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## SPLENDID ISOLATION

IT has been said of the Englishman's home that it is his castle. The same may well be said of his school. The castle was a singularly isolated entity, almost entirely concerned with its own well-being, little disturbed by the action of a neighbour and utterly ignorant of events further afield. The public school, though not necessarily ignorant of, is largely indifferent to, the events of the big wide world into which it launches its sons. The hum of mighty workings disturbs us little more than that of a bee.

The September crisis emerged slowly from the decay of the summer holidays, shot to a sickening apex on the night of the Prime Minister's Speech, and just as slowly subsided again. For us, as for the rest of the world, it remains a fear, a nightmare which may any day return. But already we have divorced it from the standards of the world. Trench-digging on Thursday afternoons seems to be as remotely connected with world war as the Oundle Match is with the Gresford Colliery disaster.

Unless we, like some American enthusiasts for the future, sink beneath the Eleven Acre an account of our life in the crisis in a metal cylinder to withstand time, and sink it soon before we forget, future Stoics will not know that for a brief week we came out of our castle. Digging parades were, for those few days, more than mere symbols of acquiescence in a national situation. They were as real as were the hoarse shouts of a united Germany which came over the wireless to huddled groups in studies and in houserooms at eight o'clock on the evening of Monday, September 26th.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Christmas Term, 1938.*

*Prefects* :—T. L. Dewhurst (B), Head of the School; I. E. T. Jenkin (C); M. B. Scholfield (T); D. A. H. Toler (G); B. J. G. Kaye (S); T. R. Gaskell (W); B. A. Stewart (C); D. M. Bolton (C); J. Roche (T); P. R. H. Hastings (T); J. E. C. Nicholl (B); J. C. Drew (C).

*Monitors* :—A. B. P. Beeton (W); R. H. Anstey (C); R. A. P. Allsebrook (W); J. H. de Burgh (G); E. B. Moore (C); J. M. E. Clarkson (G); J. B. Dunlop (C); L. G. Darling (S); R. C. Roxburgh (W); M. E. Farrer (B); P. R. Westall (C); R. H. Marten (S); S. J. Whitwell (C); J. B. Frankenburg (C); M. J. G. Hann (T); J. C. I. Hooper (C); C. R. Milne (T); M. J. Poulton (C); D. N. Davies (B); J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G); I. McC. Tait (S); R. C. H. Russell (S); J. M. Norman (C); J. M. G. Ritchie (W); C. R. T. Cunningham (C); R. H. M. Spencer (W); E. N. Rolfe (B); A. B. Williamson (G); F. N. C. Satow (C); J. M. Henry (C); C. C. H. M. Morgan (T); P. A. Chamier (C); B. H. G. Sparrow (W); R. H. Widdows (C); J. M. Thomson (C); J. N. Dixey (B); J. W. Busk (S); P. J. Diggle (C).

*Captain of Football* :—P. R. H. Hastings (T).

*Hon. Secretary of Football* :—B. A. Stewart (C).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

October 23rd. The Rev. Canon Trevor Lewis, Vicar of All Saints', Northampton.

November 20th. The Rev. W. Cole, Chaplain of Oundle.

December 4th. Spencer Leeson, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Winchester.

Also, on November 27th, Mr. B. L. Q. Henriques addressed the School in Chapel on the subject of Boys' Clubs.

A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, December 2nd, when the Bishop of Oxford confirmed eighty-four members of the School.

A special rendering of Christmas Music was heard in the Chapel on Sunday evening, December 11th.

The usual Carol Service took the place of Evensong on December 18th in Chapel.

Mr. B. Newton John has joined the Staff this term. Monsieur A. Gosse has also come for a year.

*From the Times* :

## BIRTHS.

CROSS.—On July 31st, at Oxford, to Barbara and Ivor Cross, of Chatham House, Stowe, Bucks—a daughter (Jennifer Margaret).

CAWSTON.—On Sept. 5th, to Mary Jeannette, wife of E. Cawston, at Buckingham Hospital—a daughter (Virginia).

CLIFFORD.—On Oct. 2nd, to Louise (née Rodewald), wife of A. B. Clifford, of Grafton House, Stowe, Bucks—a daughter (Rosemary Anne).

On Saturday, September 24th, a party of Hitler Youth paid a visit to Stowe and played a game of cricket.

A.R.P. Trench-Digging, begun at feverish speed during the Crisis, has continued at regular intervals during the whole term.

This season the First Fifteen has won all its four School matches, scoring 117 points against 17. In all matches, 292 points have been scored against 62.

Mr. A. Matthews was top of the first-class bowling averages for the cricket season of 1938, with an average of 13.16.

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The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held at Grosvenor House on Saturday, December 3rd. Mr. H. V. G. Kinvig was the guest from Stowe. Fifty-eight Old Stoics were present.

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On Thursday, November 17th, Colonel Nathan, M.P., very kindly repeated his hospitality of last year and entertained a party of Stowe boys to an inspection of the Houses of Parliament.

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The rhododendrons in the Chapel Court have been judged effete and supplanted by new specimens.

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At the Army Examination held in June, 1938, the following Stoics were successful:—Into Woolwich:—F. J. T. Durie (C), 2nd. Into Sandhurst:—F. N. H. Widdrington (G), D. S. L. Dodson (C), W. W. Cheyne (C).

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

*For Fencing*: H. W. J. E. Peel (G), J. A. Cutforth (S).

*For Rifle Shooting*: R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C).

*For Lawn Tennis*: D. A. G. Kaye (S), B. J. G. Kaye (S), J. B. Andrews (G), C. Wachmann (S).

*For Swimming*: R. D. Jay (W), J. B. Andrews (G), R. Backus (B).

The following have been awarded First Fifteen colours:—

M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C) (re-awarded); B. J. G. Kaye (S), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), A. G. Way (B), A. B. P. Beeton (W), I. McC. Tait (S), J. M. Thomson (C), P. J. Diggle (C), P. E. Waugh (G), J. M. Henry (C), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), I. R. L. Shaw (C).

The following have been awarded Second Fifteen colours:—

A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), P. J. Diggle (C), A. B. P. Beeton (W), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), P. E. Waugh (G), I. McC. Tait (S), J. M. Henry (C), I. R. L. Shaw (C), R. C. Roxburgh (W), J. A. H. Lucas (C), J. C. Drew (C), M. E. Farrer (B), J. B. Dunlop (C), D. K. Murdoch (T), A. B. Williamson (G), D. A. H. Toler (G), C. C. H. M. Morgan (T), J. R. C. Holbech (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), E. B. Moore (C).

The following have been awarded Third Fifteen stockings:—

I. D. W. McEwen (T), E. B. Moore (C), P. E. Waugh (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), D. M. Bolton (C), A. B. Williamson (G), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), J. R. C. Holbech (C), C. D. Drew (C), H. B. McCready (S), D. A. H. Toler (G), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. M. Norman (C), P. G. Henderson (W), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), R. C. Erhardt (C), R. H. Marten (S), D. N. Davies (B), G. G. Riddick (C), A. E. Cawkell (G), P. A. Bates (C), R. J. Mead (C), M. G. M. Reid (W).

The following have been awarded Colts Stockings:—

A. D. Thomson (C), C. M. Musgrave (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), R. C. Hurley (C), H. Le S. Massy (T), A. M. Mitchell (C), M. B. E. Clarkson (G), J. E. Murray (B), T. G. Knox (C), J. D. S. Rowntree (T), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), W. E. McCready (S), M. Denempont (G), A. P. R. Holmes (G), C. M. Griffin (C).

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A 'Bene' Book has been awarded to T. L. Dewhurst (B).

## CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's examination in July, 1938, the following obtained Certificates:—

Higher Certificates:—P. A. Bates (C), A. B. P. Beeton (W), C. S. Berger (S), P. J. Blundell (S), Hon. M. S. Buckmaster (C), J. E. S. S. Cable (C), L. G. Darling (S), G. L. L. Dodson (C), D. B. B. Fenwick (W), Hon. J. V. Fisher (T), W. Kee (S), C. R. Milne (T), J. P. Phillips (C), J. Roche (T), B. H. G. Sparrow (W).

School Certificates:—D. L. Andrewes (G), P. S. Anstey (C), C. M. Argles (C), G. S. Atkins (W), J. A. Barclay (C), S. Barclay (C), C. B. F. Barham (C), R. H. F. Barker (C), R. A. Bernstein (S), D. K. Bewley (T), C. N. Bruce (S), P. A. Buchanan (W), V. D. Burton (S), J. R. B. Butler (S), N. G. Chittenden (T), L. D. M. Clark (B), M. B. E. Clarkson (G), P. R. Clay (S), A. F. H. Coates (S), M. J. Conran (B), G. McC. Corbett (B), D. N. Cox (W), G. A. S. Cox (W), C. F. Cullis (W), D. N. Davies (B), T. D. Dawson (C), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), P. J. Diggle (C), C. D. Drew (C), G. A. Dunnett (G), R. J. Ellison (T), P. E. Falkner (W), R. P. Farrer (B), J. R. L. Gale (C), C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), J. A. Hay (C), P. G. Henderson (W), A. K. Higham (T), Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W), A. V. Hollington (C), A. P. R. Holmes (G), G. H. P. Holt (B), A. G. E. Howard (C), J. J. O. Hutchison (C), J. B. Kennedy (C), R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C), E. J. Lankester (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), T. G. Longdon-Griffiths (G), W. E. McCready (S), P. C. Macnamara (B), A. M. Mitchell (C), J. A. Modet (G), C. A. Moodie (G), J. E. B. Naumann (C), E. M. Nettlefold (B), C. W. Newton (S), J. F. Nye (C), R. A. D. Oliver (C), J. O. Outwater (C), J. H. Phillips (C), M. G. M. Reid (W), J. E. Richardson (C), A. B. Robinson (S), A. H. Rowan (C), G. C. C. Rowley (T), J. D. S. Rowntree (T), M. H. R. Sandwith (W), K. J. Sansom (B), J. C. Simopoulos (S), B. B. D. Stopford (C), H. M. Taylor (S), J. M. Thomson (C), Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), P. E. Waugh (G), D. J. Webster (W), D. P. C. Weiner (W), D. T. Weston (S), A. G. Whitehead (S), P. Wilby (T), G. E. Williamson-Noble (T), P. O. Willing (C), R. M. Wood (C), S. P. E. C. W. Worsthorpe (C).

## OLIM ALUMNI

## GENERAL.

The London Gazette of October 14th, 1938, announced the award of the Military Cross to LIEUTENANT JOHN CASSELS MONTEITH (G, 1933), 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch. The notice continues, "Lieutenant Monteith received the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action on several occasions. He has set a fine example of courage and initiative throughout the battalion." Mr. Monteith is the first Old Stoic to be awarded the M.C.

## ACADEMIC.

MR. T. F. S. HETHERINGTON (G, 1933) gained a First Class in the Final Honour School of History at Oxford. A year previously he gained a First in Modern Greats.

MR. O. A. W. DILKE (B, 1933) has been awarded a Craven grant of £50 and a College Studentship of £200 per annum by King's College, Cambridge.

At the examination held in July 1938 for admission to the Indian Civil Service, MR. G. C. WYNDHAM (S, 1933) was placed fifth.

MR. J. P. E. C. HENNIKER-MAJOR (B, 1934) passed second into the Diplomatic Service at the examination held in the Summer of 1938.

MR. R. O. M. WILLIAMS (W, 1935) has been elected to a Boulter Exhibition in Law at Christ Church, Oxford.

## ATHLETIC.

MR. P. SHERRARD (C, 1937) played fly-half for Cambridge in the University Rugby Football match. He is the first Old Stoic to be awarded a Rugby Football Blue.

MR. P. R. SPENCER (S, 1936) and MR. J. P. STEPHENS (W, 1937) both played Rugby Football for Cambridge University on several occasions. Mr. Spencer was unfortunate to be badly injured when he seemed to be well in the running for his Blue.

In the Cambridge Seniors Sports, MR. A. B. HOUSTON (C, 1936) won the High Jump (5ft. 4ins.), and MR. B. W. J. D'ARCY-IRVINE (C, 1936) won the Long Jump (21ft. 3ins.). MR. C. D. EARLE (B, 1938) was second in the High Hurdles, in the Freshmen's Sports.

In the Oxford Freshmen's Sports, MR. M. G. T. WEBSTER (W, 1938) was second in the Mile.

MR. R. O. M. WILLIAMS (W, 1935) represented Oxford and MR. J. S. SIMPSON-HUNTER (T, 1936) Cambridge in the University Badminton match. Mr. Simpson-Hunter won his singles match.

At the National Gliding Competition at Dunstable on July 18th, MR. F. T. GARDINER (S, 1935) flew seventy-five miles in a glider which he had made himself, and was placed eighth among the competitors. In the same competition, MR. G. W. PIRIE (G, 1937) was place eleventh.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. M. E. J. CROKER (G, 1926) to Miss D. G. Fenton.

MR. T. G. W. FERRIER (S, 1930) to Miss E. M. de Quincey.

MR. P. L. C. BRODIE (C, 1931) to Miss Thorne.

MR. E. W. SCONCE (S, 1931) to Miss S. M. Petri.

MR. E. CADOGAN (S, 1931) to Miss C. Wachtmeister.

DR. P. C. CONRAN (B, 1931) to Miss N. Salkeld.

MR. P. T. L. BROWNE (T, 1932) to Miss M. R. Gaskell.

MR. T. S. LUCAS (C, 1932) to Miss R. I. Ferguson.

MR. R. P. BLOW (C, 1933) to Miss D. H. Bethell.

MR. J. M. REAY-SMITH (C, 1933) to Miss M. A. R. Pitt.

MR. J. M. N. PIKE (C, 1934) to Miss M. D. M. Leggett.

MR. P. H. G. SMITH (C, 1934) to Miss S. Henderson.

MR. D. B. DRYSDALE (S, 1935) to Miss E. C. Dalglish.

#### MARRIAGES.

MR. E. C. WILKINSON (G, 1925) to Miss J. Fortescue, on July 29th.

MR. W. G. S. CRASTER (T, 1926) to Miss K. Nightingale, on September 27th.

MR. R. SLINGER (C, 1927) to Miss J. Low, on September 1st.

MR. J. V. DURDEN (C, 1928) to Miss K. I. Meredith, on July 2nd.

MR. M. GOWING (C, 1929) to Miss J. M. Robertson, on October 22nd.

THE HON. D. P. T. OGILVIE-GRANT (T, 1929) to Miss A. Bowe, on September 24th.

MR. R. I. MACKENZIE (C, 1930) to Miss E. L. Short, on June 4th. (In Hong Kong.)

MR. R. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1930) to Miss V. Hullneck, on August 27th.

MR. P. A. P. REA (S, 1930) to Miss P. E. Creasy, on November 12th. (In Bulawayo.)

MR. J. W. BEST (S, 1930) to Miss C. M. Otter, on August 6th.

MR. J. D. RUSSELL-DAVIS (C, 1930) to Miss B. E. G. Arnould, on September 24th.

MR. P. P. L. DILLON (G, 1930) to Miss J. E. Williams, on December 11th, 1937. (In New Zealand.)

MR. D. LOCKHART-MUMMERY (C, 1933) to Miss D. Hand, on August 6th.

#### BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. S. C. ROGERS (T, 1927), a son, on July 22nd.

To the wife of MR. J. A. BROWN (C, 1928), a son, on July 23rd.

To the wife of MR. J. H. RAIKES (B, 1928), a son, on July 18th.

To the wife of MR. W. M. C. PEATFIELD (T, 1928), a daughter, on November 22nd.

To the wife of MR. J. G. OAKLEY (C, 1929), a daughter, on October 6th.

To the wife of MR. R. C. R. CLARKE (G, 1929), a son, on August 25th.

To the wife of MR. M. H. BARCLAY (C, 1931), a son, on August 23rd.

To the wife of THE VISCOUNT MAITLAND (G, 1933), a daughter, on October 23rd.

#### DEATHS.

On August 16th, as the result of an aeroplane accident, MR. E. J. BOYLE (B, 1927).

On July 29th, MR. J. A. BROWN (C, 1928).

On November 6th, MR. D. M. S. PARKER (G, 1930).

On July 16th, MR. J. E. P. DUNN (T, 1932).

On November 1st, FLYING OFFICER P. J. K. PIKE (C, 1932).

On November 28th, MR. J. A. BOLTON (C, 1933).

On September 22nd, as the result of a motor accident, MR. H. D. McC. CLIFF (T, 1934).

On September 22nd, as the result of a riding accident, MR. D. J. McG. BLACK (G, 1935), 2nd Lieut., Royal Artillery.

## POEM

The day was so lovely, the sky so blue,  
My heart bounded within me and lifted high  
The thoughts of dejection which imperceptibly  
Caught at my soul.

But the root of our troubles is too deeply set  
To be dispelled by a single ray  
Of the glorious sunshine which breaks through the clouds  
On a perfect summer's day.

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Now it is dull, the sky overclouded ;  
What does this portend ?  
Am I to bow under the weight of my thoughts  
And feel in hopeless mood again ?

The wind is rising and howling round corners,  
As it were corners of my mind,  
Trying to bowl the good thoughts asunder  
And wed itself to the hopeless kind.

Once more I await that ray of sunshine  
Which will raise me from the depths of hell  
And allow me once more to look upon people  
As though I knew them well.

## CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

## CHRISTMAS TERM.

The Pineapple has received :—	£	s.	d.
Collection, Sept. 25th	18	6	11
Collections at Early Services (July 10th—November 27th)	14	18	5
	<u>£33</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from Summer Term Account	1	8	6
Collection, July 10th	8	18	10
Collection, July 24th (for Children's Country Holiday Fund)	23	8	6
Collection, October 16th	9	13	0
Collection, November 13th	10	8	6
Collection, November 27th	7	16	3
	<u>£61</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Expenses	14	10	0
To the Children's Country Holiday Fund	23	8	6
„ the London Hospital	10	0	0
„ the "Silver Lady" Travelling Café	10	0	0
Balance to Easter Term	3	15	1
	<u>£61</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>

For the Committee,

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

T. C. P. BROOK.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

## THE 1st XV.

Played, 14 matches. Won, 12. Lost, 2. Points for, 292.  
Points against, 62.

THE team has done as well as, if not better than, any other first fifteen at Stowe. They beat Oundle, which has never been accomplished before: they made a record score of sixty-seven points against the admittedly weakened defence of Radley: they won all their School matches. The results of all other school matches lead us to believe that Stowe has a side this year equal to any other school side in the country.

The secrets of success have been exceptional captaincy by Hastings, long accurate passes by Way, fast and elusive running by Hastings, Scholfield and Yellowlees, and devastating tackling and hard shoving by the forwards. It may seem strange that, with the same centres and stand-off as last year, the scoring power has been so greatly increased. It is due, not entirely to those players themselves as might be expected, but to the fact that, in Way, Hastings has a scrum-half who can throw a pass long enough to enable him to cut outside his opposite number, instead of inside as was the case last year, with the result that he keeps better contact with the three-quarters.

A striking feature of all the games this year has been the place-kicking of Farnell-Watson, who has converted from anywhere in his opponents' half. A kick that will not be forgotten was his penalty against the wind from fifty yards against Oundle. He is a greatly improved player in other ways and with more practice and coaching he should do better still.

Hastings, besides being an excellent captain, has always played with judgment and a quick perception of his opponents' weaknesses and strength. He has made openings for Scholfield and Yellowlees and they have not been slow to take them. Both centres have had some glorious individual runs, for example Scholfield's R1 in the Radley match and Yellowlees' tries in the Oundle and Bedford matches. Nicholl and



Thomson have been starved more than they should have been, because they are both players above average, but supposedly the centres found it too easy to score themselves. Collectively the backs have played well together, a special feature of their play being their skill in bringing off difficult trick moves with the maximum of certainty. Last year Hastings was a very bad passer of the ball; this year he is very good at this essential of the game.

The forwards, a bigger lot than last year, have played heroically all term. They knew that their task was to shove hard and keep their heads down with the object of supplying their backs with as much of the ball as possible: they knew that they were not expected to touch the ball except with their feet. This might have been dull for them, if the backs had not been able to make full use of their opportunities, but they did, and the forwards can now feel that without their constant hard work the team would have been a poor one. Even against heavier packs they have pushed well, and their tackling in the Oundle game was ruthless and unhesitating, as all good tackling should be. In the line-outs Stewart has been particularly prominent and is as good as any other schoolboy seen against us this year. In the loose play Tait, Diggle, Kaye, Lucas and Shaw have been outstanding, while Stewart, Beeton, Henry, Tait and Roxburgh have always shoved exceptionally hard. Waugh has improved greatly as a hooker and in other ways has been as good as any other member of the pack. Stewart, who is always in the thick of the maul with no breath left, gave over the leadership of the pack to Tait. The latter has worked wonders with a tired pack, and had it not been for him in the last quarter of an hour against Bedford, Stowe would surely have been beaten.

It is a pity that the season should be such a short one when members of the team have enjoyed their rugby so much. However, they will all have very pleasant memories of the Halton, Oundle and Radley games. The fifteen showed little promise until the Halton game, when forwards and backs played as if inspired to defeat a team that had not been beaten for some years. This gave us confidence for the Oundle match, which will be remembered longer than most, partly as being one with some delightful moves by both sets of backs and some relentless tackling all round, but mainly by the fact that Stowe beat Oundle for the first time. The Radley match was exceptional for its high score, which was obtained

in a high wind by faultless heeling and Hastings at his very best. This provided a regular scoring machine, which a weakened Radley side could not attempt to stop.

It must not be thought that the fifteen always played well. They were at times not allowed to play their own game owing to slow heeling from the scrum, with the consequent smothering of Way and Hastings. In the Bedford game they were only allowed to play attacking football for the last quarter of an hour.

Congratulations are due to Hastings as Captain, second only in such capacity to B. C. Gadney.

#### THE 2nd XV.

The Second Fifteen have had a very variable season. They began extremely badly by losing to Brackley and Radley, in both cases quite unnecessarily and by the same score of two tries to nothing. Fortunately they played really well against Oundle, to whom they lost by only three points to eight, and thereafter went on to beat Harrow and Haileybury, though they lost to an unusually good Wellington side. They then beat Bloxham narrowly in one of their best games of the season. This was a new fixture and a very satisfactory one. The Bedford game, after a postponement, was won handsomely; and at the time of writing there is one more match, against St. Edward's School, Oxford, also a new fixture. T. R. Gaskell (W) made an excellent captain throughout the season, and his experience and enthusiasm were invaluable to the side. J. C. Drew (C) gave many polished displays at stand-off half, D. K. Murdoch (T) was a very courageous full-back, and among the forwards the side owed a lot to the hooking and leadership of M. E. Farrer (B) and the unusually fine place-kicking of A. B. Williamson (G).

*Team*:—D. K. Murdoch (T); J. R. C. Holbech (C), T. R. Gaskell (W) capt., C. D. Drew (C), C. C. H. M. Morgan (T); J. C. Drew (C), D. M. Bolton (C); A. B. Williamson (G), M. E. Farrer (B), I. D. W. McEwen (T), R. C. Roxburgh (W), E. B. Moore (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), J. A. H. Lucas (C), J. B. Dunlop (C).

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 1st, the visitors winning by three goals (15 points) to two goals and one try (13 points).

The Scottish arrived four men short (owing to the crisis) and the School supplied them with substitutes in Mr. Hamer, C. C. H. M. Morgan (T), E. B. Moore (C) and P. F. E. Foster (G). These subs., in fact, were more than useful, for they scored all the Scottish tries, Mr. Hamer scoring one try and Morgan two.

The School opened in promising style and threatened to overwhelm the visitors. The Scottish, however, resorted to kick and rush methods and, with the School unprepared to fall on the ball, their forwards controlled the game.

The Scottish scored their tries after their forwards had rushed the ball to the line, and every try was converted. For the School tries were scored by Yellowlees, after a nice round of passing, and Nicholl (2) as the result of keen following up. Farnell-Watson converted two.

*Team* :—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); J. E. C. Nicholl (B), D. A. Yellowlees (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. M. Thomson (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); A. B. P. Beeton (W), M. E. Farrer (B), J. M. Henry (C), B. A. Stewart (C), R. C. Roxburgh (W), J. Roche (T), B. J. G. Kaye (G), P. J. Diggle (C).

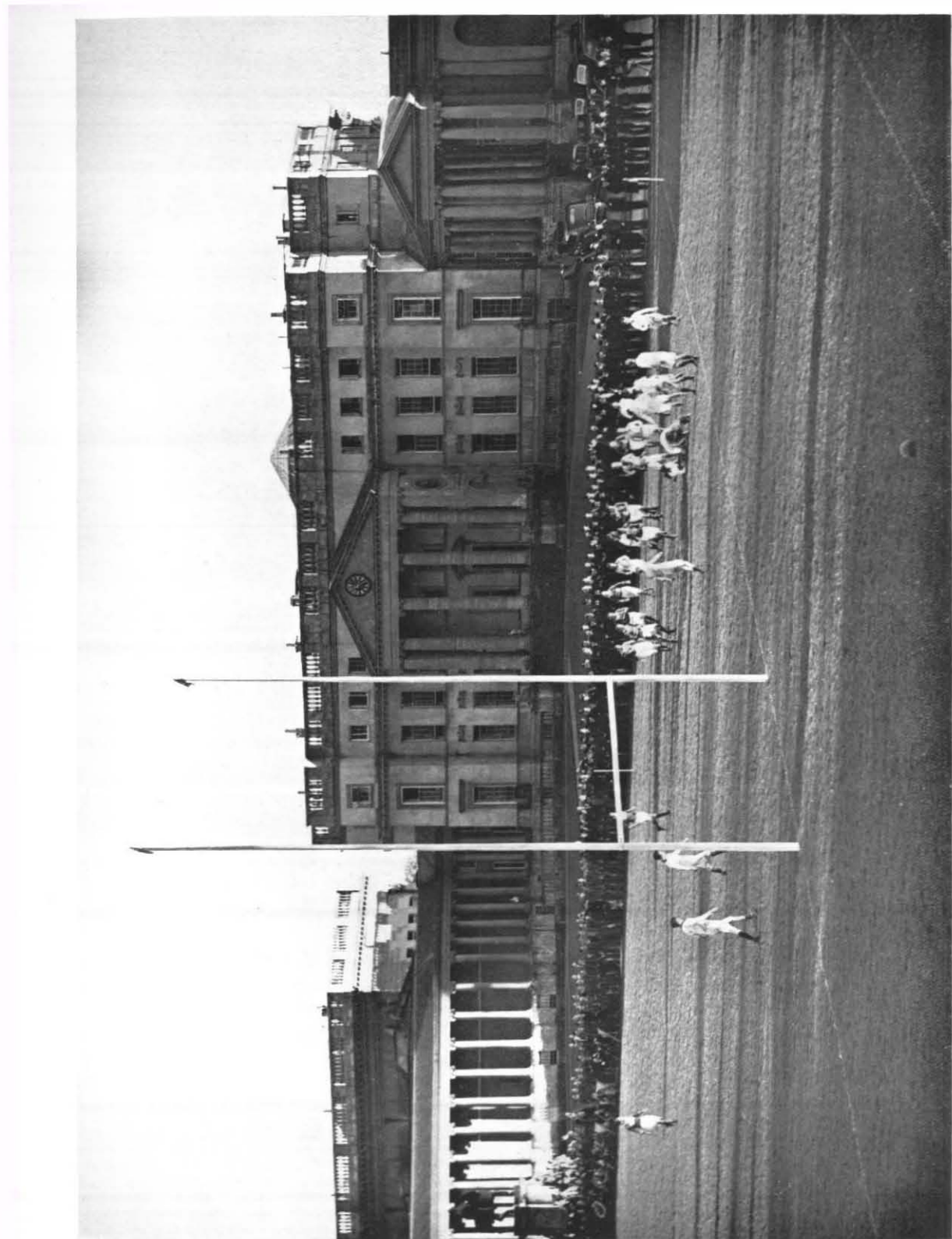
THE SCHOOL *v.* ROSSLYN PARK "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 8th, the School winning by a goal and two tries (11 points) to two tries (6 points).

Stowe began with great dash and Scholfield always looked dangerous. It was not long before he got through and passed to Yellowlees, who might have scored himself but decided to give Thomson the try. Farnell-Watson hit the post with the kick. Shaw, who was playing well in his first game for the fifteen, had to retire with concussion. The forwards stuck to it pluckily under Stewart's leadership and got their fair share of the ball. The next try came from quick following-up by Hastings, who tackled the full-back in possession: the ball went loose and Way got over. Farnell-Watson narrowly missed the kick from far out. He had a long shot at a penalty in the first half, but his kick erred in direction. Stowe, 6; Rosslyn Park, 0.

Rosslyn Park scored twice in the second half playing down-wind in the rain which had just come on. Both tries seemed inevitable: our weakened pack were driven back to the goal-line and on each occasion a member of the opposition banged his way across. Scholfield again came into the picture with a kick and rush attack on his own, scoring far out by the Pavilion. Farnell-Watson converted with the wet ball from the touch-line. On another occasion Stowe might have had a try, but the wing decided to cut in instead of making for the corner flag.

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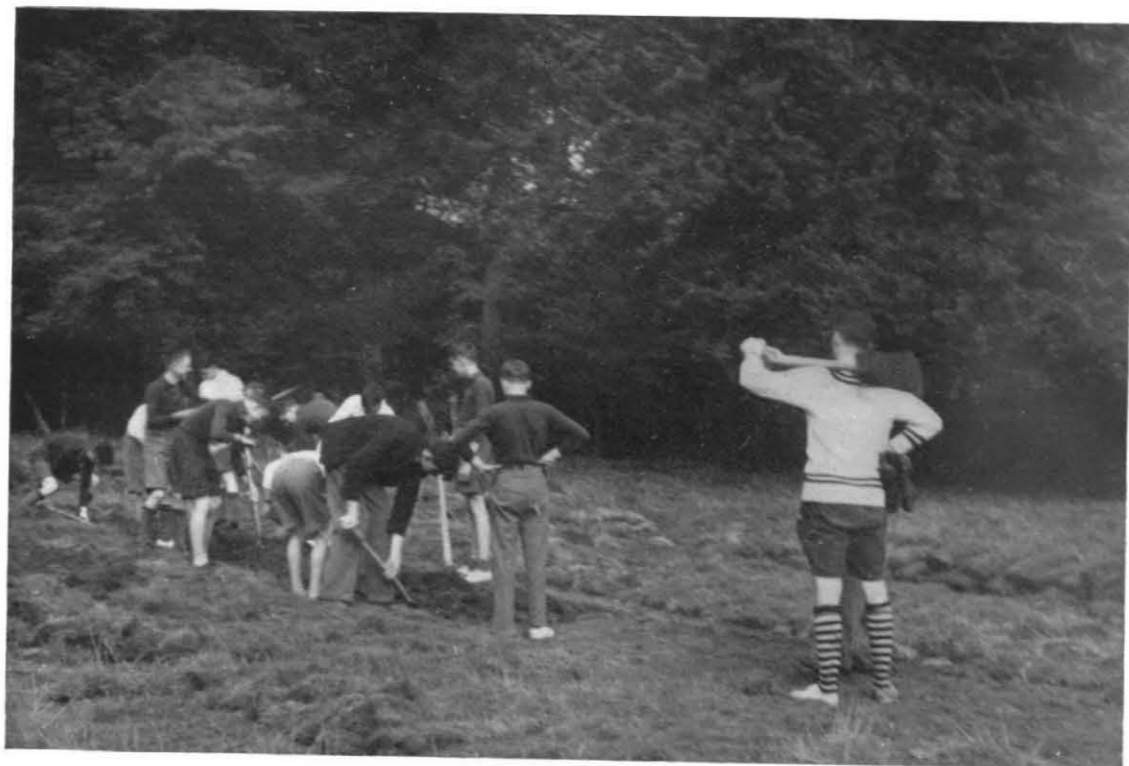


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THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Harrow on Saturday, October 15th, the School winning by four goals (20 points) to a try (3 points).

Stowe played down the hill first half and were immediately on the attack. The forwards got the ball regularly for the first ten minutes and our backs were a constant source of danger to the Harrow defence. Yellowlees broke through in fine style, but on reaching the full-back elected to pass inside, and a certain try was lost. However, five minutes later Hastings scored near the posts with a neat run of some twenty-five yards. The Stowe forwards lost their cohesion and Harrow got the ball in most of the scrums and line-outs and did a great deal of ineffective attacking. Later in the first half Stowe got two tries by Yellowlees and Way. The former was by a lovely outside cut-through, which beat the defence completely; the latter was from close to the line, when Way deceived the opposition by feigning to pass out and dived through the gap remaining.

In the second half very little life was seen by the Stowe pack and they were beaten for the ball in almost every scrum. This gave the Harrow backs plenty of chances, but they kicked on Farnell-Watson who was very safe indeed. Their only try came from a scrum under the posts, when the stand-off, finding that his drop-kick was going to be charged, side-stepped Hastings and drew Scholfield, and the centre-threequarter scored. For the last ten minutes the forwards woke up again and got the ball occasionally for the backs, who always looked dangerous, but it was not until near the end that another try was scored. Hastings took an inside pass from Yellowlees and got over behind the posts.

Farnell-Watson played very well at full-back, but was slow in getting his kick in. His place-kicking was of the highest standard and he got all four kicks over. Way was inclined to be too slow and kicked when it was all important to give the backs every chance. Of the forwards Stewart, Kaye and Beeton were good; the others were not up to standard. The attack and defence of the "midfield triangle" were excellent, and had they been given more of the ball the score might easily have been doubled.

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THE SCHOOL *v.* MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, October 19th, the School winning by three goals and a try (18 points) to two tries (6 points).

A long kick-off by Scholfield was touched down by Magdalene, and Stowe kept the attack in opposition territory for the majority of the first half. The re-organized Stowe pack got the ball from the set scrums and gave their backs plenty of opportunities, some of which were thrown away by bad timing of the passes. The first try came from a bad drop-kick at goal by Hastings: the ball went out to the right wing, where it was fumbled and Thomson touched down. The kick failed narrowly. Later a glorious outside cut-through by Scholfield ought to have led to a score, but he passed to Yellowlees too soon. The next try was lovely to watch: Way threw such a long pass that Hastings easily evaded Sherrard (O.S.), left the full-back sitting on the ground and scored between the posts. The kick succeeded. Stowe went further ahead when

Way got away on the blind side and passed to Nicholl, who returned it to Shaw for a try. The kick succeeded. The last Stowe try came from a forward dribble and Kaye scored at the corner flag. Farnell-Watson kicked one of the most astounding goals ever seen. The ball fell over and was lying diagonally to the direction of the kick, but once it was in the air there was no doubt that it was going over, and it did. A glorious first half ended with Stowe leading by 18—0.

The second half was not so good. The forwards got ragged and the backs did not get their opportunities. However, Yellowlees had one good cut-through which might have led to a try, but Shaw, who displaced Nicholl (injured during the game), went inside instead of going for the corner flag.

The match was watched by a large percentage of the School, who showed little appreciation for a very fine exhibition of ruggie.

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

Played at Halton on Saturday, October 22nd, the School winning by a goal, a penalty goal and three tries (17 points) to two penalty goals (6 points).

This match was played on a dry ground at Halton.

Stowe began by getting the ball regularly from all scrums, and the backs were a constant menace to the Halton defence. A few passes were dropped, but on the whole the attack was exceedingly penetrating. Yellowlees got through on the outside and passed inside to Thomson, who scored. Farnell-Watson's kick failed from far out. Hastings, receiving a long pass from Way, got outside his man to beat the full-back and score: again Farnell-Watson failed to convert. But later he made amends by kicking a penalty from the ten-yards line. The Stowe defence was exceptionally solid and Halton never got within twenty-five yards of their line. They, however, were awarded a penalty, which gave them three points.

Stowe began the second half with a lead of nine points to three, but as they were playing uphill it appeared as if it might be necessary before the end of the game. Halton got the ball more and they did some strenuous attacking moves and occasionally got through the line, but wonderful covering by the forwards and Way prevented them scoring. When the tension was relieved, Hastings got another try, Gaskell having taken the pass from the scrum and drawn the stand-off. There was another magnificent try a little later. Yellowlees, the inside centre-threequarter, rounded the three opposite defenders and passed inside to Scholfield, who grounded between the posts. Farnell-Watson failed with this kick but got the other. Halton got another penalty goal, not long before time.

Never has there been a better game and never has a Stowe team played as consistently well. The forwards were all excellent and the backs were as good: Tait led the forwards instead of Stewart or Kaye, both indisposed, and got good results. Hastings has never played better and gave Yellowlees and Scholfield full scope for their powers of acceleration.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 29th, the School winning by six goals and three tries (39 points) to nil.

Richmond played one man short throughout the game. It was not surprising, therefore, that Stowe got the ball out of most of the scrums to give their backs full scope for their speed and elusiveness. Yellowlees was in great form and seven of the tries scored came from his cuts-through. Scholfield and Hastings played well also and it was hardly ever found necessary to pass the ball to the wings.

The first score came through Yellowlees, who passed inside to Diggle. The next try was from a good cut-through by Hastings; the ball went to Yellowlees via Scholfield and the former scored. Scholfield scored his only try of the match from an inside pass a few minutes later. There were two more tries before half-time and they were probably the best in the game. Hastings drew all the defence to the right, but instead the ball went out to the left to Yellowlees where there was no man to tackle him. He passed to Way, who scored between the posts. The last try in the first half started near George: Thomson broke through a loose maul and passed to Tait, who passed to another forward, and before Stewart had grounded between the posts most of the forwards had handled. Half-time: Stowe, 23; Richmond, 0.

The second half was not as good to watch, but Yellowlees was still in brilliant form and got through whenever he wanted. His penetration led to tries by Hastings, Farnell-Watson, Gaskell and himself. Farnell-Watson kicked six goals, but all of them were near the posts.

The forwards played well. Their handling was much above standard and at times by quick short passes they had the opposition at sixes and sevens. Their dribbling was improved and had the hooking of the outside men been better they would have had the ball quicker and cleaner. Stewart was the best forward in the pack.

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#### THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 5th, the School winning by a goal, a penalty goal and three tries (17 points) to a goal and two tries (11 points).

This season we approached the Oundle match with feelings somewhat different from those of former years. Previously even the most optimistic among us could seldom have had more than a forlorn hope of defeating the admirably trained and formidably capable machine so regularly produced by Oundle. This year, however, we realized that we possessed a team which had touched great heights in the game against Halton, one of those fiery ordeals from which alone real temper can be produced, and which, against a depleted Richmond side, had shown us that it could score tries and go on scoring them. It is true that Oundle had replied to our 39—0 defeat of Richmond by a 43—3 victory over Bedford, but we still felt that, given a dry day and a full side, we could put more trust in this team than in any previous Stowe Fifteen.

Saturday, November 5th, gave us our full side, and one of the most perfect Autumn days we have ever seen, a shade too hot for football when overcoats were so freely discarded on the touch-line, but providing us with an admirably dry ground, a clear golden light and a very impressive crowd of supporters. Oundle, unhappily without two of their regular team, looked, as usual, an extremely imposing side as they lined up with their backs to the East goal and kicked off into the sun.

From the first moment the game was played with tremendous dash and speed. Stowe, as hosts, politely showed the way in attack and looked dangerous at once, but Oundle forced the play up-field, and then delivered two shattering attacks first on the right flank and then on the left: in this latter their left-wing, Grant, ran at a most impressive speed and seemed to get over only to lose the ball. Eventually, however, Stowe were attacking again and scored the first try of the game through, appropriately enough, their captain and stand-off half, Hastings. He went left from a scrum just outside the Oundle twenty-five, and then, following a perfectly executed outside cut-through he succeeded, quite how we do not know, in cutting back inside the highly efficient Oundle full-back and scoring between the posts. Farnell-Watson, however, showed too great respect for the charging properties of the Oundle forwards, placed the ball a full twenty-five yards from the goal and hooked his kick. (3-0.) We gasped, made a mental note that we should probably need these two points later, and settled down once more to the rigour of the game. Fortune, however, was in her most capricious mood, and, only a minute or two later, the luckless Farnell-Watson was once again called upon to kick a penalty goal from what, to him, was the easiest of positions, but once more he hooked the ball outside the post.

Oundle now settled down to a prolonged attack, and we watched some very fine passing from a three-quarter line which seemed to be worthy of a better service from a fly-half who appeared to stand rather too far forward. It was, however, this same half-back, Barnes, who eventually scored their first try by cutting through and scoring too far out on the left-wing for Conradi to convert. (3-3.) Both sides had now tasted blood, and from now on there was a dour struggle as each school fought to gain the important advantage of a lead at half-time. It was Stowe who finally gained five invaluable points through Way, who went round the blind side from a scrum near the south-east corner, stepped inside two men and then re-appeared going for the line in the peculiarly irresistible manner so well-known to the supporters and opponents of Bruce. This time Farnell-Watson made no mistake. (8-3.)

The first half had been interesting and exciting: the second was so thrilling as to be almost painful. It may be divided into phases. During the first phase the Oundle forwards obtained an ascendancy over the Stowe pack, who were obviously tired after their prodigious efforts to get the ball from their heavier opponents in the first-half. They began to be late in coming up to take the ball from touch, and the Oundle supremacy culminated in advantage being taken of this fact. Griffiths, a forward of rather more than regulation size, got the ball from a ragged line-out and burst his way a full twenty yards to score. On the way he was missed badly, and that missed tackle was perhaps the worst error of the day. Fortune, however, at this point once again intervened and steered the ball thoughtfully against a post. (8-6.)

This score put new life into the Stowe forwards and they succeeded in carrying the game up the field in a number of very thrilling rushes, until at last there was a line-out in the south-west corner and Stewart crowned a fine day's work by catching the ball and hurling himself over the Oundle line. The kick was a long one and was not successful. (11-6.)

Thus ended the second phase, and also for the moment the battle of the forwards. The opposing three-quarter lines had been stultifying each other's efforts for some time by most resolute tackling, but Oundle succeeded at last in overlapping our line by bringing in their very capable full-back, Wilson, as the extra man to score a try in the left corner. In a tense silence Conradi rose magnificently to the occasion and kicked a goal from the touch-line. (11-11.)

The next phase was, in our opinion, the greatest in this remarkable match. The tired Stowe forwards now had the winning or losing of the game in their hands: they made no mistake, took no chances, but proceeded to go completely berserk. It is true that they were, for a while, opposing only seven men, due to the unfortunate, but happily only temporary, absence of the Oundle full-back, but they deserve the very highest praise for playing as we have never seen Stowe forwards play before, and they undoubtedly won the game for their side. After one of their grimmest rushes Oundle were penalized for being off-side, and Farnell-Watson, to his everlasting credit after the two easy kicks he had missed, kicked a really fine goal. (14-11.)

Stowe were now ahead and from this moment there was no holding them. The match ended as it began with a fine individualist try, this time from Yellowlees, who burst through the narrowest of gaps to score the try which put us six points in front and made it virtually impossible for Oundle to catch us up in the time remaining, and enabled us to win by 17-11.

It was a game which will live in the memory, one of those games which will deservedly be recalled in after years by all of us who were lucky enough to see it, and we shall call back to mind the graceful agility of Hastings and the power and speed of Yellowlees, but, for one spectator at least, what will arise most vividly in his recollection will be the remembrance of the tired forwards who won the game for Stowe.

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*Referee*:—Mr. T. H. Tolton.

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

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 9th, the School winning by four goals and four tries (32 points) to nil.

This was a disorganized game owing to slow heeling from the loose scrums. However, there were some very good passing movements by both backs and forwards. Hastings got his three-quarters going well and it was not his fault that the ball did not get out to the wings in the first half.

The first try came from a kick ahead: Thomson, when held, gave an outside pass to Diggle, who merely had to drop over the line. Later Shaw got away on the blind side, drew the full-back and passed inside to Stewart who sprinted twenty yards for a try. The Stowe forwards were playing well now and were getting the ball well for their backs. The next try came from a typical run by Hastings, who cut-through outside his opposite number on the half-way line and dummed inside the full-back to canter between the posts. Not long before half-time, Scholfield got through by one

of his best swerves and presented a try to Yellowlees. Farnell-Watson kicked a couple of goals but was inclined to pull his kicks, missing a penalty in this fashion. Half-time : Stowe, 16 ; Oriel, 0.

The first quarter of an hour of the second half was a dismal affair, the forwards making a mess of their heeling. The next quarter was completely different : the forwards got together and gave their backs full scope once more. It was pleasing to see Thomson get his first real opportunities of the season. He got the ball on two occasions and each time he slid outside his man and went hard and straight for the corner flag diving the last two yards to make certain of his tries. Yellowlees got two more tries, one of them being made by Hastings from an outside cut-through. For the other one Yellowlees got a bad pass from Way, stepped hard on his right foot and went inside his opposite number and outside the full-back to score far out. Farnell-Watson converted this one and another, but missed the kicks from Thomson's two tries.

Of the forwards Stewart and Shaw played well, but Stewart must make more effort to get his pack together. Hastings, Yellowlees and Thomson did excellent work behind the scrum.

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#### THE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 12th, the School winning by a goal and six tries (23 points) to nil.

Stowe played the first half against the wind, with Lucas substituting for Kaye. The Old Stoics had produced a large and strong side, and if they had got together the School might have had difficulty in winning. This was not so, and the School by keeping up a hot pace disorganized their opponents.

Hastings initiated the first try : he cut through and passed to Yellowlees, who drew his man and allowed Scholfield to go over at great speed. The forwards were going well and dribbled to their opponents' line. From the ensuing set scrum Stowe were awarded a free kick : the kick failed, but the ball was fumbled by the opposition and Nicholl touched down. Nicholl also got the next try. It came from a loose scrum on the right hand side of the field : the ball was heeled and passed straight out to Nicholl on the left wing, who got over in the corner. Half-time : Stowe, 9 ; Old Stoics, 0.

Way could not get such a long pass as usual owing to the heaviness of the wet ball, and in consequence Hastings had difficulty in finding his gap. However, the team got going well in the last quarter of an hour and four more tries were scored by Lucas (2), Yellowlees and Thomson.

All the forwards played well, especially in the loose, where they were helped by poor falling. This was the first time Stowe have played this year on a wet ground, and they adapted themselves well to the conditions.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 19th, the School winning by two penalty goals (6 points) to a try (3 points).

This was one of the worst games of the season from the spectators' point of view. Both sides concentrated on defence, and it developed into a game of kicking and solid tackling. On one or two occasions Stowe were caught out of position when Blackheath changed the direction of attack from the open to the blind side. One try did result from this move when their stand-off half got over in the corner in the second half. The kick hit the bar, but failed to go over.

On the whole Stowe were lucky to get away with a win and would have lost had it not been for the grand place kicking of Farnell-Watson, who put two penalty kicks over, one of them being from fifty yards.

The Stowe forwards were outweighed in the scrum and had great difficulty in getting clean heels. This gave Way and the other backs little chance to get going. By the time Hastings got the ball the opposition were on him and he could give Yellowlees and Scholfield no chances.

Roxburgh and Lucas were playing in the pack instead of Stewart and Kaye.

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#### THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 23rd, the School winning by one dropped goal, six goals, one penalty goal and 10 tries (67 points) to nil.

It was a pity that Radley were weakened by the loss of four of their better players, and to make it worse both their second fifteen centres were crooked. However, no one anticipated such a gigantic score as sixty-seven points to nil. This score would not have been possible except for the brilliant understanding between the backs and forwards. It was a very windy day, and if the forwards had decided to try to keep the ball close, as they might well have done while playing against the wind, the score might have been quartered. They, on the other hand, had faith in the handling of their backs, which was fully justified, and gave them the ball on nearly every occasion from loose scrums and from the majority of tight scrums.

Thirty-four points were scored against the wind, some of them by exceptionally good movements : one or two of these are worthy of mention. The first try came from a blind side move by Way, who passed inside to Diggle, who, on meeting the full-back, passed back to Nicholl. The last-named player got over in the corner. The next try but one came from a cut-through by Hastings, and the ball passed smoothly and quickly down the line to Thomson, who had no difficulty in scoring. Another thing worth mentioning in the first half was the beautiful drop-goal by Hastings, who has tried a few times this season, but always failed rather dismally.

The second half was a repetition of the first except that Radley played an extra three-quarter and had only seven forwards in the pack. The mistake they made was not playing him as a seven-eighths. Had they done this he would have been waiting behind his three-quarters to catch the man with the ball when he had just made his cut-through.

Hastings played a brilliant game and the size of the score was due to his ever-changing methods of attack and to the fact that he kept the team playing hard and keenly to the final whistle.

The try-getters were Nicholl (4), Hastings (4), Thomson (3), Way (2), Scholfield (2), Yellowlees (1). Hastings dropped a goal. Farnell-Watson converted six tries and kicked a penalty goal.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 26th, the visitors winning by a goal and a try (8 points) to nil.

This was a highly disorganized game owing to two things. One was that Stowe were getting the ball from the scrums, but so slowly that the opposition wing forwards had broken and their backs were on ours before we had got the ball. The second was that they were a scratch side without a hooker and played very much as individualists. These two things resulted in some heavy defensive work by both sides and a great deal of offside, accidental and otherwise.

The Sixty Club had one organized movement in the first half. From a loose scrum on the left of the field, Knapp made an inside cut-through, and the ball went out to Mountain on the wing who had little difficulty in scoring. This try was converted.

The second half was a repetition of the first half with the Stowe attack working badly, but not quite so badly. Hastings and Nicholl put in some good work, which helped to keep their opponents on the defensive.

A feature of the game was the fine falling and tackling of the eight forwards. This was backed up by plucky work by Way and good defensive kicking by Hastings, with the result that the Sixty Club attacks never made more than twenty yards.

The second score came from a loose scrum, when Huskisson jinked his way over under the posts from fifteen yards out. Cowan failed with the kick.

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#### THE SCHOOL v. BEDFORD SCHOOL.

Played at Bedford on Saturday, December 3rd, the School winning by two goals and a try (13 points) to a try (3 points):

It was the general opinion, as Stowe had beaten Oundle and they had trounced Bedford 43—3, that we should win by a large margin. However, Bedford had improved and had concentrated on defence at the expense of attack, and any side adopting this policy is difficult to beat. This was found to be the case, and it was not until the last quarter of an hour that Stowe showed any superiority. When Bedford got the ball, which they did at the start, their stand-off kicked without fail. When Stowe got the ball, their three-quarters, who had been lying level with the scrum in attack and defence, were on top of ours just as the ball was received. This made a dull game of it, but Bedford did not want to get beaten by another forty points, as they would have been had they lain back in attack.

Now for the game itself. In the first five minutes only good covering by the Bedford forwards saved a couple of Stowe tries. This state of affairs did not last long: Bedford pressed consistently for the next half hour by kicking and dribbling and were playing very well. Diggle got offside and the kick narrowly missed; a drop-kick hit the post and things looked bad from our point of view. They looked worse, when they got a try. From a loose scrum on the touch line one of the Bedford centres forced his way over. Luckily the kick failed. Half-time: Bedford 3; Stowe 0.

In the second half playing down hill Stowe were better, but not good. They were just beginning to see how to defeat the close defence. The game, however, was even and both sides nearly scored in the first twenty minutes. Then Tait's magnificent leading of the pack told its tale and for the last quarter of an hour we had their forwards whacked. The ball came out regularly on the Stowe side. Hastings tried to get through on the blind side and the open side many times, but failed. This had the effect of drawing the defence in, leaving more room for Yellowlees to move when Hastings shot the ball out to him. He got through three times and they all led to tries. The first one was scored by Nicholl, who picked up a loose ball after Yellowlees had made ground. The kick failed, and there was not long to go with the score still equal. However, the next try came not long after the first. Yellowlees cut through and on meeting the full-back passed to Scholfield, who raced over at great speed. Farnell-Watson kicked the goal. Not long from time Yellowlees handed off his opposite number, ran round the other centre, and when he had the full-back guessing slipped quickly outside him to score in the middle for Farnell-Watson to convert.

Things worthy of special mention were Tait's rallying of a tired pack at the end of a gruelling game; Yellowlees' recovery after dropping four consecutive passes in the first half to win the match by some brilliant running; the way in which Hastings did not allow the team to lose heart on encountering unexpected difficulties.

*Team* :—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); J. E. C. Nicholl (B), M. B. Scholfield (T), D. A. Yellowlees (C), J. M. Thomson (C); P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. G. Way (B); J. M. Henry (C), P. E. Waugh (G), I. McC. Tait (S), A. B. P. Beeton (W), R. C. Roxburgh (W), I. R. L. Shaw (C), B. J. G. Kaye (S), P. J. Diggle (C).

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

Played at Radley on Saturday, October 8th, Radley winning by two tries (6 points) to nil.

The Stowe forwards were extremely sluggish in the loose, shoved badly in the tight and, as a result, greatly hampered the scrum-half who was slow with his passes and caused the centres to be almost invariably caught in possession. Radley had a lively pack and were good in the line-out and took their chances well to score two good tries.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 15th, Oundle winning by a goal and a try (8 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

Oundle, as usual, produced a fine team with heavy hard-working forwards, neat halves and strong-running three-quarters. They began by getting the ball fairly regularly, and quickly scored two tries by breaks-through, one of which they converted. Stowe replied with a fine penalty goal, kicked by Williamson, shortly before half-time. In the second half there was no further scoring. Oundle continued to get plenty of the ball but were prevented from scoring again partly by faulty handling, but mainly through continuous and dogged spoiling by Stowe who can congratulate themselves on having thrown a fine scoring-machine and a superior side definitely out of gear.

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

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 29th, Stowe winning by two goals, a dropped goal and a try (17 points) to two tries (6 points).

Stowe showed more penetrative power than in previous games and their forwards shoved well and got more than their share of the ball in the tight. At half-time Stowe led by 12-3, a score which was made up by a drop-goal from J. C. Drew, a good try by Holbech in which he beat several men, and a try by McCready after a fine opening by C. D. Drew. Williamson kicked one goal. Harrow played better football in the second half and scored a try, which was replied to near the end by a try in the corner scored by Holbech and very well converted by Williamson.

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

Played at Haileybury on Saturday, November 5th, Stowe winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to a penalty goal and a try (6 points).

Despite being overweighted in the scrum, Stowe hooked and shoved well and got more of the ball than their opponents. The score was 13-3 at half-time and Stowe eventually won by 16-6, Haileybury scoring a try and a penalty goal to two tries and two goals. Gaskell was the most prominent member of a three-quarter line who played, for the first time, really well together, and the brothers Drew ran and passed well.

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

Played at Wellington on Saturday, November 12th, Wellington winning by a dropped goal, three penalty goals and two tries (19 points) to three penalty goals and a try (12 points).

Wellington had not so far been beaten and proved to be a strong heavy side who played good football and ran very fast. The most remarkable feature of the game was the number of penalty kicks that succeeded. Each side gained nine points by this means. Williamson, who took the kicks for Stowe, had one very fine effort from the ten-yards line. Stowe's only try was scored by J. C. Drew, who backed up very promptly on the right wing. Wellington, however, replied with a smart drop-goal and two tries. Stowe never really woke up until the last ten minutes, and then it was too late.

## THE SECOND XV. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL FIRST XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 30th, Stowe winning by two goals and a penalty goal (13 points) to three tries (9 points).

Stowe began to press from the start and scored in the first five minutes through an opening made for Holbech by J. C. Drew. Williamson kicked an exceptionally fine goal from the touch-line. Thereafter Bloxham played very well and were dangerous on several occasions before they scored an unconverted try shortly before half-time.

In the second half both sides had periods of good play. Stowe scored three points from an easy penalty goal by Williamson, but Bloxham replied with two tries and led by 9-8. In a really good finish Roxburgh scored from a forward rush and Williamson rounded off a good afternoon's work by kicking his third goal.

## THE SECOND XV. v. BEDFORD SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, December 7th, Stowe winning by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

Stowe won the toss and Bedford kicked off towards the Oxford Lodge. The Stowe forwards played with much more dash than usual and gave their backs plenty of the ball. After continued pressure H. B. McCready ran very strongly to score the first try, which Erhardt failed to convert. The second try came from a good blind-side opening by J. C. Drew and was scored by Holbech, but Le Bouvier failed with the kick. The Bedford forwards were heavy but not as lively as the Stowe eight, and when they gave their backs the ball the ensuing movements were always broken up. The second half began with a fine individual try by J. C. Drew, which was not converted, and Stowe, keeping up the pressure, scored a final try through Le Bouvier, which Dunlop converted. For this match the Second XV were without six of their regular players, and the excellent play of the third fifteen substitutes showed the high standard reached by three fifteens all this year.



## THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

Owing chiefly to the demands of the senior Fifteens, the Third was not able to settle down so early this year to a regular set of players, and in consequence the team has never been so well together as it was in the two previous seasons. The forwards were quite a hard-working lot but were rather slow, particularly in defence; they never really mastered the art of getting back quickly to cover and check an attack which had gone through. The halves and three-quarters were chopped and changed too much to become really effective; but on occasions they played with some thrust. Dewhurst captained the team cheerfully and effectively from the full-back position.

The results of the matches were as follows:—

Sat., Oct. 1.	v. RADLEY 3RD XV.	Won, 9—0 (away).
Sat., Oct. 15.	v. OUNDLE 3RD XV.	Lost, 0—29.
Sat., Oct. 22.	v. MAIDERN ERLEGH.	Won, 32—0.
Sat., Oct. 29.	v. HARROW 3RD XV.	Drawn, 3—3.
Wed., Nov. 30.	v. BLOXHAM 2ND XV.	Won, 21—0.
Sat., Dec. 3.	v. BEDFORD 3RD XV.	Lost, 8—17 (away).

The scoring was done by the following:—

Tries, A. E. Cawkell (G) (3), M. G. M. Reid (W) (3), D. M. Bolton (C) (2), C. D. Drew (C) (2), J. D. Le Bouvier (T) (2), R. J. Mead (C) (2), P. A. Bates (C), A. W. Cheyne (C), R. C. Erhardt (C), J. B. Frankenburg (C), R. C. Gordon (C), R. H. Marten (C).  
Goals, R. H. Marten (C), 5 placed, 1 penalty.

The following have played for the Third Fifteen:—

T. L. Dewhurst (B) (Capt.), H. B. McCready (C), A. E. Cawkell (G), R. J. Mead (C), C. Wachmann (C), J. B. Frankenburg (C), D. M. Bolton (C), R. C. Erhardt (C), J. B. Cross (T), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), G. G. Riddick (C), A. W. Cheyne (C), L. J. Eastwood (G), P. G. Henderson (W), M. G. M. Reid (W), L. G. Darling (C), R. H. Marten (C), C. D. Drew (C), D. N. Davies (B), J. M. Norman (C), R. C. Gordon (C), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), P. A. Bates (C), R. Backus (B), J. C. I. Hooper (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), D. A. Braithwaite (C).

## COLTS' FOOTBALL, 1938.

The Colts have had a successful season, winning five of the seven matches played. There have been few injuries and perhaps as a consequence of this the team has combined well. A. D. Thomson (C) has been an excellent captain and a very valuable fly-half, his tackling, covering and strong running always setting a high standard for the rest of the team.

J. E. Murray (B) has played some very good games at scrum-half, and has combined well with Thomson. The three-quarter line was re-arranged several times during the term, but in its final form contained M. B. E. Clarkson (G), A. P. R. Holmes (G), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C) and C. M. Griffin (C). Clarkson has shown himself a strong runner and has scored a large number of tries in matches. The centres have been sound in defence, and Holmes' good sense of position and safe hands have made up for his lack of weight in attack. Griffin has improved very much as the season has gone on, and in the later matches has been running and tackling well. W. E. McCready (C) has played well at full-back, though his kicking was rather uncertain in the early part of the term.

The pack has had both speed and weight, the two being combined in G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C) who has been a tower of strength in the second row and has led the pack in most matches. T. G. Knox (C) and M. Denemont (G) have been noticeably good in the loose, and J. D. S. Rowntree (T) has been especially valuable in the set scrum and line out. The falling, tackling and backing up of R. C. Hurley (C) and H. Le S. Massy (T), the wingers, have played a considerable part in the side's success. A. M. Mitchell (C) has hooked well, and has got through a lot of good work in the loose.

C. M. Musgrave (C) played centre-three-quarter in all the early matches, but transferred to the middle of the back row of the scrum against Bedford. He is a strong runner and a good tackle, and played several good games in the centre. He proved an outstandingly good forward and a good leader of the scrum.

The following also played in one or more matches:—T. A. S. Carlyon (C), I. M. Horley (C) and J. K. A. Bromley (C).

The season began with a convincing win over St. Edward's School, Oxford. The side were more severely tested by Harrow, and after being only one point up at half-time played very well in the second half to win by 20—8. A rather unconvincing display was good enough to beat a moderate Radley side, but the team met its first defeat at Rugby. The activities of a bustling pack of forwards led to this, and though the side defended well it never produced its true form. Things went better against Wellington, and tries by Thomson and Clarkson and a dropped goal by Musgrave contributed to a good victory. Oundle had a good pack of forwards, but Stowe made them look better than they were. Playing up hill, up wind and into the sun for the first half, Stowe was only 8 points down by half-time. This looked hopeful for the second half, but things went from bad to worse; Oundle scored 8 more points, and the only bright spot from the Stowe point of view was a break-away try by Clarkson. Against Bedford, matters were very different. The side was soon 8 points ahead (through tries by Murray and Thomson) against probably the best side encountered during the season. Bedford came back very strongly after half-time, scoring two tries, and for a long time Stowe was grimly defending a lead of two points. Just before no side Holmes kicked across and Musgrave emerged from the scrum to gather the ball going very fast and score a try which Thomson converted.

## Results :—

v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD.	Won, 29—0.
v. HARROW.	Won, 20—8.
v. RADLEY.	Won, 14—0.
v. RUGBY.	Lost, 11—16.
v. WELLINGTON.	Won, 17—9.
v. OUNDLE.	Lost, 3—16.
v. BEDFORD.	Won, 13—6.

## THE JUNIOR COLTS.

The Junior Colts had the most successful season in their history; until the last match, against Bedford, they had won all their matches, several by large margins; and yet, because of illness and injury, it proved impossible to field a regular side. In the course of the term 15 forwards played for the club and 14 backs, a quite unprecedented number. The advantage of so many people having had match experience should be seen next year.

St. Edward's were beaten after an odd game in which Teddie's did all the scoring of the first half and Stowe of the second. Harrow and Bloxham were beaten easily, Rugby very easily. In all these matches the three-quarters were the main force, but in later matches they were so weakened that the forwards had to bear the brunt and by the end of the season had become a hard-working, though not very forceful, pack. Oundle were beaten after a spirited recovery in the second half, Radley just beaten in a very poor game, and Bedford, far and away the best side we met, proved far too good for a Stowe side with a very weak back division.

Pragnell captained the side well and, although not a very safe full-back, played pluckily until he unfortunately broke his nose. Of the three-quarters Campbell-Cooke was the steadiest; Duff was good, especially in attack, when the line was at full strength, but tried to do too much in later games. Cornforth improved on the wing, and Barrowclough, though slow, came on well as a defensive player. In the pack Lawson-Tancred and Hayward worked very hard and with intelligence, though they are both small. Shervington was a good shover and often prominent in the loose, but must learn to use his head. Gray and Rossdale were excellent defensive wing-forwards but did not learn to place themselves in the right place to finish off attacks. Heron and Gordon, when they learn to heel the ball in the loose, will make useful forwards. Maclean finished up as a useful loose forward after disputing the scrum-half position with Dunnnett, who finally made an effective link with Ward at fly-half. Ward is a little slow, but plays with intelligence and scored one very good try at Oundle.

The following, had they ever been fit at the same time, would have made up the team :—

T. M. Pragnell (G); A. R. Barrowclough (G), R. W. J. Duff (C), P. Campbell Cooke (C), J. W. Cornforth (G); P. M. Ward (T), I. R. Dunnnett (G); T. G. Heron (B), C. Lawson-Tancred (C), J. D. R. Hayward (G), T. M. J. Shervington (C), D. A. S. Gordon (W), R. A. W. Rossdale (T), A. J. Gray (T), A. D. Maclean (T).

## Results :—

v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Won, 16—12.
v. HARROW.	Won, 19—3.
v. BLOXHAM.	Won, 20—3.
v. RUGBY.	Won, 28—3.
v. OUNDLE.	Won, 8—6.
v. RADLEY.	Won, 6—0.
v. BEDFORD.	Lost, 0—23.

In addition, two very enjoyable games were played by Junior Junior Colts' teams against the Dragon School. The scores were 6—6 at home and 3—13 away.

## INTER-HOUSE KICKING COMPETITION.

Results :—1, Grafton, 116; 2, Cobham, 113; 3, Temple, 111; 4, Grenville, 104; 5, Chandos, 101; 6, Chatham, 100; 7, Walpole, 85; 8, Bruce, 76.

## CLUBS.

A new system of Clubs was started this term and was so successful that it has been decided to continue them next year.

Briefly the system was this :—Each club of approximately the same strength consisted of sixty players with a Captain and Secretary. It was the duty of these two to run three fifteens against the other clubs. The remainder not representing their clubs played Pool Games. Thus every fit boy was assured of two games of rugby per week.

## Club Results :—

	1st XV.	2nd XV.	3rd XV.	Total.	Order.
Huskies ...	30 (1)	20 (1)	4 (4)	54	1
Harpies ...	24 (2)	0 (6)	6 (3)	30	2
Hurricanes ...	15 (3)	12 (3)	0 (6)	27	3
Hornets ...	9 (4=)	8 (4)	10 (1)	27	3
Heretics ...	6 (6)	16 (2)	2 (5)	24	5
Hawks ...	9 (4=)	4 (5)	8 (2)	21	6

House Football Leagues were won by Grafton.

## CRICKET

## OPEN HOUSE MATCHES.

*First Round.*

BRUCE beat GRENVILLE by 98 runs.

Bruce, 315 for 7 wkts. declared (C. D. Earle 64, J. D. W. Stobart 98, J. E. C. Nicholl 56, J. H. Weir 63, S. R. G. Scott 4 for 70).

Grenville, 217 (A. B. Williamson 65, J. F. Stafford 45, C. D. Earle 5 for 90, J. H. Weir 4 for 61).

WALPOLE beat CHATHAM by 103 runs.

Walpole 212 (A. V. Farnell-Watson 56, R. H. M. Spencer 47 not out, G. W. A. Keir 42, I. R. L. Shaw 5 for 56).

Chatham, 109 (G. W. A. Keir 6 for 43).

COBHAM beat CHANDOS by 9 wickets.

Chandos, 115 (J. C. I. Hooper 7 for 27).

Cobham, 117 for 1 (M. I. Atkin-Berry 45 not out, C. R. T. Cunningham 62 not out).

TEMPLE beat GRAFTON by 136 runs.

Temple, 221 (A. K. Higham 49, M. B. Scholfield 71, A. B. Robinson 6 for 42).

Grafton, 85 (A. B. Robinson 22, M. B. Scholfield 5 for 24, J. D. Le Bouvier 4 for 14).

*Semi-Final Round.*

BRUCE beat WALPOLE by 23 runs.

Bruce, 204 (J. D. W. Stobart 107, G. W. A. Keir 5 for 60).

Walpole, 181 (A. V. Farnell-Watson 100, J. D. W. Stobart 3 for 22).

COBHAM beat TEMPLE by 3 wickets.

Temple 67 (J. Roche 31, J. P. Phillips 4 for 26, J. C. I. Hooper 6 for 29).

Cobham 68 for 7 wkts. (J. P. Phillips 38 not out, M. B. Scholfield 3 for 28).

## FINAL HOUSE MATCH.

COBHAM *v.* BRUCE (Result a Tie).

The Final House Match was played on the North Front and after a most extraordinary game resulted in a tie. This was a very fair result, as both sides for practically the whole time had tried very hard to hand the game on a plate to the other side. Missed catches and poor tactics were chiefly responsible for this state of affairs.

This does not mean that there was no good cricket, as many excellent individual performances were recorded. Perhaps the one that stood out most was the amazing innings played by A. Shaw in Cobham's second innings. Sent in earlier than in the first innings, he stayed in for three days for 14. P. J. C. Nicholl had attempted to teach Shaw the essence of slow scoring in Bruce's second innings but it was nothing compared with Shaw's lesson to Nicholl. To the onlooker it was not a dull innings but surely one of the best fighting innings ever played at Stowe.

Earlier on J. P. Phillips had bowled really well to dismiss Bruce for 110, but Cobham in their turn did little better, only gaining a lead of 67 runs. For this they were chiefly indebted to I. J. H. Lewisohn, who showed most promising form, J. C. I. Hooper, with a courageous fifty, and some hard hitting by G. H. Turner.

The Nicholl brothers gave Bruce a most useful start in the second innings, but afterwards only C. D. Earle, who was lucky with missed chances, gave the Cobham bowlers any real trouble. Bruce scored 234 and thus left Cobham 168 to win.

Wickets fell quickly until Shaw joined C. R. T. Cunningham, who has never played better. His innings of 81, including nine fours, was a fine mixture of aggression and defence both used at the right moment.

When Cunningham left at 128 the match was very open. Wickets fell quickly again but Mr. Extras also came into his own. However, when P. A. Bates joined Turner at the fall of the ninth wicket, 18 more runs were still wanted. Turner went for them, taking his life into his hands, and with a single off the last ball of an over he both brought the scores level and obtained the bowling. In a very tense atmosphere, Weir with his first ball just touched Turner's off bail and all was over.

## BRUCE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C. D. Earle, b Phillips.....	11	b Cunningham .....	81
P. J. C. Nicholl, lbw, b Phillips.....	0	lbw, b Griffin.....	43
J. D. W. Stobart, lbw, b Phillips.....	14	c Shaw, b Phillips.....	13
J. E. C. Nicholl, c Turner, b Phillips.....	26	c Bates, b Cunningham.....	36
J. H. Weir, st. Bates, b Hooper.....	19	c Sharpe, b Cunningham.....	9
A. G. Way, lbw, b Phillips.....	5	c Gale, b Hooper.....	5
R. Backus, st. Bates, b Hooper.....	1	c Griffin, b Hooper.....	21
G. R. C. Atwood, b Phillips.....	1	c Lewisohn, b Phillips.....	0
T. L. Dewhurst, b Phillips.....	3	not out .....	4
D. B. Reid, b Hooper.....	12	c Shaw, b Hooper.....	6
D. N. Davies, not out.....	13	c Hooper, b Phillips.....	1
Extras .....	5	Extras .....	15
Total .....	110	Total .....	234

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Phillips .....	20	6	35	7	Phillips .....	31	8	64	3
Hooper .....	15.4	1	62	3	Hooper .....	20.1	5	56	3
Cunningham .....	4	0	8	0	Cunningham .....	14	1	65	3
					Griffin.....	7	0	34	1

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COBHAM.

1st innings.

M. I. Atkin-Berry, b Earle.....	2
J. P. Phillips, b Earle.....	16
C. R. T. Cunningham, c Stobart, b Earle.....	7
I. J. H. Lewisohn, lbw, b Earle.....	34
R. H. M. Sharpe, b Weir.....	3
J. C. I. Hooper, c Backus, b Nicholl.....	55
C. M. Griffin, c Davies, b Backus.....	6
P. A. Bates, b Backus.....	0
G. H. Turner, c Atwood, b Nicholl.....	33
A. Shaw, not out.....	1
J. R. L. Gale, c Atwood, b Weir.....	12
Extras.....	8
Total.....	177

Weir.....	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle.....	22.4	7.	43	2
Stobart.....	23	7	52	4
Nicholl.....	11	4	30	0
Backus.....	5	0	18	2
	10	2	26	2

2nd innings.

c Nicholl, b Weir.....	0
lbw, b Weir.....	9
b Stobart.....	81
c Nicholl, b Earle.....	7
c Davies, b Earle.....	4
b Weir.....	5
c Stobart, b Weir.....	5
not out.....	0
b Weir.....	16
lbw, b Stobart.....	14
c and b Stobart.....	0
Extras.....	26
Total.....	167

Weir.....	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle.....	32.1	11	51	5
Stobart.....	24	7	58	2
Nicholl.....	13	7	14	3
Atwood.....	4	0	15	0
	2	1	3	0

UNDER 16 HOUSE MATCHES.

First Round.

CHATHAM beat GRENVILLE by 5 wickets.  
 Grenville, 77 (W. R. Mallory 4 for 26, J. A. McDonald 3 for 15).  
 Chatham, 78 for 5 (J. A. McDonald 33).  
 GRAFTON beat BRUCE by 7 wickets.  
 Bruce, 36 (A. R. Barrowclough, 5 for 18).  
 Grafton, 37 for 3 wkts.  
 COBHAM beat TEMPLE by 6 wickets.  
 Temple, 84 (G. F. B. Newport-Tinley 5 for 15).  
 Cobham, 87 for 4 wkts. (T. M. J. Shervington 44).  
 WALPOLE beat CHANDOS by 5 wickets.  
 Chandos, 85 (R. A. S. G. Calthorpe 5 for 23).  
 Walpole, 90 for 5 wkts.

Semi-Final Round.

CHATHAM beat GRAFTON by 1 wicket.  
 Grafton 130 (R. Morriss 37, P. D. Bally 5 for 23).  
 Chatham 132 for 9 (J. A. McDonald 49, A. R. Barrowclough 5 for 66).  
 COBHAM beat WALPOLE by 6 wickets.  
 Walpole 32 (J. A. H. Lucas 3 for 19, R. W. J. Duff 7 for 11).  
 Cobham, 34 for 4 (R. A. Gilliland 3 for 9).

Final Round.

CHATHAM beat COBHAM by 62 runs.  
 Chatham, 122 (J. A. McDonald 31, T. M. J. Shervington 5 for 17) and  
 117 (J. E. Hodgkin 32, T. M. J. Shervington 4 for 24).  
 Cobham, 103 (J. A. McDonald 6 for 48) and  
 74 (G. F. B. Newport-Tinley, 31 not out, W. R. Mallory 5 for 21, J. A.  
 McDonald 4 for 19).

FENCING

THE team made a promising start, winning five matches straight off. But then it had a slight lapse, not so much due to staleness as to the fact that it came up against some very good teams. However, it is to be hoped that this will not prevent it from having at any rate a very close match with Eton. H. W. J. E. Peel (G) has fenced quite well continuously throughout the term. J. A. Cutforth (G) has also fenced well and has been particularly strong in foil. J. M. E. Clarkson (G) has at times been a little disappointing in sabre, but has been remarkably successful when he has had to fence foil. C. E. L. H. Reiche (G) has improved a lot this term and did very well to be awarded his colours. P. O. Willing (C) who fenced for the School against Radley was disappointing, but fenced very well against Henlow. But it must be remembered that no one had then been able to get any practice owing to the match coming so near to the beginning of the term. C. Wachmann (G), who also fenced for the School against Radley, shows considerable promise and should develop into a fine sabreur. C. V. B. Blacque (G) shows style and promise with the foil. F. M. Frankenburg (C) also shows promise, but is still a little slow. G. B. Michler (W) would be very good if he were not so slow, as he has a very long reach. D. W. Barnes (C) shows signs of shaping into quite a good sabreur.

Attendance at Concord has been good this term and there is budding talent amongst beginners. Great keenness has been shown, especially by members of Walpole.

MATCHES.

THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY.

On October 1st, at Radley. Won, 15—12.

The team was naturally out of practice and suffered in the épée through the absence of Peel. Cutforth distinguished himself by winning eight fights.

## Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), no defeat ; C. E. Reiche (⊗) and J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

*Radley* :—M. A. Demetriadi and A. C. H-Hodge, two defeats each ; A. M. C. Smith, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), no defeat ; C. E. Reiche (⊗), two defeats ; P. O. Willing (C), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

*Radley* :—M. A. Demetriadi and A. M. C. Smith, one defeat each ; A. C. H-Hodge, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), one defeat ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (⊗), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

*Radley* :—A. M. C. Smith and A. Cooke, one defeat each ; M. A. Demetriadi, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

## THE SCHOOL v. HARROW.

On October 8th, at Stowe. Won, 19—7.

All the members of the team fenced successfully if not really well, for they still suffered from lack of practice. Cutforth again distinguished himself with eight wins.

## Scores :—

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

*Harrow* :—Minoprio, one defeat ; C-Marks, two defeats ; Knowles, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

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

*Harrow* :—Minoprio and Sainsbury, two defeats each ; C-Marks, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

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

*Harrow* :—Minoprio and C-Marks, two defeats each ; Knowles, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

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

On October 19th, at Sandhurst. Won, 13—5.

We were lucky in that Sandhurst produced a slightly weakened team. However, the team fenced well and Peel in particular deserves mention for winning all six fights.

## Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and J. A. Cutforth (⊗), no defeat ; C. E. Reiche (⊗), one defeat. Total, one defeat.

*Sandhurst* :—W. D. Goddard, two defeats ; R. C. H. Barber and J. S. G. Walker, three defeats each. Total, eight defeats.

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

*Sandhurst* :—H. G. Kempball, one defeat ; C. J. Napier and B. R. C. Freeland, two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

## THE SCHOOL v. WELLINGTON.

On October 22nd, at Stowe. Won, 15—12.

The full records of this and also of the match with St. Paul's have unfortunately been mislaid owing to Mr. Wakeford's illness. The team fenced very well in foil and épée, but collapsed in the sabre.

## Scores :—

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

*Wellington* :—Five defeats.

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

*Wellington* :—Seven defeats.

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

*Wellington* :—Three defeats.

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

On October 29th, at Stowe. Won, 15—12.

The team again collapsed in the sabre, but as it had managed to pile up enough points in the foil and épée it did not really matter. Clarkson, who replaced Reiche in the foil, and Willing who replaced him in the épée, both fenced very well.

## Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. A. Cutforth (⊗), no defeat ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

*Henlow* :—Wyatt, one defeat ; Harrison, two defeats ; Loosemore, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), J. A. Cutforth (⊗) and P. O. Willing (C), one defeat each. Total, three defeats.

*Henlow* :—Alcock, no defeat ; Wyatt and Finch, three defeats each. Total, six defeats.

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

*Henlow* :—Gale and Loosemore, no defeat ; Forsdyke, three defeats. Total, three defeats.

## THE SCHOOL v. ST. PAUL'S.

On November 5th, at Stowe. Lost, 13—5.

St. Paul's sent down a very strong team which rather overwhelmed us, and the team never displayed its true form. We were also handicapped by the fact that St. Paul's do not do épée.

## Scores :—

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

*St. Paul's* :—Three defeats.

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

*St. Paul's* :—Two defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* O.U. ASSASSINS.

On November 12th, at Stowe. Lost, 17—10.

We lost to a stronger team, though we fenced quite well in the foil and épée.

## Scores :—

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

*Assassins* :—E. H. Ehrenfeld, no defeat ; T. A. Tallents, one defeat ; R. Gray-Wall, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

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

*Assassins* :—J. L. F. Armitage, no defeat ; Baron de Gerlizy and C. B. Cornwall, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

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

*Assassins* :—Sir R. Clarke, no defeat ; J. L. F. Armitage and T. A. Tallents, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM.

On November 26th, at Stowe. Lost, 18—9.

The team again collapsed in the sabre, this time rather badly. Peel was the only member of the team who fenced at all well.

## Scores :—

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

*Cheltenham* :—M. L. Orton, no defeat ; G. O. D. Hosking, one defeat ; M. R. Tate, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

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

*Cheltenham* :—M. L. Orton and G. O. D. Hosking, one defeat each ; M. R. Tate, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

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

*Cheltenham* :—G. O. D. Hosking, no defeat ; M. R. Tate and J. A. N. Sim, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

THE SCHOOL JUNIOR TEAM *v.* CHELTENHAM JUNIOR.

On November 26th, at Stowe. Lost, 7—2.

The team was inexperienced, none of its members ever having fought in a match before, and was rather bewildered by Cheltenham's sometimes peculiar tactics.

## Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—F. M. Frankenburg (⊗) and G. B. Michler (W), two defeats each ; C. V. B. Blacque (G), three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

*Cheltenham* :—G. H. Greenish and J. D. C. Graham, no defeat ; R. R. Bensnade, two defeats. Total, two defeats.

## SQUASH RACQUETS

The following have played for the School :—M. J. Poulton (⊗) (Capt.), R. H. M. Spencer (W), R. H. Marten (⊗), J. C. I. Hooper (⊗), C. R. T. Cunningham (⊗), G. Yerbury (G), F. N. C. Satow (C), J. F. Stafford (G).

With an inexperienced team the School has had a fairly successful season, winning 4 matches and losing 3, the latter all by small margins. Matches were played as follows :

Sunday, October 9th *v.* ESCORTS S.R.C. Lost, 2—3.

Wednesday, October 26th *v.* CORPUS CHRISTI, OXON. Won, 3—2.

Wednesday, November 9th *v.* TRING S.R.C. Won, 3—2.

Saturday, November 12th *v.* OLD STOICS. Lost, 2—3.

Wednesday, November 16th *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXON. Won, 3—2.

Saturday, November 19th *v.* TRINITY, CAMBS. Lost, 2—3.

Saturday, November 26th *v.* WEST LONDON S.R.C. Won, 5—1.

The match *v.* Magdalene College, Cambridge, had unfortunately to be scratched, and those *v.* the Cambridge University Ganders S.R.C. and Mr. J. B. Charles' Team of Old Stoics failed to take place owing to the non-appearance of the opponents. Poulton, Spencer and Marten formed a reliable backbone for the team, and Hooper, though off form for some time, played really well on occasions. The rest of the side proved somewhat disappointing, though, after an unfortunate injury to Satow which kept him out of Squash for most of the term, Cunningham showed very promising form. All the team, except Poulton, will be available next term, when Spencer will be Captain and Marten Secretary.

## LAURUS CUP, 1937-38

Football—House	24	Bruce
—Leagues	9	Grenville
—Yearlings	3	Cobham
Cricket—House	24	Bruce and Cobham*
—Leagues	9	Grenville
House (Junior)	3	Chatham
Athletics—Sports	14	Bruce
—Cross-Country	12	Walpole
—Relays	10	Walpole
Tennis—House	7	Grafton
—Leagues	3	Grenville
Swimming—Sports	3	Cobham
—Relays	3	Cobham
—Water-Polo	1	Cobham
Fencing	6	Walpole
Fives	4	Cobham
Golf	4	Cobham
Squash	4	Cobham
P.T.	15	Temple and Cobham*

\* Points shared.

Points.—Bruce	50
Cobham	41½
Walpole	28
Grenville	21
Temple	7½
Grafton	7
Chatham	3
Chandos	0

## O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeants P. R. Westall (C), P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. Roche (T), J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), M. E. Farrer (B), E. B. Moore (C).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals I. E. T. Jenkin (C), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), P. J. Diggle (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), J. M. G. Ritchie (W), T. R. Gaskell (W), H. W. J. E. Peel (G).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals C. R. T. Cunningham (C), L. G. Darling (S), R. C. Roxburgh (W), A. B. Williamson (G), D. M. Bolton (C), J. C. I. Hooper (C), R. H. Marten (S), R. J. Mead (C), I. McC. Tait (S), P. A. Chamier (C), J. B. Frankenburg (C), S. S. F. Hornor (C), the Hon. M. S. Buckmaster (C).

In the October Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 20 out of 32 candidates passed. A record number of candidates (69) sat for the November Certificate "A" examination (Part II).

There was a record number of Recruits (58) this term. Of the 243 cadets in the Contingent 35 hold Certificate "A." This number should be increased considerably when the January results appear.

## PRIZES.

*Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), October 1938* :—P. A. Bates (C).

*Best Recruit, Summer Term 1938* :—R. C. Hurlcy (C).

## CAMP.

The attendance of the Stowe Contingent at Tidworth Park was unfortunately cancelled owing to a mild outbreak of German Measles in the School. But three officers and five under-officers were allowed to go, and they took part in various Courses. Next summer we are due to go to Tweseldown, Aldershot.

## FIELD DAY.

On October 11th, Radley joined Stowe in some useful tactical exercises in the neighbourhood of Boycott Manor and Parkfields. We aimed at employing modern infiltration methods, and all the 1938 weapons of the infantry rifle battalion were represented. Some lively and resourceful manoeuvres resulted, particularly whenever the Carrier Platoon (on bicycles) came into action.

Arrangements are being made for the Contingent to spend an afternoon next term with the 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders at Aldershot, and a Field Day with Rugby has been provisionally fixed for the summer.

## SHOOTING

## S.M.R.C. .22 COMPETITION.

Fired on November 10th. 10 rounds at 25 yards. H.P.S. 100.

1ST VIII.				2ND VIII.			
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	...	...	80	R. C. H. Collier (B)	...	...	89
R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C)	...	...	90	J. W. Ker (C)	...	...	85
C. D. Drew (C)	...	...	88	M. B. Hickling (C)	...	...	86
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	...	...	92	St. J. C. Bally (C)	...	...	86
D. A. B. Morgan (W)	...	...	93	C. M. Musgrave (C)	...	...	44
R. J. Musgrave (C)	...	...	92	H. P. Lawrence (C)	...	...	79
J. B. Sumner (C)	...	...	86	E. P. Hickling (C)	...	...	91
J. E. Hodgkin (C)	...	...	86	K. T. Boyd (C)	...	...	84
Total	...	...	<u>707</u>	Total	...	...	<u>644</u>

## THE RIFLE CLUB.

The standard of shooting has been higher than usual this term and there have been some very good scores returned by younger members, which is very satisfactory. Membership this term has been 52.

Spoons have been won in *Class A* by:—D. A. B. Morgan (W), J. S. Hollings (T), J. E. Hodgkin (C), C. D. Drew (C), M. B. Hickling (C), P. H. Gaskell (W) (2), St. J. C. Bally (C) (2), I. C. Macdonald (W).

In *Class B* by:—St. J. C. Bally (C), D. Gardiner (C), J. E. Hodgkin (C), K. T. Boyd (C), J. S. Barrowclough (W), J. S. Dawes (B), A. V. Hollington (C), N. W. Riley (B), R. A. Gilliland (W), J. W. Ker (C), M. J. G. Hann (T), J. A. McDonald (C).

R.C.R.

## THE LIBRARY

We acknowledge with thanks the following presentations to the Library:—

From the Educational Department of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace:

“The American as He is” and “The Family of Nations,” by N. M. Butler.

From Lord Kennet:

A Catalogue of the 1848 sale at Stowe.

From the Authoress, Lady Kennet:

‘Homage: A Book of Sculpture.’

Cobham House Library has also presented a number of books.

The following have been bought for the Library this term:—

‘Marlborough’ Vol. IV (Churchill); ‘Pepys’ Vol. III (Bryant); ‘French Revolution’ (Gaxotte); ‘Farewell Austria’ (Von Schuschnigg); ‘St. Helena’ (Gosse); ‘The Ancient World’ (Todd); ‘Doctor Dido’ (Lucas); ‘Edinburgh’ (Sitwell); ‘The Rains came’ (Bromfield); ‘La Fayette’ (De La Bedoyère); ‘Travels in France’ (Young); ‘Turkestan Solo’ (Maillart); ‘Brought up and brought out’ (Pakenham); ‘Peter Abelard’ (Waddell); ‘Crippled Splendour’ (John); ‘Scoop’ (Waugh); ‘Crome Yellow’ and ‘Those Barren Leaves’ (Huxley); ‘Summer Half’ and ‘Pomfret Towers’ (Thirkell); ‘Lectures on the French Revolution’ (Acton); ‘French Revolution’ (Taine); ‘Correspondence Inédite’ (De Fenières); ‘Short Stories’ (O. Henry); ‘The Sword in the Stone’ and ‘England have my Bones’ (White); ‘The New Immortality’ and ‘An Experiment in Time’ (Dunne); ‘The House’ (McElwee); ‘Ballet Panorama’ (Haskell); ‘Those were the days’ (Sitwell); ‘The Old Century’ (Sassoon); ‘A Diary of my Times’ (Bernanos); ‘Vanbrugh’ (Whistler); ‘Insanity Fair’ (Reed); ‘On the Frontier’ (Auden and Isherwood); ‘The Flashing Stream’ (Morgan); ‘The Orchestra Speaks’ (Shore); ‘And so Victoria’ (Wilkins); ‘The Thirty Years War’ (Wedgewood); ‘Power’ (Russell); ‘English Witnesses of the French Revolution’ (Thompson); ‘Puritanism and Liberty’ (Woodhouse); ‘British Social Life in India’ (Kincaid); ‘Napoleon and Alexander I’ (Vandel); ‘Metternich’ (De Reichenberg); ‘Books and Characters’ (Strachey).

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## DEBATING SOCIETY

**A**FTER a Summer Term which was so active in other respects that time was only found for one debate, and that in the last week, the Society has had an exceptionally good term. That there has been no lack of speakers was proved by the 121st Meeting, when four speakers new to the paper amply justified their selection and launched an excellent debate.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, R. H. Anstey (C); Treasurer, R. H. M. Spencer (W); Librarian, S. J. Whitwell (C).

The following have been elected Members of the Society:—A. R. Coventry (C), J. M. E. Clarkson (G), C. M. Argles (C), R. K. V. Andrews (C), G. McC. Corbett (B), R. A. D. Oliver (C), R. J. Ellison (T), J. H. Phillips (C), P. R. Westall (C), P. E. Falkner (W), G. G. Riddick (C), D. A. Walker (G), H. H. Sebag-Montefiore (W), C. R. P. Anstey (C).

The 118th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, when the Motion before the House was “that this House deplores the substitution of the bathroom for the taproom.”

R. H. M. SPENCER (W) was languidly aggressive. The opposition were craven and effete representatives of a degenerate materialism. He recalled Drake and Raleigh and the great days of the taproom, and regretted that we were not as we were.

T. L. DEWHURST (B) appealed ingratiatingly to the cleaner instincts of a House which gathered that soap before beer was his slogan, though it failed to perceive the moral to be drawn from Gray's Ode to a Goldfish.

J. D. FAY (G) (ex-Secretary) delivered an epigrammatic swan-song in which the taproom was praised as the source of all culture. He recited his own experiences in Finland as an example of what happens when a bathroom gets out of hand.

The Librarian (R. H. ANSTEY (C)) was poetic and classical. Rugger and war proved that our age was still tough, and baths were an indulgence which should surely be allowed.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, E. N. Rolfe (B), M. J. Poulton (C), the Secretary (H. S. L. Dundas (W)), D. W. Barnes (C), A. R. Coventry (C), B. A. J. C. Gregory (G), D. V. A. Sankey (B).

*Against the Motion*, J. B. Frankenburg (C), P. Johnstone (C), W. Kcc (C), S. J. Whitwell (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), D. Gardiner (C), the Vice-President. R. H. M. Spencer (W) summed up.

On a division being taken, there voted:—

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 10	For the Motion	- 25
Against	- 12	Against	- 53

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 2 votes and in the Lower House by 28 votes.

At a committee meeting held after the debate the resignations of H. S. L. Dundas (W) and J. R. C. Elmslie (C) were received with regret. R. H. Anstey (C) was elected Secretary, R. H. M. Spencer (W) Treasurer, and S. J. Whitwell (C) Librarian of the Society.

The 119th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19th, when the Motion before the House was “that this House would rather be a snake in the grass than a bull in a china shop.”

C. W. NEWTON (C) gesticulated in vain. The snake was the lesser of two evils. Cunning and resourcefulness were better than brute force.

E. N. ROLFE (B) was prophetic. He warned the House against politicians, and gave a plausible example of what it might expect if it met one. He warned it against the Stoic snake, and he quoted a French translation of the witches' warning to Macbeth which was nearly as futile as the speech of which it was a part.

P. JOHNSTONE (C), as the House had expected, shifted the ground farther East. Oddly enough, as he did so his argument may be said to have gone West. From bulls and snakes to Japan and China was too far a cry.

J. C. DREW (C) headed straight for the brass tacks. He reduced the whole problem to two bulls in a field, and finally pandered to fashion by misquoting Julius Caesar.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, T. L. Dewhurst (B), P. G. Henderson (W), D. Gardiner (C), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), the Secretary (C), the Librarian (C), R. A. D. Oliver (C).

*Against the Motion*, J. B. Frankenburg (C), D. W. Barnes (C), G. L. Paget (C), the Treasurer (W), J. M. E. Clarkson (G), the Vice-President, C. M. Argles (C), G. McC. Corbett (B), C. A. Moodie (G).

On a division being taken, there voted:—

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 8	For the Motion	- 18
Against	- 8	Against	- 18

On the President twice exercising his casting vote the motion was lost in both Houses by one vote.

The 120th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th, when the Motion before the House was “that this House considers the habit of telling stories to be fatal alike to conversation and debate.”

J. B. FRANKENBURG (C) effectively condemned the story by telling two himself. His remaining points were long in being produced and disappointing on arrival.

THE SECRETARY (R. H. Anstey (C)) delivered a polished epitaph on himself and his favourite story, and lamented the absence of social joys that there would be in an embarrassed, tongue-tied and storyless world.

T. L. DEWHURST (B) saw in the story the as yet undeveloped germ of mass-produced conversation. Clear thinking was the only way, if a hard one, to combat the insidious influence of the ready-made story.

THE LIBRARIAN (S. J. Whitwell (C)) came to praise the story, but ended by burying most of it. It was only a menace, he decided, when used without discretion. Conversation reduced to its Platonic minimum would be abysmal.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. R. C. Holbech (C), J. C. Simopoulos (S), P. R. Westall (C), E. N. Rolfe (B), the Treasurer (W), D. W. Barnes (C), P. S. Anstey (C), H. M. Taylor (S), the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), G. McC. Corbett (B), J. H. Phillips (C).

*Against the Motion*, R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), R. A. D. Oliver (C), J. C. Drew (C), R. J. Ellison (T), D. Gardiner (C), P. G. Henderson (W), R. K. V. Andrews (S), D. A. Walker (G), J. E. Richardson (C).

On a division being taken there voted:—

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 13	For the Motion	- 4
Against	- 14	Against	- 53

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by one vote and in the Lower House by 49 votes.

The 121st Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30th, when the Motion before the House was "that this House considers that it is the duty of pots to call kettles black."

R. A. P. ALLSEBROOK (W) defended critics, from Naboth to Sir Roger Casement, with considerable ability. The opposition, in denying itself the right to criticise, was pursuing a policy which was clearly suicidal.

D. GARDINER (C) was passionately inaudible. He ventured too far into the terra incognita of history to be able to retreat with dignity, and advocated the eighteenth-century ideal of uncriticised despotism.

G. L. PAGET (C) was Falstaffian in all but figure. Experience was the spice of life, and those who failed in their critical duty should be dealt with as firmly as, for instance, smugglers.

J. E. C. NICHOLL (B) attempted a mathematical proof which was clearly beyond him. After a display of irrelevant histrionics, he called upon an enraptured House to listen while he dropped an imaginary pin.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, the Treasurer (W), the President, the Librarian (C), T. L. Dewhurst (B), E. N. Rolfe (B), R. A. D. Oliver (C), B. Henshaw (C), C. R. P. Anstey (C), C. W. Newton (S), J. H. Phillips (C), G. G. Riddick (C), J. E. Murray (B).

*Against the Motion*, H. H. Sebag-Montefiore (W), P. E. Falkner (W), P. Johnstone (C), G. McC. Corbett (B), P. R. Westall (C), Mr. C. M. Barlow, the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), C. A. Moodie (G), the Vice-President, P. G. Henderson (W), D. A. Walker (G), J. C. Drew (C).

J. E. C. Nicholl (B) summed up for the Opposition.

R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) summed up the debate.

On a division being taken, there voted:—

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 14	For the Motion	- 21
Against	- 10	Against	- 25

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

The Rugby Debate was held at Rugby on Saturday, November 12th, when the Motion for debate was "that this House would rather be Epicurean than Stoic."

The Society was represented by the Secretary (R. H. Anstey (C)) and the Librarian (S. J. Whitwell (C)).

R.H.A.

S.J.W.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

On July 22nd, N. C. Eddy (C) read a paper on "American Foreign Policy." Few meetings with so small an attendance have lasted so long and been so amusing. Eddy turned the meeting into an informal discussion which was all the more enjoyable for those present. He gave a very interesting account of the trends of American Foreign Policy, pointing out that since 1931 there has been a tendency towards co-operation with Europe. In spite of the opposition of the vast disinterested west and of the foreign-born Americans, the supporters of "the Good-Neighbours Policy" were growing in number; and Eddy prophesied that "given another ten years of hectic peace, America will co-operate actively in European affairs."

Sir Archibald Sinclair had to refuse our invitation to address the Branch because of the Crisis.

J.N.D.

### THE TWELVE CLUB.

Two papers so far have been read to the Club. On Monday, October 31st, the 134th meeting was held when S. J. Whitwell (C) read a paper entitled "Art and Albert," a criticism of the Pre-Raphaelites.

The 135th meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15th, when the President read a paper entitled "Pindar: a bathetic fallacy."

Mr. P. G. Hunter has been elected a Vice-President of the Club. The following were elected members:—P. Johnstone (C), P. R. H. Hastings (T), M. J. G. Hann (T) and R. H. Widdows (C).

T.L.D.

## THE HERETICS.

The eleventh meeting was held on Thursday, November 24th, in Mr. Gilling Lax's rooms; M. E. Farrer (B) read an entertaining paper on "John Mytton."

On Monday, 5th December, G. L. Paget (C) read an informative paper entitled "Penny plain, twopence coloured."

D.G.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings this term. The first was held in the New Lecture Room, when Dr. Zettl and B. J. G. Kaye (G) gave a most interesting joint lecture on mediaeval and classical manuscripts, aptly illustrated on the epidiascope. Dr. Zettl is, of course, particularly well qualified to talk on such a subject, and soon showed us that he knew more about our own language than most of us. At the second meeting, J. C. Drew (C) and R. H. Widdows (C) read a series of short scenes in which Greeks of various classes met and discussed their lives with Romans of the same type. The dialogue was realistically and humorously composed.

M.E.F.

## LA SOCIETE DES LANGUES MODERNES.

Ce trimestre la société se réunit pour la première fois le 2 Octobre. On a élu M. J. E. Cable (C) secrétaire de la société, M. J. L. Rolleston (C) Homme de Comité, et M. E. B. Moore (C) Sous Homme de Comité. D'ailleurs on a élu comme membres de la société Mm. M. S. Buckmaster (C), I. E. T. Jenkin (C), B. H. G. Sparrow (W), et J. M. Browne (B), et comme membre honoraire M. A. Gosse. Malheureusement Mm. J. L. Rolleston et I. E. T. Jenkin se trouvèrent tous les deux forcés à résigner après la première moitié du trimestre. On a donc élu M. E. B. Moore Homme de Comité, M. B. H. G. Sparrow Sous Homme de Comité et comme nouveau membre M. D. B. Fenwick (W).

On lut d'abord une comédie très divertissante de l'année 1734, "Le Jeu de L'Amour et du Hasard" de Marivaux. Puis on en choisit une autre d'une date plus moderne, "Le Barbier de Séville" de Beaumarchais, qui a aussi su plaire aux membres de la société. Notre pièce dernière était une comédie allemande, "Die Journalisten" de Gustav Freytag, un auteur du dix-neuvième siècle.

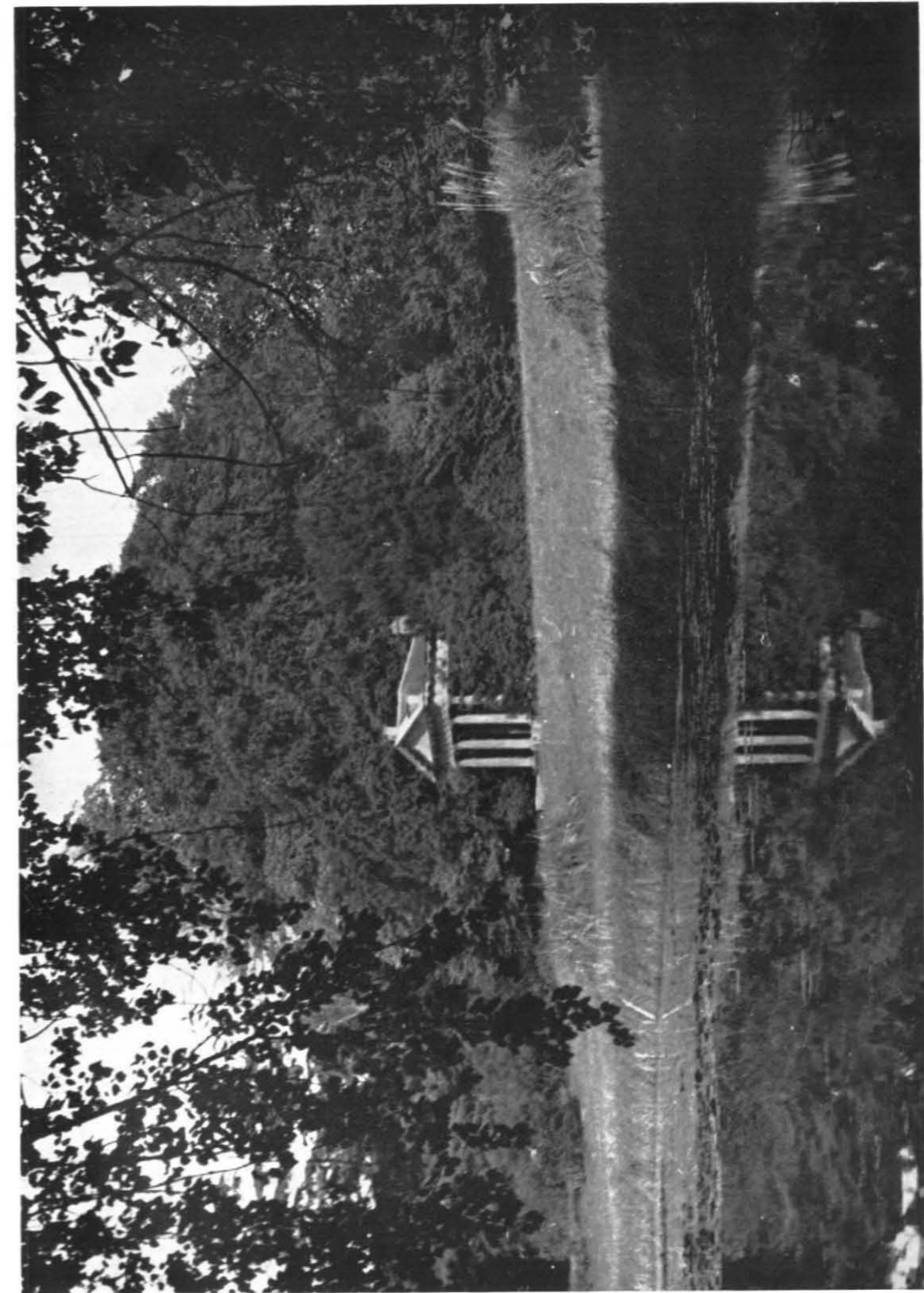
Outre la lecture de ces pièces, on assista à une "soirée de gramophone," ou on joua plusieurs disques de chansons français et allemands. De plus la société espère beaucoup à recevoir un discours de son membre honoraire, M. A. Gosse, à sa dernière réunion.

J.E.C.

## THE PUPPET CLUB.

The Puppet Club has spent a busy term preparing the scenery and puppets for the third annual performance, which is to be presented next Sports Day. The principal item on the programme will be a new version of Faust. The stage has been rebuilt to allow easier manipulation, further alterations have been made to the lighting, and the sound equipment has been completed, though in the next show it is intended to introduce a miniature orchestra into the confines back-stage, if this should prove possible. The Club contains, however, almost an entirely new personnel, and it will be impossible to give a really first-class show until members of the School realize that puppets are not merely a plaything for the lower school.

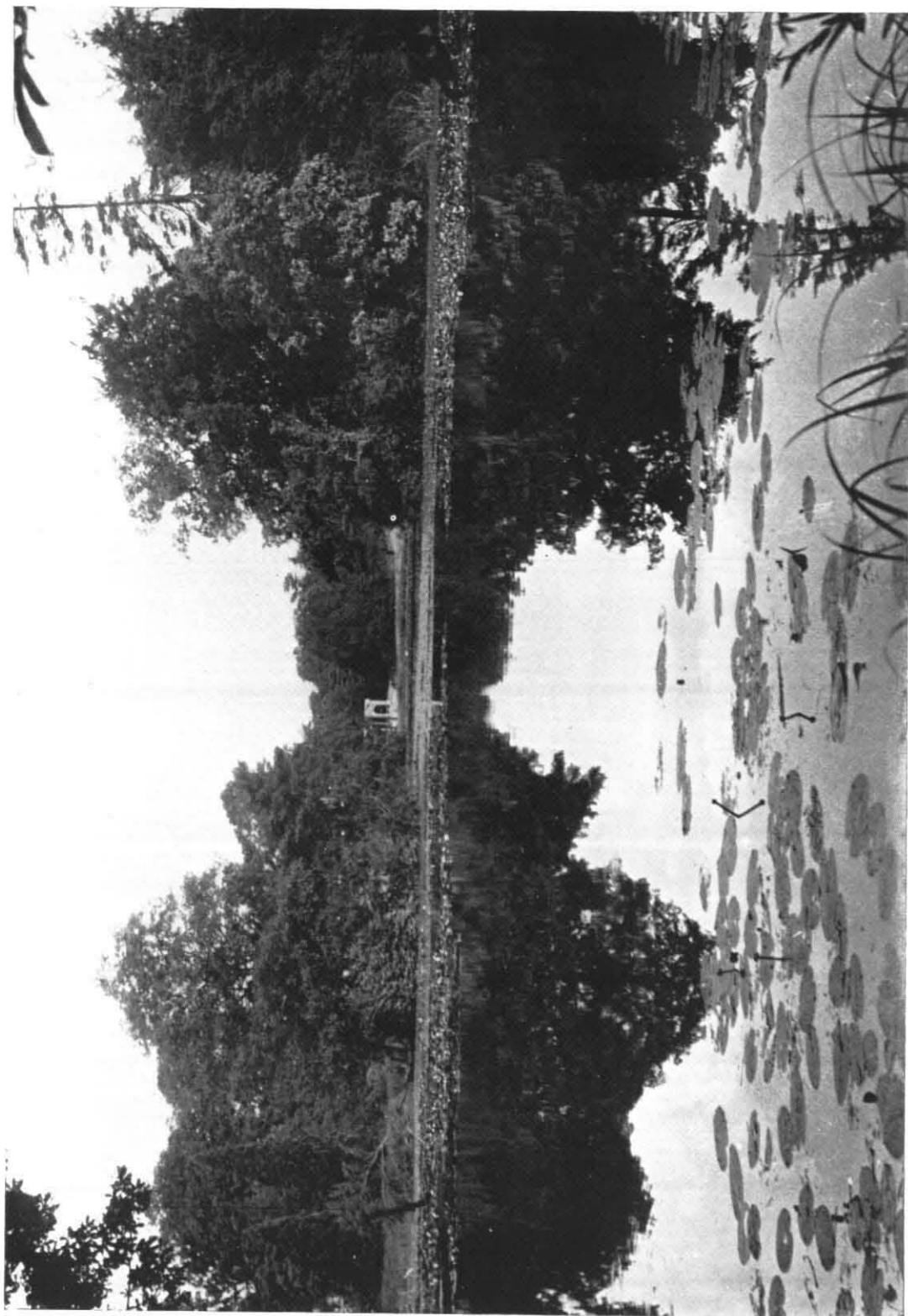
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BELL GATE PAVILION

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THE OCTAGON LAKE

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### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The business meeting was held on September 28th, when there was quite a promising turn out. Since that date two papers have been read to the Society, both of a very high standard. The first, read by the President, R. C. Roxburgh (W), gave us a clear insight into the little known subject of "Vitamins"; while Mr. Barr took, if possible, more trouble than ever over his very interesting paper "Man's Ancestors."

On November 16th, twelve members spent a very interesting and instructive afternoon at the Zoological Museum at Tring. Over an hour was spent in the Entomological department which contains the world's largest collection of Lepidoptera.

T.R.G.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the term a meeting was held at which it was decided to re-organize the Society, as it had been in a state of inactivity for two terms. Mr. M. D. Prain and Mr. R. H. Pott were elected Vice-Presidents, and a committee consisting of J. M. G. Ritchie (W), A. J. F. Fergusson (B) and R. H. White-Smith (B) was formed.

A new vertical enlarger was purchased. It was decided to hold a competition at the end of the term to be judged by the Headmaster and Mr. Prain.

During the term the Secretary, R. C. Roxburgh (W), has given demonstrations on developing, printing and enlarging, to about ten beginners.

The Society has been invited to send in exhibition prints to a Public Schools Photographic Exhibition, which will circulate the schools participating, during the Easter Term. The Exhibition will be at Stowe for several days on a date not yet fixed.

R.C.R.

### THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

It has only been possible to have one meeting this term. On Friday, November 11th, the 24th meeting was held in the Headmaster's room to read "The Watched Pot," by Saki.

The following were elected members:—E. N. Rolfe (B), R. H. Anstey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), M. E. Farrer (B) and R. A. P. Allsebrook (W).

T.L.D.

### THE FILM SOCIETY.

Dr. E. Zettl has kindly consented to become President in succession to Mr. A. V. Ireland.

Owing to temporary difficulties in getting the best modern films, it has been the policy of the Society this term to show films produced in as many different countries as possible. The first one shown was the French "La Belle Equipe"; the second, the Dutch "Crosspatch," was delightfully free from the insistence on the emotions which is so typical of most French productions. In fact the two films provided an admirable contrast, as much in national character as in technical production.

A German film will be shown later on in the term.

T.L.D.



## IV

El Puerto	...	...	...	...	}	...	...	...	...	...	Albeniz
Triana	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	Liszt
Rakoczy March	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...

Sunday, November 6th. Performance of Mozart's Marriage of Figaro by THE CHANTICLEER OPERA COMPANY.

This was a splendid performance. We missed the colour supplied by an Orchestra, but the two pianos provided admirable support. There did not seem to be a single weak character in the cast, and the Chorus work and general Ensemble were excellent. William Worsley gave us a remarkably good Figaro; Cherubino had a most pleasing voice. How refreshing it was to hear a really good English translation of this Opera.

Saturday, November 19th. SIR ADRIAN BOULT and THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

This is the first time that Sir Adrian Boult has conducted at Stowe. The Concert was one of the best we have ever had in the series of Subscription Concerts, only to be compared with Sir Thomas Beecham's first concert (in 1935).

The most enjoyable numbers were the Oberon Overture and the Cockaigne Overture. In the latter, the playing of the orchestra was electrifying. There were some lovely moments in the Beethoven Symphony, particularly in the Trio, when Mr. Leon Goosens' magical Oboe tone was heard to advantage. Some sixty players came down, and all the principal players and leaders of the various sections of the orchestra were present.

A very large audience came to this concert and was rewarded with some superb playing.

## PROGRAMME.

Overture: Oberon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Weber (1786-1826)
Suite: Water Music	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Handel (1685-1759) arr. Hamilton Harty
Allegro—Air—Bourree Hornpipe—Andante—Allegro Deciso								
Symphony No. 2, in D major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Beethoven (1770-1827)
Adagio molto—Allegro con Brio Larghetto Allegro Allegro molto								
Three Hornpipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Herbert Murrill
Overture: Cockaigne (In London Town)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elgar (1857-1935)

Wednesday, December 14th. LEON GOOSENS AND THE ENTENTE STRING QUARTET.

At the time of going to press, this concert has yet to be performed, so no account of it can be given.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET, N.W.8.  
December 1938.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

In 1930 Mr. Hone came to the Club as an assistant warden, but now he finds that owing to business ties he cannot give as much time to the Club as he used to, and so he has resigned the position of vice-warden to which he was formally appointed in May 1936. Nearly every night for eight years Mr. Hone has helped at the Club, and on several occasions, in the absence of the warden, he has been in complete control, especially for two or three months in 1936, and from November 1937 until June of this year. He has helped the Club over anxious times and whenever we were in difficulties it was "Joe," as we know him, who came to our assistance. Joe is known, liked and respected by all present and past members of the Club and also by many of those boys' parents; while he has been at the Pineapple he has served under four different wardens, and now that he is going we really do not know what we shall do without him. However, we hope that he will still be able to find time to come in fairly often.

The Pineapple is flourishing under the able control of Mr. Seymour, who has introduced a considerable amount of self-government into the Club, by means of various committees consisting of boys under his chairmanship.

Four football teams are run in connection with the Club, and of these two, the "Old Boys" and the "Young Stoics," are at present top of their respective Leagues; while the "Juniors" are now second in the London Federation League.

A boxing instructor visits the Club once a week and the boys' interest in this is now reviving, and many of them are showing considerable keenness and ability.

The warden has increased the boys' interest in indoor games by arranging table-tennis, darts, and billiards matches with other Clubs.

The Stowe boys' visits to the Club on Friday evenings are very popular with the Pineapple boys, and we hope that the Stowe boys enjoy them too.

Apart from visits from Stowe and the London Committee, visitors are still rather few and far between. The Warden and the Boys are always delighted to welcome visitors even if they can only spare a few minutes.

On November 6th, about 50 boys went to Stowe by motor coach and were very well entertained by the School, in spite of the fact that the visitors were inconsiderate enough to win all four of the football matches.

The Summer camp was well attended, with an average of about 30 boys over the fortnight, but apart from a few Old Stoic visitors at week-ends, we were very short of helpers. We are looking forward to next year, when the camp will be re-organized and will include, we hope, a contingent from Stowe.

Owing to the generosity of Mr. John Hope the Club now possesses a typewriter, but we are still in need of clothes of all kinds, sports equipment, and books for the library.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. W. T. LILLEY.

## THE PINEAPPLE BALL.

The Editor, *The Stoic*,

Sir,

In view of the success of the first Pineapple Ball it was decided early this year to organize a second.

On November 10th some 400 people gathered at the Dorchester Hotel, and as a result about £350 will be handed over to the Pineapple Club.

Once again it was a most enjoyable evening; in fact a very well known lady who was present remarked that, although she attended many charity balls, this was the only one which had the family party atmosphere.

If Stoics who may be leaving shortly would like to help the Stowe Club they can do so by noting that the provisional date for next year's Ball is Friday, November 17th, at the Dorchester Hotel, London.

A balance sheet of the Pineapple Ball 1938 will be available for publication in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

Yours faithfully,

GORDON MORISON,  
Chairman, London Committee of the Stowe Club.

## 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, 1938, the Old Stoics subscribed £296 and the Stowe boys £129 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 (c.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.*

## WASTED TIME

No more a little Latin and less Greek  
Is ample learning for immortal fame:  
Almost before we are allowed to speak  
We find that there is more in life's brief game.  
The boisterous clank of things mechanical  
Has driven from us quiet's gentler tone;  
The closing clutch of hands tyrannical  
Now steals the minds which once we thought our own.  
Our pleasures are but drugs without a meaning,  
Upon which observation would be lost;  
Nature inspires no longer, save for screening  
From mundane cares a mind too tempest-tossed.  
Millions might mean more, could we fathom one;  
Too much there is to do, and nothing done.

S.J.W.

## A MAN OF WORDS

At first sight Major Pratten appears to be a perfectly ordinary man with no outstanding features. He is of average height, has a little hair on his head, and is no fatter than many retired army officers. A more careful observer might notice a strange look in his eyes; they appear at times to be longing for company which they cannot capture. They are grey and sad. But when he talks to anyone, or rather when anyone talks to him, they grow perceptibly brighter and happier.

I can remember quite clearly the first time I spoke to him. It was quite by accident; it was simply that he was coming in by the same door as I was going out. We knocked into each other and I had hardly time to make any apology before he captured me. But before this story proceeds further, an explanation must be given why he seems an ordinary man only at first sight. At the second, third or fourth sight it would be impossible not to notice that his left hand is always kept in his coat pocket. Never does a man walk into a room with one hand in his coat pocket and the other in his trouser pocket, unless there is some reason.

I had enquired of my friends if he had had a hand amputated or if his arm were damaged. They had always avoided answering directly and always turned the conversation. I noticed this more particularly when Major Pratten was near. His sad grey eyes, looking round the room, seemed always to say: "Give me company in my misery." The more I saw him the more I wanted to meet him; I could think of no suitable way, when that meeting came quite by chance.

Well, he captured me, or at least I let myself become his captive. He drew me aside gently to a quiet corner in the club-room and began.

"I hear you are a bit of a scientist and are interested in the new attempts to make electricity from air."

"Yes, as a matter of fact I am," I replied, wondering how he knew and what he was driving at. "Yes, I only joined the laboratory a few weeks ago."

"Well," he said, looking down at his left arm in the coat pocket, "I worked there once, and I would still be now, if only"—and he paused a little, and looked sadly at me, as if he wished to tell me of some terrible misfortune—"if only," he continued, "I had not . . . but why should I tell you this?" His eyes were brighter and happier.

"I understand," I replied, "and I suppose it meant that you had to give up your sole ambition. I am sorry for you." I could not help pitying him; he was always so sad. Then suddenly a thought struck me. What does a retired Major know about science? Why? Perhaps he had had an accident in the war, and he was hoaxing me all the time. Perhaps he could not bear to think that he was wounded in the war. Then a better solution flashed through my head. Perhaps his arm was injured in an act of cowardice. Of course that was it; he could not bear to tell people about it.

While I was running on this line of thought, he told me the story.

"Of course, you won't tell anyone what I have just told you, will you? I could not bear to think that the whole club knew of it." He looked at me with those sad grey eyes, and I realized why no one would talk about him. They absolutely begged

me not to speak about it. Yes, I realized—those sad grey eyes. It was as if they laid a spell on those they encountered. Well, I was captured like the rest, but I made a vow that I would turn every stone to find out the true secret of Major Pratten. I was sure there was some secret behind his story.

While all these thoughts were rushing through my head, I had already made my excuses and left him. I eagerly caught a very old friend and firmly persuaded him to keep to the subject of Major Pratten. "Funny, that story about his being a scientist," I said after we had been discussing him for a few minutes. "A scientist," he exploded, "did you say a scientist?" "Yes." "Good heavens, so there is something after all. Why, he told me a long story how he had been excavating in some tombs in Egypt and how his hand had been crushed by a falling rock. The blighter! I think you must be right about his cowardice. Let's ask some other people what he told them." And we certainly gained our reward. He had been an explorer, a big game hunter, a mountaineer, a diver, an air-pilot, and goodness knows what he had not been. There was a limit to this sort of stuff, we all thought; and so we decided to approach him about it at the first opportunity.

That night happened to be New Year's Eve and we decided that the next morning would be a suitable time. Meanwhile, drink was flowing fast and spirits were high. "Look," I shouted to my friends, "his arm; there is nothing wrong with it at all." For I saw Major Pratten waving both his arms frantically at some unknown demon. "Look," I screamed. "His arms," I shrieked hysterically. But now not a man turned his gaze towards him, rather towards me. Then all went black before my eyes. Next morning I awoke with a throbbing headache.

J.C.D.

## DISHONOURED GODS

Last of sun rolled red beneath the sky  
 And misty vapours stole upon the slopes;  
 Dishonoured Gods who yet refused to die,  
 Lingering long on praises and on hopes  
 Of praise to come, rose from their troubled sleep;  
 Forgot man's old vindictiveness as night  
 On field and wood with age old quiet to creep  
 So silently began, to banish light.  
 A gross old God came limping from the wood,  
 Remembering not those ancient sunny days  
 When he was young and all the world had stood  
 A-tiptoe; came other Gods and ways,  
 And melancholy took the place of pride  
 As only Hecate worshipped, while she sighed.

R.A.P.A.



## A DIARY

*Sunday, Sept. 8th.*

We left Machadodorp, and followed the Lydenburg Road for 20 miles or so, when we branched off, making for Nelspruit via Shoemann's Kloof. The road was immediately mountainous, and we followed the side of a very narrow and fertile valley closed in by barren and boulder-strewn mountains. Many patches of irrigated fields green with barley in ear, occasionally oats, and citrus groves. Breakfast at a newly started rest-camp at Shoemann's Kloof. The road was good, with some rough stretches, and 30 m.p.h. was good going. The night at Machadodorp had been very cold.

At Nelspruit we came down 4,000 ft. or so, and here was a thriving dorp with large acreages—maybe over 1,000 acres all told—of oranges and lemons, paw-paw, avocada pear, mangoes, grape fruit, fields of young cabbages, picking peas, and some potatoes. Further on, at White River, there was a cricket match in full swing, all complete with white flannels, pavilion and white painted bowler's screen.

We passed into the Kruger National Park at Pretoria Kop, pass for our car and crew being £1. Within ten minutes the fun began with a group of wildebeeste, which we saw frequently afterwards on our way to Skukuza. Then impala, pretty little light coloured buck, and rietbuck. Then more wildebeeste, zebra, and impala, all in company, and suddenly we spotted lions, three of them on a bank about 80 yards from the road. They were lying down, and we stopped the car and engaged in a staring match. Lazily and majestically they watched us, just pricking their ears when another car drew up behind us. Then we saw wart-hogs, several grand boars amongst them. They are so comic when they run, cocking up their tails vertically like cattle with gad-fly after them. Baboons there were, prowling over some flat rocks, and a dark grey monkey with a black face in a tree, and a few large stately kudu moving about in thorn bush. These animals made very little effort to go away, and were all within a stone's throw of the car. Sable we saw, reed buck and some big striped does without horns, afterwards identified as kudu does.

But the great adventure came later. After tea we went slowly down about ten miles of the Sabi Road seeing nothing but impala until almost bored by them, no more wildebeeste or zebra, but flocks of guinea-fowl looking very smart with their blue heads and speckled plumage. Soon after turning home, however, a single lioness prowling about in the thin bush came very close to us. We slowly moved about to keep level with her, and then she crossed the road in front of the car about a cricket pitch away. As she slipped off into the bush on the other side, our driver gave a hoot on his horn, and she checked a second to give us a disdainful look and so off. Twenty minutes later five lions, but not so near, three of them lying down in the long grass, and two indistinct in the thorn bush.

We stopped and gave them a long time to show up plainer, but nothing happened, except that one of them roared several times in a subdued sort of way, but my goodness they are majestic, and graceful and dignified . . .

We had, compulsorily, to be in Skukuza camp at 6.30 and this we accomplished with five minutes to spare, about ten minutes after sun-down. Here there were warm baths, good plain food, and comfortable beds. A change in temperature, and the night was hot.

*Monday, Sept. 9th.*

Warm but not so sunny, owing to light clouds. At Skukuza we were all packed up and ready before breakfast, which we got at 7 a.m., and were on the road at 7.20. Immediately we crossed the river Sabi by pont (motor-carrying raft, which natives haul across by a fixed rope) and travelled on by the most direct road to Satara, again saw all the buck as yesterday, and added water-buck, beautiful big dark buck, with forward curving horns, and a solitary silver jackal with very distinct markings. Just before Satara rest camp (where we bought lunch) great good luck—three giraffe, one an enormous dark-coloured fellow, and another group of four, very close, with one on the other side of the road belonging to the same group. After lunch at Satara we travelled along without seeing anything highly exciting, until we came to a spur road leading to the Gorge Rest Camp, Olifant's River. Very little except zebra, impala and wild turkeys on this road, sand grouse running about, and horn-bills in pairs on the trees, and we had picnic tea at this camp, which is only bare huts (rondavels), no store or dining-room. But here an armed native took us, on foot, one and a half miles walk to a hippo pool. Here were four of the great beasts in mid-stream with only the eyes, ears and nostrils showing. Half the time they were under water. They subside in a smooth oily way, and sometimes they would snort a plume of water into the air like a whale. The boy pointed out impala, water-buck and baboons. I asked him if he had ever killed a lion with his gun. He said "yes," and the bullet had not stopped the charge of the beast, he had had to club it with the butt. He showed me the marks of claws on the butt, but that is as it may be!

We turned back the way we had come up the spur road, and then on, heading North to Letaba Rest Camp. This was a barren reach for game, though impala in groups were met with, but we did find a topping troupe of baboons; some of the mothers were carrying their babies pick-a-back fashion.

One delightful episode occurred at the crossing of the Olifant's River by pont, for as the natives were hauling the car with us in it over the river, they broke into a chant singing most perfectly in harmony. We understood that the theme was how very hard their work, and how small the pecuniary reward, but that they hoped things were going soon to improve. However, as the toll for the car was 3/-, they only got some oranges as a bonsella from us. The pont natives rather spoil the effect of their Olifant's River Boat Song by calling out "O.K." in Hollywood accents when ready for the car to move on to the pont.

*Tuesday, Sept. 10th.*

Slept at Letaba Camp. Elephant are supposed to come to the river by night, and to be easily seen from the camp at dawn. There was no such luck for us, however. It was very unpleasant weather all day, leaden skies, and a strong cold wind—in fact a M'kasa. Elephants, and almost all buck, stay in dense cover under such conditions, and we were told that prospects would be poor. However, we left camp at 6 a.m., content with morning tea only, going northward in hope of elephant, but we never saw any then or later—far away some dark grey backs seen over a hill crest we felt sure were elephants, but it turned out to be the everlasting blue wildebeeste. Just after we had overshot it, the movement of a head in the long grass showed a lion. We backed the

car to come level, and found that there were three : one of them decidedly displeased, but they were young ones only three-quarter grown, and they soon slipped into invisibility like a conjuror's vanishing trick.

Tsessebe we saw several times. These are narrow-headed buck with small horns and dark grey faces. Also two ostriches running along—they had very heavy black plumage, and therefore were cock birds. Roan antelope and sable again. Sable bulls are darker than does, but both sexes are horned. The last ten miles up to the Shengwedzi Rest Camp (a small one) was bare country, and much of it burnt out. Had we but known it, here it would have been politic to have turned back, for though we met repetitions of impala, tsessebe, widdlebeeste, sable and roan, great lengths of the road to Punda Maria was bleak poor open country with no cover for game, and much of it burnt. In fact a very extensive veldt fire three-quarters of the way to Punda Maria was raging across the road, and as it is desperately dangerous to drive a car through fire, our driver had to make a considerable detour through the veldt. Still we pushed on to Punda Maria, intending to stay the night there, and next day to explore the road to Pofari on the Portuguese border, which was said to be good for game, and the only place where "Nyala" are to be seen. But at Punda Maria, which we reached at 2 p.m., the store-keeper told us that the Pofari road was completely burnt out, and it was no use our going there.

Regretfully we decided to leave the Game Reserve tour then and there, and after a picnic lunch to which a pair of Airedales belonging to the storekeeper invited themselves, we headed for Louis Trichardt and Southern Rhodesia, Bulawayo being our ultimate destination.

J.M.E.

## SONNET

Deep have I drunk the wine of small success,  
 Long have I striven to steer a middle course,  
 Dreading alike those whirlpools that caress  
 My slumbering conceit, that rock remorse.  
 Love I said was opium : other men  
 Might crave it to revive self-reputation.  
 In hope I knew a knave who'd leave me when  
 I had no food save carrion desperation.  
 I strove to rise superior to hate  
 Thinking no mortal worthy of my spite,  
 Yet fearing that from some unprompted spate  
 Of trustfulness some man should learn to write :  
 Here is one whom insult cannot move ;  
 In youth he paid the cost, the coin was love.

R.H.M.S.

## BOOK REVIEWS

SIR JOHN VANBRUGH, Architect and Dramatist, by Laurence Whistler (G, 1930)  
 (Cobden Sanderson).

Sir John Vanbrugh was the son of a well-to-do baker of sugar who still spelt himself van Brugg and who combined a patriotism for his adopted country with a zeal for the more dour aspects of the Protestant religion. The early death of his father and the fact that he was the eldest of thirteen made John Vanbrugh's eascape from the family all the easier, though it is no excuse for his wandering into a country at which we were at war. His arrest at Calais was the beginning of a period of hospitable imprisonment which he was always to remember with pleasure. During his hours of enforced leisure at the Bastille he wrote his first comedy and learnt something of the grandeur of solid towers and frowning battlements.

On his return to England, the court society of Anne and George I became his home. His ability as a playwright was considerable. That he was the last, and most condemned, exponent of the school of Sheridan did not make his comedies any less enjoyable. More important than his theatrical ventures was his membership of the Kit-Cat Club, that assemblage of Whig wits which first met at the house of Christopher Cat who, besides being a Quaker, made the best meat pies in London. Before Vanbrugh had built a cottage he was invited by a fellow club-man, the Earl of Carlisle, to build Castle Howard. It was Carlisle, too, who added a third profession to Vanbrugh's almost absurdly versatile existence. His appointment as Clarenceux King at Arms, besides embittering for the rest of his life the ageing Lancaster Herald, Gregory King, took Vanbrugh over to Hanover to confer the Garter on the future George II.

But it was Blenheim, the great Blenheim which he designed as a monument to his hero the Duke of Marlborough, that was his greatest triumph and the scene of his saddest eclipse. His fortune fluctuated with the rise and fall of the Whigs until his epic quarrel with the Duchess Sarah, which culminated in him and his wife being shut outside the gates while their fellow travellers toured the nearly completed palace.

How far his architecture is the morning star of the Romantic Revival is a subject upon which Mr. Whistler only touches. Vanbrugh loved fortresses, but he did not love the Gothic. The great follower and exaggerator of the baroque school of Wren, he lived to hear Campbell trumpet the return to Palladio which bred Adam and the architects of the Regency. His architecture was only a short phase, but we can see how great it was by judging it as Steele advises :

"Then take him in the Lump, nor nicely pry  
 Into small faults, that 'scape a busie Eye."

Perhaps after all he inherited something from his father. In the entrance front of Seaton Delaval may be seen the improbable audacity which prompted Giles van Brugg to propose to Charles II that an English Mediterranean squadron should pirate the Vatican Library.

This book is neither an architectural handbook nor a history of the period. It is the true story of the very eventful life of a great and charming man, perhaps the least hated of his age. It was only the last dying spite of the Duchess of Marlborough which inspired Doctor Evans to write the often quoted lines :

“ Lie heavy on him, Earth, for he  
Laid many a grievous load on thee.”

S.J.W.

“ THE HOUSE,” by William McElwee. (Geoffrey Bles, 5/- : 191 pp.)

Most of us have wished for an empty house to play with ; and when we can do so in such absorbing company as Mr. McElwee’s tramp the wish is granted in full measure. He enters it at night, weary and apathetic ; he is discovered there when the family returns five days later.

At first he believes that he is only helping the cat to find food ; when he himself eats that food, he plans to work for his keep. He paints some panelling ; he cleans the house. Making himself more at home, he borrows some clothes, shaves, and can look himself in the face. The house has already stripped him of the tramp’s protective apathy : he is a failure, he sees, but no longer a hopeless failure. He plans a future and, to keep his hand in, rearranges the house more to his taste. Certain rooms lack sympathy and he reconstructs for himself the personalities of their occupants : the blustering sham of a father—his description is one of the cleverest passages in the book—the hard-boiled kitten of a mother, the too-normal twins. In only one room does he find real sympathy—in the little room upstairs, belonging to the elder son—and in it he finds some manuscript sonnets which give him the key both to their writer’s life and to his own problems : in them he finds his own apathy, his longing for permanence, even his early love-affair ; and from his experience he conceives his solemn mission to warn the younger writer to avoid the mistakes which have led him into vagrancy.

It is over this section of the book, more ambitious and more significant than any other, that the reader is most likely to have misgivings. Would a mind so tortured by ill-health, uncertainty and caprice as the young poet’s have expressed itself quite so formally as in Shakespearean sonnets ? At the price of our respect for the son, conviction demands a little less self-analysis and a little more lyric poetry, even a little more hysteria. Yet it is undeniable that Shakespeare’s own sonnets reflect just such a tortured mind.

The tramp’s world of thought is shattered by the slam of a door ; the family has returned. And now all his old incoherence returns. He is unable, in face of all the bluster, to explain that he is no ordinary house breaker. He cannot even utter his

warning to the son. Locked in a disused larder, he re-discovers painfully his old hopelessness, no longer aided by the “ lethargy that stifles all complaints.” But the son has, after all, understood ; he has seen the two lines with which the tramp has completed one of the sonnets, and their sympathy is clear to each as poet and tramp say farewell outside the house.

The author’s treatment of this extraordinary story has the inevitable sweep of the slow movement of a symphony, and a subtlety which makes one forget that no words are spoken, that not one of the main characters is even given a name. The house has its own sturdy personality ; the poet, with all the makings of a glorious failure, has still the power, after the tramp’s warning, of being a “ good life ” ; and the tramp has a dignity obtained not by ignoring his sordidness, but by seeing below it to the man. In its picture of a mind which really has the power to make itself at home, and in its idea that running away from life is the only thing that life can never forgive, the book rises to the heights of allegory ; and even if we find the episode of the sonnets a little unreal, it is ungracious to think of them otherwise than of the haphazard trees in the garden of the house, which “ had contrived to grow unnoticed to such a size that it had seemed a shame to cut them down.”

J.C.S.

“ THE ANCIENT WORLD,” by J. M. Todd. (Hodder and Stoughton, 9/6).

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This is an excellent piece of work. It is no easy matter to compress the history of twenty centuries into a book of four hundred pages and to maintain throughout a clear stream of narrative : but Mr. Todd surmounts both these difficulties. His method is original ; he passes lightly over many historical events—he gives, for example, only twenty pages to the history of Rome from the beginnings to the time of Augustus—and concentrates attention on national movements, political and religious ideas, and great men. A chapter on Early Egypt is followed by an account of the Jewish nation, its struggles with its neighbours, and the growth of the Hebrew religion ; and then two hundred pages are given to Greece, its statesmen, philosophers, and scientists, and the development of democratic institutions. In the Hellenistic section the importance of Alexander in world history is emphasised, and there is a good chapter, “ The Agony of Judaism ” in the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes. The last eighty pages are chiefly concerned with the Life of Jesus and the rise of the Christian Church. There is a chronological table, two maps, twenty full-page illustrations, and a good index.

## THE STOIC

## AUTUMN

Down drops the golden life of ageing leaves  
 To lie forgotten in a crumbling tomb ;  
 The naked elm a harsher pattern weaves,  
 And earthward leers the wraith of winter's gloom.  
 Pile high the living fire ; and as you pass,  
 Peer out and see the elements contend,  
 And tap your fingers lightly on the glass,  
 And say, All things, save man, must have an end.  
 Was all the summer's sultry toil in vain ?  
 Was it in vain the thunder-showers fell ?  
 For men have reaped and gathered in the grain,  
 And said unto their soul, Soul, all is well.  
     Hope's lantern still will shed a flickering ray,  
 Till summers fail and winters pass away.

R.H.A.

## ON A NIGHT IN BRITTANY

In through the lattice window gently stealing  
 The still, soft breezes of the summer night  
 Caressed my lips, and whispered to me "Sleep !"

Across the dark blue water faintly pealing,  
 O'er house-tops glimmering in the moon's blue light,  
 The church bells rang, and ringing bade me sleep.

Beside my oaken bedstead humbly kneeling,  
 I saw the sheets gleam wonderfully white ;  
 And to that Lord who guideth all aright  
 I prayed, and in my prayer I fell asleep.

M.J.P.

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Pride, thou art humbled ; Freedom, thou art free—  
 Thy Might, O Persia, crumbled and is gone.  
 Thy sailors roll in the Saronic sea ;  
 Thy warriors rot on lonely Marathon.

M.J.P.



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