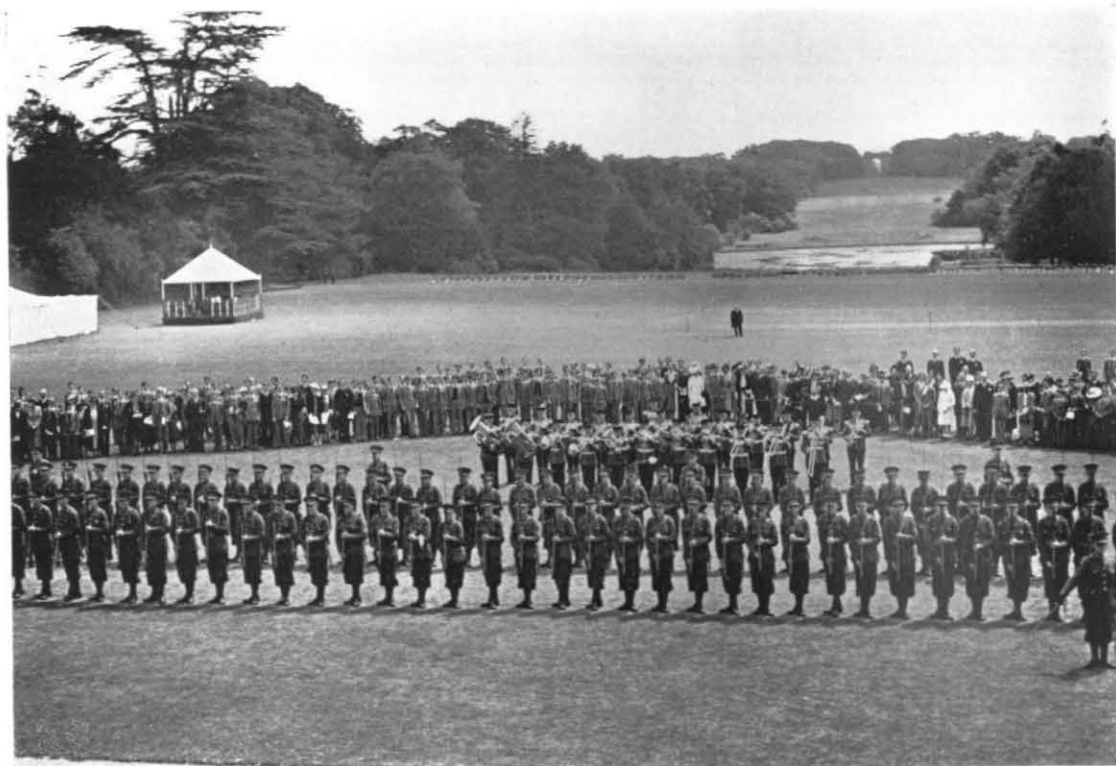
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BEFORE PLANTING THE CEDAR  
THE ROYAL VISIT, JULY 1ST.

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The fielding of the side was excellent at the beginning of the season, but has not been so good in the later matches. Besides Webster, Roche has fielded very well all through the season and Stobart has been what every bowler hopes for at first slip. His efforts at Tonbridge and against the M.C.C. were particularly good. P. R. H. Hastings, as a wicket-keeper (and he has also batted well after a spell of bad luck), is probably the most improved cricketer in the School. He has kept well all through the season; his taking of the ball on the leg side has been very good and he has brought off several fine pieces of stumping.

Earle, as captain, has performed a difficult job well, although he has at times, as we all do, come across problems that were too much for him. It was most unfortunate for him that, through no fault of his, he was unable to get his team really settled.

Matches were won against Westminster, by an innings, Radley and the Free Foresters; and drawn games were played with the Cryptics, M.C.C., Oundle and Tonbridge. The last named were met for the first time and Stowe nearly brought off a good win. Bradfield, against whom there was an incredible batting collapse, Haileybury, by 2 wickets, the Incogniti, Authentics and Old Stoics beat the School.

The outlook for the future is decidedly bright, as there are several very promising players in the Colts and Junior Colts, but before these players, and some of the members of Oligoi as well, can really hope to do well they must achieve a better match temperament.

The teams were :—

1st XI.—C. D. Earle (B), P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. P. Phillips (C), H. C. Lowcock (W), M. G. T. Webster (W), J. Roche (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), L. G. Darling (G).

2nd XI.—J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. H. Weir (B), H. S. L. Dundas (W), S. R. G. Scott (G), J. M. Henry (C), R. H. Marten (G), A. B. Williamson (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), R. H. M. Spencer (W), J. C. I. Hooper (C), C. R. T. Cunningham (C).

The following played for the 3rd XI.—T. L. Dewhurst (B), B. A. Stewart (C), C. F. A. Baxter (G), R. H. Sharpe (C), R. Backus (B), A. D. Tennyson (C), D. B. Reid (B), M. B. Hickling (C), J. C. Drew (C), G. R. E. Brooke (C), P. A. Bates (C), T. D. Dawson (C), R. J. Mead (C), G. H. Turner (C), C. R. Milne (T), J. M. E. Clarkson (G).

Colts XI.—M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), C. M. Griffin (C), A. K. Higham (T), A. D. Thomson (C), E. P. Hickling (C), R. H. Hawkins (C), A. M. Mitchell (C), P. E. Falkner (W), M. B. E. Clarkson (G).

The following played for the Junior Colts:—J. M. Savery (W), R. A. Soames (C), T. M. Pragnell (G), H. G. Baker (C), A. R. Barrowclough (G), D. B. Eaglesfield (T), R. A. S. G. Calthorpe (W), R. E. Wordley (C), J. H. Johnson (C), R. Benson (C), W. R. Mallory (C), R. B. Higham (T), P. Campbell-Cooke (C), R. A. W. Rossdale (T), R. N. Wilkinson (W), J. W. Cornforth (G), T. M. J. Shervington (C), R. A. Gilliland (W).

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Played at Stowe on May 21st.

Won by 38 runs.

STOWE.					FREE FORESTERS.				
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Pelham, b Hodder				2	M. E. Impey, c Phillips, b Earle				21
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Hewetson, b Hodder				5	B. H. Belle, c Roche, b Earle				27
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Pelham				0	R. G. Musson, st Hastings, b Roche				26
J. P. Phillips (C), c Cawston, b Hodder				1	P. G. Krabbé, b Phillips				17
C. D. Earle (B), c Musson, b Belle				157	R. H. Hewetson, b Weir				54
J. D. W. Stobart (B), b Skene				4	M. Falcon, c Phillips, b Scholfield				21
B. A. Stewart (C), b Skene				5	D. L. Crimp, run out				31
J. Roche (T), c Falcon, b Hodder				52	R. W. Skene, c Earle, b Scholfield				7
J. H. Weir (B), not out				17	F. S. Hodder, b Scholfield				0
M. B. Scholfield (T), not out				8	A. G. Pelham, st Hastings, b Scholfield				15
R. H. M. Spencer (W) did not bat					E. Cawston, not out				5
Extras				23	Extras				12
Total (8 wkts. dec.)				274	Total				236

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Pelham	17	4	73	1	Weir	12	0	47	1
Hodder	17	4	41	4	Scholfield	12.4	1	58	4
Skene	9	2	33	2	Earle	6	0	28	2
Belle	11	2	52	1	Roche	6	0	34	1
Falcon	7	0	38	0	Phillips	12	1	49	1
Crimp	1	0	14	0	Spencer	3	2	8	0

STOWE v. CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on May 25th. Drawn.

STOWE.		CRYPTICS.	
L. G. Darling (G), c and b Heywood	1	N. E. Browning, c Hastings, b Earle	25
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c sub., b Tallent	3	P. E. M. Shaw, c Stobart, b Earle	20
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Cocking, b Heywood	6	A. H. Sleigh, c Hastings, b Phillips	20
J. P. Phillips (C), not out	77	F. O. Faulkner, c Earle, b Scholfield	11
C. D. Earle (B), c Faulkner, b Silkin	15	Lt.-Col. E. G. Earle, b Phillips	16
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Tallent, b Cocking	19	R. C. A. Brandram, not out	34
J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Sleigh, b Earle	31	H. A. Cocking, c Scholfield, b Phillips	0
J. H. Weir (B), not out	6	J. A. Tallent, not out	20
J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T) and R. H. M. Spencer (W) did not bat			
Extras	18	Extras	5
Total (6 wkts. dec.)	176	Total (6 wkts.)	151

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Heywood	13	5	30	2	Earle	8	0	43	2
Tallent	9	2	25	1	Weir	8	0	41	0
Silkin	6	0	30	1	Phillips	7	1	33	3
Browning	11	0	37	0	Scholfield	5	0	17	1
Cocking	5	0	24	1	Spencer	2	0	12	0
Earle	1	0	12	1					

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Bradfield on June 2nd. Lost by 73 runs.

Wickets were pitched at Bradfield at 11.15 on Wednesday, June 2nd, but, in the teeth of the very fierce wind that had chosen that day to blow right across the ground, the umpires had constant difficulty in keeping them so. When Earle, commanding the enemy to take precedence on an extremely soft wicket, led his team into the field, conditions were arctic, and they remained so throughout the day. That Earle was justified in his decision may be concluded from the fact that by ten minutes to three Stowe were returning triumphantly to the pavilion with but 111 runs needed for victory and with all the time in the world to get them: in no way can the subsequent course of events be held up in criticism of his choice.

Earle and Weir opened the bowling, and it was immediately obvious that they were putting the hurricane to its proper use. For the observer to leave the cheerful shelter of the pavilion and take up a coign of vantage behind the bowler's arm was to brave the elements indeed; but it afforded the sight of Weir making the ball swing out very late, and it was no surprise when in his third over he succeeded in making the batsman nibble sufficiently daintily for Hastings to take a good catch at the wicket. In his very next over, with no more than half-a-dozen runs on the indicator, Weir repeated the effect, and Earle's decision seemed already justified. After bowling five overs, three of which were maidens, Earle announced his policy of quick changes by taking himself off in favour of Scholfield, and with the score at 13 Phillips came on for Weir.

Runs came slowly, for the fielding was clean and the outfield slow—two thumps off Scholfield only just trickling over the boundary line. Scholfield it was, however, who claimed the next wicket, Earle taking an easy catch at short leg, and after nearly an hour's play Bradfield had mustered no more than 22 runs with three good batsmen never to return: but it was at this point that Paine came to the crease, and Stowe were to find him a nut harder to crack than from his first few shots seemed probable. Earle came on in place of Phillips who had been bowling too short of a length to cause the batsmen any real anxiety, and his first ball—prophetic of several others—rose sharply to strike the batsman on the back of his glove, Spencer taking the catch so offered at slip. Roche replaced Scholfield at 41, and two runs later took a lucky wicket when the batsman, trying to hit a full pitch through the covers, fell to a catch by Earle which, whatever its genuine merits, certainly looked like one of Chapman's in his prime: half the side were out for 43 when Archibald joined Paine in the only reasonable stand of the day.

Archibald can obviously play golf, and if he never looked entirely comfortable, at any rate he refused to be shaken by frequent bowling changes, and 41 invaluable runs were added. Roche gave up and Phillips reigned in his stead, and Spencer scraped the ice off his wrists to replace Earle: but though Phillips kept the batsmen on the defensive, ninety freezing minutes in the slips had been altogether too much for Spencer, and after two overs he gave up the unequal struggle of trying to move both hand and arm simultaneously: not but what both batsmen spent a happy ten minutes scoring off anything not of a reasonable length. Weir came on for Spencer, but it was Phillips who got the wicket that Stowe needed so badly when he clean bowled Paine.

With six wickets down for eighty-four Bradfield chose to sit on the splice rather than take their runs where they could, and Elgood who surely, despite a lack of inches, must really be able to lift his bat from off the ground, resolutely refused to play any sort of shot at all, and the last half-hour before lunch yielded but fourteen runs. After the interval Bradfield lasted only another twenty-five minutes, the four outstanding wickets falling for twelve runs. Phillips began the proceedings by bowling Archibald, and Earle had two catches held close in on the leg-side: Helm, last man in, caused some amusement by falling over his own feet in a vain effort to control his inside-to-out swing, but soon Earle claimed him as his last victim, and the Bradfield innings closed for 110.

The wicket by this time was taking plenty of spin, but this alone cannot be taken as reason for the very extraordinary events of the next eighty minutes: nor can any extreme accuracy on the part of the bowling greatly be taken into consideration, for whereas Helm, from the School end, kept a fairly steady length, Paine sent down a large proportion of balls which even the most stolid of Lancastrians would not have failed to dispatch with joy to the boundary. Yet the fact remains that in less time than it takes to play a football match this pair had, unchanged, dismissed Stowe for 37 runs. "I just sort of missed it," cried one batsman as he retired to the pavilion, and this rather typified the whole proceedings.

Lowcock and Hastings opened the innings, and if Stowe began less disastrously than Bradfield, their start was no better than it should have been, and though the first wicket stand was the biggest of the year to date, it yielded no more than a baker's dozen. Hastings began batting with comparative freedom, playing one or two nice shots—one especially good one going for four runs to the leg boundary—that little prophesied the shape of things to come: Lowcock, however, but lately returned from New Zealand,

had obviously yet to find his land legs, and when, with the score at 13, he completely mis-timed a ball from Helm to be adjudged l.b.w., the only wonder was that he had so long escaped being run out. Webster followed, but for the next over or two he had little of the bowling: Hastings played some good defensive strokes and hit another boundary, but immediately afterwards sent up the easiest of catches to the bowler. Two runs later Webster played no sort of stroke at all to provide Helm with his second l.b.w. victim, and methought I heard a voice cry 'sleep no more.' Phillips survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket principally because the wicket-keeper fumbled the ball at the sound of so rending a shout, but all hopes that he and Earle would pull the game out of the fire were shattered when at 27 Phillips was simply caught at mid-off.

Earle and Roche, the saviours of the side against the Free Foresters, thus came together, but one run later Earle was bowled by a ball that kept low, and those who had tears prepared to shed them now. Stobart and Roche will often hold up a victorious attack indefinitely, though whereas Roche only stops the ball hitting his person, Stobart has an entirely different technique and hits the ball as hard and often as he can. This time, however, neither batsman succeeded: with no addition to the score Roche had his wicket shattered, and though Stobart hit one lovely straight drive to the boundary, the rest of the tale is not worth the telling. Murdoch and Weir were neither more nor less competent than their predecessors: Stobart was caught at the wicket off one that came through rather slower than of yore, and Scholfield, stopping a straight one with his pads, allowed Spencer the honour of being the only batsman whom neither Paine nor Helm, for all their toiling and spinning, could contrive to defeat. All the victims had walked to the crease, and yet the score was not full: thus did that which was to have been a Stoic triumph end in an ignoble procession.

## BRADFIELD.

H. F. Watson, c Hastings, b Weir.....	3
R. F. Lawrence, c Hastings, b Weir.....	2
D. J. Martin, c Earle, b Scholfield.....	6
J. R. B. Wright, c Spencer, b Earle.....	15
M. Paine, b Phillips.....	32
D. C. Pothecary, c Earle, b Roche.....	6
A. R. W. Archibald, b Phillips.....	25
B. C. Elgood, c Weir, b Earle.....	8
N. S. P. Evans, not out.....	3
J. B. Johnson, c Phillips, b Earle.....	0
A. G. B. Helm, b Earle.....	1
Extras .....	9
Total .....	110

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle .....	16.1	6	19	4
Weir .....	10	4	17	2
Scholfield .....	10	2	21	1
Phillips .....	11	4	16	2
Roche .....	3	0	9	1
Spencer .....	2	0	15	0
Murdoch.....	1	0	4	0

## STOWE.

H. C. Lowcock (W), lbw, b Helm.....	4
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c and b Paine.....	11
M. G. T. Webster (W), lbw, b Helm.....	1
J. P. Phillips (C), c Martin, b Paine.....	5
C. D. Earle (B), b Paine.....	3
J. Roche (T), b Helm.....	1
J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Johnson, b Helm.....	5
D. K. Murdoch (T), b Paine.....	1
J. H. Weir (B), c Johnson, b Paine.....	0
M. B. Scholfield (T), lbw, b Paine.....	1
R. H. M. Spencer (W), not out.....	1
Extras .....	4
Total .....	37

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paine .....	12.1	8	12	6
Helm .....	12	2	21	4

STOWE v. INCOGNITI. Played at Stowe on June 4th. Lost by 15 runs.

INCOGNITI.		STOWE.	
R. B. D. Wright, c Hastings, b Phillips.....	24	H. C. Lowcock (W), lbw, b Henchley.....	2
S. C. Smallman, lbw, b Weir.....	5	P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Doggart.....	1
A. G. Doggart, b Scholfield.....	28	C. D. Earle (B), c Ingleby-MacKenzie, b Pank.....	18
P. H. Cook, b Scholfield.....	0	J. P. Phillips (C), b Doggart.....	5
J. G. Cook, lbw, b Scholfield.....	12	M. G. T. Webster (W), c Gillett, b Cook, P. H.....	19
E. G. Pank, run out.....	8	J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Pank, b Cook, J. G.....	30
R. H. Spencer, c Murdoch, b Earle.....	37	J. Roche (T), c Cook, J. G., b Cook P. H.....	0
D. O'C. Duke, c Scholfield, b Spencer.....	21	J. E. C. Nicholl (B), run out.....	38
Surg.-Capt. K. A. Ingleby-MacKenzie, c Hastings, b Phillips.....	14	J. H. Weir (B), b Pank.....	18
E. B. Gillett, c Murdoch, b Earle.....	26	D. K. Murdoch (T), c Landale, b Doggart.....	0
F. B. Landale, not out.....	2	M. B. Scholfield (T), b Doggart.....	25
D. V. Henchley, not out.....	12	R. H. M. Spencer (W), not out.....	3
Extras.....	8	Extras.....	23
Total (10 wkts.).....	197	Total.....	182

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle.....	15	2	48	2
Weir.....	9	0	34	1
Scholfield.....	18	2	56	3
Spencer.....	9	1	34	1
Phillips.....	6	0	17	2

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Henchley.....	11	2	36	1
Doggart.....	21.3	8	43	4
Cook, J. G.....	12	2	41	1
Pank.....	8	2	11	2
Cook, P. H.....	5	0	28	2

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Westminster on June 8th and 9th.

Won by an innings and 38 runs.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday and Thursday, June 8th and 9th. Westminster won the toss, batted, and made a disastrous start against the bowling of Earle and Weir, who were both bowling at the top of their form. However, after bowling six overs for nine runs and two wickets, Earle took himself off and put on Scholfield.

Westminster's troubles then really began, as in a very few minutes Scholfield had taken three wickets for two runs, one of them due to a brilliant piece of stumping by Hastings.

The score was then 29 for 6 wickets and Earle gave Weir a rest for Phillips. Weir had bowled splendidly with a minimum of luck.

The tail-end batsmen chanced their luck, which was the obvious thing for them to do, and the score eventually reached 101.

Earle, who had come on instead of Phillips who was not at his best, took 4 wickets for 32 runs; but by far the best bowling was that of Scholfield, who took 5 wickets for 24 runs.

When Stowe batted they lost Lowcock at 12, but then Earle and Phillips added 50 runs before Phillips was bowled. At 88 Earle was given out l.b.w. after playing a most confident innings of 40.

Hastings did not start any too well to the slow bowlers but soon settled down. He quickly lost Farnell-Watson and Roche, both out to good balls from Eyre. Nicholl then joined Hastings; the pair stayed together until tea and added a very valuable 55 runs. Hastings had been playing some beautiful forcing shots off his back foot through the covers.

On the resumption, Hastings was immediately out and Weir at once ran himself out. Scholfield then hit the ball tremendously hard, especially anything short of a length. When he was caught he had made 26 in very quick time, and Spencer joined Nicholl with the total 227.

These two took the score to 259 by really good cricket, Spencer's bat being as straight as an opening bat's should be. Nicholl had been going quietly on since tea, getting most of his runs on the leg side, but he now produced three beautiful off drives for four and claimed 28 of the 32 put on for the last wicket. He had certainly played better than he had ever done before.

Eyre bowled extremely well for Westminster, taking 6 wickets for 53 runs. He kept a fine length and did a little with the ball both ways.

Westminster were left with 45 minutes batting at the end of the day, and their opening batsmen set about their task in light-hearted fashion, hitting Earle and Weir to all parts of the field. This brought on Scholfield, who soon took a wicket due to a well-judged catch by Roche. He produced a really beautiful ball in his next over, and Westminster ended the day in a very awkward position, being 101 runs behind with 8 wickets in hand.

Immediately play began on the second day Earle badly missed his rival captain in the slips off Weir, and thoughts of his second innings in this match last year at once came to mind. However, this was not to be as a fine slip catch by Scholfield ended his innings.

The remaining Westminster batsmen found Scholfield and Earle too much for them and were all out for 120. Scholfield again bowled really well and altogether took 10 wickets for 62 in the match—a very fine performance. The Stowe fielding was accurate, several good catches being held, and Hastings kept wicket admirably.

WESTMINSTER.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
P. Goatly, c and b Earle.....	6	b Scholfield.....	20
K. V. Lewis, c Nicholl, b Weir.....	2	c Roche, b Scholfield.....	25
E. M. H. Wilkinson, c Scholfield, b Earle.....	3	c Spencer, b Weir.....	20
P. P. Gawthorne, b Scholfield.....	8	c Scholfield, b Weir.....	9
B. V. I. Greenish, st Hastings, b Scholfield.....	4	b Scholfield.....	15
K. G. Neal, c Hastings, b Scholfield.....	14	c Spencer, b Earle.....	1
F. F. Calway, c Earle, b Scholfield.....	1	c Nicholl, b Scholfield.....	1
R. O. I. Borradaile, c Roche, b Earle.....	18	b Scholfield.....	11
A. F. Taylor, not out.....	15	c Farnell-Watson, b Earle.....	6
P. C. Eyre, c Hastings, b Earle.....	14	c Farnell-Watson, b Earle.....	5
F. G. V. Hanrott, c Roche, b Scholfield.....	2	not out.....	0
Extras.....	14	Extras.....	7
Total.....	101	Total.....	120

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle.....	11	2	34	4
Weir.....	9	3	18	1
Scholfield.....	11.2	2	24	5
Phillips.....	3	1	11	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle.....	8.2	2	33	3
Weir.....	10	2	35	2
Scholfield.....	17	3	38	5
Roche.....	4	1	7	0

STOWE.

H. C. Lowcock (W), lbw, b Eyre.....	9
J. P. Phillips (C), b Calway.....	14
C. D. Earle (B), lbw, b Greenish.....	40
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Eyre.....	14
M. G. T. Webster (W), lbw, b Eyre.....	9
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Goatly, b Greenish .....	37
J. Roche (T), b Eyre.....	1
J. E. C. Nicholl (B), not out.....	68
J. H. Weir (B), run out.....	4
M. B. Scholfield (T), c Gawthorne, b Eyre	26
R. H. M. Spencer (W), c and b Eyre.....	4
Extras .....	33
Total .....	259

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Eyre .....	21	7	49	6
Hanrott .....	11	1	57	0
Calway .....	5	2	9	1
Greenish .....	13	0	91	2
Neal .....	4	1	20	0

STOWE v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on June 11th. Drawn.

M.C.C.

M. M. Walford, lbw, b Earle.....	39
Major C. F. Hargreaves, c Scholfield, b Weir .....	7
Major Hon. E. G. French, c Hastings, b Scholfield .....	0
G. O. Shelmerdine, c Nicholl, b Scholfield	0
D. A. Boddington, b Weir.....	0
E. B. M. Tremlett, c Stobart, b Phillips	29
I. C. Maconachie, b Phillips.....	68
Capt. S. L. Trevor, c Stobart, b Scholfield	12
P. J. Richardson, not out.....	50
T. G. A. Miles, b Phillips.....	15
M. N. Kenyon, b Phillips.....	0
Extras .....	4
Total .....	224

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield .....	17	2	44	3
Weir .....	15	2	60	2
Earle .....	14	2	46	1
Phillips .....	12.2	4	41	4
Farnell-Watson	5	1	29	0

STOWE.

H. C. Lowcock (W), c Hargreaves, b Tremlett.....	3
J. P. Phillips (C), c Kenyon, b Richard- son .....	31
C. D. Earle (B), b French.....	40
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), not out.....	29
J. D. W. Stobart (B), b Richardson.....	11
J. H. Weir (B), b Walford.....	11
J. E. C. Nicholl (B), b Walford.....	0
M. G. T. Webster (W), b Tremlett.....	12
P. R. H. Hastings (T), not out.....	6
J. Roche (T) and M. B. Scholfield (T) did not bat.	
Extras .....	17
Total (7 wks.).....	160

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Maconachie .....	3	2	3	0
Tremlett.....	17	3	59	3
French .....	12	1	36	1
Richardson .....	7	5	8	2
Walford .....	10	0	37	2

STOWE v. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 15th. Lost by 155 runs.

AUTHENTICS.

R. E. Luyt, b Scholfield.....	8
A. M. Reid, c Hastings, b Phillips.....	16
A. K. Sharp, b Earle.....	11
E. A. Miskin, b Spencer.....	10
N. A. F. Williams, b Phillips.....	25
T. C. Cowen, not out.....	100
J. M. Blakeway, not out.....	56
C. Gardner, J. Hodge, P. N. LeMesurier and C. P. Walsh did not bat.	
Extras .....	15
Total (5 wks. dec.).....	241

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weir .....	6	1	23	0
Scholfield .....	13	2	39	1
Phillips .....	25	5	70	2
Earle .....	7	1	27	1
Spencer .....	7	1	42	1
Roche .....	1	0	11	0
Farnell-Watson	2	0	14	0

STOWE.

J. P. Phillips (C), c Walsh, b Gardner....	19
J. Roche (T), b Gardner.....	0
C. D. Earle (B), b Gardner.....	5
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), lbw, b Gardner .....	0
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Gardner, b Hodge	6
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b LeMesurier.....	6
J. E. C. Nicholl (B), b Hodge.....	0
J. D. W. Stobart (B), b Walsh.....	31
J. H. Weir (B), b Walsh.....	5
M. B. Scholfield (T), lbw, b Gardner.....	10
R. H. M. Spencer (W), not out.....	0
Extras .....	4
Total .....	86

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gardner .....	15.3	4	28	5
Walsh .....	12	2	23	2
Hodge.....	7	2	15	2
LeMesurier.....	4	0	16	1

STOWE v. HAILEYBURY. Played at Stowe on June 18th.

Lost by 2 wickets.

When Stowe went in to bat on a wicket that looked full of runs, a score of three hundred from either side seemed in no way improbable; but, despite the conditions, throughout the day the ball remained the master of the bat, and together the two sides could muster no more than 350.

Opening with Lowcock and Phillips, Stowe made that start which is now considered customary and which rather dispelled any visions of an Australian total. To the second ball of the match Lowcock played a shot that no batsman the wrong side of forty should attempt, and he sent a high catch off the shoulder of his bat into the slips. Earle followed and with Phillips looking perfectly safe at the other end began to score runs. The score mounted by fours, and when, at 39, Haileybury tried their slow bowler, Earle immediately smote him well and truly to the boundary. The 50 went up in 45 minutes, but immediately afterwards Earle was tempted out of his ground to be stumped.

Hastings joined Phillips, and the batting became sedate and yet determined. Phillips, scoring in singles, took an hour over his first 16 runs. The bowling, though not menacing, seemed hardly to invite the taking of liberties, but even so, had Phillips combined a greater certainty in dealing with balls outside the leg stump with a bit more of the tip-and-run spirit, runs would have been more forthcoming. Hastings soon overhauled his partner, but shortly afterwards he played the vaguest of mashie shots at a perfectly straight ball and retired l.b.w. 96 for 3, however, was by no means unsatisfactory after a bad start, and with Webster at the other end Phillips began

to push the rate of scoring along: when he was out to a magnificent catch close in at cover just before lunch, he had contributed 45 runs to a total of 121, and his slowness is entirely justified when it is remembered that by half-past-one Stowe have often this season found themselves with more wickets down for considerably fewer runs.

Stowe's batting after the recess was terribly disappointing. Though Farnell-Watson immediately inspired the utmost confidence, Webster was soon bowled neck and crop: more disastrous, however, and even less excusable, was the miserable fashion in which Farnell-Watson allowed himself to be run out when, by all the canons of the game, he should have made that quick fifty Stowe wanted. Confusion was worse confounded when Nicholl again failed to start the spectators talking about spreading chestnut trees and the days of Jessop, and Marten did little to atone for Farnell-Watson's loss. Roche refused to be frightened by the situation, and looked alternately the best and worst batsman in the side, but at twenty-one he was stumped, and Haileybury had only ten minutes to wait.

In an atmosphere reminiscent of Kennington Oval, Earle and Weir began the attack behind a barrage of smoke from that chimney which is always ascribed to the Bursar. Neither seemed able to put much fear into the proud hearts of Haileybury, and from the very ease with which runs were scored it seemed as though the match were dead. At 37, however, Scholfield came on to bowl an over which awoke the match from its dreamless sleep: he bowled one grand ball which came right in to take a surprised Haileyburian's off-stump, and two balls later his next opponent was given out l.b.w. Stowe at last seemed on the attack, but it was but change, for Phillips, at the other end, seemed to be discomfiting Hastings more than Haileybury. Earle and Farnell-Watson seemed of little effect, and once more the score began to mount. If Stowe were to keep any interest in the match a wicket must be got, and at 95 Scholfield came on again at the School end to fan the dying embers. Weir was taken from fine leg to fill the gap in the slips, and the very next ball he demonstrated the wisdom of this move by holding a grand catch to give Scholfield his third wicket. At tea-time Haileybury had lost three wickets for 97, and there was still just a chance that Scholfield might bring victory to Stowe.

Immediately after tea Phillips took on the bowling at the Dadford end, and he showed that he would keep the batsmen quiet if only Scholfield would do his stuff at the other end. And this was exactly what did happen: Scholfield bowled for nearly three-quarters of an hour after tea, and, putting all he had into every ball, made each over seem more vital than the last. At 125 Shephard completely misjudged the swing of a full toss and fell to Lowcock at mid-on: four runs later Nicholl held a good catch to give Scholfield a well-deserved fifth wicket, and at the same score the next Haileyburian was run out. Now the match was a match indeed: in half an hour Stowe, fighting back magnificently, had completely altered the situation, and now every ball seemed desperately important.

At this moment the Bursar's chimney renewed its volcanic eruptions of the most unholy smoke, and Earle took advantage of the ensuing pillar of cloud to rest both Scholfield and Phillips—the last of whom was bowling almost as heroically as the former—and bring on Marten and Weir. At 139 Marten justified his selection by claiming an l.b.w. victim, and now every movement of the ball was filled with menace to one side or the other. Slowly ten runs were added, and then the loss of Farnell-Watson was revenged by a run-out almost equally ridiculous. Stowe were giving Haileybury a run for their money, but Haileybury would have given Stowe any amount of money for some runs.

Scholfield and Phillips returned to the attack, but at last the task seemed too great for them, and though neither bowlers nor fieldsmen lost heart, all was too weak. Haileybury, battered but not shattered, took their runs where they could, and a boundary off Scholfield finished the match. Stowe had failed, but they had made a glorious match of it, and all honour must be given to Scholfield for so magnificently rising to the occasion, and to Phillips both for his 45 runs and his fine display of defensive bowling. Stowe lost because of the failure of their middle batsmen to force home the advantage after luncheon, and they will never be able to face a close match with any equanimity until they can rest assured that at least one of their batsmen between the numbers three and eight will knock up a steady fifty runs in as many minutes.

STOWE.		HAILEYBURY.	
H. G. Lowcock (W), c Ohlenschlager, b Jupp	0	R. D. Jupp, b Scholfield	22
J. P. Phillips (C), c Fisher, b Shephard	45	W. J. H. Shephard, c Lowcock, b Scholfield	56
C. D. Earle (B), st Almack, b Hildick-Smith	37	W. A. W. St. George, lbw, b Scholfield	2
P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Shephard	27	K. W. Gray, c Weir, b Scholfield	28
M. G. T. Webster (W), b Fairbairn	8	P. J. Barton, run out	2
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), run out	20	O. D. Fisher, c Nicholl, b Scholfield	3
R. H. Marten (C), b Ohlenschlager	3	A. B. Sheldon, not out	25
J. E. C. Nicholl (B), c Ohlenschlager, b Fairbairn	0	G. Y. Hildick-Smith, lbw, b Marten	6
J. Roche (T), st Almack, b Fairbairn	21	V. Ohlenschlager, run out	5
J. H. Weir (B), not out	6	J. H. Fairbairn, not out	4
M. B. Scholfield (T), c Sheldon, b Fairbairn	0	P. H. Almack did not bat.	
Extras	5		
Total	172	Extras	23
		Total (8 wkts.)	176

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jupp	13	4	41	1
Ohlenschlager	16	1	44	1
Fairbairn	14.5	3	31	4
Hildick-Smith	11	4	30	1
Fisher	3	1	8	0
Shephard	10	3	13	2

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle	4	0	21	0
Weir	7	2	13	0
Phillips	20	7	43	0
Scholfield	19	5	50	5
Farnell-Watson	3	0	17	0
Marten	4	2	9	1

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Stowe on June 22nd. Won by 7 wickets.

This most interesting match was won by Stowe by 7 wickets, Radley scoring 235, and Stowe 239 for 3 wickets. It will chiefly be remembered for three things: the most magnificent piece of throwing that I have seen for a long time on any ground, the sound and brave batting of Phillips and Hastings, and the exciting hitting of Stobart.

Radley won the toss and batted against Scholfield from the Dadford end and Weir from the School end. Scholfield attacked from the start, getting several balls past the batsmen, and it was not long before the first wicket fell. Then came the one individual tragedy of the day. A ball played gently to Marten at mid-on, fielded cleanly by him, returned sensibly at a reasonable speed full pitch to Hastings was unaccountably fumbled with Grosvenor yards out of his ground. The score at this point was 18 for 1, Grosvenor 6 not out; it is to be an hour before the next wicket falls with the score 102, and an hour and a half before Grosvenor is Scholfield's second victim having scored 71.



This next hour and a half's cricket, and indeed most of the cricket before lunch, was disheartening. Morriss, Grosvenor and McIntosh proceeded to hit the Stowe bowling well, and little real effort was made to get them out. During that hour and a half, when over 150 runs were being scored for only 2 wickets, Scholfield was kept on interminably at the Dadford end (surely, if it was really necessary to keep him on so long, a change of end might have brought about a change of luck), and neither Farnell-Watson nor Roche was asked to bowl at all; Marten bowled only 4 overs, while poor Scholfield toiled away and bowled 18. However, things improved slightly before lunch, Phillips getting Morriss l.b.w., and Scholfield disposing of Grosvenor in the same way; and, with Earle getting two more wickets, the lunch score of 179 for 5, McIntosh not out 40, was not nearly as bad as had looked probable.

The first over after lunch was dramatic. Phillips was bowling from Scholfield's end (keeping Scholfield for the new ball, the wiseacres said—but they were wrong), and there was a loud snick and a loud appeal for a catch at the wicket. This was disallowed, but three balls later, exactly the same shot was played, an even louder snick, and a much louder appeal was successful. 179 for 6, McIntosh out—things may be starting to go well after all. 186 for 7 (a lovely ball from Earle which just hits the top of the middle and off stumps to dismiss Ruck Keene), 191 for 8 (again Earle, this time helped by Phillips in the leg trap)—there is no doubt now that things *are* going well. 200 for 8—now then, Scholfield and the new ball; we're tired of these Radley batsmen, let's have at them hard. But no. No new ball, no Scholfield, not even any bowling change at all, and the score is allowed to go quickly to 235. True, just before the end Scholfield *was* given the new ball, and Phillips *did* put a man on the mid-wicket boundary, a move that was immediately successful; but one felt that valuable runs had been made. These last twenty minutes would have been wholly gloomy had it not been for the electrifying throw which I have already mentioned.

The ball was hit to Stobart on the mid-wicket boundary; the batsmen were starting their second run before the ball reached him. Tremendously hard, with an almost impossibly low trajectory, the ball was hurled to Earle to arrive perfectly long hop. What happened when Earle got the ball was a little difficult to see, but the umpire was satisfied that the wicket had been properly broken, and Hughes-Cooper was out. The throw was as good as one from an Australian or any angry Yorkshireman; it brought shouts from the spectators.

After twenty minutes batting from Phillips (12 not out) and Lowcock, Lowcock was caught at second slip for 9. The first wicket had put on 23 runs, the biggest opening partnership of the term so far, but not a very convincing one. When Earle was bowled, trying perhaps a little impatiently to force a straight one, with the score only 32, it was obvious that anything might happen. The greatest possible credit must be given to Phillips and Hastings for their batting for the next hour. They were facing possible disaster, and they both must have realized that another quick wicket might be the end of everything. Runs came steadily, though not fast enough to encourage the batsmen and to make them think that they were getting on top, but no attempt was made to force the pace, no risks were taken; short runs were decisively called, determinedly run, and, in fact, the problem was dealt with in a thoroughly intelligent manner. Tea-time came with the partnership unbroken and the score 95 for 2—a splendid performance. I want to stress the excellence of the batting of these two, as it was undoubtedly dimmed by what followed after tea.

Hastings was soon out, and twenty-five minutes were spent watching a desultory drizzle. When play was resumed, there was just over one and three-quarter hours left for play, and 130 runs to make; plenty of time of course, but no time to waste. Time to waste! There might have been no time at all, to judge by the way Stobart attacked the bowling. And it was not just what villagers call slogging; he played every ball on its merits, stopping the good ones sensibly and safely, and crashing anything over-pitched or at all short. The statistics of his innings are curious. He went in at 5.25, and it was not till 6.15 that he reached 50; at 6.20 he had reached 63, at 6.25, 75; at 6.32 the match was over, the score being 239 for 3, Stobart not out 89. During this last whirlwind few minutes, Phillips had been magnificently rock-like, and had taken his own score to 82. The Radley captain generously offered to let Stobart complete his century, which he did at 6.36. Bradman had just made the fastest century of the year in 73 minutes against Lancashire at Old Trafford; Stobart had taken 71 minutes. His hits included 2 sixes and 14 fours.

RADLEY.				STOWE.			
K. C. Morriss, lbw, b Phillips.....	47			H. C. Lowcock (W), c Campbell, b Morris	9		
R. L. Harrison, lbw, b Scholfield.....	2			J. P. Phillips (C), not out.....	83		
H. R. Grosvenor, lbw, b Scholfield.....	71			C. D. Earle (B), b Campbell.....	3		
H. W. McIntosh, c Hastings, b Phillips....	40			P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Hughes-Cooper	31		
D. T. M. Birks, b Earle.....	0			J. D. W. Stobart (B), not out.....	103		
C. C. Ferguson, c Stobart, b Earle.....	4			M. G. T. Webster (W), A. V. Farnell			
D. A. Cantlay, c Phillips, b Earle.....	8			Watson (W), J. Roche (T), R. H.			
H. W. A. Ruck Keene, b Earle.....	6			Marten (S), J. H. Weir (B) and			
J. S. Hughes-Cooper, run out.....	3			M. B. Scholfield (T) did not bat.			
P. B. Morris, c Roche, b Phillips.....	30						
A. N. M. Campbell, not out.....	11						
Extras .....	13						
Total .....	235			Extras .....	25		
				Total (3 wks.).....	254		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield .....	19	5	62	2	Hughes-Cooper....	11	2	41	1
Weir .....	7	1	27	0	Birks .....	11.3	0	64	0
Phillips .....	16.2	3	66	3	Morriss .....	22	1	65	1
Marten .....	4	0	17	0	Campbell .....	10	2	29	1
Earle .....	12	1	50	4	McIntosh .....	9	3	30	0

#### STOWE v. TONBRIDGE. Played at Tonbridge on June 25. Drawn.

This, the first match between the two schools, was played on the "Head" at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 25th. It is only to be hoped that all other matches in this series will be as exciting as this one when Stowe were trying desperately, but just unsuccessfully, to conquer their newly-found and more famous Cricket rivals. Stowe won the toss on a perfect wicket, and Phillips and Lowcock gave them a splendid start by putting on 60 runs for the first wicket. They played the opening bowlers with confidence, and then came D. G. Yeats-Brown—a real cricketer, good field, hard-hitting batsman and fine slow leg-break bowler. That Stowe made such a formidable score can, I think, be put down in no small manner to the way in which these two batsmen, particularly Lowcock, played him. It was a pleasure to see them using their feet so well.

Lowcock was eventually bowled by a good and faster ball. Earle then came in and was rather shaky to begin with when facing Yeats-Brown. Phillips then unaccountably missed a short straight one and was out for obstruction after playing what was perhaps the best innings of the day with the possible exception of that of M. P. Rose-Price.

Joined by Hastings, Earle began to play some splendid shots, but just before lunch Hastings left and the score at the interval was 117 for 3 wickets.

Earle and Stobart scored quickly after lunch, putting on 60 runs in twenty minutes. Both were a trifle fortunate, but many fine shots came during this partnership. Earle soon followed Stobart to the pavilion having played a courageous, but not one of his best, innings. His 85 included one six and fourteen fours.

Farnell-Watson after a very shaky start played many good shots but lost many opportunities of forcing the pace when runs were wanted quickly. Webster and Roche made useful contributions, and it was particularly gratifying to see Webster playing more confidently. Stowe declared with their score at 282 for 9 wickets.

Tonbridge started their innings none too well, their first wicket falling at 16, and off the last ball before tea Stobart caught a fine catch in the slips off Rodney with the score at 35. Hastings was responsible for the first wicket by means of a brilliant piece of leg-side stumping.

Yeats-Brown then came in and although playing some beautiful shots was not comfortable against Earle, who was bowling with five short legs (too many) and only two men on the off side. He was badly missed with his score at 11 by one of the members of the Suicide Club.

Play was to be continued till 7 o'clock; at 5.50 the score was 95 for 2 wickets, and the game looked like being a tame draw. Suddenly Scholfield got a well earned l.b.w. decision, Stobart brilliantly caught Yeats-Brown in the slips off Rodney, and Phillips caught Welford in the gully off Scholfield. Time, two minutes past six: score, 95 for 5 wickets! Two runs later, Rodney clean bowled Vernon.

Rose-Price then came in and, despite many intelligent bowling changes, played an innings he will surely long remember. The situation was serious for Tonbridge, but he took his life into his hands and hit brilliantly all round the wicket. Every ball was hit in the middle of the bat, and he had scored his 54 in thirty-five minutes when Rodney at 6.45 had him caught.

At eight minutes to 7, Rodney clean bowled the next batsman, but, try as they would, Stowe could not get through the defence of Wood who had batted splendidly since 6 o'clock and seen his side through to safety. Throughout the last exciting eight minutes, he contrived successfully to keep the bowling from his partner.

Quite one of the features of the match was the brilliant wicket-keeping of Hastings, and it was an irony of fate that had he let a few byes on the leg side, which he might well have done, Stowe might have won the match, as they would have had a new ball to attack the last two or three batsmen. Rodney can look back on his first match with satisfaction, as besides taking five wickets he fielded brilliantly. Except for two unfortunate overs when he bowled four or five full pitches, which Rose-Price each time hit for four, he bowled very steadily; so did Scholfield, as always. A most enjoyable match.

STOWE.

H. C. Lowcock (W), b Yeats-Brown.....	23
J. P. Phillips (C), lbw, b Yeats-Brown....	42
C. D. Earle (B), c Yeats-Brown, b Rose-Price .....	85
P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Graham....	6
J. D. W. Stobart (B), lbw, b Rose-Price	31
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), st Dew, b Yeats-Brown .....	45
R. H. Marten (S), b Yeats-Brown.....	0
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Wood, b Yeats-Brown .....	18
Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), c Wood, b Yeats-Brown .....	2
J. Roche (T), not out.....	15
M. B. Scholfield (T), not out.....	2
Extras .....	13
Total (9 wkts. dec.)....	282

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Graham .....	14	3	48	1
Wood .....	9	2	16	0
Rose-Price .....	24	7	62	2
Yeats-Brown .....	27	1	120	6
Davies .....	5	0	23	0

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G. R. Leahy, st Hastings, b Scholfield....	8
R. H. Creasey, c Stobart, b Rodney.....	14
P. Pettman, lbw, b Scholfield .....	25
D. G. W. Yeats-Brown, c Stobart, b Rodney .....	44
C. L. Welford, c Phillips, b Scholfield....	0
P. G. C. Wood, not out.....	27
J. M. Vernon, b Rodney .....	2
M. P. Rose-Price, c Marten, b Rodney....	54
R. A. K. Davies, b Rodney.....	8
P. A. O. Graham, not out.....	0
J. A. Dew did not bat.	0

Extras .....	9
Total (8 wkts.).....	191

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield .....	19	6	48	3
Rodney .....	16	5	50	5
Earle .....	12	1	39	0
Phillips .....	6	2	22	0
Roche .....	2	0	15	0
Marten .....	2	0	8	0

STOWE v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 2nd. Lost by 156 runs.

OLD STOICS.

P. Sherrard (C), st Hastings, b Scholfield	108
K. A. Wilson (T), b Rodney.....	24
A. J. P. Ling (B), c Webster, b Rodney....	40
P. G. Krabbé (B), c Hastings, b Earle....	28
A. C. Lynch-Staunton (T), b Scholfield....	0
A. E. Mallett (B), not out .....	25
P. H. G. Smith (C), not out.....	6
R. H. G. Carr (C), G. A. Griffin (T), P. R. Spencer (S) and M. P. Robinson (S) did not bat.	
Extras .....	21
Total (5 wkts. dec.)....	252

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield .....	16	3	69	2
Rodney .....	17	0	64	2
Earle .....	12	1	60	1
Phillips .....	5	1	25	0
Marten .....	4	1	13	0

STOWE.

H. C. Lowcock (W), c Sherrard, b Griffin	0
J. P. Phillips (C), b Robinson.....	3
C. D. Earle (B), lbw, b Robinson.....	29
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Robinson.....	0
J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Wilson, b Sherrard	18
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Spencer, b Lynch-Staunton .....	14
R. H. Marten (S), b Lynch-Staunton....	0
M. G. T. Webster (W), b Griffin.....	16
J. Roche (T), c Smith, b Lynch-Staunton	13
Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), st Spencer, b Griffin.....	0
M. B. Scholfield (T), not out.....	0
Extras .....	3
Total .....	96

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin.....	9	4	24	3
Robinson .....	11	2	25	3
Sherrard .....	2	0	14	1
Krabbé .....	1	1	0	0
Lynch-Staunton .....	7.2	0	30	3

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Kennington Oval on July 6th and 7th.

Match Drawn.

This match was played at Kennington Oval on Wednesday and Thursday, July 6th and 7th, and the usual draw resulted.

Oundle won the toss and batted. They made a good start through Payne and Conradi, who put on 54 for the first wicket before Payne was bowled by Scholfield. Conradi went on getting runs, and that is the only way one can describe his batting. Every scoring stroke placed the ball on the leg side unless it was a snick through the slips. Eventually at 107 he snicked once too often and was caught by Hastings. Mills, a sound player, and Wilson took the score to 133 by lunch time.

The Stowe bowlers, with the possible exception of Scholfield, had not been impressive. Scholfield too was bowled more than he should have been on the tiring Oval ground and he was a weary man for the rest of the match. Alas, Farnell-Watson was only put on for the last over before lunch. The folly of this was soon manifested after the interval.

The Oundle batting from lunch till 5.20 made it almost certain that the match would be drawn. They scored at a very mediocre rate when they had got well on top of the bowling, and if they were trying to win the match they should either have "got out or got on with it." Farnell-Watson soon got two wickets, and then Earle took the new ball at 200 and made several bewildering changes of bowling. Farnell-Watson was taken off for one over and then given a practically new ball. Surely Rodney or Phillips might have been given two overs while the shine was still on?

Meanwhile Watt and Griffiths had been taking their runs quite easily, Watt completing his 50 before being caught by Stobart in the slips. The score at tea was 280, and on the resumption Waring played what was the best cricket of the innings, making many good forcing shots off his back foot. Oundle were eventually out for 346.

The Stowe bowling and fielding had not been up to their usual standard, although Webster set a fine example at cover where he was accused, owing to his continual quick movements, of trying to make a spot for Verity or may be O'Reilly on the Test Match wicket.

Stowe were left with an hour and a half's batting, during which time they made 136 for the loss of three wickets. Darling was soon caught at slip, but Earle was very confident from the moment he went in, as was Phillips. It came as somewhat of a surprise when Phillips snicked a ball to be caught in the slips. He had certainly played the most attractive innings of the day, one square cut and one straight drive being particularly memorable strokes. Hastings joined Earle, who immediately hit an enormous six right out of the ground. Hastings also played many good strokes, and the pair added 54 runs before Hastings was bowled.

Stobart then came in, and he and Earle stayed till the close. Neither wasted any time and they both hit the ball very hard. At the end of the day Earle was 64, Stobart 23, and the total 136.

The next morning the partnership was not broken until they had taken the score to 167, when Earle was caught at the wicket on the leg side for a well-played 72. His innings included nine fours and one six. Stobart continued to play very well, but Farnell-Watson was never happy.

Then Stobart, with the score at 199, hit across a straight one and was l.b.w. His valuable 68 included ten fours. Lowcock came in and played really well. He hit the ball hard and at lunch was 34 not out. Earle then declared when Stowe were still 93 runs behind, a definite challenge to Oundle and the only possible hope of finishing the match.

The features of the Oundle second innings were threefold—Payne's batting, Stowe's bad bowling, and the delay in bringing on Farnell-Watson.

Payne batted beautifully and undoubtedly played the best innings of the match. Continual showers drove the players to the pavilion, and he consequently had to play himself in several times. This in no way affected his batting. His 81 included 16 fours, chiefly powerful hooks and off drives. Payne declared with the score at 154 for three wickets—all taken by Farnell-Watson for 36 runs—leaving Stowe to score at the rate of 125 runs an hour. It was not an impossible task, but a very difficult one.

Earle went in first with Phillips, who was soon out. Stobart then came in and while these two were together there was a chance of a Stoic victory. They both played well, but several half volleys went unpunished and Stobart's running between the wickets was slovenly and poor.

When he was eventually bowled at 72 there was no chance of anything but a draw; and Earle, Hastings, and Lowcock between them played quietly until just before six o'clock when rain again had the players back into the pavilion.

OUNDLÉ.				
1st innings.				
C. P. Payne	b Scholfield	17		
E. R. Conradi	c Hastings, b Scholfield	69		
J. M. Mills	c Hastings, b Farnell-Watson	39		
F. R. Wilson	c Scholfield, b Farnell-Watson	31		
J. M. Griffiths	c Farnell-Watson, b Scholfield	32		
P. N. Watt	c Stobart, b Phillips	50		
S. M. M. Gilbert	b Scholfield	4		
T. L. Waring	c Scholfield, b Farnell-Watson	46		
R. G. Nicholls	b Farnell-Watson	39		
D. F. Shaw	b Rodney	8		
R. G. L. Brittain	not out	0		
Extras		11		
Total		346		

OUNDLÉ.				
2nd innings.				
c Scholfield, b Farnell-Watson	81			
c Earle, b Farnell-Watson	37			
not out	20			
lbw, b Farnell-Watson	16			
Total (3 wkts. dec.)	154			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle	20	4	47	0
Scholfield	27	6	81	4
Rodney	12.3	4	31	1
Phillips	18	4	57	1
Roche	3	1	15	0
Farnell-Watson	21	1	104	4

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle	9	0	59	0
Scholfield	5	0	25	0
Rodney	2	0	13	0
Phillips	2	0	21	0
Farnell-Watson	5.1	1	36	3

STOWE.				
1st innings.				
L. G. Darling (C), c Brittain, b Gilbert....	0			
J. P. Phillips (C), c Nicholls, b Shaw....	26			
C. D. Earle (B), c Brittain, b Gilbert.....	72			
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Watt.....	21			
J. D. W. Stobart (B), lbw, b Watt.....	68			
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Nicholls, b Watt .....	12			
H. C. Lowcock (W), not out.....	34			
M. G. T. Webster (W), not out.....	7			
J. Roche (T), The Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), and M. B. Scholfield (T) did not bat.				
Extras .....	13			
Total (6 wkts. dec.)....	253			

2nd innings.				
c Brittain, b Shaw.....	4			
c Wilson, b Shaw.....	43			
not out.....	13			
b Nicholls .....	31			
not out .....	4			
Extras .....	8			
Total (3 wkts.).....	103			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gilbert .....	20	2	65	2
Shaw .....	21	3	64	1
Nicholls .....	11	0	49	0
Watt .....	11	1	36	3
Mills .....	4	0	21	0
Wilson .....	2	0	5	0

## 2ND XI.

The 2nd XI, under the captaincies of Nicholl and Dundas, has been especially strong in bowling and fielding. On no occasion has a score of 200 been made against them. Most of the bowling has been done by Scott and Rodney, but Williamson, Darling and Hooper have also bowled well on occasions. The batting has been deplorable at times, but the sad failure against the R.A.F., Abingdon, was completely discounted by a glorious win against Bradfield: in this match one of the largest scores in the history of the school was registered, while magnificent fielding by Murdoch and excellent bowling by Scott and Rodney dismissed the opposition for a very low score.

The team must be congratulated on the exceptionally small number of losses, but it must be remembered that some of the draws were not exactly in our favour.

Statisticians will be interested to note that the batsmen on the whole averaged 22, while the opposition batsmen averaged only 15, and also that Stowe were all out only once in the season.

## Results:—

May 14th.	v. RUGBY 2ND XI.	Home.	Won.
	Rugby, 83 (Scholfield 6 for 15).		Stowe, 166 for 5 (Stewart 42 not out).
May 21st.	v. RADLEY 2ND XI.	Away.	Drawn.
	Radley, 119 (Scott 4 for 24).		Stowe, 90 for 6 (Darling 32 not out).
June 1st.	v. BEDFORD 2ND XI.	Home.	Drawn.
	Stowe, 209 for 7 declared (Farnell-Watson 61, Nicholl 49).		Bedford, 82 for 2.
June 4th.	v. HARROW 2ND XI.	Home.	Drawn.
	Harrow, 169 for 8.		Stowe, 93 for 9.
June 8th.	v. R.A.F., ABINGDON.	Home.	Lost.
	R.A.F., Abingdon, 58 (Darling 5 for 21).		Stowe, 31.
June 16th.	v. BRADFIELD 2ND XI.	Home.	Won.
	Stowe, 253 for 1 declared (Lowcock 121 not out, Cunningham 69 not out, Dundas 53).		Bradfield, 61 (Rodney 5 for 29, Scott 5 for 27).
June 18th.	v. R.A.F., BICESTER.	Away.	Drawn.
	R.A.F., Bicester, 132 for 4.		Stowe, 79 for 7.
June 22nd.	v. ST. PAUL'S 2ND XI.	Away.	Drawn.
	Stowe, 162 for 9 declared (Williamson 38).		St. Paul's, 101 for 8 (Rodney 4 for 38, Scott 3 for 32).
June 29th.	v. METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE.	Home.	Lost.
	Stowe, 156 for 5 declared (Darling 51).		Metropolitan Police College, 159 for 7.
July 2nd.	v. OLD STOICS.	Home.	Won.
	Old Stoics, 187.		Stowe, 207 for 6.

Summary of Results:—Played 10. Won, 3. Lost, 2. Drawn, 5.

## 3RD XI.

This team has had rather an unsuccessful career this term, owing to inadequate batting and a scarcity of bowling talent.

Great difficulty was found in obtaining an opening pair who could give the side a reasonable start, and the batting in the middle was very unreliable.

Dewhurst captained the side well, attempting valiantly to make bricks without straw. Bates, Milne, and Sharpe on occasions batted well, and Backus, Reid and Dewhurst shared the bowling honours.

- May 25th. *v.* R.A.F., BICESTER. Match drawn.  
R.A.F., Bicester, 148 (Backus 4 for 35).  
Stowe, 140 for 5 (Baxter 48, Marten 40)
- June 1st. *v.* BUCKINGHAM. Match drawn.  
Buckingham, 162 for 5 declared (Backus 3 for 29).  
Stowe, 53 for 4.
- June 4th. *v.* TILE HOUSE. Won by 5 runs.  
Stowe, 78.  
Tile House, 73 (Dewhurst 4 for 9, Reid 4 for 13).
- June 15th. *v.* BUCKINGHAM. Lost by 6 wickets.  
Stowe, 142.  
Buckingham, 268 for 8.
- June 18th. *v.* BEDFORD 3rd. XI. Match drawn.  
Stowe, 179 for 5 declared (Milne 60, Baxter 38).  
Bedford, 119 for 5 (Dewhurst 3 for 20).
- June 22nd. *v.* R.A.F., HALTON. Lost by 7 wickets.  
Stowe, 148 (Dewhurst 40).  
R.A.F., Halton, 164 for 4.

## COLTS.

The Colts have played 7 matches, lost 4, and won 3; to find as bad a record as this, one has to go back as far as 1929. Yet, speaking individually, the players in the team have been probably the best we have had. The cause of the poor results is the fact that the team as a whole has been unable to realize that the one thing that can be good in all circumstances is the fielding. Too often, when the batting has failed, the fielding has also gone to pieces. A notable exception to this is to be found in the captain, M. I. Atkin-Berry, who, while failing consistently as an open bat, has fielded super-

lately—the more credit to him—as the rest of his team was cracking under the strain of being out of form in batting or bowling. Of the rest of the team, we prefer to mention no names; there are several most promising players, and they will do well as soon as they have the experience necessary to get themselves out of a run of bad luck.

The following matches have been played:—

- May 14th. At Stowe. *v.* 3RD XI.  
Colts, 206 for 7 declared (Falkner 48 not out, Lewisohn 45, Thomson 40 not out);  
3rd XI, 55 for 5 (Higham 4 for 31). Rain stopped play.
- May 25th. At Stowe. *v.* BEDFORD.  
Colts, 210 for 6 declared (Lewisohn 84, Higham 36, Le Bouvier 26 not out, Griffin  
23 not out); Bedford, 116 (Hawkins 5 for 36).
- June 4th. At Oundle. *v.* OUNDLE.  
Colts, 174 (Griffin 43, Thomson 25); Oundle, 175 for 6.
- June 11th. At Rugby. *v.* RUGBY.  
Rugby 83 (Higham 4 for 24, Le Bouvier 3 for 30); Colts, 94 for 6 (Hickling 27).
- June 18th. At Harrow. *v.* HARROW.  
Colts, 256 (Hickling 69, Falkner 60, Clarkson 48, Griffin 45); Harrow, 260 for 8  
(Griffin 4 for 41).
- June 23rd. At Bradfield. *v.* BRADFIELD.  
Bradfield, 187 (Atkin-Berry 3 for 24, Higham 3 for 60); Colts, 162 (Hickling 39,  
Thomson 31, Griffin 23).
- July 2nd. At Stowe. *v.* WELLINGTON.  
Wellington, 93 (Griffin 3 for 15, Le Bouvier 3 for 22); Colts 78 (Falkner 21).
- July 6th. At Stowe. *v.* RADLEY.  
Radley, 80 (Higham 5 for 22); Stowe, 81 for 5 (Atkin-Berry 24, Higham 24 not out).

## JUNIOR COLTS.

The season started with a crushing defeat at the hands of Radley, who, thanks to our inept batting and truly deplorable fielding, won very easily by nine wickets. This dismal display proved a blessing in disguise, for after the Haileybury match had once more to be scratched (bad weather was the reason this time) Rugby, the Oratory School, and Bloxham were beaten in successive matches, and it was not until the last game of the season—against Bedford—that we were again defeated. Both this match and that against Bloxham provided most exciting finishes.

The best feature of the side's cricket was its bowling. Savery did a tremendous amount of work and usually took wickets, and the left-handers, Barrowclough and Calthorpe, show considerable promise. In the last three matches Johnson bowled his leg-breaks quite well but without much luck, and Higham was most successful against Bloxham and Bedford.

The batting was very uneven. Soames and Pragnell were a useful opening pair, if not a very entertaining one, their best performance being against Rugby when their opening partnership realized 64. Of the others, Savery improved steadily and played one very good innings, and Eaglesfield, by bold methods which would horrify the purist, made useful scores whenever his luck held, and it failed him only once. Mallory too looks promising, though in matches he only got going once.

Baker proved a competent wicket-keeper, especially to Barrowclough's bowling, and the fielding steadily improved. Against Bedford it was very good indeed, and several really good catches were held in the later games—a welcome change from the form shown in that disastrous match at Radley.

#### Results :—

May 21st. *v.* RADLEY. Away. Lost by 9 wickets.  
Stowe, 73 (Campbell-Cooke 26 not out).  
Radley, 136 for 1 wicket.

June 11th. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Won by 53 runs.  
Stowe, 137 (Pragnell 36, Savery 25, Eaglesfield 22).  
Rugby, 84 (Savery 5 for 19, Barrowclough 3 for 23).

June 18th. *v.* THE ORATORY SCHOOL. Home. Won by 95 runs.  
Stowe, 153 for 9 wkts. dec. (Savery 69 not out, Eaglesfield 22).  
Oratory, 58 (Savery 4 for 18, Barrowclough 3 for 10).

June 22nd. *v.* BLOXHAM. Away. Won by 1 wicket.  
Bloxham, 127 (Higham 4 for 17, Savery 4 for 26).  
Stowe, 141 for 9 wickets (Eaglesfield 34, Savery 22).

July 2nd. *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Lost by 2 wickets.  
Stowe, 105 for 8 declared (Mallory 25).  
Bedford, 106 for 8 (Higham 5 for 21).

House Cricket Leagues were won by Grenville.

#### 1ST XI AVERAGES.

##### BATTING.

	Innings.	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
C. D. Earle (B) ... ..	13	547	0	157	42.08
J. D. W. Stobart (B) ... ..	11	363	1	103*	36.30
J. P. Phillips (C) ... ..	13	355	2	83*	32.27
J. E. C. Nicholl (B) ... ..	5	106	1	68*	26.50
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) ... ..	9	153	1	45	19.12
P. R. H. Hastings (T) ... ..	13	164	2	37	14.91
J. Roche (T) ... ..	8	103	1	52	14.71
M. B. Scholfield (T) ... ..	8	72	3	26	14.40
J. H. Weir (B) ... ..	8	67	3	18	13.40
H. C. Lowcock (W) ... ..	10	88	2	34*	11.00
M. G. T. Webster (W) ... ..	11	107	1	19	10.70

The following also batted :—B. A. Stewart (C), 5 ; R. H. Marten (C), 3, 0, 0 ; R. H. M. Spencer (W), 1\*, 3\*, 4, 0\* ; Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), 2, 0 ; L. G. Darling (C), 1, 0 ; D. K. Murdoch (T), 0, 1.

##### BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. B. Scholfield (T) ... ..	209	39	634	39	16.26
Hon. J. F. Rodney (W) ... ..	47.3	9	158	8	19.75
C. D. Earle (B) ... ..	154.3	22	564	24	23.5
J. P. Phillips (C) ... ..	143.4	33	451	18	25.06
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) ... ..	36.1	3	200	7	28.57
J. H. Weir (B) ... ..	93	15	315	9	35.00
J. Roche (T) ... ..	19	2	91	2	45.50

The following also bowled :—R. H. M. Spencer (W), 23—4—111—2 ; R. H. Marten (C), 14—3—47—1 ; D. K. Murdoch (T), 1—0—4—0.

The following catches were made :—P. R. H. Hastings, 19 (ct. 14, st. 5) ; C. D. Earle, M. B. Scholfield, 8 each ; J. D. W. Stobart, 7 ; J. P. Phillips, J. Roche, 5 each ; J. E. C. Nicholl, 4 ; A. V. Farnell-Watson, R. H. M. Spencer, 3 each ; J. H. Weir, D. K. Murdoch, 2 each ; H. C. Lowcock, R. H. Marten, M. G. T. Webster, 1 each.

## LAWN TENNIS

The season has not been too unsuccessful, although more matches have been lost than won. The side has nearly always played under the handicap of being without a fully representative first pair. B. J. G. Kaye, who showed signs of being really useful, was first ill with 'flu and then had the misfortune to damage his ankle badly enough to keep him out of the side for the rest of the season. This was not only very bad luck on himself but also on his brother who, rather than disorganize the other pairs, chose to play with the seventh man. Often too, the best or even second best substitute was not available, as Bolton too became a casualty.

Wachmann and Holbech, as second pair, were the most successful and consistent, and should be useful next year if Wachmann can put a little more snap into his game and Holbech improve his volleying.

The third pair, Andrews and Dunlop, were attractive to watch, playing a volleying and hard-hitting type of game, but they were unreliable as a result of this enterprise.

D. A. G. Kaye has been a good captain and has played well. It is to be hoped that his brother will be fit for them to do well at Queen's.

The House Matches were won by Grafton after a hard-fought match in which Chatham were beaten 3—2.

In the Leagues, Grenville have won after an exciting struggle with Chandos to enter the final. Cobham were the other finalists.

The result of the Mornington Singles will not be known until near the end of term.

The Second Six only had two matches, but they did well to lead comfortably against St. Paul's at Queen's in an unfinished match, most of the games being played on the indoor wooden courts.

The coaching of Mr. Manners for a month near the beginning of term was most valuable, and we very much hope he will be coming to us again next year.

Finally, our thanks are due to those who collect teams to come and play us, particularly to Mr. Lilley, whose efforts to bring down well-known players are much appreciated.

## RESULTS OF TENNIS MATCHES.

v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played on Saturday, May 14th. Won, 8—1.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and B. J. G. Kaye (♁) beat 1st pair (6—0, 6—3); beat 2nd pair (6—1, 6—2); beat 3rd pair (6—1, 6—0).

J. B. Andrews (♁) and J. B. Dunlop (♁) beat 1st pair (6—4, 6—4); lost to 2nd pair (6—4, 3—6, 1—6); beat 3rd pair (6—4, 6—2).

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (♁) beat 1st pair (6—4, 4—6, 6—4); beat 2nd pair (6—4, 6—4); beat 3rd pair (6—3, 6—4).

v. HERTFORD COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played on Saturday, May 21st. Lost, 4—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and J. B. Dunlop (♁) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (3—6, 4—6); beat 3rd pair (6—1, 6—3).

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (♁) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 7—5, 2—6); beat 2nd pair (9—7, 6—1); beat 3rd pair (6—0, 6—4).

J. B. Andrews (♁) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (4—6, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (10—8, 3—6, 2—6); beat 3rd pair (6—3, 6—1).

v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. To have been played on Saturday, May 28th.

Cancelled owing to rain.

v. ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL. To have been played on Wednesday, June 1st.

Cancelled owing to rain.

v. MR. J. F. WHEELER'S VI. Played on Saturday, June 4th. Lost, 4—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and B. J. G. Kaye (♁) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 6—2, 2—6); beat 2nd pair (6—1, 6—2); beat 3rd pair (6—1, 6—3).

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (♁) lost to 1st pair (6—2, 0—6, 3—6); beat 2nd pair (6—2, 6—3); lost to 3rd pair (5—7, 4—6).

J. B. Andrews (♁) and J. B. Dunlop (♁) lost to 1st pair (4—6, 12—10, 3—6); beat 2nd pair (6—4, 2—6, 6—3); lost to 3rd pair (4—6, 5—7).

v. MR. C. M. J. ELLIS'S VI. Played on Wednesday, June 8th. Lost, 2—6.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and B. J. G. Kaye (♁) unfinished against 1st pair (6—2, 5—7). B. J. G. Kaye retired with damaged ankle.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and D. M. Bolton (♁) beat 2nd pair (7—5, 1—6, 7—5); lost to 3rd pair (1—6, 2—6).

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (♁) lost to 1st pair (4—6, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (4—6, 4—6); lost to 3rd pair (2—6, 5—7).

J. B. Andrews (♁) and J. B. Dunlop (♁) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 1—6); beat 2nd pair (6—3, 1—6, 10—8); lost to 3rd pair (3—6, 0—6).

v. R.M.A., WOOLWICH. Played on Saturday, June 11th. Lost, 3—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♁) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (4—6, 4—6); did not play 2nd pair; lost to 3rd pair (0—6, 1—6).

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (♁) lost to 1st pair (6—4, 1—6, 4—6); beat 2nd pair (6—4, 7—5); beat 3rd pair (6—3, 6—2).

J. B. Andrews (♁) and J. B. Dunlop (♁) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 5—7); beat 2nd pair (6—2, 4—6, 6—4); lost to 3rd pair (6—4, 4—6, 8—10).

v. MR. J. G. LILLEY'S VI. Played on Wednesday, June 15th. Won, 5-4.

C. Wachmann (♣) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (4-6, 6-1, 3-6); beat 2nd pair (1-6, 6-1, 6-1); beat 3rd pair (6-0, 6-2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. B. Dunlop (C) lost to 1st pair (2-6, 1-6); beat 2nd pair (6-3, 4-6, 6-4); beat 3rd pair (6-2, 6-2).

R. A. Colvile (G) and F. N. C. Satow (C) lost to 1st pair (2-6, 2-6); lost to 2nd pair (3-6, 3-6); beat 3rd pair (7-5, 8-6).

v. THE P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Played on Saturday, June 18th. Lost, 3-6.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (6-2, 0-6, 5-7); lost to 2nd pair (0-6, 1-6); beat 3rd pair (6-1, 6-4).

C. Wachmann (♣) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (6-8, 3-6); lost to 2nd pair (10-8, 2-6, 2-6); beat 3rd pair (6-0, 7-5).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. B. Dunlop (C) lost to 1st pair (4-6, 2-6); lost to 2nd pair (5-7, 3-6); beat 3rd pair (6-0, 7-5).

v. MR. J. F. WHEELER'S VI. (return). Played on Wednesday, June 22nd. Won, 5-3.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and R. A. Colvile (G) beat 1st pair (9-7, 8-6); unfinished against 2nd pair; beat 3rd pair (6-3, 5-7, 6-3).

C. Wachmann (♣) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) beat 1st pair (6-4, 3-6, 7-5); beat 2nd pair (4-6, 6-3, 6-4); beat 3rd pair (2-6, 6-3, 6-2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. B. Dunlop (C) lost to 1st pair (1-6, 6-4, 3-6); lost to 2nd pair (5-7, 12-14); lost to 3rd pair (7-5, 6-8, 3-6).

v. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL. Played at Roehampton Club on Thursday, 23rd June. Won, 6-2.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (6-4, 3-6, 5-7); beat 2nd pair (6-3, 6-1); beat 3rd pair (6-0, 7-5).

C. Wachmann (♣) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (6-4, 3-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (6-0, 6-0); beat 3rd pair (6-1, 6-2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. B. Dunlop (C) unfinished against 1st pair (8-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (7-5, 9-7); beat 3rd pair (6-0, 6-3).

v. OLD STOICS. Played on Saturday, July 2nd. Lost, 2-7.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 8-10); lost to 2nd pair (6-1, 1-6, 4-6); lost to 3rd pair (1-6, 2-6).

C. Wachmann (♣) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (6-0, 7-5); beat 3rd pair (6-4, 6-2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. B. Dunlop (C) lost to 1st pair (6-1, 0-6, 6-8); lost to 2nd pair (2-6, 4-6); lost to 3rd pair (3-6, 4-6).

## SWIMMING

The standard of swimming has improved greatly this year, thanks to the combined efforts of Mr. Hands and a very able coach; but, as in previous years, we have been at a disadvantage with other schools who have an indoor swimming bath.

As usual R. Backus, J. B. Andrews and G. F. B. Newport-Tinley have proved themselves keen swimmers; while our diver, J. A. H. Lucas, and our two outstanding breaststroke swimmers, P. M. F. Sichel and C. F. Warner, have done a lot to support the side.

### RESULTS OF THE MATCHES.

JUNIORS v. BERKHAMSTED. Away, June 1st.

This match was most exciting, as the points were equal up to the Relay. The first Relay was a dead heat, and Stowe won the second Relay by a touch, with 25 points against Berkhamsted's 21.

40 Yards Free Style.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (♣); 3, J. A. H. Lucas (♣); 4, Berkhamsted. Time, 23 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (♣); 3, Berkhamsted; 4, A. D. Thomson (C). Time, 73 secs.

40 Yards Backstroke.—1, A. D. Thomson (C); 2, Berkhamsted; 3, Berkhamsted; 4, P. M. F. Sichel (♣).

60 Yards Breaststroke.—1, P. M. F. Sichel (♣); 2, R. A. Bernstein (♣); 3, Berkhamsted; 4, Berkhamsted.

Dive.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, J. A. H. Lucas (♣).

1st Relay, 4 × 40 Yards.—Dead Heat.

2nd Relay, 4 × 20 Yards.—1, Stowe; 2, Berkhamsted.

SENIORS v. BERKHAMSTED. Home, June 11th.

This was another exciting match, considering that we only lost by one point, the score being 22½ points for Berkhamsted against Stowe's 21½.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, Berkhamsted; 3, R. D. Jay (W); 4, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (♣).

50 Yards Free Style.—1, R. Backus (B); 2, Berkhamsted; 3, Berkhamsted; 4, J. A. H. Lucas (♣).

50 Yards Breaststroke.—Equal 1st, C. F. Warner (♣), Berkhamsted; 3, P. M. F. Sichel (♣); 4, Berkhamsted.

Dive.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, J. A. H. Lucas (♣); 3, Berkhamsted; 4, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (♣).

Relay.—1, Stowe; 2, Berkhamsted.



TRIANGULAR MATCH *v.* HARROW AND WESTMINSTER. Home, June 23rd.

In this match Harrow had the bad luck of running into the side during the relay; otherwise they might have been first. The result was: Harrow and Stowe equal first with 37 points, Westminster third with 22 points.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Harrow; 2, Harrow; 3, R. D. Jay (W); 4, Westminster; 5, Westminster; 6, F. J. T. Durie (C). Time, 68 secs.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C); 2, Harrow; 3, J. A. H. Lucas (C); 4, Harrow; 5, Westminster; 6, Westminster. Time, 29 secs.

Dive.—1, Harrow; 2, Harrow; 3, J. A. H. Lucas (C); 4, Westminster; 5, Westminster; 6, F. Carolan (G).

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Westminster; 2, C. F. Warner (G); 3, P. M. F. Sichel (C); 4, Westminster; 5, Harrow; 6, Harrow. Time, 36 secs.

Relay.—1, Stowe; 2, Harrow; 3, Westminster.

SENIORS *v.* RUGBY. Away, June 30th.

This match, although an exciting one, was spoilt somewhat by a misunderstanding as to the number of people swimming in the relay. Stowe was two points ahead; but the relay had to be re-swum, and Stowe lost by 22 points to Rugby's 26.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Rugby; 2, J. B. Andrews (G); 3, R. D. Jay (W); 4, Rugby. Time, 67 secs.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, Rugby; 2, R. Backus (B); 3, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C); 4, Rugby. Time, 28 secs.

100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, P. M. F. Sichel (C); 2, C. F. Warner (G); 3, Rugby; 4, Rugby. Time, 1 min. 27 secs.

Dive.—1, Rugby; 2, J. A. H. Lucas (C); 3 equal, F. Carolan (G) and Rugby.

Relay.—1, Rugby; 2, Stowe.

SENIORS *v.* THE OLD STOICS. Home, July 2nd.

As usual, it was very pleasant to swim against familiar swimmers such as are the Old Stoics. Stowe won with 18½ points to 12½.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C); 2, R. D. Jay (W); 3, J. C. Breese; 4, S. Hoskyn. Time, 70 secs.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, R. Backus (B); 2, L. A. McAfee; 3, J. A. H. Lucas (C); 4, A. R. Amberton. Time, 29 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, P. M. F. Sichel (C); 2, C. F. Warner (G); 3, L. C. Jolivet; 4, L. A. McAfee. Time, 38 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke.—1, J. C. Breese; 2, E. Carolan (G). Time, 39 secs.

Dive.—1, L. A. McAfee; equal 2, L. C. Jolivet and J. A. H. Lucas (C); 4, F. Carolan (G).

Plunge.—1, G. B. Cobb; 2, P. Carter (G). Distance, 61 feet.

Relay.—1, Stowe; 2, Old Stoics.

We regret that the match against Radley, arranged for Thursday, July 7th, was cancelled owing to the fact that they had scarlet fever.

R.D.J.

#### WATER-POLO.

It has been our endeavour to take water-polo more seriously this year than previously and a number of matches have been arranged. As is usual in the case of a new idea, certain difficulties had to be met, but these were surmounted with little effort. One only made a serious handicap, the weather. It was not until after half-term that the School were allowed to bathe.

From the results of the matches it may not appear that much progress has been made, but despite appearances success has not been absent and keenness has been of the very best, and the "tout ensemble" bodes well for future chances.

Matches and results:—

<i>v.</i> BERKHAMSTED.	Won, 3—0.
<i>v.</i> BEDFORD MODERN.	Lost, 1—5.
<i>v.</i> WESTMINSTER.	Cancelled owing to lack of time.
<i>v.</i> RUGBY.	Lost, 0—1.
<i>v.</i> OLD STOICS.	Lost, 1—2.
<i>v.</i> RADLEY.	Cancelled.
<i>v.</i> OTTERS.	
<i>v.</i> BUCKS POLICE.	
<i>v.</i> OUNDLE.	

The teams which lost to Rugby and the Old Stoics were not the full School side, two members of the team being away on the former occasion and three on the second. There is a possibility that next year a match will be arranged with R.M.A., Woolwich, and also with a London unit of the regular army. With these two extra matches the fixture card will be complete.

The team was :—R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), H. D. Binyon (C), F. J. T. Durie (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), R. R. Oakey (C), capt., D. A. Yellowlees (C).

The following also played :—N. Ward (C), C. F. Warner (S).

R.R.O.

#### LIFE-SAVING.

An interesting and instructive addition to the list of Thursday extras this term has been the Life-Saving class. At the examination on Thursday, July 14th, conducted by Mr. J. W. Kaye of Aylesbury, an official R.L.S.S. examiner, F. J. T. Durie (C) and P. Howson (O.S.) (C) passed the difficult Award of Merit Test, all the candidates presented obtained the Intermediate Certificate, and only five failed to obtain the Bronze Medallion. These results reflect great credit on the candidates and instructors alike, and it is to be hoped that a large number of boys will try next year to qualify in this most valuable accomplishment, a knowledge of which ought to be part of everybody's education.

Particular credit is due to F. J. T. Durie (C), for in addition to his personal success in the Award of Merit Test he organized all the practices and instructed the candidates, under the supervision of Mr. Heidenstam and with the assistance, in the early stages, of R. D. Jay (W) and M. L. Græme (T). For his instruction of candidates Durie was awarded a 2nd Class Instructor's Certificate.

A list of the successful candidates follows :—

*Award of Merit* :—F. J. T. Durie (C) and P. Howson (O.S.) (C).

*2nd Class Instructor's Certificate* :—F. J. T. Durie (C).

*Bronze Medallion* :—R. A. Bernstein (S), F. Carolan (G), E. Carolan (G), P. B. S. Cooper (W), L. J. Eastwood (G), J. F. Ferguson-Smith (G), B. N. L. Fletcher (C), J. D. R. Hayward (G), R. D. Jay (W), J. A. H. Lucas (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), P. M. F. Sichel (C), D. Walker (T), C. F. Warner (S), D. A. Yellowlees (C).

*Intermediate Certificate* :—D. R. Barr-Wells (G), A. B. P. Beeton (W), R. A. Bernstein (S), J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), F. Carolan (G), E. Carolan (G), P. B. S. Cooper (W), A. C. B. Dore (C), L. J. Eastwood (G), J. F. Ferguson-Smith (G), B. N. L. Fletcher (C), J. D. R. Hayward (G), R. D. Jay (W), J. A. H. Lucas (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), P. M. F. Sichel (C), D. Walker (T), C. F. Warner (S), J. R. B. Williams-Ellis (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C).

J.R.H.

## FENCING

THERE is never a great inducement to fence regularly throughout the summer term, owing to the large variety of other occupations. But attendance has on the whole been good. Futhermore, with the coming of summer the atmosphere in Concord has been relieved of the thick pall of Carbon Monoxide gas with which it is enveloped whenever the stove is lit, making it quite impossible to stay inside for any length of time. We welcome the return of Mr. Wakeford to active fencing.

The team, after rather a poor start, found its form against Eton. We have had an unusually small number of matches this term, owing to several having to be cancelled. One fixture was only cancelled by means of a frantic telegram, when our team was embarking on the train.

H. W. J. E. Peel (G) has somewhat regained his old form, and should do well next term. J. A. Cutforth (S), after quite a good start, was rather disappointing in the Eton match, especially in the épée, though his foil was quite good. J. M. E. Clarkson (G) has fenced consistently well, and thoroughly deserved his colours. C. E. L. H. Reiche (S), though still a little uncertain of his attacks, has improved considerably. P. O. Willing (C) shows promise, and in time with a little more practice should become a useful fencer. M. H. R. Sandwith (W) and C. Wachmann (S) also suffer from lack of practice, and Wachmann's sabre especially has been disappointing. Amongst the Juniors, there is a marked tendency towards roughness, which if not checked will spoil their fencing. F. M. Frankenburg (C) and C. V. B. Blacque (G) in particular deserve mention, and in years to come should prove valuable assets to the team.

#### THE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER.

At Stowe, on May 28th. Lost, 7—20.

As always seems to be the case when we fence Westminster, the team was very out of practice, owing to this being the first match of the term. Clarkson, as he always seems to when it is most needed, succeeded in winning two fights out of three, and Willing did very well to win a fight in his first match.

*Scores* :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats ; J. A. Cutforth (S) and M. H. R. Sandwith (W), three defeats each. Total, eight defeats.

*Westminster* :—M. Pears and D. Pears, no defeats ; R. E. Nye, one defeat. Total, one defeat.

Epée.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (G), one defeat ; P. O. Willing (C), two defeats ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

*Westminster* :—D. Pears, no defeat ; M. Pears, one defeat ; R. E. Nye, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

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

*Westminster* :—M. Pears, D. Pears and R. E. Nye, one defeat each. Total, three defeats.

#### THE SCHOOL v. ETON.

At Eton, on June 11th. Drawn, 13—13.

The team fenced very well, though Cutforth was rather a disappointment, perhaps being put off through fencing out of doors. The match was drawn as a result of there being a double hit in the épée, which counts as a loss to both sides.

Scores :—

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

*Eton* :—A. Morell-Miller and R. G. Style, one defeat each ; S. G. Warrender, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), no defeat ; J. A. Cutforth (G) and P. O. Willing (C), three defeats each. Total, six defeats.

*Eton* :—A. Morell-Miller and S. G. Warrender, one defeat each ; J. E. B. Skimming, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

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

*Eton* :—A. Morell-Miller and S. G. Warrender, one defeat each ; R. G. Style, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

#### THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY.

At Stowe, on July 9th. Won, 16—10.

Cutforth and Reiche both fenced very well, but Peel was not quite up to his form in foil though he did quite well in the other two weapons. There was one double-hit in the épée.

Scores :—

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

*Radley* :—D. B. Fergusson, no defeat ; A. M. Constantine-Smith, two defeats ; A. C. Herman-Hodge, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

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

*Radley* :—J. R. Williams, one defeat ; M. Demetriadi and A. C. Herman-Hodge, three defeats each. Total, seven defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (G), no defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat ; M. H. R. Sandwith (W), three defeats. Total, four defeats.

*Radley* :—M. Demetriadi, one defeat ; J. D. Fergusson and A. M. Constantine-Smith, two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1938

### 1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 1	—London Scottish "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 8	—Rosslyn Park "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 15	—Harrow School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 19	—Magdalen College	Home.
Sat., Oct. 22	—R.A.F., Halton	Away.
Sat., Oct. 29	—Richmond "A"	Home.
Sat., Nov. 5	—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed., Nov. 9	—Oriental College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12	—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 19	—Blackheath "A"	Home.
Wed., Nov. 23	—Radley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 26	—LX Club	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3	—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Dec. 10	—Veterans' XV.	Home.

### 2ND XV.

Sat., Oct. 1	—Brackley R.F.C.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 8	—Radley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 15	—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Oct. 22	—Asterisks	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29	—Harrow	Home.
Sat., Nov. 5	—Haileybury	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12	—Wellington	Away.
Sat., Nov. 19	—Blackheath Extra "A"	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3	—Bedford	Home.

### 3RD XV.

Sat., Oct. 8	—Radley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 15	—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Oct. 22	—Maidern Erlegh	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29	—Harrow	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12	—Magdalen College School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3	—Bedford	Away.

### COLTS XV.

Wed., Oct. 12	—St. Edward's	Home.
Sat., Oct. 15	—Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 5	—Rugby	Away.
Sat., Nov. 12	—Wellington	Away.
Sat., Nov. 19	—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 26	—Radley	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3	—Bedford	Home.

## JUNIOR COLTS XV.

Wed., Oct. 12—St. Edward's	Home.
Sat., Oct. 15—Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 5—Rugby	Away.
Sat., Nov. 19—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 26—Radley	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3—Bedford	Home.

## SPORTS 1938

Sports Day was held on Saturday, March 26th. Throughout the heats and on Sports Day itself, there had been the most wonderful weather, and consequently the track was in very good condition. This undoubtedly helped the runners but was in no way entirely responsible for some of the really magnificent performances accomplished.

Putting the Weight, both open and under 16, was included for the first time, as were five Under 15 Events.

The points for the House Sports Cup were changed, and in Open Events, with the exception of the Pole Vault, Javelin, Discus and Weight, which counted the same as the Under 16 Events, the first 6 places were taken. The first four places in Under 16 Events, and first three in Under 15 Events, gained points.

In the Open Events, five new records were set up, and without doubt the two best performances were those of P. R. H. Hastings (T). He won the Half Mile in 2 mins. 0.7 secs., and the Quarter Mile in 51.4 secs. He won both these races as he liked, and he has a beautiful stride and perfectly controlled arm action. Both these records should stand for a long time unless Hastings himself beats them next year. In the Half Mile both W. W. Cheyne (C) and M. G. T. Webster (W) ran splendidly and were also inside the old record, as was C. A. Ashcroft (C) in the Quarter Mile.

J. M. Thomson (C) more than fulfilled the great promise that he had shown last year. He won the hundred yards, 220 Yards and Long Jump, in the last of which he beat the previous record with a fine jump of 21ft. 1in.

Other records that were beaten in the Open Events were those of the Hurdles by C. D. Earle (B), who improved tremendously during the season, and the Mile by Webster.

In the Under 16 Events the standard was equally high, and the long jumping was remarkable. J. D. Le Bouvier (T) and C. D. Drew (C) consistently jumped over 19ft., Le Bouvier finally jumping 19ft. 7ins. and winning by half-an-inch. R. Backus (B) won the High Jump with a good jump of 5ft. 3ins., and also won the Open Pole Vault with 9ft. 6ins. P. F. Bell (C), a promising sprinter, won the 100 Yards, 220 Yards and Quarter Mile; he should do well in the future, although he will have to pay more

attention to style. Although he is certainly a better sprinter than Quarter Miler, he put up a new record of 56.4 secs. for the latter event. In the distance races A. K. Higham (T), P. Wilby (T) and W. E. McCready (C) should be heard of later.

In the Under 15 Events F. M. Frankenburg (C) ran well to win the 100 Yards and Hurdles, and T. G. Knox (C), I. A. Tippetts (W) and C. M. Griffin (C) all ran well in the Half Mile. The Under 15 Events were very successful and gave the younger boys more chance, as they were running against boys of their own age.

The House Sports Cup provided a thrilling contest, as everything depended on the last event, the Open Quarter Mile. Hastings won the race for Temple, but J. E. C. Nicholl (B) ran most gallantly to come in third and thus win the cup for Bruce by half a point from Temple.

House Sports Cup:—Bruce, 96; Temple, 95½; Chatham, 72; Cobham, 52; Walpole, 51; Chandos, 26½; Grafton, 22; Grenville, 8.

Points were awarded as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Open Events (except those below) ... ..	13	8	5	3	2	1
Under 16 Events (except Weight) ... ..	5	3	2	1		
Open Pole Vault, Javelin, Discus, Weight ...	5	3	2	1		
Under 16 Weight ... ..	3	2	1			
Under 15 Events ... ..	3	2	1			

## P.T.

House.	Comp.		C. Total	Year's Marks	Total
	Sen.	Jun.			
1 { Cobham ... ..	103	84	187	128	315
1 { Temple ... ..	95	96	191	124	315
3 Chandos ... ..	101	91	192	120	312
4 Grenville ... ..	94	82	176	112	288
5 Chatham ... ..	94	83	177	108	285
6 Walpole ... ..	85	77	162	112	274
7 { Bruce ... ..	91	73	164	108	272
7 { Grafton ... ..	91	73	164	108	272

## RELAY RACES 1938

The Relay Races were run on Wednesday, March 30th, in the perfect March weather to which we had by then become accustomed. After a very close match, Walpole came up from behind and snatched a victory from Cobham by a single point, as they did in 1937. On this occasion the points at the end of the fifth race were Cobham, 23; Bruce and Walpole, 21 each. The Composite Mile was thus again the deciding race, and Walpole by getting second place to the fifth of Cobham and the sixth of Bruce got home by a short head.

A Hurdle Race was included in the programme for the first time, and this, in adding to the variety and interest of the meeting, was a success.

With conditions so good and with some of the Houses concentrating their strength on single races, it was not altogether surprising that four new records were made.

The results were:—

	Time.	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
4—100's	45.6 secs.*	0	2	3	5	6	7	4	1
4—90's (Hurdles)	51.9 secs.	7	6	1	3	5	4	0	2
4—220's	1 min. 42 secs.*	7	3	5	1	2	0	4	6
4—440's	3 mins. 48.6 secs.*	7	4	0	1	6	2	3	5
4—880's	9 mins. 13.2 secs.	0	1	6	2	4	3	5	7
Composite Mile,	3 mins. 57.2 secs.*	2	4	0	7	3	1	5	6
	Total Points	23	20	15	19	26	17	21	27
	Place	3	5	8	6	2	7	4	1

\* a record.

The old records were:—

100's, 46 secs. Chandos 1937.

220's, 1 min. 42.6 secs. Grenville 1930, Bruce 1933.

440's, 3 mins. 50.5 secs. Grafton 1934.

880's, 9 mins. 10 secs. Grafton 1933. (This still stands.)

Composite Mile, 3 mins. 58.6 secs. Chandos 1930.

## O.T.C. NOTES

### PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants R. A. L. Black (S), J. F. T. Durie (C).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals J. Roche (T), M. G. T. Webster (W), M. E. Farrer (B), J. C. Bartholomew (C), E. B. Moore (C), F. N. H. Widdrington (G).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals P. J. Diggle (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), J. M. G. Ritchie (W), T. R. Gaskell (W), A. K. Frazer (T), H. W. J. E. Peel (G), I. R. L. Shaw (C), J. H. Weir (B), C. E. B. Thompson (B), J. W. Busk (S), Hon. J. F. Rodney (W), J. H. de Burgh (G), P. Carter (S), T. S. Law (B), L. J. Eastwood (G), P. F. E. Foster (G).

The following passed Certificate "A" finally in March or June, 1938, and were appointed Lance-Corporals:—

Cadets C. R. T. Cunningham (C), H. S. L. Dundas (W), R. R. Oakey (C), E. B. S. Hewitt (B), G. R. E. Brooke (C), L. G. Darling (S), R. C. Roxburgh (W), A. B. Williamson (G), D. M. Bolton (C), J. P. Phillips (C), M. V. Nicholl (S), G. R. C. Atwood (B), A. D. Tennyson (C), H. D. V. Binyon (C), J. C. I. Hooper (C), C. P. D. Davidson (T), A. A. Vickers (C), R. H. Marten (S), P. R. Cassels (C), R. J. Mead (C), I. McC. Tait (S), N. Ward (C), P. A. Chamier (C), N. C. Eddy (C), J. B. Frankenburg (C), S. S. F. Hornor (C), Hon. M. S. Buckmaster (C), C. Bradley-Williams (T), C. E. L. H. Reiche (S), B. H. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Dixey (B).

In the March Certificate "A" examination (Part II) 33 out of 55 candidates passed. In the June Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 37 out of 49 candidates passed. This term there were 243 cadets in the Contingent, of whom 71 hold Certificate "A."

### PRIZES.

Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part II), March 1938:—R. G. A. Barclay (B).

Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), June 1938:—C. Bradley-Williams (T).

Best Recruit, Easter Term 1938:—J. S. Hollings (T).

### NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

Under-Officer M. L. Græme (T) having been adjudged to be the most efficient Cadet for the training year 1937-38, this cup will be held by Temple until July 1939.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Brigadier B. C. S. Clarke, D.S.O., Commander 145th Infantry Brigade, inspected the Contingent on June 21st.

## TRAINING.

An Air Section has been formed as a branch of post-Certificate "A" work and has had a short course of lectures on "ground subjects" prior to flights in Camp to the different Command Stations for lectures and demonstrations.

Other courses, similar to those held at Stowe during term, will be available at Tidworth Park for senior boys not required as commanders within the Company, and the ordinary cadet will have the novelty of a night march and bivouac during his training.

In future it is intended to hold a Field-Day regularly every term.

## HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the Coldstream Cup was held on July 5th. Judges from the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards were Lieut. H. J. L. Green and a Drill Sergeant.

## Result:

1. Chatham	67 $\frac{3}{4}$ points.	5. Walpole	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.
2. Temple	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6. Chandos	57 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
3. Grenville	63 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	7. Cobham	56 "
4. Grafton	63 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	8. Bruce	45 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

## GUARD OF HONOUR.

On the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Stowe on July 1st, a Guard commanded by Captain H. R. Watt, M.C., and composed of Under-Officer M. L. Græme (T), Sergeants P. J. Blundell (G), P. R. Westall (C), J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. C. Bartholomew (C), and a hundred rank and file was mounted just below the South Front steps.

## O.T.C. BAND.

As usual, the Band performed at the General Inspection, and acquitted itself better than in former years. Two new pieces have been added to its repertoire, a march, "Down the Mall," and a new inspection troop by Mr. Geoghegan. The band has been a large one, but quality of performance has not been sacrificed, and many good instrumentalists will remain next term.

## SHOOTING 1938

.22 BORE.

Country Life Competition (March 10th).

Result:—Stowe, 786 points (872 possible). Position, 12th.

Empire Test and House Shooting Cup Competition.

	Average.
1. Chandos ... ..	81
2. Walpole ... ..	73.8
3. Chatham ... ..	73
4. Bruce ... ..	62.3
5. Grafton ... ..	56.6
6. Temple ... ..	55.8
7. Grenville ... ..	48.7
8. Cobham ... ..	21.3

Recruits' Medal:—R. G. A. Barclay (B).

Individual Shooting Cup Competition.

	H.P.S.
1. M. B. Hickling (C) ... ..	130
2. F. N. H. Widdrington (G) ... ..	116
3. C. D. Drew (C) ... ..	110

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SUSSEX COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Public School Meeting held at Bisley (Century Butts) on Saturday, June 18th.

STOWE VIII (Ashburton Conditions)

F. N. H. Widdrington (G) ...	29	+	33	=	62
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C) ...	31	+	30	=	61
R. C. Roxburgh (W) ...	28	+	32	=	60
A. H. Rowan (C) ...	29	+	30	=	59
J. W. Ker (C) ...	27	+	32	=	59
C. D. Drew (C) ...	29	+	29	=	58
R. C. H. Collier (B) ...	27	+	31	=	58
J. S. Hollings (T) ...	30	+	26	=	56
	230	+	243	=	473

Position 10th. 32 Schools competing.

*Cadet Pair Competition.*

R. J. Musgrave (C)	...	...	29	+	27	=	56
J. B. Sumner (C)	...	...	20	+	26	=	46
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*Nominated Man Competition.*

F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	...	...	...				62
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N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY. July 6th and 7th.

*Gale and Polden Competition* (200 and 500 yards). July 6th. Best scores:—

						H.P.S. 70
Sgt. F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	32	+	31	=	63	
Cadet D. A. B. Morgan (W)	30	+	32	=	62	

*Asburton Shield Competition* (200 and 500 yards). July 7th. H.P.S. 35 at each distance = 70. Team of 8.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total
Cadet R. J. Musgrave (C)	30	29	59
Cadet R. N. Knight-Bruce (C)	27	30	57
Cadet D. A. B. Morgan (W)	28	29	57
Sgt. F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	28	26	54
Cadet J. W. Ker (C)	26	27	53
Cadet A. H. Rowan (C)	26	25	51
L/C R. C. Roxburgh (W)	26	23	49
Cadet C. D. Drew (C)	25	23	48
	216	212	428

Position:—71st. Schools competing 80.

*Cadet Pair Competition.*

Cadet R. C. H. Collier (B)	...	26	+	27	=	53	} = 113
Cadet J. S. Hollings (T)	...	28	+	32	=	60	

*Spencer-Mellish Nominated Man Competition.*—(500 yards) 7 shots. H.P.S. 35.

Sgt. F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	...	...	...	30
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## THE RIFLE CLUB.

There were sixty-two members this term, which is not an unusually low membership for the Summer term, as we have had several Saturdays taken up by 303 matches.

The following have won spoons this term:—Class A.—A. R. Coventry (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), S. S. F. Hornor (C), R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C), D. A. B. Morgan (W), Class B.—H. P. Lawrence (C), J. E. Hodgkin (C), St. J. C. Bally (C), D. J. Webster (W), C. Lawson-Tancred (C), J. W. Harland (C).

## SCOUTS

During the past term the activities of the Junior Troop were carried out under the supervision of Mr. Saunders, who, although it was only his first term as a Scoutmaster, showed himself remarkably capable.

Being the Summer Term, the customary week-end camps were held, and we were very fortunate in the weather. The recruits, of whom there were more than this time last year, were able to experience at least one of them.

Several extensive games were played throughout the term, which, besides being very popular, were also instructive.

W.V.M.

## A VISIT TO SOUTH WALES

It certainly was a great experience; we learnt so much about the facts and conditions of life down there. Were it only possible for more people in the country to go and see for themselves the miserable existence of the unemployed men in so distressed an area it seems certain that something would quickly be done to improve this unhappy state of affairs.

There are many of us who unfortunately know little or nothing about it—whose attitude towards the unemployed shows no sympathy whatsoever. A visit to South Wales would immediately alter this outlook. "That's all rot," such a person will say if you try to explain the situation to him, "the life of an unemployed miner is one of luxury compared with that of his friends, whose days of employment are spent far beneath the ground, year in and year out. He can draw the dole and he gets the chance to go to different places and to see different things, which he would never have done had he been in employment." This may be true; but the unemployed man thinks otherwise.

One evening during our stay we went to a small town, called Pontllytyn, which seemed to be in much the same condition to that of Merthyr, where we ourselves were living. Here we listened to the stories told by four unemployed men. The main points which were brought to our notice by any one of them were confirmed by the rest, and the picture they painted seemed a very clear one. Each told us what was necessary for us to know about his family—how many children he had, how old they were, the amount of his rent, his rates and his insurance, and how much he paid each week to his clothing club.

In each case the balance left for food for the whole family was from 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per week. Their chief trouble, then, is the impossibility of getting anything like enough food. They are all up in arms against the Government for its 'Fitter Britain' campaign; for they hold that the very first step towards a 'fitter Britain' is an adequate supply of food for man, woman and child. They say that accounts can be read every

day in the papers of a new open-air municipal swimming pool or a new gymnasium being installed as part of the fitness campaign. If this money, they say, could only be spent on food for the needy, then there would be some chance, by starting from the bottom, of creating a healthier nation.

Two of these men, who may be typical of others, had become out of work owing to sheer lack of consideration on the part of the Manager of their mine. They had returned home from a day shift at 6 o'clock on a Saturday evening. After a meal and a bath they were in bed by 8 o'clock and, within an hour, they had been sent for to return to the mine for a night shift, which would have lasted until midday on the Sunday. Partly because they were far too tired and partly because of the Welshman's strong religious feelings they had refused. As a result they were both 'sacked,' with little or no hope of ever being re-employed, unless the coal situation materially improved.

Directly the miner signs on for a job his existence becomes one ceaseless touch-and-go gamble with death. In the mines of Great Britain there are about 1,000 fatal accidents every year and some 170,000 non-fatal accidents. Many miners end their days blind or crippled. The lives of many of them have been ruined or ended because they have been compelled to work standing in cold water, with an endless stream pouring on them from above, while they sweat and toil in the dank, hot atmosphere hundreds of feet below ground. There is also the constant danger of the roof falling in as they work. In the olden days it was always possible to hear the creaking and splitting of the bending beams and therefore to make for safety in time. But to-day, with the constant whirl of electric engines and the rasping clatter of the coal-cutters, this warning exists no more. Instead, the miner continues his work, never conscious of the groaning, sagging roof, and in an instant he may be crushed to death beneath many tons of falling rock. Such was the fate of the brother of one of the unemployed whom we met. He was working in a two-foot seam when, without warning, the roof gave way. Some of those present escaped with mere bruises. But, a few hours later, when the debris was being cleared up, he was found buried under a mass of rock, with his head partly severed from his body by a sharp, jagged splinter.

Despite the danger that surrounds him and the depressing outlook the Welshman never stops singing. Most of them are still hopeful about the future; a few of them have given up hope and become extremists. On the whole they are a cheery lot and will always do what they can to make their fate seem a happier one. I read, for instance, in the paper the other day that a mother in Merthyr had herself repapered her whole house so that the first impression her baby would have of the world, when it came, would be a bright and happy one, instead of one clouded with mildew and bug-marks. I also was delighted to read that the Imperial Chemical Industries were about to build a munitions factory for 600 men in Merthyr. This ought to help to reduce unemployment and, just because the pendulum of industry has swung away from this area, one must not assume that it will never swing back again.

It might be of interest to anyone who is thinking of going to one of these Welsh 'camps' to know what was our daily routine. This is how we employed our time:—

*Thursday.* Arrived in the evening and went to the unemployed club, where we played darts, ping-pong, billiards, etc.

*Friday.* Digging (road-making) from 9 a.m. until 12.45 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Club again in the evening.

*Saturday.* Digging 9 a.m. until 12.45 p.m. Visit in afternoon to mines and factories at Treharris.

*Sunday.* Digging in morning 8.30 until midday (when we had to stop, as all the Welshmen began to come out of church!) Walk in afternoon, and in evening a meeting at Pontlottyn.

*Monday.* Tour of the water-works in morning. In afternoon went over a coal level at Pontlottyn and in evening to a concert.

*Tuesday.* Digging in morning from 8.45 to 12.45. In afternoon a walk, and in evening took the family we lived with to the cinema.

*Wednesday.* Departed about 10 a.m.

This kind of experience is thoroughly worth having, especially if one has a sense of humour. The family with which we stayed was certainly an amusing one. It consisted of Mamma, Papa, Granny and the baby, aged about 5. Granny was unquestionably the boss of the party—and a tough at that! Baby used periodically to refuse to go to school or to put his shoes on or to wash his neck. Granny would chase him round the table, threatening a vicious beating, and all the while winking at the rest of us out of the off-side eye! Then there was a lodger, Mr. Dean. He was a real terror. Only once, I think, in our whole visit did he deign to say 'Good Morning' or its Welsh equivalent, no matter how often we said it to him. He was the foreman of the builders who were erecting a Fifty Shilling Tailor's shop in the town; he had been with the family for six months and was likely to remain there for as long again. Apparently he had only said about half a dozen words during his whole stay!

There was also Uncle Eddie! He owned a small horse and cart, which he used to manoeuvre about the streets in the early hours of the morning, trying to sell milk. And, instead of calling out 'Milkman' or whatever is the normal cry, he used to yodel, so that the effect was something like, 'Milk, milk, milk, mi-y-ilk.' That perhaps does not convey much, but in actual fact it was one of the funniest sounds I have ever heard. And lastly there was Mr. Simons, a little, tiny, shrivelled-up bit of a thing, who used to appear from almost anywhere at meal times, and float away equally miraculously directly he had finished. It was always quite impossible to hear what he was trying to say, as he used to make a buzzing, clattering sound before almost every word. Whether this was due to fright and general nervousness or whether merely to badly fitting false teeth it is hard to say. But he was a grand old man. Whenever we came into the room he would always get up from his chair by the fire and, apparently, invite one of us to take it. As we could never hear what he was saying well enough to argue with him, we always had to accept the offer. Whereupon Mr. Simons would retire and lie on his bed!

As I have said, it was all a great experience and one that we shall never forget. There is always the chance that it may have done those men as much good as it did us. We certainly enjoyed being with them and they seemed to enjoy having us. Even in this short time we learned more of their outlook towards life than we could ever have done from books, and we learned to respect them for the constant cheerfulness with which they faced anxiety and trouble that seemed to hold out so little promise of a brighter future.

I.E.T.J.



## THE LIBRARY

We desire to acknowledge the following presentation from the Author:—

'Anthony O'Hara, Knight of Malta,' by Valentine O'Hara.

Volume six of E. M. Tenison's 'Elizabethan England' has now been added to the Library. About twenty-five books have been renovated and rebound.

A signed set of Etienne Houvet's 'Monograph on Chartres Cathedral', in eleven volumes, has been bought for the library.

The following have also been bought:—

'A History of the Ancient World' (Rostovtzeff); 'Pompeii' (Carrington); 'Geography in the Middle Ages' (Kimble); 'Empire Opportunities,' 'Germany's first Bid for Colonies' (Taylor); 'John Bunyan' (Lindsay); 'Wallenstein' (Watson); 'Tragedy' (Lucas); 'Fresh Water Biology' (Ward and Whipple); 'Handbook of Systematic Botany' (Warming); 'Fishes who answer the Telephone' (Frolov); 'An Introduction to the scientific Study of the Soil' (Comber); 'Soil Conditions and Plant Growth' (Russell); 'Plant Life through the Ages' (Seward).

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

## JULIUS CAESAR

In past years it has been the custom to discuss the suitability of the steps of the Queen's Temple as the setting for the play being presented; but whatever may have been the doubts about Richard II, Henry IV or Macbeth there can be few about Julius Caesar. The Queen's Temple is as Roman, or at least conforms as much to the average man's ideas of what is Roman, as anything one can imagine. Cavilling critics may object to the fact that there are no apple-trees for Brutus' orchard and no tents for his camp—just as there were some last year who were indignant that the steps of the Queen's Temple led upwards instead of downwards—but few can object to the general character of the background.

This year's production by far surpassed anything we had seen since the days of Richard II. Although perhaps there was no individual actor of the standard of M. A. V. Walter, nevertheless the play as a whole deserves to rank as the best the Historians have ever produced. What criticisms it is possible to make can only be trifling and confined to details; it was the general enthusiasm of the whole production which really made it such a success.

R. A. L. Black (S) was outstanding as Mark Antony, making the most of a naturally very effective voice; he must be congratulated for the way in which he lent sincerity to every phrase of even the longest speech. H. S. L. Dundas (W) gave a very polished performance as Brutus, but his very confidence was rather apt to overshadow P. Johnstone (C) as Cassius. Cassius was inclined to become merely a foil to Brutus and at no stage of the play did he appear the more resolute character. Even when Cassius was persuading Brutus to join the conspiracy there was always the feeling that Brutus had the situation well in hand; given that Cassius was meant to be the more nervous character there was surely no need to emphasize the point so forcibly. However, in spite of this criticism of what is, after all, an academic point, Johnstone really gave a very fine performance and both he and Dundas deserve the greatest praise for the way in which they made every word perfectly audible. S. J. Whitwell (Q) made a very arrogant and overbearing Caesar; we may perhaps have felt that he did not really do justice to the conqueror of Britain, but our quarrel should really be with Shakespeare, for if Whitwell erred at all it was only in exaggeration.

Perhaps even more remarkable than the success of the principal actors were the first-class performances given by those with lesser parts. R. H. M. Spencer (W) was a very successful Casca. Although perhaps he did not conform to the usual conception of Casca in voice, volume or vulgarity, he managed to portray a gloriously aloof attitude of cynical scorn, ridiculing Caesar and the common people indiscriminately. We could easily believe his statement that "for mine own part, I durst not laugh, for fear of opening my lips and receiving the bad air." To mention only a few more, R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) as Decius Brutus, E. N. Rolfe (B) as Flavius, J. D. S. Cable (C) as Lucius and J. M. E. Clarkson (G) as Pindarus gave spirited renderings of their parts where they might easily have descended to mere recitation. Nor must the Crowd be forgotten, for it was one of the most lively features of the play. In the very first scene J. R. C. Holbech (C) showed himself admirably fitted for the vulgar witticisms of the 2nd citizen while P. R. H. Hastings (T) as the 1st citizen gave his contribution of one line with evident relish. The changing temper of the crowd was very cleverly portrayed. The change from the carefree "bank-holiday" spirit of the first scene to the wild frenzy which Antony faced later in the play was extremely sudden but, at the same time, appeared completely natural, and the contrast between the peasants' smocks and the senators' magnificent togas was also very effective. The scene in which first Brutus and then Antony addressed the people, one of the best in the play, was made very much the more striking by the waving torches of the crowd, and although perhaps we rather missed the superb comments of Shakespeare's crowd, which was more like a Greek chorus than a Roman mob, the air of mass-hysteria which the producers gave us certainly added to the realism.

It is inevitable in a play like Julius Caesar, in which most of the action takes place relatively early, that the interest should tend to flag towards the end. By very wisely cutting a great deal of the last act and concentrating merely on the quarrel between Brutus and Cassius and their eventual suicides the producers managed largely to avoid this. The orchestra, though perhaps a little restrained, provided a very pleasant background and helped to give the finishing touches to a really most enjoyable production.

M.B.S.

## A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS

It is a common fault of the worser village dramatic societies in this country that they invariably seek to produce the impossible. They will put on the latest Ralph Lynn farce without Ralph Lynn, or stage, in a draughty hall, with the most elementary scenery and effects, some grandiose London success like *Chu Chin Chow*. The choice of a *Damsel in Distress* by Grenville House seemed to be a similar and obvious blunder. Modern farce, unless supremely well acted, is supremely unfunny. It must move quickly and every word must be audible, and it has seemed in the past very difficult to achieve either of these requirements on the Gym. stage which, indeed, much resembles the condition of a village hall. Finally, Grenville had chosen a play with at least five difficult women's parts in it; and schoolboy female impersonations are apt to be funny for all the wrong reasons.

On all these points Grenville confounded the wisecracs and triumphantly proved that hard work and imagination can overcome all these dangers and difficulties. They gave us a play which was brilliantly staged and continuously funny, in which there was no really weak acting at all, and during which all the old incidental ills of Gym. production—swaying scenery, thumping footsteps on hollow boards, and the like—had miraculously been cured.

After such a performance it is almost impossible to select individuals for especial praise without invidious distinction. Scott took the most difficult part of all—a part in which most amateur actors and many professionals would find it difficult not to feel and look a fool. Yet he contrived to make the comparatively sane young hero, in a wholly farcical background, sympathetic and genuine. It would be hard to say if Jeavons' *Lady Caroline Higgins* or Andrewes' *Miss Mould* was the more finished piece of acting. The other women were all excellent, particularly perhaps McCarthy as the maid and Bingham as the secretary-vamp. Dwight's Earl of Marshmoreton was admirably peppery and ineffectual and Clarkson as the Dean got a laugh every time he opened his mouth. The conscientious critic, indeed, would single out every character, including each individual in the crowd of tourists. It is, in fact, the business of producers to present to the audience a finished whole in which no excellence stands out too strongly by contrast. In this Fay wholly succeeded; and he and his many assistants, stage managers, carpenters, electricians and the rest, deserve great praise for a very impressive piece of work.

W.L.McE.

## MUSIC

CONCERT IN ASSEMBLY. July 1st, 1938.

### PROGRAMME :

London Symphony in D (First movement) . . . . .	Haydn
Songs of the Sea— . . . . .	Stanford
Devon, O Devon, in wind and rain.	
The Old Superb.	
Bavarian Dance No. 1 . . . . .	Elgar
Three Plantation Songs :	
Kemo Kimo.	
Who's dat a-calling ?	
Li'l Liza Jane.	
The Madrigal Society	
Musette from Ballet Suite, "The Gods go a-begging" . . . . .	Handel-Beecham
Choral Dances from the Opera "Prince Igor" . . . . .	Borodin

The above programme was performed before a crowded audience. Assembly was filled to overflowing and many people had to listen outside.

Judging by the comments of parents, the concert was well up to the standard of former years, if not better. To take each item in turn, the Orchestra gave us a surprisingly good and polished performance of Haydn's *London Symphony in D*. This type of music seems to suit the players best from all points of view. The String players have music to play well within their scope, and the Wood-Wind are kept pleasantly occupied. The Brass on the other hand probably prefer music of the *Prince Igor* type, in which constant demands are made of them.

Mr. Cross sang the Solo parts in Stanford's *Songs of the Sea*, which were vigorously performed. The entries of the Chorus at the end of each verse were extremely effective.

The Orchestra again gave a good account of itself in Elgar's *Bavarian Dance No. 1*. Three old favourites, from Stanford Robinson's settings of *Plantation songs*, were revived by the Madrigal Society. Mr. Hands interpreted in his own way *Kemo Kimo* and was effectively supported by the other singers.

J. D. S. Cable sang the solo part in "Who's dat a-calling?" very musically and with great feeling.

The soft strains of Handel's *Musette*, effectively arranged for Strings and Flute by Sir Thomas Beecham, provided an effective interlude.

The most outstanding performance of the afternoon, however, was that of the *Prince Igor Choral Dances*. The Dances make great demands on players and singers alike, and both rose to the occasion in what was perhaps one of the best performances at any Stowe Concert, only to be compared with an earlier performance of

the same work complete with Ballet in 1930. The Orchestra, however, has improved in technique and efficiency since that year, and the Brass playing on July 1st was extremely effective, especially in the second dance.

The audience were particularly pleased with the Dances and some of them were repeated as an encore. Eye-witnesses state that in the last dance several listeners moved about in their seats in time to the music. Be that as it may, the Dances were extremely well received and effectively concluded a most entertaining concert.

#### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, July 6th, Madame Gertrude Peppercorn, played a most varied and interesting programme in the Library, which included works by Schubert, Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy and Liszt.

Her playing of the Schubert Impromptu in E flat was brilliant. So also was her interpretation of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10.

The 32 variations by Beethoven received an excellent performance.

It was a most pleasant evening, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Stacy Aumonier for such a delightful programme.

## THE ART SCHOOL

Thursday afternoons continue to attract a large crowd, almost too large for everyone to receive considerable individual attention; but other events and occupations, which are more numerous during the summer, have prevented a large amount of work, particularly oil painting, from being done this term. However, in spite of this and the fact that the exhibition was held nearly a month earlier than usual, quite a large show of water-colours, and a screen of repeat patterns and some excellent posters by members of the lower school, filled the main room. The oil paintings consisted of representative work by past and present Stoics; it is hoped gradually to acquire a permanent collection of pictures by people who have left which will be hung in the hall of the Art School.

The Annual Sports Day Exhibition, with a large number of entries, was judged by Mr. P. F. Millard. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

*Headmaster's Prize*: I. E. T. Jenkin (C).

*Millard Water-colour Prize*: E. N. Rolfe (B).

*1st Arts Prize*: S. J. Whitwell (C).

*2nd Arts Prize*: E. N. Rolfe (B).

*3rd Arts Prize*: S. Birch (W).

*Sculpture Prize*: S. Barclay (C).

On June 11th Mr. Watt took a party to see the exhibition of recent works by Augustus John in London.



[A.J.F.F.]

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'JULIUS CAESAR'  
A Rehearsal

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

Several speakers have been invited to address the Branch this term, but unfortunately none has been able to accept. But we are hoping to arrange a meeting later this term, a report of which will appear in next term's *Stoic*.

It is hoped that Sir Archibald Sinclair will come down and speak next term.

J.N.D.

### THE TWELVE CLUB.

Mr. R. M. Hamer has been elected President of the Club, while the following have been elected members: R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), J. C. Drew (C), I. E. T. Jenkin (C), M. J. Poulton (C), J. L. Rolleston (C), E. N. Rolfe (B) and S. J. Whitwell (C).

On one date or another during the term:

Mr. W. L. McElwee read his paper on "Sir Thomas Overbury."

J. D. Fay (G) read his paper on "Lady Godiva—the naked truth."

H. S. L. Dundas (W) read his paper on "Aestheticism and Decadence."

M. G. T. Webster (W) read his paper on "The Medici."

J.D.F.

### THE HERETICS.

The tenth meeting was held in Mr. Gilling-Lax's rooms on Thursday, 14th July. J. C. Drew (C) read a well-constructed and informative paper entitled "Gandhi in South Africa."

D.G.

### THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

On the 8th of March, the 70th meeting of the Classical Society was held in the New Lecture Room, when M. E. Farrer (B) read a remarkable paper on "Arts and Crafts in the Ancient World," illustrating with a lantern which was managed by K. J. S. Ritchie (T).

On the 31st of May, M. J. Poulton (C) read an absorbing paper on "The Reign of Justinian."

On July the 8th, Mr. Higham, Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, read a highly instructive and scholarly paper on "The Reasons for Obscurity in Greek and Latin Authors."

M.J.P.

### LA SOCIÉTÉ DES LANGUES MODERNES.

Comme d'habitude la société ne se réunit pas ce trimestre, à cause des examens d'été, mais elle recommencera ses fonctions le trimestre prochain, quand il nous faudra faire nos adieux à notre membre honoraire, M. Corteel, et souhaiter la bienvenue à son successeur.

J.E.C.

## THE PUPPET CLUB.

The second production of the Puppet Club was presented at the end of last term in seven performances, and, if attendance has any meaning, was a great success. One number, '1812', was repeated from last year, and much amusement was caused by a production of 'Pyramus and Thisbe,' seen through the gauze blackboard of a classical classroom. A skit on "In Town To-night," designed and produced by the Lower School Hobbies, was well received, and the Circus, in spite of great difficulty with the patter, excelled in clever manipulation. But the production was chiefly valuable for the experience gained, for the Puppet Club is without doubt still in the experimental stage. It seems that puppets should talk in verse, or not talk at all, for informal lively conversation does not pass easily from the lips of the speaker to the lips of the puppet. Expert and highly practised manipulation is necessary for anything but comedy, and our greatest need is for better built and balanced puppets to show off their subtlety of movement. With all this in mind we must prepare for the next production, which it is to be hoped will even be better than the last.

G.L.P.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

This term there have been two meetings. At the first, a business meeting, various financial transactions were accomplished, and expeditions arranged. At the second, the members of the Society who went to Plymouth, to study marine biology, gave a report of their activities, which proved entertaining and instructive. There will be one more meeting this term, when E. H. Shaw, M.D., will address the Society on "Crime and the Doctor."

There has been one expedition, which was generally agreed to have been the most successful yet arranged. It was to the Entomological Field Station at Cambridge, where we were shown performing bees, and some original research on locusts. Despite one member of the expedition being stung by a bee, an extraordinarily happy time was had by all.

During the term, work has been proceeding on the garden by the ninth green, and Mr. Barr has instilled a great enthusiasm into insect-hunting.

There was an exhibition on Speech Day, which H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester visited. The new lab. was devoted to a collection of Stowe flora and fauna.

A.S.

## THE AERO CLUB.

Once again we unfortunately have to record that our activities have been severely restricted this term, as the R.A.F. is so busy expanding that it has little time to spare for outside visitors. Up to the time of going to press, our activities have been limited to one visit to Bicester on June 14th; however, lack of quantity has been compensated to some extent by quality, since on this occasion some members were fortunate enough to be taken for flights in a Blenheim bomber, which spent most of the afternoon circling over Stowe.

We hope to pay a visit at the end of term to the Percival factory at Luton, where members will be able to see the King's Cup Air Race winner.

We again owe a debt of gratitude to Major O. G. G. Villiers, D.S.O., who has found time to help us in several directions this term.

J.R.H.

## THE RIDING CLUB.

The well-deserved publicity given to the feats of E. G. Reynard (C) who performed wonders of jumping and balance and seemed at times, despite his white flannels, to be an integral part of his pony, has somewhat obscured the magnificent work of the other eight performers in the Riding Display given for H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. They were P. J. Diggle (C), R. A. L. Black (G), H. M. Reynard (C), J. P. Fane (B), V. D. Burton (G), R. A. Colvile (G), J. H. de Burgh (G) and I. N. Craig (C). So polished and intricate a musical ride and such excellent jumping can only have been the product of a great deal of time and trouble. Everyone's seat was not perfect, but then neither are all those at Olympia. Captain Meredith, whose stables are at Helidon, is certainly to be congratulated. The display was the first of its kind to be given at Stowe, and there seems no reason why there should not be many more. It is a pity that would-be performers have to go nineteen miles for their horses.

S.J.W.

## THE CLAY PIGEON CLUB.

Owing to the majority of the club members taking the Certificate this term, the Club has been unable to continue its activity, but next term it hopes to re-open with a larger membership than in any previous term. A few matches have been arranged, and it is hoped that a fixture with Wellington will be made.

B.A.S.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF THE  
FIRST TERM

Memory plays strange tricks at times and before I go any further I had better apologize for inaccuracies and omissions that a diarist would have been able to avoid. There is no doubt much material in the first issue of *The Stoic*, but the things I want to note down are mostly of the sort that would not get chronicled at the time.

In the first place there was the atmosphere of high adventure and immense possibilities. The Masters and the five oldest boys (D. F. Wilson, N. A. C. Croft, H. E. Robinson, the Hon. G. C. S. P. Butler and A. G. Bowie), whom J.F. had brought with him from Lancing, knew what Public Schools were like, but none of them, naturally, had ever been in at the start of one. They felt on the whole, I think, a strong sense of responsibility and a genuine desire to play their part worthily in the attempt to find a reasonable ideal between the more stifling Public School traditions and the freedom, varying on licence, that characterized some of the experimental schools founded shortly after the war. In this attempt they relied more than it would be possible to say on the wise

guidance and inexhaustible patience of J.F. He was an unfailing inspiration. It was only later that I realized a little of the multifarious complications that he faced with such apparent equanimity in the early days of the school. Not only had he the ordinary duties of a Public School Head Master to perform, but he had to be the main recruiting agent to ensure a flow of new boys for the coming terms and he had to put up with the peculiarities of what it is not improper after the lapse of time to designate as a rather difficult Governing Body.

Of the nine Assistant Masters who were at Stowe in the Summer of 1923 only Mr. Cross and Mr. Clarke remain. The first Bursar, Mr. Millner, was a kindly, equable man and a thorough gentleman, who for some (perhaps now not wholly unfathomable) reason gave up the job after a short trial and joined a religious community. There was also a sort of specially high-class Matron-Housekeeper, a post that was dispensed with, presumably on grounds of economy, when its first holder left either at the end of the first term or shortly after. She was a lady of good family who was fond of introducing reminiscences of foreign travel in conversation with the boys at meal-time. One frequent opening, "When I was in Egypt," was gladly pounced on as a catch-phrase of the day. Two of the more eccentric Masters, fond of the simple life, delighted us by making a nightly expedition, clad rather as though bound for the North Pole, with a hurricane lamp, to more isolated temples which they preferred as sleeping quarters to their official bedrooms. Two outstanding figures, who still survive, were Warden and Moss.

There were 99 boys, in two Houses (Bruce and Temple, presided over by Mr. Earle and Mr. Cross) and four Forms. For the first few days all the boys and the Masters went about with little round cardboard tickets, inscribed with their names, attached to their buttonholes. The standard of scholarship was not very high, nor, with two or three brilliant exceptions, was that of the teaching, since many of the staff were quite fresh to the job. It must not be forgotten, of course, that in the matter of age the school was scarcely more than a glorified prep. school and that it is natural to find that those who come to a new school are on the whole of less than average ability. I doubt if any Public School has ever contained a Form of less promising mental equipment than the first Form III at Stowe. There were, however, compensations: it was not possible to be informed by the boys that your predecessor, Mr. X, had pronounced Latin in quite a different way, or by the staff that Mr. Y, had let them have the old tune for a favourite hymn. And the freedom of the social life and the unusual amenities of the environment made their mark on the life of the School from the first. It is probable that the atmosphere of a family party with almost complete freedom of actions and movement was more fully realized during the first term than has ever been practicable since.

The buildings were pretty well confined during the first term to the house as it had been in the time of Lady Kinloss, who had lived in it until shortly before it was taken over as a school. One relic of the Kinloss régime was Mr. North, who served as a venerable if slightly inefficient Hall Porter for a few years. The dining-room was but a small part of that now in use, and at the western end a room, containing a billiard table, was set apart as the Master's Common Room. More or less opposite the Head Master's study, under the front door, there still survived the Duke of Buckingham's swimming bath—a melancholy tank about ten feet square and two or three feet deep.

Near it was the chapel, with the panelling from the Cornish Stowe, and a gallery entered from somewhere near what later became the Chandos House Room. The first hymn, by the way, sung in Chapel was "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and the first piece of serious secular music performed was a piano duet version of Wagner's 'Meistersinger' Overture. The rooms on both floors east of the Library were for the most part staff bedrooms. I have tried in vain to recollect where the staff dined or where the shop was.

At the south-east corner of the School was the Zoo. This was managed chiefly by H. E. Robinson as the principal keeper and organizer. There were a number of animals, mostly of the smaller species: I fancy there was a bear, but not, I think, an elephant or a lion.

Cricket at first was necessarily "intra-mural": I recall D. F. Wilson as a deadly left-hand bowler, E. R. Avory as one who kept an impeccable length, and G. A. Griffin as an indefatigable end-holder: the wicket-keeper was the diminutive W. R. K. Silcock, who was also one of the most stylish batsmen. The coach was Captain Weigall, fierce and domineering but knowing the job from A to Z: the only reliable recollection I have of him is his habit of referring to S. F. H. Pocock as "Muttonhead." There was also a pro. called Saunders. An exciting match against the Masters was won by the School by one run, partly owing to the departure of one of the Masters before his innings came round and the retirement of another when well set. The other great athletic occupation of the term was bathing in Eleven Acre Lake. The football cup, complete with the figure of an association football player, belongs to a slightly later date.

The great social occasion of the term was the presentation of the Samurai Sword to the School by Sir Owen Scamen on behalf of the Agenda Club. The ceremony was held in the Library: the Governing Body was present in bulk and the Masters sat in the gallery, which at that time was not known to be unsafe. None who were present are likely ever to forget the speech of the Governor in the Chair. After a vaguely improper story involving "unmentionables" and a tribute to an embarrassed master (who later had to leave because he could not keep order) for being so altruistic as to consent to join the staff, the climax of the speech came when "I now have the greatest pleasure in introducing to you Sir . . ." and he had to turn round to J.F. to be told the name of the principal speaker.

## GODS OF THE MORNING

(To A.)

Most blue the sky, most green the grass, that morning,  
 When I slipped behind the wheel and heard the smooth response  
 Of an engine nicely warmed ;  
 All were settled and we started, that happy April morn.  
 I changed before the gates, I braked and took them fast ;  
 We stormed along the straight and I felt that now, at last,  
 Power was mastered, speed was wedded to control.  
 Through woods and fields we passed, by winding twisting lane,  
 We climbed up in the hills until at last we came  
 To the top.  
 The road led down so gently, the needle swiftly climbed,  
 A wide bend passed at seventy, now well placed for the next ;  
 I shaved the right hand edge, my elbow down the side,  
 I smelt the wind-blown pollen, I heard the engine's scream ;  
 Down a dip and turn again, we went with the wind behind ;  
 Through the bend and out upon a mile-long stretch ;  
 The grey walls blurred beside us, my heart was light and free,  
 I found the time to think of you before we reached the end.  
 One hundred yards—now brake her !  
 Half that now—God take her  
 Through this bend.  
 With shuddering, staggering, grasp, like a God who catches too late,  
 The car steadies and sways, we are into it now, she'll slide !  
 A lurch, we're rising, a blur of blue—  
 That left hand verge—too late—! We're through.

The road which had grown so narrow, widens again,  
 My foot goes down unconsciously and we swoop  
 Down the hill.  
 A gasping sigh beside me, "Near the limit there !  
 I thought you'd never start to brake for that one !"  
 I pulled myself together, I laughed out some reply ;  
 They'd gone : and left my mind to Christian thoughts once more.  
 New or ancient ? Gods or devils ? I wonder who they were  
 Who had murmured from behind,  
 Who had whispered I should find  
 That Death sat waiting for me, smiling in the bend.

R.A.P.A.

## GEORGE THE FIRST'S WILL

*New light on the shilly-shallying of British foreign policy, which was the chief ground of the Stowe opposition to Walpole's administration, is cast by a new discovery made by a German keeper of archives.*

Most of us who have "learnt history" have been brought up to believe that George the Second, at his first Privy Council meeting, seized the copy of his Royal father's will which the Archbishop of Canterbury handed him, put it in his pocket and walked out, after which it was no more seen. That is no doubt true, and it is true (documents exist to prove it) that George the Second bought back at heavy cost a second copy which his father had given for keeping to a neighbouring German prince. A third copy was also believed to exist.

A draft of what was supposed to be the general intention of the will passed from the Stowe muniment room long ago, when the Stowe manuscripts were sold, and many of us have seen it in a show-case at the British Museum. What the will actually consisted in has not been known, for all three copies of it had vanished. Crowned heads believed themselves to be concerned in it, and "The Will" was at the bottom of many approaches made to Walpole and his colleagues in the ministry, and also to the party opposing them, for Lord Chesterfield (colleague of Lord Cobham) was believed to have a copy of it through his wife, a daughter of George the First. There is a tale of George the Second's having bought the third copy from the Chesterfields, as he had bought the second copy from the German prince, the Duke of Wolfenbüttel ; but the real truth about the third copy has never been known. All the copies vanished so completely that it has long been believed that George the Second burnt them. Why ? To avoid following his father's directions about England and Hanover, whatever they might be, and to avoid paying the legacies that it was supposed they contained.

The will affected British foreign policy all through the decade 1727-1737 ; something mysterious was wanted from Vienna which made Walpole break with Townshend, tear up treaties with France, and ally himself suddenly and secretly with Austria. The enmity of France, then gained, pursued us to the end of the century and after.

George the First's will had not been burnt, and all three copies of it are safe and sound in the Hanover archives. They have been there ever since the twelfth of December, 1737 ; with them is the dated receipt and the name of the messenger who brought them from St. James's Palace. In a draft codicil which is with them the old King shows that he intended to make other bequests in other documents, and one of these is perhaps what Chesterfield possessed. The will itself is an essay, in German and Latin, on good government as applied to the case of England and Hanover ; it can be seen in full where its discoverer, Dr. Drögereit, of Hanover, has printed it, in a Lower-Saxon Historical Yearbook, for 1937, printed at Hildesheim by August Lax, together with an article on the rest of the new material he has seen. That George the Second's *bête noire*, the King of Prussia, was named executor was reason enough in itself for the wills being suppressed.

The third copy of the will, about which historians have been guessing for so many years, was under lock and key in the keeping of the Austrians at Vienna, and as long as it suited them to keep it, they did not give it up. Walpole did his best to get it, in order to please not only his master George II, but his mistress Queen Caroline, for the son Frederick, whom she so much hated, was favoured in the will. The date of its being stored at Hanover seems to show that Walpole contrived to get it for her before she died.

S.R.

## THE MISTAKE

Miss Clitsell disliked any sort of notice, and she was evidently the sort of person who was little likely to receive it. Her dwelling, her habits, her dress, all were as unobtrusive as she could contrive to make them. She lived in a detached house, situated in a remote square, which had long since ceased to be fashionable, but which was nevertheless still unquestionably respectable; from this base she might be seen setting out every afternoon, wet or fine, for a walk which was as unvaried in course as it was regular in occurrence. She passed always along streets which were empty of traffic, but usually well sprinkled with pedestrians who, like Miss Clitsell, had nothing else to do but to go for a daily walk. The focus point of all this exercise was a small park where a few nurses wheeled prams which might have seemed shoddy in Hyde Park. But despite her apparent modesty, Miss Clitsell found herself, one wet October afternoon, uncomfortably conscious of peering eyes and wagging tongues. She was not certain at first whether she was the centre of this painful scrutiny, but, when she noticed one or two furtive points at her person she was no longer in any doubt. Madly she cast about in her mind for a reassuring explanation: it must be the hat, she decided, and managed to persuade herself that it could be nothing worse. After all perhaps it was a little daring: its coloured band, and the feather, which, she had been assured, was so fashionable, must have produced a slightly incongruous effect when worn by an eminently respectable spinster of fifty-five. She determined to tear off the offending parts after returning from her walk, and meanwhile she marched resolutely on.

If Miss Clitsell had read her morning papers she would have seen there reported the murder of a neighbour. Mr. Abraham Hansel had been known in the district as a rich and independent old man; but the very fact that he lived in such a district pointed to the fact that he was a recluse. Apart from a daily walk he was rarely seen, and little was known either of his habits or his profession. He was one of those people who are recognized by everybody and known by nobody: his two servants, both of whom had a half-day on Thursdays, kept themselves to themselves in the little café where they usually went for tea. The papers announced that the murder had been

committed in the evening of the day before, while the victim had been sitting at his desk. The method was described at length, and much importance was ascribed to the fact that, the day being Thursday, Mr. Hansel had been alone in his house. His health had been excellent, as testified the fact that, despite cold and wet weather, he had walked a mile in order to buy a sheet of shilling postage-stamps. The reporter, clutching at a possible straw of mystery, pointed out that these postage-stamps had disappeared; nothing else, apparently, had been stolen from a room full of valuable objects, and round this fact a scheming reporter had woven a veil of conjecture. But Miss Clitsell was conscientious about reading her papers; the study of politics in the *Daily Telegraph*, and of all interesting crimes reported in the local papers, these things formed a ritual in her narrow life; and for this reason she never looked at either until buttered toast and china tea had put her into a receptive state of mind. Thus it was that the mystery of that elusive sheet of postage stamps did not trouble her as she proceeded on her walk, on the day following Mr. Hansel's unhappy decease. But nevertheless she was troubled. The insistent notice which she seemed unable to avoid had at first been mildly exciting, as well as very embarrassing; but now pleasurable excitement was giving way to the opposite; try as she would Miss Clitsell was unable to suppress a horrid fear, which started somewhere in the pit of her stomach and spread upwards to make her head feel dizzy, and downwards to make her knees feel weak. Supposing they knew . . . But no; she had been too careful. Miss Clitsell it appeared had an unexpected skeleton in her cupboard, and suspicions which the excuse of the hat did not altogether brush aside. Soon she realized that she was being followed by a small crowd of gesticulating men and women, while on the opposite pavement she saw several people look at her in surprise, and gather into small knots to discuss, with frequent points at herself, what seemed to be a very urgent matter. If this was the result of buying modish hats, Miss Clitsell decided, then she would never again commit such an indiscretion, and meanwhile she would try to look as indifferent as she felt troubled: the thought of turning back or searching for a policeman she quickly put aside, and she determined to step resolutely on with her walk. At least, she thought hysterically, if the hat was so obviously unpleasant she would return it and demand repayment; but was her hat the reason for all this excitement? She found herself desperately hoping that it was so, trying to persuade herself of a truth which she feared to be an untruth, as a child, who sees hopes of a picnic dissolving in rain persuades itself that the sun will soon come out. And so, wrestling with her fears (surely she could not have made a mistake over so easy an affair) she entered the well-known park, and began to approach a governess whose afternoon path had often crossed her own.

Miss Clitsell never reached her acquaintance. She had not proceeded twenty yards into the park when she heard a voice behind her:

"Miss Clitsell? May I speak to you for a moment please?"

Turning she saw a middle-aged man in a bowler hat and mackintosh.

"Miss Clitsell is my name," she replied with all the courage she could muster, "but I think, sir, that I have not the honour of your acquaintance."



"I am a plain clothes policeman," he said, "and am authorized to ask you to step down to the police station and answer a few questions. I have no doubt that you will not be detained long, Madam."

Good sense got the better of indignation, and Miss Clitsell, five yards ahead of her mentor in order to show the small group of watchers that she was in no way under arrest, walked briskly to the police station, which was happily near at hand. But if her flesh was eager to reach a refuge from peering eyes as quickly as possible, her spirit was creeping like a snail. She tried to persuade herself that it was out of the question, that such things were impossible for her. But nevertheless she could remember one or two things in her past which were not directly connected with china tea and buttered toast; that little love affair, for instance, which had ended so unfortunately thirty years ago, and one or two other things as well.

Miss Clitsell entered the doors and was quickly ushered into the presence of a superintendent. Once out of sight of the street she was no longer able to maintain her mask of haughty indifference. She beat the air with a brown umbrella, and spoke to the superintendent as she might have spoken to a little boy who had splashed her with mud, or to a shop-keeper who had sold her a bad piece of material. She was not accustomed, she pointed out, to being detained without explanation in the middle of public parks; she demanded to be given an explanation; she wished to see her solicitor; the policeman's behaviour was outrageous; she would give their stupidity and rudeness the utmost publicity. Miss Clitsell only finished her outburst when finally she ran out of breath and expressions.

"Perhaps, Madam," said the Inspector, "perhaps you would remove your mackintosh, and allow me to show you why it is that you are arrested—on a charge of murder."

Miss Clitsell complied, and the accusing finger of the law pointed to a damp sheet of shilling postage-stamps, which still adhered to the seat of the mackintosh.

"That, Madam," said the superintendent, "is where you made your mistake."

Miss Clitsell was white but composed.

"Bother," she said, "I should have realized that it was rash to sit down in my wet mackintosh. And so, Officer, it is regrettably true that one always makes some silly mistake. If only I had never contracted that foolish habit of leaving my newspapers to be read after tea."

H.S.L.D.

## BOOK REVIEW

### NOT ALL SLEEP \*

This unusual and delightful book owes its origin to two incidents which occurred at Stowe. Some eight years ago on a Summer night a Master here had a strange experience, of which he felt himself for a long time unable to tell anyone. In the same year a member of the Sixth Form had a similar experience. Neither knew till long afterwards what had befallen the other. Ultimately each told his story independently to Mrs. Radice, and both stories are summarised in the foreword to this book. They are both ghost stories (one may be found, by the way, in *The Stoic* for April 1933), but they are credible ghost stories, if only because they are of a matter-of-fact and unsensational kind.

The figures which had appeared to each observer were dressed in clothes of the same date and fashion, though of different colour. In each case the figures finally disappeared by walking into a portico from which they did not emerge, and in other ways, too, the resemblance was very strong. It seems impossible to regard the two appearances as unconnected.

The book tells the tale of a pair of lovers, who, as the author believes, returned on these two occasions, and may return again, to the haunts where their romance came to its end. James Hammond and Kitty Dashwood live again in these pages.

The method of the book is original. Scene gives place to scene vividly described, and, as in the cinema, the connections between them have sometimes to be supplied by the imagination. There are visions, seen in a flash, of Westminster School in 1727, of the Duke of Chandos's house, of Vauxhall Gardens, and of the Lakes at Stowe, and a whole series of pictures shows the life at Lord Chesterfield's Embassy in Holland, where Hammond first met his "little Dash." All the time the political manoeuvres of the day form a background before which the figures move. The best scenes are those in Holland. The descriptions of the country, the towns and the people, and also of a wild journey undertaken in the depths of the Dutch winter, are so convincing that it almost seems as if the author must herself have known eighteenth century Holland in a previous incarnation. When the spell of her magic wears off, one is left marvelling at the knowledge which made such an evocation possible. The book would be worth reading for these scenes alone. But it is the picture of Hammond—the gallant, delightful, boyish Hammond—and of his passion for the delicious "Dash" that is the heart of the book. No love story was ever more moving, and the tale is told with an utter simplicity which is itself the highest form of art.

The end is left uncertain. Hammond believes that he has taken his Dash to Stowe, though in reality she had been ill and could not have been with him then. He goes off from his friend and his mother in the evening light. "Will he come back?" his mother asks. The friend nods. "There was no doubt he would come back"—and the reader agrees that there is none.

If Hammond returns in another novel by Mrs. Radice, he will be more than welcome. For he is a dear and unforgettable fellow and his whole story has clearly not yet been told.

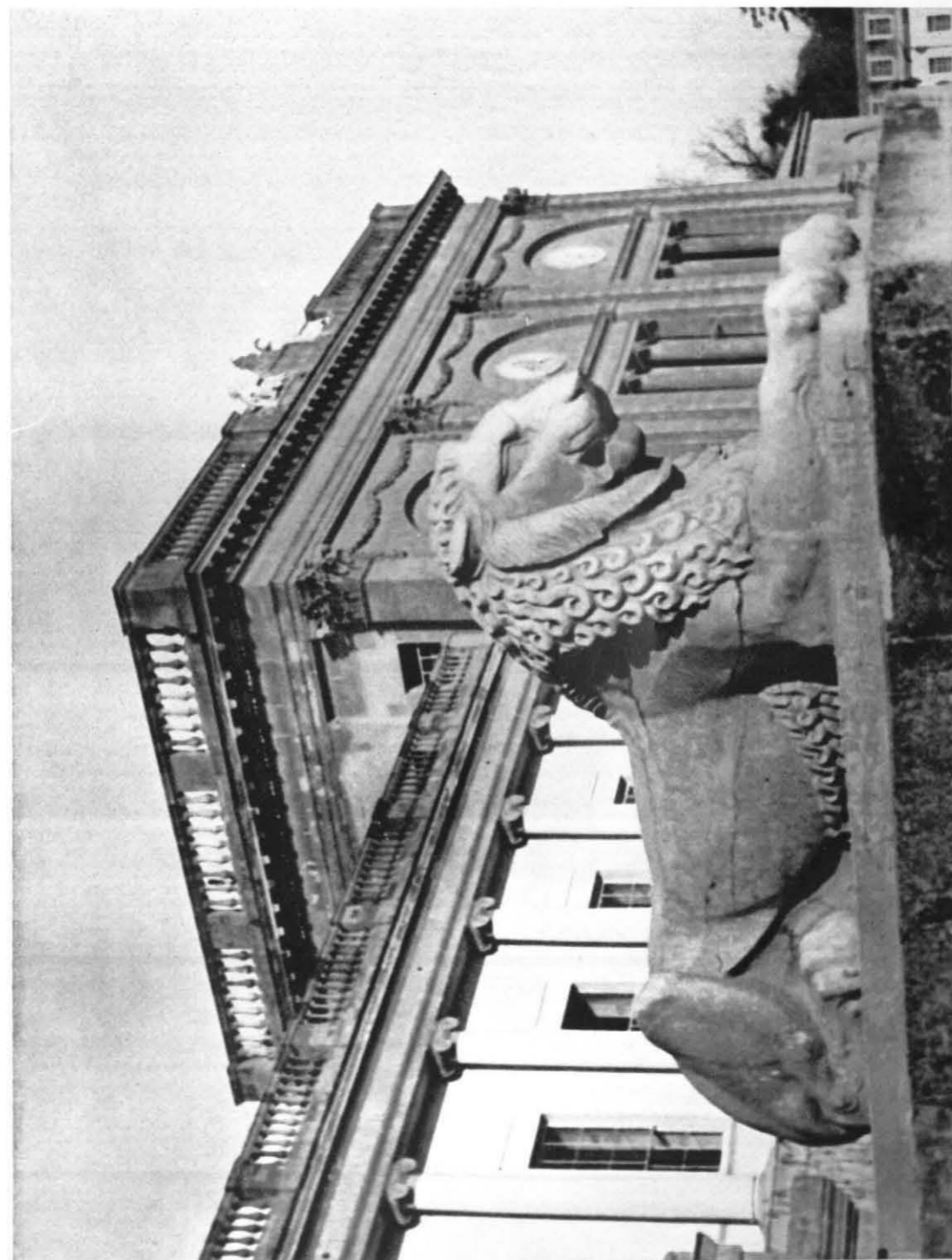
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## HOUSE SYMBOLS

In answer to a request, the list of House Symbols, as now used in *The Stoic* and in the Sports Programme, is again given below, for purposes of future reference.

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

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



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