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A CANDLE stood burning on the old oak table: it had always burnt there, and would always continue to shed that one little hollow sphere of light in the perpetually encircling gloom. Directly under the candle sat a crystal so clear that the light all shone straight through it and it could in no way be seen except by him who dared to put his head right up to the flame and catch the reflection from its upper surface. Now and again a figure would flit moth-like in from the surrounding darkness and, lured to approach the candle as near as he could, would catch a glimpse of the crystal. Now such was the power of this crystal that whosoever saw it would remain and gaze at it intently until he either burnt himself in the flame or dropped dead from the fatigue of simultaneously looking at the crystal and avoiding the candle. Few ever survived to learn the crystal, no-one to return and reveal the truth of it to his erstwhile companions in obscurity. But of those that entered the light there are divers and interesting accounts.

Once there came a youth into the little dome and approached the candle near enough to see the crystal. At once he was filled with a great fire and, realizing that he had found a treasure, could not stay to examine it carefully, but picked it up, for it was not heavy, and conveyed it back to his comrades, determining to probe its nature in common, and to obtain for himself the glory of the first discoverer. But when he produced it from his bosom, lo, it was invisible because of the pooriness, by comparison, of their means of illumination, and he became a mere laughing-stock because, though he claimed he could feel it himself in his own hands, he would not let anyone else touch it for fear he might be robbed of it and have it no more. So at length he suggested a return to the candle. But when with difficulty they had arrived there and the crystal was replaced under the flame, they all rushed to it with one accord and were consumed; but he who had conducted them there had stood by to allow them a better view and, seeing their fate, went away dishonoured and disillusioned.

Another time there came one who, seeing the crystal, thought he would best attain his end by touching it, as far as he could, with his body (for this was his usual method of obtaining satisfaction); and so he lay down and embraced the crystal, lying on top of it, so that he could not see it, nor could anyone else; but though he remained there for the rest of his life he learnt nothing and got no higher sensation than that which he had experienced on first contact, but merely caused great impediment to others until he was removed and thrown out to die by a man of bravery and a practical mind.

Now this man had come armed, as it happened, with a camera, and seeing the addict lying there had thrown him out of the light. Then, mounting towards the flame, he had seen the crystal. Immediately he grasped the importance of his find, and determined not only to make a permanent record of his vision but also a warning out of what he had discovered beside the crystal. So he retrieved the body of the addict from the darkness, posed it beside the crystal, took his photograph and went back home to show what he had done. But when he had developed his picture he found that the crystal had made no more impression on the plate than would a rainbow, and all that appeared was a lust-consumed corpse. So he too lost the vision and the reputation.

And finally there wandered inspired into the little orb of candle-light an artist. That he had come before both the photographer and the man whom the latter removed, is no matter. Now catching sight, as all the others had done, of the crystal, he alone of them all decided that the only way both to learn and to teach the evasive secret was to set down on to canvas an exact copy of what he thought he saw. So he pitched his easel and began. At first he found his task easy and enthralling, and when he took his breath before putting to it the finishing touches he was both amazed and enraptured to find that he had painted, as far as he had got, the exact shape and meaning of the crystal.

Now there is a well-known saw concerning a portrait that it is a painting with something wrong about the mouth. And indeed no sooner had our artist collected himself for the final stage of the work than he found the finishing touches extremely hard to put, and when eventually he stopped painting he was still unsatisfied, though he persuaded himself that the portrait was exact and the painting good, for he had a perfect command of technique.

Nevertheless some of the character had escaped and, when he arrived back home, his painting, though praised and extolled by future generations, did not show them the crystal, but only how by similar effort they might reach and recognize it. The discovery of its character was left, as before, to whoever should succeed in this and look with his own eyes into its depths.

STOICA

School Officials—Easter Term, 1939.

Prefects:—M. B. Scholfield (T), Head of the School; D. A. H. Toler (G); P. R. H. Hastings (T); J. E. C. Nicholl (B); J. C. Drew (C); D. M. Bolton (C); R. H. Anstey (C); L. G. Darling (G); J. M. G. Ritchie (W); E. B. Moore (C); D. N. Davies (B); R. H. Marten (G).

Monitors:—J. H. de Burgh (G); J. M. E. Clarkson (G); J. B. Dunlop (C); S. J. Whitwell (C); J. B. Frankenburg (C); M. J. G. Hann (T); J. C. I. Hooper (C); C. R. Milne (T); I. McC. Tait (G); R. C. H. Russell (G); J. M. Norman (C); C. R. T. Cunningham (C); E. N. Rolfe (B); A. B. Williamson (G); J. M. Henry (C); P. A. Chamier (C); B. H. G. Sparrow (W); R. H. Widdows (C); J. M. Thomson (C); J. N. Dixey (B); P. J. Diggle (C); A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); D. A. Yellowlees (C); A. G. Way (B); D. K. Murdoch (T); The Hon. J. V. Fisher (T); A. E. P. Needham (C); A. T. R. Nicholson (W); I. D. W. McEwen (T); J. R. S. Michell (G); J. P. Fane (B); A. W. Cheyne (C); C. F. A. Baxter (G); H. B. McCready (G); J. R. C. Holbech (C); G. Yerbury (G); M. G. M. Reid (W); L. J. Eastwood (G); J. H. Thomlinson (B); M. S. Adams (B).

Captain of Athletics—P. R. H. Hastings (T).

Secretary of Athletics—J. M. Thomson (C).

Captain of Cross-Country—D. A. Yellowlees (C).

Secretary of Cross-Country—I. McC. Tait (G).

Mr. A. R. Annand has joined the Staff this term.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

February 5th. The Rev. H. P. Thompson.

March 19th. The Headmaster of Westminster (J. T. Christie, Esq., M.A.).

In addition, the Reverend R. G. E. Dodson, Chaplain of Wadham College, Oxford, gave an address at the Voluntary Service on Monday, March 6th.

This term, for the first time, special services have been held in the Chapel for three sections of the School separately, namely Prefects and Monitors and the Sixth Form; the remainder of the senior part of the School; and the junior part of the School. Each has had one service with an address.

Owing to increased recruiting for the O.T.C., it has been found no longer practicable to continue the Senior Scout Troop, which has therefore been dissolved. Mr. A. G. Archer, to whom past and present scouts owe so much, has resigned, and the new Stowe Troop, a combination of the old Senior and Junior Troops, is now under the control of Mr. J. C. Saunders.

From the Times :

MARRIAGES.

MAYNARD : PETCH.—On Jan. 1, 1939, quietly at St. Peter's, Bexhill, MICHAEL MARTIN, only son of Major-General Sir Charles and Lady Maynard, to Pamela, only daughter of Mrs. F. Petch.

BARR : SHAW.—At the Church of St. Columba, Pont Street, S.W.1., on January 7th, 1939, BRUCE AINSWORTH, younger son of Mrs. Ainsworth Barr, to Jean Margaret Elspeth, second daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. T. Shaw.

On Wednesday, March 8th, Mr. A. G. K. Brown lectured to members of the School on Athletics.

The cleaning and repairing of the south facade of the Main Building being now finished, the North Portico has also been submitted to scaffolding for the same purpose. It will be remembered that the rest of the north facade was entirely re-plastered a few years ago. The clock, after one or two days of grim blackness, has now resumed its shining morning face. The lions have been seated more firmly and their claws refurbished, to show perhaps their political sympathies.

On the day of the School Cross-Country Races, the Grecian Valley resounded not only with cheers but with the familiar tones of the Captain of Cricket, Football and Athletics (P. R. H. Hastings (T)), who showed us that he could B. B.C-ingly expert on the microphone as well, and relayed to us the struggles of competing runners through the depths of Black Pit.

A model of the Finnish training-ship 'Suomen Joutsen' has been very kindly presented to the School by Captain O. Stoker-Johnson, of the S.S. 'Balmoralwood,' the merchant-ship 'adopted' by the Stowe Geography Department. A party from the School visited the S.S. 'Balmoralwood' on March 21st.

'Bene-Books' have been awarded to H. F. Sassoon (G) and J. P. Bentley (C).

Second Fifteen Colours were awarded last term to :—D. M. Bolton (C), C. D. Drew (C).

Third Fifteen Colours were awarded last term to :—A. W. Cheyne (C), R. H. Widdows (C), L. G. Darling (G), D. A. Braithwaite (G), R. Backus (B).

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

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following distinctions have been gained :—

- C. R. MILNE (T) has been elected to an Open Scholarship of £100 in Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge.
 P. JOHNSTONE (C) has been elected to an Open Scholarship of £100 in History at New College, Oxford.
 R. H. ANSTEY (C) has been elected to an Open Scholarship of £100 in Classics at Oriel College, Oxford.
 E. N. ROLFE (B) has been elected to an Open Exhibition of £100 in History at Christ Church, Oxford.
 M. J. POULTON (C) has been elected to an Open Exhibition of £80 in Classics at Merton College, Oxford.
 R. H. M. SPENCER (W) has been elected to a Minor Scholarship of £60 in History at King's College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

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

C. F. A. Baxter (G), C. F. Broughton (C), D. N. Cox (W), G. A. S. Cox (W), R. C. Erhardt (C), R. W. Fairhurst (C), M. P. Forsyth-Forrest (T), P. D. Forsyth-Forrest (T), D. A. L. Holden (B), J. R. McCarthy (G), D. A. B. Morgan (W), A. R. Motion (B), R. J. Musgrave (C), A. E. P. Needham (C), M. G. M. Reid (W), A. B. Robinson (G), P. S. Robinson (G), J. F. Stafford (G), A. G. Way (B), D. J. Webster (W), A. B. Williamson (G).

SERVICES EXAMINATIONS.

The following passed the Services Examinations in November 1938 :—

NAVY (Executive Branch) :—J. W. Busk (G).
 WOOLWICH :—H. N. Straker (C).
 SANDHURST :—M. C. Alexander (W).
 CRANWELL :—J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), 1st.

OLIM ALUMNI

GENERAL.

- MR. R. G. CORBETT-MILWARD (G, 1929), MR. R. J. M. AMPHLETT (C, 1932), and MR. A. A. H. RADICE (T, 1933) were recently ordained Deacons of the Church of England.
 MR. W. N. CROFT (T, 1933) has been appointed Assistant Keeper in the Geological Department of the British Museum.
 MR. P. F. LOW (C, 1937) and MR. H. C. I. ROME (C, 1937) are Junior Under-Officers at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

ATHLETIC.

MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936), as Captain, MR. R. B. BOOTH (W, 1938) and MR. A. G. BUCHANAN (W, 1938) all represented Cambridge in the recent Golf Match against Oxford and all won their singles. Langley beat the opposing captain by 7 and 5, and so kept an unbeaten record against Oxford; Booth won his match by 4 and 3; and Buchanan, who came into the team at the last moment after being originally chosen as a reserve, achieved the remarkable performance of winning by 5 and 4 after being six holes down at the end of the morning round.

ENGAGEMENTS.

- MR. P. R. YORKE (B, 1924) to Miss A. J. R. Skelton.
 MR. E. J. J. LEATHAM (C, 1926) to Miss J. M. Buller.
 MR. B. BRIND (C, 1928) to Miss E. R. Humphrey.
 MR. H. A. C. BLAIR IMRIE (C, 1930), to Miss M. W. Arbuthnott.
 MR. R. A. ATTHILL (C, 1931) to Miss E. Thackeray.

MR. B. TWEEDY (B, 1932) to Miss M. L. King.

MR. C. S. MADDEN (C, 1933) to Miss R. Whitaker.

MR. G. C. WYNDHAM (S, 1933) to Miss A. D. Hodder-Williams.

MARRIAGES.

MR. M. E. CROKER (G, 1926) to Miss D. G. Fenton, on January 5th.

MR. A. F. F. ASHBURNHAM (C, 1928) to Miss K. M. Willett, on December 28th.

MR. B. C. GADNEY (S, 1928) to Mrs. M. A. Manalt-Lilley, on January 14th.

MR. K. D. E. H. HARRINGTON (B, 1929) to the Honourable Cecilia Bowes-Lyon, on March 8th.

MR. M. F. PARKER (C, 1930) to Miss H. Caruana, on January 10th.
(In Malta.)

MR. E. CADOGAN (S, 1931) to Miss C. Wachtmeister, on March 23rd.
(In Sweden.)

MR. G. McC. EATON (B, 1934) to Miss M. A. Maston, on January 21st.
(In Wilmington, Delaware.)

BIRTHS.

To the wife of CAPTAIN C. W. HESKETH (C, 1927), a son, on January 15th.

To the wife of MR. H. FREEMAN-JACKSON (C, 1928), a daughter, on March 16th.

To the wife of MR. R. M. THWAITES (T, 1929), a son, on February 4th.
(In Melbourne.)

To the wife of MR. R. H. CALVERT (G, 1929), a daughter, on February 3rd.

To the wife of MR. H. G. MORISON (G, 1929), a son, on January 2nd.

To the wife of CAPTAIN D. G. LEVIS, R.A.M.C. (T, 1930), a daughter,
on January 27th.

To the wife of MR. J. L. W. CHEYNE (C, 1933), a daughter, on March 3rd.

DEATH.

On January 7th, MR. G. F. HALLWORTH (S, 1934).

THE OLD STOIC GOLFING SOCIETY

At the first Annual General Meeting, held in London on December 15th, 1938, a new constitution was evolved for the Old Stoic Golfing Society. Hitherto the burden of the running of the society had fallen almost entirely upon the shoulders of one person, and excellently though this one person, G. M. Wolfe, had performed his duties—indeed, the Society owe him a very great debt of gratitude for his great work on its behalf—it had become increasingly obvious, with the growth in the numbers of members and also in the number of matches played, that the task should be split up into smaller, more manageable jobs. After general discussion the following constitution was agreed upon:—The Society was to be run by a committee of five, consisting of a Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Match Secretary and two representatives, the one at Cambridge and the other at Oxford, for the purpose of enrolling new members. For the current year these positions are held by J. D. A. Langley, M. H. Blundell, G. M. Wolfe, A. G. Buchanan and P. G. Krabbé respectively. A further innovation is a system of Match Managers, whereby Members of the Society outside the Committee can volunteer to raise the team and make the arrangements for one or, if necessary, two matches during the year. This entire system is experimental and will be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting, but there is every promise that it will prove to be ideal.

There is a most encouraging fixture list for 1939 and every prospect of a most successful season. Any golfing Old Stoics, who are not members, and all Stoics about to leave the School, are invited to get into touch with Mr. Hamer, the School representative, or with the Hon. Sec., M. H. Blundell, Highclere, Northwood. No one need feel that his golf is not good enough. Only those who are afraid of enjoying themselves have any cause to be chary about joining.

M.H.B.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

The boys of the neighbourhood have recently been making more and more use of the Pineapple Club and every week new members are joining. This shows that the Club is appreciated and that the efforts of Stowe are not being wasted. During the last year or two many of the worst blocks of slum property have been pulled down and replaced by blocks of flats, so that much of the district looks more prosperous, but the inhabitants are not any wealthier and the Club is still needed.

Activities of the Pineapple continue along much the same lines; football, of course, is the most popular at this time of the year, and once again it has been a fairly successful season. The Old Boys are top of the Second Division of their League and next year they will be in the First Division; they are also in the semi-final rounds of two Cup Competitions. The Juniors are second in their League, but through the untimely action of one of their supporters they are out of the Cup Competition.

Interest in Boxing has revived amongst younger members this year owing to the keenness of a trainer, and several boys entered the London and the Westminster Federations of Boys Clubs' Competitions, but unfortunately they did not do very well.

Table Tennis is still in favour, and a team managed to survive four rounds of the London Federation Competition.

The Club sent an Old Boy, as the St. Marylebone representative, to a Youth Fitness Conference held in London under the auspices of the National Fitness Council on the 11th and 12th March.

On March 5th about forty-five boys visited Stowe and, as usual, were very well entertained. Visits of Stowe Boys to the Pineapple are much appreciated, and it is hoped that some Stoics will be able to come to the Club during the holidays.

In my last letter reference was made to the fact that the Club now possesses a typewriter, but the name of the donor was Mr. John Hopps and not as stated. The cricket season will soon be here, and bats and pads are badly needed.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

FINANCE.

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

In the year ending June 30th, 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 (e.g. billiard and ping-pong tables, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Penfold Street (late Carlisle Street), London, N.W.8. What cannot actually be used by the boys can be sold for their benefit.

EMPLOYMENT.

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

VISITORS.

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

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

IN A FRENCH CATHEDRAL

Thickly encrusted see the casket lie,
Gilt cusp and trivial ornament to show,
And printed notices and candles. Lo,
The head of Saint Bernardus. Pass it by.
Look at the arches, stone on stone: up high
Look where the angel smiles and seems to know
The fears of men, so sweet her features grow.
Look up where pious builders spanned the sky:
Dark with the transient darkness of the night,
Stands their high monument to love today.
God gives to those who do but ask aright:
He gave to them; we were undreamt-of clay.
We pay our franc, and grope towards the light;
At gilded altars, teach us yet to pray.

S.J.W.

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

EASTER TERM.

The Pineapple has received :—		£	s.	d.
Collection, Jan. 29th	12	11	10
Collections at Early Services (December 4th—March 19th)	16	11	3
		<u>£29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from Christmas Term Account	...	3	15 1
Christmas Collection, December 18th	...	16	18 2
Collection, February 12th	...	9	0 5
Collection, March 12th	...	9	4 6
		<u>£38</u>	<u>18 2</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Expenses	...	5	4 0
British Schools' Fund for Child Refugees	...	8	9 1
East End Mission (Christmas gifts and dinners)	...	8	9 1
Lord Baldwin's Fund for Refugees	...	5	0 0
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	...	5	0 0
Fund for Guide-Dogs for the Blind	...	5	0 0
Balance to Summer Term	...	1	16 0
		<u>£38</u>	<u>18 2</u>

For the Committee,

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

T. C. P. BROOK.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE SCHOOL v. A VETERANS' XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 10th, the School winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to a drop-goal (4 points).

Some of the veterans were not so old as expected, and in the second half their pack had ours beaten for the shove and the ball most of the time.

In the first half Yellowlees got through a couple of times, both of which led to scores. Thomson, on being given the ball on the first occasion, out-stripped the defence to score in the middle; Farnell-Watson added the extra points. After the next cut-through the ball was transferred to Scholfield, who, on meeting Gracie, passed to Nicholl who scored the try. The kick failed. Then Way, from a loose scrum, got clear on the open side and scored at the posts. Farnell-Watson made no mistake this time.

The Veterans now got roused and swept the smaller Stowe pack aside at the point of the boot. The result was that the Veterans got the ball in loose and tight, leaving Hastings and his three-quarters nothing but to defend or kick defensively. Stowe were kept in their own half most of the time now and had a drop-goal scored against them by Barr. On one of the few occasions when Stowe got out of their own half Way got clear on the blind side and passed to Nicholl, who dodged his way over in the corner.

The Veterans included A. L. Gracie, J. A. Tallent (captain), E. M. M. Henderson, F. F. Spragg, B. A. Barr, O. C. Browning, D. Russell-Roberts, P. C. Hordern, T. G. P. Crick, W. H. Weston, R. M. Hamer, M. R. Blair, A. D. Matthews, C. E. Salamon, P. Spencer-Thomas.

The School:—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 (G), R. C. Roxburgh (W), B. A. Stewart (C), I. R. L. Shaw (C), B. J. G. Kaye (G), P. J. Diggle (C).

HOUSE MATCHES—FIRST ROUND.

CHATHAM v. WALPOLE.

This was the only match of the first round in which the result was a foregone conclusion and the only interest was in how many points the winners would run up. As it turned out, Walpole could take considerable credit for keeping the score down to 29—0 (1 goal, 1 penalty goal and 7 tries). The game began and ended with Walpole on their opponents' line, but otherwise Chatham attacked throughout.

Chatham had a very powerful back division in which Yellowlees and Mead, well and unselfishly fed by Shaw and A. D. Thomson, looked constantly dangerous. Perhaps they would have done better to get the ball out to the wings, especially to J. M. Thomson, more often, as attacks in the centre often broke down before the effective unorthodoxy of the Walpole centres and Farnell-Watson's covering of the whole line.

The Chatham forwards, powerful enough to get the ball regularly in the tight, were strangely ineffective in the loose and did not get any mastery of the much lighter Walpole pack until near the end.

Walpole, of necessity concentrating entirely on defence, stuck to their task well, and the forwards showed real spirit. Henderson, besides making a good leader, played a most notable game; but, where everyone did his job, it is fairer to mention no more names.

There was not much to remember in a game that was so one-sided; Yellowlees' running, Farnell-Watson's tackling, a few kicks by A. D. Thomson, the breath-taking nervousness of both full-backs, and in particular Reid's opening tackle of the game, alone stick in the memory.

Teams.—Chatham:—P. D. J. Hippiisley-Cox; J. M. Thomson, D. A. Yellowlees, R. J. Mead, P. A. Dillon; A. D. Thomson, I. R. L. Shaw; E. B. Moore, J. K. A. Bromley, J. M. Henry, P. O. Willing, J. B. Kennedy, J. B. Dunlop, R. H. Anstey, G. L. Paget.

Walpole:—G. S. Atkins; C. Alexander, J. T. Holman, P. H. Gaskell, I. A. Tippetts; A. V. Farnell-Watson, P. E. Falkner; M. H. R. Sandwith, J. M. G. Ritchie, W. V. Machin, P. G. Henderson, D. A. B. Morgan, M. G. M. Reid, I. C. Macdonald, D. J. Webster.

TEMPLE v. COBHAM.

Played on Wednesday, February 8th, the result being a draw of 8 points all.

Cobham played seven forwards and a seven-eighths in Lucas, but managed to get the ball from the majority of the set scrums. Temple were contented in attack with long kicks to touch, most of which found their mark. Scholfield and Hastings could not find a way through and Temple were unable to score in the first half; Cobham scored twice. Diggle broke through in the centre and was brought down near the line: from the ensuing scrum, which Lucas joined, the Cobham forwards forced the ball over for a try. Diggle missed the simple kick. Just before half-time Griffin cut past Hastings, kicked over Murdoch's head, and Dawson got the touch-down at the posts. Diggle made no mistake this time.

In the second half neither side had much advantage territorially, but Temple got eight very valuable points. Scholfield kicked a fine penalty goal and followed this up with a good try, most of the ground being made by Le Bouvier. Scholfield brought the scores level with a magnificent kick. Cobham nearly scored by a push-over but were awarded a penalty instead, which Diggle missed.

Teams.—Cobham:—G. H. Turner; J. C. I. Hooper, T. D. Dawson, P. J. Diggle, R. C. Gordon; C. M. Griffin, P. A. Bates; J. M. Norman, A. M. Mitchell, R. C. Erhardt, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley, T. G. Knox, C. R. T. Cunningham, M. I. Atkin-Berry, J. A. H. Lucas.

Temple:—D. K. Murdoch; A. K. Higham, M. B. Scholfield, J. D. Le Bouvier, C. d'A. Dakin; P. R. H. Hastings, The Hon. J. V. Fisher; I. D. W. McEwen, C. D. Harvey-Piper, J. D. S. Rowntree, B. Byrne, R. O. Richards, H. le S. Massy, M. J. G. Hann, P. D. Forsyth-F Forrest.

TEMPLE v. COBHAM (Replay).

Played on Friday, February 10th, Cobham winning by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a penalty goal and a try (6 points).

The game began with Cobham playing down a strongish wind. Both sides took some time to settle down, and much of the first ten minutes was spent in not very constructive kicking and the attendant fielding of the ball from far beyond the leeward touch-line.

This desultory period ended when Cobham were penalised for off-side ten yards inside their own half. Scholfield's kick at goal was a good one, but the ball towered up into the wind and fell short. Then came the first spell of open play, and things went at a tremendous pace for some time. Twice Cobham broke away dangerously on the right wing, and Gordon nearly sent Bates over. But back came Temple, almost to the half-way line: a quick heel from their greatly out-weighted forwards, and Hastings was away on the blind side. It seemed that he must score, but a yard short of the line he was bundled into touch.

Cobham, taking advantage of all the weight they have available, were packing 3—4, with Lucas out among a back division several of whose members are usually more at home in the scrummage. Even so, Temple were much out-weighted and the ball came out of the set scrums quickly and regularly on the Cobham side, though in the loose the exchanges were more equal.

With some twenty minutes of the first half gone, one of many Cobham heels gave the ball to Diggle just outside the Temple twenty-five. He drew the defence to the open side by manoeuvres, which, if they did not seem to be quite intentional, were very effective, and ran through on the blind side to score. The kick failed. 3—0 to Cobham.

By this time the weight of the Cobham pack had begun to dictate the course of the game, and a series of agonizing scrambles on the Temple line ended in a shove-over try, scored in the last second of the first half. This time Diggle was successful with the kick. Half-time and 8—0 to Cobham: playing down wind and in constant possession of the ball one felt that their lead might well have been greater.

The lemons appeared to put new strength into the Temple forwards, and at the beginning of the second half Temple pressed. Then Bates came round a scrum too fast, and from the twenty-five, two yards from the touch line, Scholfield kicked a perfect goal. 8—3. For minutes it looked as if history would repeat itself and that the Temple pressure would lead to a score. Hastings and Scholfield were taking full advantage of the wind, with well-judged kicks, Scholfield on several occasions making enormous touches. But the Temple backs could not be fed, and slowly they were forced back to their own line. Ten men in the Temple scrum kept the threat at bay through several anxious mauls, then the scrums wheeled, the ball crossed the line and it was Cunningham's hand that touched it down. Again the kick failed. 11—3.

Another period of open play, and again Temple found themselves forced back by determined Cobham rushes and scrumming desperately near their own line. Then Temple heeled and Hastings received the ball almost between his own goal posts. He slipped tackles, broke tackles and avoided tackles and finally outran the whole Cobham side, unexpectedly defenders, and scored half-way out. Scholfield's kick just went wide. 11—6 and seven minutes to go. It still seemed that Temple might

equalize, but Cobham stayed on the job and remorselessly drove up again to the Temple end. A line-out five yards from the line and Mitchell emerged from among the tired forwards to score far out. The kick failed, and the whistle went for time. Cobham 14, Temple 6.

Teams.—Cobham:—G. H. Turner; J. C. I. Hooper, J. R. I. Gale, T. D. Dawson, R. C. Gordon; P. J. Diggle, P. A. Bates; J. M. Norman, A. M. Mitchell, R. C. Erhardt, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley, T. G. Knox, C. R. T. Cunningham, J. A. H. Lucas, M. I. Atkin-Berry.

Temple:—D. K. Murdoch; A. K. Higham, M. B. Scholfield, J. D. Le Bouvier, C. d'A. Dakin; P. R. H. Hastings, The Hon. J. V. Fisher; I. D. W. McEwen, C. D. Harvey-Piper, J. D. S. Rowntree, B. Byrne, R. O. Richards, H. le S. Massy, M. J. G. Hann, P. D. Forsyth-Forrest.

GRAFTON *v.* BRUCE.

The game was played in very unfavourable conditions, and this probably accounted for the numerous bad passes which occurred throughout. Grafton, although holding Bruce in the tight, did not get as much of the ball as their opponents, but, apart from a few dangerous raids by the Bruce forwards, well led by Davies, they did most of the attacking in the first half, and good work by the forwards was often spoilt by faulty handling.

In the second half Grafton again started strongly, and only a good tackle by Adams prevented H. B. McCready from scoring in the corner. Grafton continued to keep within the Bruce 25, and, whenever the ball reached the wing-men, they looked likely to score. Towards the end of the game, the Bruce forwards, inspired by Davies who had played an invaluable game for his side, pressed strongly, and they were unfortunate not to score in the closing minutes. Murray was a lively and hard-working scrum-half, getting the ball out cleanly and backing up his forwards well.

Grafton had had slightly the better of a pointless draw, and Bruce were unfortunate in that they were unable to have Davies for the replay. Tait's leading of the Grafton forwards had been a great asset, and it was due to his efforts that the Grafton pack played such a tireless game.

Teams.—Grafton:—W. E. McCready; C. Wachmann, J. R. S. Michell, H. B. McCready, C. N. Bruce; R. H. Marten, V. D. Burton; J. R. B. Butler, D. T. Weston, I. McC. Tait, R. C. H. Russell, R. Morriss, R. G. I. Forrest, L. G. Darling, J. W. Procter.

Bruce:—M. S. Adams; M. Tweedy, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. H. Thomlinson, M. J. Conran; R. Backus, J. E. Murray; J. N. Dixey, C. C. R. Boulton, J. M. Browne, G. H. P. Holt, R. C. H. Collier, J. P. Fane, A. J. F. Fergusson, D. N. Davies.

GRAFTON *v.* BRUCE (Replay).

In better weather conditions, Grafton won their return game with Bruce by an unconverted try to nil. Grafton, although not always heeling the ball quickly, held a decided advantage in the forwards, although Dixey was a very enthusiastic leader of the Bruce pack. Soon after the kick-off Grafton heeled from a set scrum, the ball was passed quickly to Michell who kicked ahead, and H. B. McCready beat most of Bruce



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FALLEN TREES IN THE BATHING ENCLOSURE

W. E. C. C.



D. A. YELLOWLEES WINNING

THE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY



A CLOSE BUNCH



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to the touch-down. It was a lucky try, but Grafton continued to attack, and, although keeping mostly in the Bruce twenty-five, they failed to take full advantage of some scoring chances which came their way.

In the second half, the Grafton forwards, with Tait, Darling and Morriss helping in some dangerous rushes, played very well as individuals but were very disjointed as a pack. The Grafton three-quarters did not pass the ball out to their wings often enough, although on the only occasion that the ball did reach Wachmann he very nearly scored, and it was a mistake that he received so little of the ball.

As in the previous game, the Bruce forwards rallied strongly in the last ten minutes and they kept Grafton defending grimly. Procter intercepted a pass almost on the Grafton line, kicked for touch, and the whistle went for time. Bruce had put up a very good show, Nicholl, always a trier, Murray, and Dixey having played extremely well. The Bruce forwards played much better as a pack than Grafton, although Grafton's extra speed behind the scrum enabled them to relieve the constant pressure imposed by the Bruce forwards in the closing stages of the game. W. E. McCready had done great defensive work for Grafton, his tackling being worthy of particular mention.

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Bruce:—M. S. Adams; M. Tweedy, J. E. C. Nicholl, J. H. Thomlinson, R. P. Farrer; R. Backus, J. E. Murray; J. N. Dixey, C. C. R. Boulton, J. M. Browne, G. H. P. Holt, R. C. H. Collier, J. P. Fane, A. J. F. Fergusson, D. E. M. Earle.

CHANDOS v. GRENVILLE.

The result of this match was expected to depend on whether the Grenville forwards could dominate the play enough to prevent the faster Chandos backs from having enough opportunities to win. In the first half they certainly did succeed in getting the ball most of the time from the scrums, though Chandos were more successful in the line-out. Cawkell at fly-half for Grenville took the ball at great speed, but the Chandos backs were quick on to their men and every movement broke down. The Grenville passing was wild and the Chandos backs were quick to snap up dropped passes. From one of these Needham broke right away but was overhauled just in time. From another, however, Holbech was pulled down near the line, the forwards were up quickly and C. M. Musgrave dribbled over and scored in the corner. 3-nil.

Soon after half-time Williamson kicked a good penalty goal from a long distance to level the score, but C. M. Musgrave kicked another one. 6-3. Although there was no more scoring, Chandos dominated the play in the second half. Their forwards not only held Grenville but outplayed them, and it was remarkable that their backs did not score again for they always looked dangerous. Grenville made a belated rush just before the whistle, but it was too late and Chandos well deserved to win.

Teams.—*Chandos*:—G. P. Marshall; J. R. C. Holbech, R. H. Widdows, A. E. P. Needham, J. G. Struthers; J. C. Drew, C. D. Drew; R. J. Musgrave, J. A. Barclay, J. B. Sumner, I. M. Horley, R. Gray, R. C. Hurley, C. M. Musgrave, T. A. S. Carlyon.

Grenville:—S. R. G. Scott; C. F. A. Baxter, J. B. Dwight, A. P. R. Holmes, M. B. E. Clarkson; A. E. Cawkell, G. Yerbury; A. B. Williamson, J. F. Ferguson-Smith, R. W. Kennon, L. J. Eastwood, M. Denempont, R. A. Hammick, H. F. Sassoon, D. A. H. Toler.

SECOND ROUND.

CHATHAM *v.* COBHAM.

This match was played on Monday, February 13th, and, owing to the draw having confined the three strongest houses to one half, was expected to be the virtual final, an expectation which was in fact realized by the ultimate result. The position before the kick-off was, roughly speaking, as follows. Chatham had beaten Walpole with considerable ease and were known to be a strong well-balanced side with their particular power lurking in a back division which included the 1st XV right wing in their captain Yellowlees and J. M. Thomson, and a fine pair of halves in Shaw, restored from his position as blind-side wing-forward in the 1st XV to his old place at scrum-half, and A. D. Thomson, the Colts' captain and fly-half. Cobham had beaten Temple after a re-play, which meant that they had had two solid hours of desperate football, against a side with the most attractive back-division of any House and forwards who were just not strong enough to give them a sufficient share of the ball. If Temple had the finest back division of the year it was equally certain that there was no House that could seriously challenge Cobham as far as the pack was concerned. The whole issue therefore depended on whether Cobham's superiority forward could balance their undoubted inferiority behind.

The game, as it turned out, was rather more interesting as a demonstration of this particular problem than as a spectacle. It was a hard dour struggle with little brilliance shown except in occasional flashes by the Chatham backs. Cobham, of course, were at an enormous advantage in having two really hard games behind them as opposed to Chatham's easy win. They began by setting a pace which was far hotter than anything Chatham had ever had to deal with, and the Chatham forwards as a result never settled down. Cobham secured the ball in about nine out of every ten scrums and their backs looked singularly ineffective; but it must be added to their credit that they, and particularly Dawson and Diggle, defended with much courage and skill against the infinitely swifter and more varied attack produced by Chatham. Cobham eventually scored through a quick wheel from a loose scrum on the Chatham line, Gale being the scorer.

After half-time Chatham were on three occasions only stopped by desperate last-minute tackles as Thomson, Yellowlees and Dillon one after another nearly forced their way over. Cobham then concluded the scoring for the day by shoving Chatham over for a try which Newport-Tinley touched down.

It was a game, as has already been said, of much greater theoretic than practical interest. It proved conclusively that a really first-class pack can win a house-match provided it is backed up by a resolute defence behind; and that Chatham were wrong to exult over a draw which brought Cobham and Temple together in the first round and delivered Walpole into their hands. If they had met Temple in the first round—and what a match that would have been—the winners would certainly have beaten Cobham, whose match-winning pack owed its quality to those two hours when the slightest slacking-off would have meant certain defeat.

Teams.—Cobham:—G. H. Turner; R. C. Gordon, T. D. Dawson, D. M. Bolton, C. B. F. Barham; P. J. Diggle, P. A. Bates; J. M. Norman, A. M. Mitchell, R. C. Erhardt, G. F. B. Newport-Tinley, J. R. L. Gale, C. R. T. Cunningham, M. I. Atkin-Berry, J. A. H. Lucas.

Chatham:—P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox; J. M. Thomson, D. A. Yellowlees, R. J. Mead, P. A. Dillon; A. D. Thomson, I. R. L. Shaw; E. B. Moore, J. K. A. Bromley, J. M. Henry, P. O. Willing, J. B. Kennedy, J. B. Dunlop, R. H. Anstey, G. L. Paget.

GRAFTON *v.* CHANDOS.

Played on Monday, February 13th, the result being a tie, 3 points all.

The most prominent and effective feature of this game was a strong wind, which blew straight down the field and, not unnaturally in a match between two rather undistinguished sides, had a considerable influence on the run of the play.

The early play seemed rather meaningless, both sides taking a long time to warm up on a very cold day, but eventually some good kicking down-wind by Marshall and J. C. Drew enabled Chandos to take the initiative and keep the ball near their opponents' goal-line until half-time. Despite their constant pressure, however, few of the Chandos attacks looked threatening and they managed to score only once, when Hurley picked the ball up in the loose, had a clear run in of a few yards, and scored a try near the touchline. The kick, not an easy one, failed.

In the second half Grafton did nearly all the attacking and scored their one and only try after about ten minutes' play, when Burton caught the Chandos defence on the wrong foot and ran round the blind side. His try was not converted.

With the scores level the play became infinitely more exciting. Grafton continued to press and made good use of the wind, but the Chandos defence at this stage was admirable, and their light forwards several times took the ball out of danger by means of splendid rushes when Grafton seemed on the point of scoring. Towards the end of the game the Chandos backs at last combined in a constructive movement, easily the best of the match, which took the ball nearly the whole length of the field. It seemed that Holbech must score, but he was pulled down just short of the line. For the last few minutes Chandos tried desperately hard to get over, but the game ended with the scores level—a fair result in a game in which both sides had played rather ordinary and unimaginative football.

Teams.—Grafton:—W. E. McCready; C. Wachmann, J. R. S. Michell, H. B. McCready, C. N. Bruce; R. H. Marten, V. D. Burton; J. R. B. Butler, D. T. Weston, I. McC. Tait, R. C. H. Russell, R. Morriss, R. G. I. Forrest, L. G. Darling, J. W. Procter.

Chandos:—G. P. Marshall; J. R. C. Holbech, M. B. Hickling, A. E. P. Needham, J. G. Struthers; J. C. Drew, C. D. Drew; R. J. Musgrave, J. A. Barclay, D. C. Lloyd, I. M. Horley, R. Gray, R. C. Hurley, C. M. Musgrave, T. A. S. Carlyon.

GRAFTON *v.* CHANDOS.

(Replay.)

Injuries led to depletion of the Chandos team in this game and it seemed obvious from the start that Grafton would win: they pressed and kept Chandos pinned in their twenty-five and it was only a matter of time before Darling dribbled over to score. A good kick by Marten made it five points. Not many minutes later Weston went over from a line-out for an unconverted try. Before half-time H. B. McCready got Grafton's third try after a quick follow up. His was also unconverted.

Half-time: Grafton, 11; Chandos, 0.

Chandos made little progress even with the wind: their forwards could not get the ball and E. P. Hickling was too slow at scrum half to give J. C. Drew a chance. On the other hand Grafton got the ball fairly regularly and two of the best tries of the

match were scored. Michell cut in from the right touch-line, caught many people on the wrong foot and went over near the posts; the kick failed. For the next try Marten ran hard through the centre and grounded near the posts to kick the goal himself.

Undoubtedly the better side won, but Chandos were unlucky in having six players missing from their regular team.

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Chandos:—G. P. Marshall; M. B. Hickling, A. E. P. Needham, C. D. Drew, J. R. C. Holbech; J. C. Drew, E. P. Hickling; R. J. Musgrave, J. A. Barclay, J. B. Sumner, I. M. Horley, R. Gray, R. C. Hurley, C. M. Musgrave, T. A. S. Carlyon.

FINAL.

COBHAM *v.* GRAFTON.

It was expected that Cobham would win merely owing to superior weight in the scrum: this was the case, but great credit is due to Tait and the Grafton forwards for the great work they put in during the seventy minutes' play. Admittedly Cobham got the ball in the scrums, but the Grafton forwards were not far behind in the loose. As for the backs, the most penetrating force on either side was Diggle of Cobham, but the Grafton defence was excellent, especially by the McCready brothers, who brought off some wonderful tackles.

The game itself was a dull one, with very few three-quarter movements, and both sides resorted to kicking, which was done more successfully by Grafton. However, Cobham made ground occasionally by kicks, blind side moves by Bates and sturdy dashes by Gordon. Owing to the superiority of the Cobham forwards in the scrums the game was mainly in the Grafton half and it says a lot for them that they kept the score down to three-nil at half-time. This try was an inevitable one: when five yards away Cobham kept the ball and shoved the opposition over their line. Diggle failed with the kick.

The second half was a repetition of the first, with Cobham playing a little brighter football. Diggle went through on his own about three times, but all the passes went astray. Cobham got a try on the blind side by Gale, who from seven-eighths took the pass from the scrum and dived over; Lucas failed with the kick. Later Cobham got another try by shoving Grafton back over their line. The kick failed.

Here ended a dismal game, from the spectator's point of view, but both sides appeared to enjoy it. Congratulations to Grafton for a very plucky display against a much heavier team.

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Grafton:—W. E. McCready; C. Wachmann, J. R. S. Michell, H. E. McCready, C. N. Bruce; R. H. Marten, V. D. Burton; J. R. B. Butler, D. T. Weston, I. McC. Tait, R. C. H. Russell, R. Morris, R. G. I. Forrest, L. G. Darling, J. W. Procter.

RESULTS OF JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

The winners of each section of four houses play each other in the final.

1st Section:—

Cobham beat Walpole, Bruce and Temple.
Temple beat Bruce and Walpole.
Walpole beat Bruce.

2nd Section:—

Grenville beat Chandos and Grafton.
Chandos beat Grafton.
Chatham did not enter a team.

Final:—Cobham, 14 points; Grenville, 6 points.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The outstanding feature of the Cross-country season was scarcely connected with running at all; it was the immense success of the broadcasting arrangements, which, in previous years, have done little more than give an excuse for indifferent jokes in this account. Mr. Llowarch's energy, backed up by the enthusiasm of Williamson-Noble, Lawrence and many others on the technical side, and on the sporting side the brilliantly derived and even more brilliantly personalized commentary of Hastings, made the usually dull wait in the Grecian Valley a real enjoyment. We are very grateful to them all.

In other ways the season was notable, not for great success, but for excellent health. No promising runner fell ill before the races and the only important casualty was Tait, the Secretary, who, after a gruelling month's football, was not able to do himself justice in the School race and wisely did not run in the matches.

Charterhouse were heavily beaten at Stowe and, to offset any conceit we got from that victory, we were beaten just as decisively at Uppingham. It is an outstanding team that can win on a foreign course, and we were a steady but not outstanding team. Yellowlees won the School race but seemed thereby to have exhausted himself and did not do so well in matches. Dwight and Forrest ran well on all three occasions and should be strong runners next year. Of the others Lake, Green and Johnstone ran steadily and well earned their colours, and Wilby, at Uppingham, showed promise for next year. Several of the VIII are likely to be back in a year's time and prospects are bright.

INTER-HOUSE RACES.

The races were run in pleasant weather on Monday, February 27th.

The Junior race provided an astonishing finish, with the thrill of a new record. P. C. Holden (B) finished in 15 mins. 18.5 secs., half a minute inside the record set up in 1936, and had almost reached the tape before another man came in sight up the Valley. To win by 70 seconds in so short a race is astounding, and the freshness and ease with which Holden finished was even more impressive. He should make a runner. R. D. Lightfoot (W) was second, J. D. R. Hayward (G) 3rd, W. V. Machin (W) 4th, and J. E. Murray (B) 5th. All the first 11 runners came from these same three houses and the scoring was very close. Bruce, with good packing, came first (1, 5, 6, 7, 26 = 560); Walpole 2nd (2, 4, 9, 10, 23 = 554); and Grenville 3rd (3, 8, 11, 13, 18 = 544).

In the Senior race the order of the first few to finish was almost exactly that of a School Trial a week previously; consistency of running has been notable this year. News from Black Pit suggested a win for D. A. Yellowlees (C), but also promised a close finish; the leading runners were all close together and doing, we judged, a little more jockeying for position than is perhaps desirable at that point in a race. R. G. I. Forrest (G) got over the Deer Barn fence ahead of Yellowlees but had no answer to make when Yellowlees passed him in the next field and came in six seconds ahead of him. J. B. Dwight (G), who is apt to lie behind in the early part of a race and rely on strength over the last half of the course (faulty tactics as a rule in cross-country running) finished strongly third, and J. C. D. Green (T) who wastes energy by sudden, short bursts of speed, was 4th; J. A. Lake (C) 5th, I. R. L. Shaw (C) 6th, I. McC. Tait (G) 7th, P. Johnstone (C) 8th, and P. Wilby (T) 9th. The result was a comfortable win for Chatham (1, 5, 6, 8, 10 = 885 points); Grafton were second with 2, 7, 11, 12, 15 = 834; and Temple third with 4, 9, 16, 17, 24 = 765.

It was a pleasant sign of more careful training by houses that in neither race did any runner finish unduly distressed.

Team placings and points:—

JUNIOR RACE.		SENIOR RACE.		TOTAL.	
1. Bruce	560 Points.	1. Chatham	885 Points.	1. Chatham	1311 Points.
2. Walpole	554 "	2. Grafton	834 "	2. Grenville	1171 "
3. Grenville	544 "	3. Temple	765 "	3. Temple	1139 "
4. Chatham	426 "	4. Cobham	642 "	4. Bruce	1103 "
5. Cobham	378 "	5. Grenville	627 "	5. Grafton	1102 "
6. Temple	374 "	6. Bruce	543 "	6. Cobham	1020 "
7. Grafton	268 "	7. Chandos	474 "	7. Chandos	738 "
8. Chandos	264 "	8. Walpole	180 "	8. Walpole	734 "

FIRST VIII v. CHARTERHOUSE.

At Stowe, on March 4th.

Charterhouse, used to running on roads, were heavily handicapped by the mud of the Stowe course. Conditions were made worse by the rain which fell steadily from early in the day until the end of the match. Unfortunately Stowe were without Tait, under Doctor's orders, but otherwise the team was complete. The Headmaster started the race and with his usual skill—almost miraculous—avoided being knocked over by the runners. Charterhouse drew away at a great speed, and after half a mile, despite a failure of the flag-wagging arrangements, for which we were very sorry, there were seven Charterhouse runners in front of the well-bunched Stowe team. They were unable, however, to stand the strain of the fast start and after fifteen minutes four of them had been overtaken by our team. Having let Charterhouse use up their energy by leading on a strange course, Stowe now drew steadily away. Forrest and Dwight passed one of the remaining two Charterhouse runners just before the Black Pit, and by the time the road was reached Forrest was about fifteen yards ahead of Dwight with Tuckwell falling back. The remainder of the Stowe team were coming up well, and John was forced back to seventh place, which he kept till the finish. On the way down to the Bourbon bridge Yellowlees managed to pass the Charterhouse first string and hold his advantage down the Grecian Valley.

Forrest ran a well-judged race, and his time, a minute and a half more than last year's record, was very creditable in the conditions, and Dwight's time was not much worse. The result, very encouraging to Stowe, was due to the combined effort of the whole pack, and Yellowlees deserves credit for his control of the pace in the early part of the race.

Result. Six counting.

Stowe: 25 points.

Charterhouse: 53 points.

1. R. G. I. Forrest (Stowe, G).
2. J. B. Dwight (Stowe, G).
3. D. A. Yellowlees (Stowe, C).
4. M. Tuckwell (Charterhouse).
5. J. A. Lake (Stowe, C).
6. J. C. D. Green (Stowe, T).
7. A. S. John (Charterhouse).
8. P. Johnstone (Stowe, C).
9. I. R. L. Shaw (Stowe, C).
10. P. Wilby (Stowe, T).
11. D. F. Pugh (Charterhouse).
12. T. P. H. White (Charterhouse).
13. J. A. Sellar (Charterhouse).
14. J. C. Garnett (Charterhouse).
15. H. G. Raynes (Charterhouse).
16. H. G. Nisbett (Charterhouse).

35 mins. 44 secs.

FIRST VIII v. UPPINGHAM.

At Uppingham, on March 11th.

It was gratifying, when we arrived at Uppingham, to find the course not so wet as had been feared. Nevertheless the course was quite boggy enough for us and very hard going. The Stowe runners found themselves handicapped by the steep hills which had to be climbed and the number of fences which broke the rhythm of the running.

From the start Uppingham took the lead, setting a very fast pace. By this and by the spacing-out effect of several narrow fences in the first half-mile they got a substantial lead, and it is safe to say that the race was won and lost in that first half-mile. When the runners came into sight at the half-way mark, five Uppingham runners were in front with Forrest running 6th. He and Dwight were the only two Stoics who looked like challenging the leaders. When there was only a mile-long stretch of road to go there were still three Uppingham men in front, with, behind them, Dwight, who had caught up five places, Forrest and two more Uppingham men. A very exciting duel then took place, and in the end Forrest and Dwight both managed to beat a challenger. Green and Lake, after steady running, were the next two Stowe runners. Yellowlees had made a valiant attempt to stay with the leaders in the unusually fast start but found the effort too much and the course too trying for him.

Stowe recollections of their first run on the Cambridge course at Uppingham are not too pleasant; it is some consolation to know that on the previous Saturday Uppingham had the first seven men home against Oundle.

Result. Six counting.

Uppingham : 26 points.

Stowe : 52 points.

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| 1. | R. H. Akeroyd (Uppingham). | 34 mins. 56 secs. |
| 2. | E. N. Mackay (Uppingham). | 35 mins. 16 secs. |
| 3. | W. R. Hudson (Uppingham). | 35 mins. 25 secs. |
| 4. | J. B. Dwight (Stowe, G). | 35 mins. 37 secs. |
| 5. | J. Pavey-Smith (Uppingham). | |
| 6. | R. G. I. Forrest (Stowe, G). | |
| 7. | R. F. Gardner (Uppingham). | |
| 8. | T. F. Robinson (Uppingham). | |
| 9. | J. C. D. Green (Stowe, T). | |
| 10. | J. A. Lake (Stowe, C). | |
| 11. | { Goldsmith (Uppingham). | |
| | { Shaw (Uppingham). | |
| 13. | P. Johnstone (Stowe, C). | |
| 14. | P. Wilby (Stowe, T). | |
| 15. | { D. A. Yellowlees (Stowe, C). | |
| | { I. R. L. Shaw (Stowe, C). | |

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to D. A. Yellowlees (C), R. G. I. Forrest (G), J. B. Dwight (G), J. A. Lake (C), P. Johnstone (C), J. C. D. Green (T).

ATHLETICS

ETON—LANCING—STOWE.

The Triangular Match took place at Eton on Saturday, March 25th. The weather was bitterly cold, and just before the end a heavy snow storm came on while Putting the Weight was in progress; fortunately it cleared before the Mile and Relay were run.

For the first time the match was run on a cinder track which Eton have recently acquired. The track was quite first class, and after the weather we have had at Stowe this year there were many envious faces among the Stowe supporters. Before the first event took place the new track was formally opened by the Rt. Hon. Lord Desborough, K.G., G.C.V.O., the present President of the Achilles Club and himself a famous Oxford Athlete and Rowing Blue.

Once again—for the third year in succession—the result of the match depended on the last event—the Quarter Mile Relay. In order to win the match Stowe had to win this and Eton had to be third. A bad change over between Hastings and Thomson did not look too good, but once Thomson had received the baton there was no doubt that Stowe would win—he ran a superb 220 yards and handed over to McCready with a good ten yard lead. The second Lancing runner had also run a good 220, and there was tremendous excitement as the last Eton and Lancing men raced up the finishing straight. Lancing reached the post first and Stowe had thus won a memorable victory.

The match started with the Hurdles, and both Eton men hurdled well and deservedly came in first and second. The 100 yards followed, and Thomson ran beautifully and won easily in a fast time: McCready was beaten by inches for third place. Our High Jumpers failed; and then came the best race of the day—the Half Mile. It was obvious from the start that the race lay between Tait and Hope-Jones. Tait led at the end of the first quarter, which was covered in 63 secs., closely followed by Hope-Jones. Hope-Jones tried to pass Tait down the back straight, but Tait shook him off manfully and they came into the final straight abreast. Tait's effort had been too much for him, and Hope-Jones passed him to win a great race. Norman ran very pluckily and came in fourth, running easily the fastest Half Mile of his life.

Eton were now leading Stowe by 25 points to 8 points, and the only comfort that Stowe supporters had was that Hastings, the finest athlete Stowe has ever had, had not yet taken part in any event. Very soon he made his presence felt. He won the Long Jump with a leap of 20 ft. 11 ins., ably backed up by Scholfield with one of 20 ft. 5 ins.—really fine jumping by both, considering the force of the wind that was against them. Hastings then went on to win the Quarter Mile in fast time. There was no doubt in most people's minds that he would win, and the way he moved away from the rest of the field down the back straight was a joy to watch. Nicholl ran a most plucky race and gained us a very valuable third place.

Meanwhile Scholfield and Le Bouvier had both been excelling themselves in the Javelin and were leading until with his last throw Richardson of Lancing outdistanced them. However, Scholfield and Le Bouvier can both feel well satisfied with their performances. The Weight followed, and here Marriott, of Lancing, was in a class

by himself and won with a magnificent putt of 43 ft. 6½ ins. Diggle did Stowe great service by gaining second place. There was never much doubt that Maudslay, of Eton, would win the Mile, and this he duly did, but it was a great effort on the part of Dwight to get second place. This was the fastest Mile that Dwight had ever run, and his time was 4 mins. 54.8 secs. Thus we came to the situation described above, with Eton leading by five points and the Relay to follow.

Congratulations to Hastings and his team upon a great victory, and for making such an excellent recovery when matters had looked at their worst.

It was very pleasant to see so many Stowe supporters there and their encouragement meant a great deal to the team.

The details were as follows:—

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, P. le R. Shephard (Eton); 2, T. Tufnell (Eton); 3, C. D. Bremner (Lancing). Time, 16.5 secs.

100 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (Stowe, C); 2, P. de Putron (Eton); 3, R. C. MacAndrew (Eton). Time, 10.5 secs.

High Jump.—1, T. A. C. Marriott (Lancing); 2, H. B. S. Gunn (Eton); 3, J. Penn (Eton). Height, 5 ft. 4 ins.

Half Mile.—1, R. C. Hope-Jones (Eton); 2, I. McC. Tait (Stowe, G); 3, A. Drewe (Eton). Time, 2 mins. 5.6 secs.

Long Jump.—P. R. H. Hastings (Stowe, T); 2, M. B. Scholfield (Stowe, T); 3, S. J. McWatters (Eton). Distance, 20 ft. 11 ins.

Javelin.—1, A. T. Richardson (Lancing); 2, M. B. Scholfield (Stowe, T); 3, J. D. Le Bouvier (Stowe, T). Distance, 154 ft. 9 ins.

Quarter Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (Stowe, T); 2, P. de Putron (Eton); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl (Stowe, B). Time, 52.9 secs.

Weight.—1, T. A. C. Marriott (Lancing); 2, P. J. Diggle (Stowe, C); 3, J. G. Mackeurtan (Eton). Distance, 43 ft. 6½ ins.

One Mile.—1, H. E. Maudslay (Eton); 2, J. B. Dwight (Stowe, G); 3, A. C. G. Ponsonby (Eton). Time, 4 mins. 49.8 secs.

Relay Race (110 yds., 220 yds., 110 yds.).—1, Stowe (P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. M. Thomson (C), H. B. McCready (G)); 2, Lancing; 3, Eton.

Result.—1. Stowe 40 points.
2. Eton 39 points.
3. Lancing 20 points.

School Colours for Athletics have been awarded to M. B. Scholfield (T), H. B. McCready (G), J. B. Dwight (G) and P. J. Diggle (C).

FENCING

THE team this term has been considerably weakened as a result of the loss of both H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and J. A. Cutforth (G), and has therefore fenced very creditably against opponents considerably stronger and in most cases unaltered in strength for the last two terms. The only matches won this term were against Radley and Westminster. J. M. E. Clarkson (G) has taken up épée with marked success, and in foil and sabre he has also been consistently successful. He is to be congratulated upon being awarded his Representative Colours. C. E. L. H. Reiche (G) has fought fairly consistently in épée, and a little more determination in attack in foil should achieve those few vital extra fights. C. Wachmann (G) has improved a lot this term in both foil and sabre and well deserves his chevron. D. W. Barnes (C) has also been awarded his chevron and is improving fast in sabre. P. O. Willing (C) has been very disappointing and must learn to fence less wildly. M. H. R. Sandwith (W) is showing marked improvement in épée and G. B. Michler (W) is coming on well in sabre. Of the Juniors, F. M. Frankenburg (C) and J. P. Pettavel (W) show great promise, and both fought well in a Junior match against St. Paul's.

Attendance at Concord has been good this term, and there are signs of coming talent amongst beginners. Marked keenness has been shown, especially by members of Walpole.

MATCHES.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

THE SCHOOL v. ETON.

On Saturday, December 10th, at Stowe. Lost, 10—18.

The team never found its form and was rather easily defeated.

Scores:—

Foil.—Stowe:—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), J. A. Cutforth (G) and C. E. Reiche (G), two defeats each. Total, six defeats.

Eton:—S. G. Warrender, no defeat; P. G. Hedley-Dent, one defeat; R. G. Style, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

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

Eton:—S. G. Warrender and R. G. Style, one defeat each; P. G. Hedley-Dent, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

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

Eton:—S. G. Warrender, no defeat; G. D. R. Williams, one defeat; R. G. Style, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

THE SCHOOL JUNIOR TEAM *v.* ETON JUNIOR TEAM.

On Saturday, December 10th, at Stowe. Won, 6—3.

The team fenced very well and fully made up for their defeat at the hands of Cheltenham.

Scores :—

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

Eton :—G. Hodge, one defeat; Mayes, two defeats; Bramall, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

EASTER TERM.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY.

On February 4th, at Stowe. Won, 20—8.

Radley were unfortunately rather out of practice, but the Stowe team did well to score so heavily. Clarkson and Reiche distinguished themselves, winning eight fights and six fights respectively.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. E. Reiche (G), no defeat; C. Wachmann (G), one defeat. Total, one defeat.

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

Épée.—*Stowe* :—C. E. Reiche (G), no defeat; J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat; P. O. Willing (C), three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Radley :—M. Demetriadi, A. M. C. Smith and J. R. Williams, two defeats each. Total, six defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G), no defeat; D. W. Barnes (C), one defeat; C. Wachmann (G), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Radley :—M. Demetriadi, one defeat; J. S. Kempe, two defeats; A. M. C. Smith, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

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

On February 25th, at Stowe. Lost, 6—12.

Fencing against a strong and unchanged team, we were badly beaten, although not so severely as last term.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (G), two defeats; C. E. Reiche (G), three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

St. Paul's :—J. D. Groves, no defeat; D. A. Hopkins and C. W. J. Usher, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (G), one defeat each; D. W. Barnes (C), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

St. Paul's :—D. A. Hopkins, no defeat; J. D. Groves and J. S. Page, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WELLINGTON.

On March 4th, at Wellington. Lost, 12—15.

This was a very close match right to the end, when Wellington's superiority in sabre won them the match. Clarkson did well to win six fights.

Scores :—

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

Wellington :—F. D. R. Currie, no defeat; M. T. Snelling, one defeat; R. T. C-Smith, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. E. Reiche (G), one defeat each; P. O. Willing (C), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Wellington :—M. T. Snelling, no defeat; M. A. A. May, two defeats; F. D. R. Currie, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat; C. Wachmann (G), two defeats; D. W. Barnes (C), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Wellington :—M. A. A. May, A. R. Hubble and J. R. Bessell, one defeat each. Total, three defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CAMBRIDGE 'A.'

On March 11th, at Stowe. Lost, 8—20.

The University side was much too good for us, and although we held them in the foil they overwhelmed us in the épée and sabre.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. E. Reiche (G), one defeat each; C. Wachmann (G), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Cambridge 'A' :—J. W. L. Llewellyn, no defeat; E. Pringle and D. McEwen, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

Épée.—*Stowe* :—C. E. Reiche (G), two defeats; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and P. O. Willing (C), three defeats each. Total, eight defeats.

Cambridge 'A' :—E. Pringle, no defeat; J. W. L. Llewellyn and D. McEwen, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (G), two defeats each; D. W. Barnes (C), three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Cambridge 'A' :—E. Pringle, no defeat; D. McEwen and J. W. Llewellyn, one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE 'MASKS.'

On March 15th, at Aldershot. Lost, 13—14.

The team did very well to run the 'Masks' so close, the last point deciding against us. Sandwith fought very creditably in sabre in the place of Barnes, who was injured, and Clarkson distinguished himself, winning seven fights and being undefeated in épée.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. E. Reiche (G), one defeat each ; C. Wachmann (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Masks :—Sgt. Bean, no defeat ; Sgt. Ajax II, two defeats ; Lieut. Luchelle, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G), no defeat ; C. E. Reiche (G) and M. H. R. Sandwith (W), three defeats each. Total, six defeats.

Masks :—Sgt. Bean, Sgt. Loftus and Sgt. Joey, one defeat each. Total, three defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and C. Wachmann (G), one defeat each ; M. H. R. Sandwith (W), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Masks :—Sgt. Loftus, no defeat ; Sgt. Joey, two defeats ; Lieut. Luchelle, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER.

On March 18th, at Stowe. Won, 17—10.

Westminster were unfortunate in not having a complete team, but the School, although collapsing in foil, did well to score so heavily in épée and sabre. Reiche and Barnes did well to be undefeated in épée and sabre respectively, whilst Clarkson, also undefeated in sabre, distinguished himself by winning seven fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G), one defeat ; C. E. Reiche (G), two defeats ; C. Wachmann (G), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Westminster :—P. Fitzhugh, no defeat ; R. E. Nye, one defeat ; J. Corsellis, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Epée.—*Stowe* :—C. E. Reiche (G), no defeat ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and M. H. R. Sandwith (W), one defeat each. Total, two defeats.

Westminster :—P. Fitzhugh and R. E. Nye, two defeats each ; J. Corsellis, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Sabre.—*Stowe* :—J. M. E. Clarkson (G) and D. W. Barnes (G), no defeat ; C. Wachmann (G), two defeats. Total, two defeats.

Westminster :—P. Fitzhugh and W. R. Corbould, two defeats each ; R. E. Nye, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

THE SCHOOL JUNIORS *v.* ST. PAUL'S JUNIORS.

On February 25th, at Stowe. Lost, 4—12.

Owing to the fact that St. Paul's brought down a stronger team than had been expected, we were rather badly beaten.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—F. M. Frankenburg (G) and J. P. Pettavel (G), two defeats each ; P. C. Wason (W) and R. Thompson (W), four defeats each. Total, twelve defeats.

St. Paul's :—J. Suggit and F. W. Inman, no defeat ; D. V. Freshwater and R. G. D. Chomins, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

THE SCHOOL 'A' TEAM *v.* WESTMINSTER 'A' TEAM.

On March 18th, at Stowe. Lost, 6—10.

The team did well against strong opponents, and Willing showed a marked improvement in foil, winning three fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—*Stowe* :—P. O. Willing (G), one defeat ; G. B. Michler (W), F. M. Frankenburg (G) and J. P. Pettavel (W), three defeats each. Total, ten defeats.

Westminster :—J. M. Staynes and A. St. E. Cardew, one defeat each ; C. A. Wilson and D. S. Brock, two defeats each. Total, six defeats.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Grenville and Grafton, being the two strongest houses, were seeded in the draw, and, as was expected, met in the final. The foil produced an even contest, but superiority in épée and sabre won Grenville the match, 11—5.

FIVES

Feb. 12th. *v.* OLD CITIZENS. Lost, 0—5.

R. H. Marten (G) and E. P. Hickling (C) lost to B. J. Garrett and L. Deacon, 15—10, 13—15, 6—15, 6—15.

D. K. Murdoch (T) and J. R. S. Michell (G) lost to G. W. Browne and H. P. Hawken, 12—15, 10—15, 4—15.

G. L. Paget (C) and A. B. Williamson (G) lost to G. H. C. Lewis and A. Browne, 13—15, 12—15, 5—15.

Feb. 26th. *v.* OLD CHOLMELEIANS. Lost, 0—2.

R. H. Marten (G) and E. P. Hickling (C) lost to J. K. C. Scott and L. J. Stock, 12—15, 6—15, 15—10.

D. K. Murdoch (T) and J. R. S. Michell (G) lost to J. M. Scott and J. A. Gaywood, 12—15, 15—6, 11—15.

Mar. 5th. *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS. Won, 2—0.

R. H. Marten (G) and E. P. Hickling (C) beat G. H. Humphreys and M. F. Porterfield, 15—6, 16—18, 15—18, 15—5, 15—10.

P. R. H. Hastings (T) and D. J. Webster (W) beat P. Eyre and I. B. Stewart, 15—6, 15—3, 15—12.

Mar. 8th. *v.* WESTMINSTER. Lost, 1—2.

R. H. Marten (♁) and E. P. Hickling (C) beat E. M. H. Wilkinson and E. S. Meyer, 15—8, 15—4, 12—15, 15—12.

P. R. H. Hastings (T) and A. B. Robinson (♁) lost to A. C. Winckworth and J. B. Craig, 9—15, 11—15, 17—14, 14—18.

D. K. Murdoch (T) and D. J. Webster (W) lost to R. M. T. Walker and M. W. O'Brien, 18—16, 15—8, 15—17, 11—15, 5—15.

FIVES HOUSE MATCHES

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

GOLF

Stowe does not usually play a golf match during the Christmas term, but a match was arranged and played against Harrow at Ashridge on December 19th. The School was represented by a very depleted side which was not expected to win. However, with the help of the cold weather and the snow, which seemed to handicap Harrow more than us, the School won by 7 matches to 3 with 2 matches halved. A return match was to have been played this term but it could not be arranged. However, there are three matches towards the end of term: P. B. Lucas is bringing down a team of Old Stoics to play the School at Tadmerton, the annual match against the masters is to be played at Buckingham, and a match against Winchester may be played at West Hill at the end of term.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW.

Played at Ashridge on Monday, December 19th, 1938.

FOURSOMES.

HARROW.		STOWE.	
W. C. H. Gray and K. W. Walker ...	½	C. T. Cunningham (C) and G. H. Turner (C) ...	½
G. I. L. Greenlees and R. A. Gardner ...	0	M. C. Dodwell (♁) and P. Johnstone (C) (3 and 2) ...	1
C. B. Toller and W. Scully ...	0	R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) and A. B. Williamson (G) (3 and 2) ...	1
K. E. Leyton-Bennett (single) ...	0	M. J. Poulton (C) and M. I. Atkin-Berry (C) (3 and 1) ...	1
	—		—
	½		3½

SINGLES.

Gray ...	0	Cunningham (5 and 3) ...	1
Walker (4 and 2) ...	1	Turner ...	0
Greenlees ...	0	Dodwell (2 up) ...	1
Gardner ...	½	Johnstone ...	½
Toller (5 and 4) ...	1	Allsebrook ...	0
Toller (5 and 3) ...	1	Williamson ...	0
Scully ...	0	Poulton (6 and 5) ...	1
Scully ...	0	Atkin-Berry (3 and 2) ...	1
	—		—
	3½		4½
Total ...	4	Total ...	8

The draw for the House matches is as follows :—

Walpole	}	Temple	}	Grafton	
Temple					
Grafton	}	Grafton	}		}
Chatham					
Bruce	}	Chandos	}	Cobham	
Chandos					
Cobham	}	Cobham	}		}
Grenville					

SQUASH

RESULTS.

Wednesday, February 15th *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. Won, 4—1.

Saturday, February 25th *v.* TRINITY HALL. Lost, 2—3.

Saturday, March 4th *v.* TRING S.C. Won, 3—2.

Sunday, March 12th *v.* THAMES HOUSE. Lost, 2—3.

Saturday, March 18th *v.* THE ORATORY SCHOOL. Won, 4—1.

Two other fixtures, both against Radley, have not been played at the time of writing. The season has been quite a successful one considering that R. H. M. Spencer (W) unexpectedly left at the end of last term. Unfortunately A. T. R. Nicholson (W) is the only member of the team who will be here next year. However, there are several promising players ready to fill the gaps.

This term R. H. Marten (G) was Captain of Squash and J. C. I. Hooper (C) was Secretary.

School Colours for Squash were awarded to C. R. T. Cunningham (C) and G. Yerbury (G).

The following also played for the School :—A. T. R. Nicholson (W), P. Johnstone (C), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), J. R. L. Gale (C).

O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeants P. J. Diggle (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), J. M. G. Ritchie (W).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals I. R. L. Shaw (C), C. R. T. Cunningham (C), L. G. Darling (G), A. B. Williamson (G), D. M. Bolton (C), J. H. de Burgh (G), L. J. Eastwood (G), J. C. I. Hooper (C), R. H. Marten (G), I. McC. Tait (G), R. J. Mead (C), P. A. Chamier (C).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals C. E. L. H. Reiche (G), B. H. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Dixey (B).

The following completed their Certificates "A" in November 1938 or February 1939, and were promoted Lance-Corporals :—

D. Gardiner (C), D. E. M. Earle (B), J. B. Dwight (G), R. H. Widdows (C), M. J. G. Hann (T), N. Q. Lawrence (C), P. A. Bates (C), H. B. McCready (G), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), G. L. Paget (C), A. T. R. Nicholson (W), M. R. Wallace (C), S. R. G. Scott (G), A. W. Cheyne (C), D. K. Murdoch (T), D. W. Barnes (C), R. J. Musgrave (C), P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox (C), D. A. B. Morgan (W), M. B. Hickling (C), V. D. Burton (G), R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), M. J. Conran (B), P. A. Dillon (C), D. B. Rolleston (C), P. O. Willing (C), G. S. Atkins (W), G. A. Dunnett (G), I. D. W. McEwen (T).

In the February Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 34 out of 48 candidates passed. A record number of candidates (76) sat for the March Certificate "A" examination (Part II).

There was a record number of Recruits (72) this term. With 283 cadets, of whom 51 hold Certificate "A," the Contingent is over establishment. We hope to increase, however, to a membership of 300.

PRIZES.

Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part II), November 1938 :—D. Gardiner (C).

Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), February 1939 :—A. K. Higham (T).

Best Recruits, Christmas Term 1938 :—1. G. P. Marshall (C).

2. R. F. C. Davis (T).

TRAINING.

The post-Certificate "A" work is going well. A full complement of 20 N.C.Os. is under instruction in the Air Section, which is now commanded by Pilot Officer M. M. Maynard, R.A.F.V.R. Another 14 N.C.Os. are taking the Signal Course, for the further development of which an officer should be available next term. Mr. Annand will re-introduce a Machine Gun Course for just a few N.C.Os. in May.

The policy of training cadets to attempt Certificate "A" in their fourth term is justifying itself. There is no doubt about their keenness, and the majority are successful. Sheer experience is usually the deciding factor, and, when a candidate fails, he seldom does so twice.

The junior platoons, commanded by the Under Officers, are making very satisfactory progress. Their instruction is well prepared and given by the senior N.C.Os., and there is a quickening of interest and efficiency among the cadets.

ALDERSHOT VISIT.

On March 14th a party of 9 officers and 242 cadets visited the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders, under the command of Lieut.-Col. C. M. Usher, O.B.E., at Talavera Barracks, Aldershot. Their primary object was to see the modern weapons and equipment of an Infantry Battalion, but a number of other interesting items were included in the programme.

After an early start from Stowe and a three-hour journey by motor-coach, the time-table ran as follows:—

1. 11.30 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
Displays of a soldier's kit laid out for inspection; various orders of dress (from pre-War Review Order to fatigue dress); and the battalion (mechanised) transport.
2. 12.20 p.m. to 12.35 p.m.
Demonstration of physical training to music.
3. 12.35 p.m. to 12.50 p.m.
Move to Ranges.
4. 12.55 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.
Demonstration of Mortar Platoon firing sand-filled bombs.
5. 1.15 p.m. to 1.35 p.m.
Demonstration of Bren L.M.Gs. firing ball. Display of the Anti-Tank Rifle.
6. 1.40 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Demonstration by the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps of the "I" Tank, Medium Tank and Light Tank. Rides for some cadets.
7. 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Demonstration of the Armoured Carrier Platoon. Rides for some cadets.
8. 2.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.
Return to Barracks.
9. 2.50 p.m. to 3.10 p.m.
Short tour of Officers' Mess. Dining table arranged for a Guest Night and seen by artificial light.
10. 3.10 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Pipes and Drums play a set on the Square and march off to the Regimental March.

A haversack ration had been eaten on the Ranges, and now the N.A.A.F.I. supplied a picnic tea. There was leisure on the journey home to finish off the generous bag of food with which each boy was provided. The party arrived back at Stowe in good time for supper.

It was an excellent day in every way, for the Regulars had spared no pains to make it a success. Our thanks are due in particular to the Colonel, who took a great personal interest in the visit, to Major G. E. Malcolm, M.C., who was responsible for the detailed arrangements, and to Captain S. D. A. S. Aylmer (O.S.), who supervised the working of the programme.

The Air Section spent the day at the R.A.F. Station, Bicester, where various types of machines were demonstrated and the cadets made passenger-flights.

FIELD DAY.

A day's training is being worked out with Rugby and Wellingborough for June 27th on ground between Towcester and Northampton.

SHOOTING

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The following have won spoons:—

Class A.—J. E. Hodgkin (C) (2), St. J. C. Bally (C) (2), J. S. Barrowclough (W), D. A. B. Morgan (W), C. D. Drew (C), J. W. Harland (C).

Class B.—P. A. Dillon (C), R. S. Watson (B), H. P. Lawrence (C), K. T. Boyd (C), P. D. Bally (C), J. D. Johnstone (C), E. B. Moore (C).

The scores of winners of both classes were good: the highest was J. E. Hodgkin's 99.7.

"COUNTRY LIFE."

	Group	Rapid	Snap	Total
M. B. Hickling (C)	... 10	50	25	85
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	10	49	25	84
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	... 10	49	25	84
C. D. Drew (C)	... 10	48	25	83
J. S. Barrowclough (W)	10	47	25	82
J. S. Hollings (T)	... 5	48	25	78
D. A. B. Morgan (W)	... 5	44	25	74
R. J. Musgrave (C)	... 10	44	15	69

LANDSCAPE.

Team Leader—R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C).

C. D. Drew (C)	} 36	M. B. Hickling (C)	} 42
D. A. B. Morgan (W)		J. S. Barrowclough (W)	
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	} 45	R. J. Musgrave (C)	} 37
J. S. Hollings (T)		P. K. Collier (B)	

R.N.C.K-B.

CRICKET FIXTURES 1939

FIRST ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 20.—Free Foresters	Home.
Wed.,	May 24.—Cryptics	Home.
Sat.,	May 27.—I Zingari	Home.
Wed.,	May 31.—Bradfield	Home.
Sat.,	June 3.—Incogniti	Home.
Wed.,	June 7. } Westminster	Home.
Thurs.,	June 8. }	
Sat.,	June 10.—M.C.C.	Home.
Wed.,	June 14.—O.U. Authentics	Home.
Sat.,	June 17.—Haileybury	Away.
Wed.,	June 21.—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	June 24.—Tonbridge	Home.
Sat.,	July 1.—Old Stoics	Home.
Thurs.,	July 6.—Oundle	Away.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 20.—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	May 27.—Haileybury	Home.
Wed.,	May 31.—R.A.F., Bicester	Home.
Sat.,	June 3.—Harrow	Away.
Wed.,	June 7.—R.A.F., Abingdon	Away.
Sat.,	June 10.—Rugby	Away.
Wed.,	June 14.—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Thurs.,	June 22.—Bradfield	Away.
Sat.,	June 24.—Bedford	Away.
Sat.,	July 1.—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed.,	July 5.—St. Paul's	Home.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Wed.,	May 31.—Buckingham	Home.
Sat.,	June 3.—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	June 24.—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Wed.,	June 28.—Buckingham	Home.
Sat.,	July 1.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed.,	July 5.—Maiden Erlegh	Home.
Sat.,	July 8.—Bedford	Away.

COLTS' ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 27.—Westminster	Away.
Sat.,	June 3.—Oundle	Home.
Wed.,	June 7.—Bedford	Away.
Sat.,	June 10.—Rugby	Home.
Thurs.,	June 15.—Harrow	Home.
Wed.,	June 21.—Bradfield	Home.
Wed.,	June 28.—Radley	Away.
Sat.,	July 1.—Wellington	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN.

Sat.,	May 20.—Radley	Home.
Sat.,	June 10.—Rugby	Home.
Thurs.,	June 15.—Harrow	Home.
Wed.,	June 21.—Bloxham	Home.
Wed.,	June 28.—St. Edward's	Home.
Sat.,	July 1.—Bedford	Away.

THE LIBRARY

The following books have been presented to the Library by Dr. L. P. Huggins for the new Music Section :

- 'Musical Composition' (Stanford).
- 'The Story-Lives of Master Musicians' (Brown).
- 'Johann Sebastian Bach' (Forkel).
- 'The Orchestra, Vol. I' (Prout).
- 'Applied Forms' (Prout).
- 'Schubert's Songs' (Capell).
- 'Favourite Musical Performers' (Grew).
- 'The Music Dramas of Richard Wagner' (Lavignac).
- 'Fifty Favourite Operas' (England).
- 'Fugue' (Higgs).
- 'The Art of Counterpoint' (Kitson).
- 'The Listener's History of Music, Vol. I.' (Scholes).
- 'The Interpretation of the Music of the 17th and 18th Centuries' (Dolmetsch).
- 'A History of Music in England' (Walker).
- 'Progress of Music' (Dyson).

The Library has been entirely rearranged this term and the various cases set out with new name-plates, in a more logical order. The new card-file index will be ready in the near future.

W.L.McE.
E.N.R.
C.W.N.
P.C.M.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THIS term the Society has set quality before quantity and has held only one meeting; but the excellence of that meeting, considering that all four speakers were new to the paper, cannot be denied.

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

The following have been elected members of the Society:—H. F. Sassoon (G), F. M. Frankenburg (C).

The 122nd Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8th. The debate was heralded by a considerable amount of private business. E. N. Rolfe (B), who at the previous debate had proposed that a metal cylinder containing the records of that debate should be buried beneath the Octagon lake, now produced the item in question tastefully bound in red tape. This caused considerable comment in metallurgical circles, and M. B. Scholfied (T) felt it his duty to say a few words on burial from somewhere in the bowels of the lower house. The Librarian was obliged to propose that he be brought within earshot, as the President liked to have men around him that were fat. The outcome of the business that followed was a cumulative vote of censure on the Secretary for imperfect command of grammar and lack of administrative ability. Finally an imposition of one illuminated manuscript was allotted to E. N. Rolfe for unparliamentary conduct at the previous debate.

The House then proceeded to debate the motion that "this House would prefer to fish in troubled waters rather than to pour oil thereon."

P. S. ANSTEY (C) despised those slaves to conscience who are obliged daily to speak of the one that got away. Only by ruthless angling could any good be extracted from chaos.

J. R. C. HOLBECH (C) was eloquently illogical. He set himself as a peacemaker and read a metrical rhapsody on "swing" to a House that remained uninspired.

J. C. SIMOPOULOS (G) asserted that Plato was good enough for him, and proceeded to take up a Machiavellian attitude that could not have been less Platonic.

THE HON. P. B. R. VANNECK (B) made a speech that was a shower of rose-petals; but to a house that was intellectually colour-blind it bore more resemblance to sawdust.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, E. N. Rolfe (B), J. H. Phillips (C), the Librarian, H. F. Sassoon (G), C. R. P. Anstey (C); M. B. Scholfied (T), J. B. Frankenburg (C).

Against the Motion, G. McC. Corbett (B), R. A. D. Oliver (C), the Treasurer, the Secretary, F. M. Frankenburg (C), H. H. Sebag-Montefiore (W).

J. R. C. Holbech (C) summed up for the opposition and P. S. Anstey (C) summed up the debate.

R.H.A.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

STOWE BRANCH.

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Mr. Gerald Barry, the Editor of the *News Chronicle*, gave an informal talk to the League of Nations Union. He began by apologising for the informality—an apology for which there was no need—and for the fact that he, like Daniel and the lions, must have brought with him any politics which had crept into his speech. Mr. Barry denounced the great powers for their betrayal of League principles, and England no less than any other; now we had to search for friends by such shift as trade diplomacy. He then roamed Europe for the next crisis point; it was not to be in the Ukraine, where the expansion of Germany was limited by the Carpathians, nor in Holland, Switzerland or Denmark, but in the Mediterranean basin. The next war might even be fought throughout in Africa, which the totalitarian states had planned to conquer with fascinating ingenuity and detail.

There were, however, hopes of blockading the offensive of the dictatorships, hopes in British rearmament, the growing co-operation and mutual trust of the democracies, especially of America, and most of all in the foreign broadcasts of the B.B.C. and Strasbourg. By this method the rigid censorship of the totalitarian states might be overcome, and their inhabitants receive a true account of affairs. The September crisis had shown how anxious the Italian and German people were to avoid war.

Mr. Barry then warned his listeners against the danger of being dragged into a war which was fought for no principles. The system of collective security had been betrayed in Abyssinia, Czecho-Slovakia and Spain, and we should beware of those who were responsible for these betrayals, now claiming to fight for democracy. If the democracies indulge in power politics, the totalitarian states have every right to mock at our democracy.

We must, instead of attempting to save our faces in each individual crisis, work for some constructive peace. It is difficult to return the mandates to Germany to be used, perhaps, as strategic bases. But it may even be necessary to form an entirely self-governed Africa in order to preserve the peace of the world.

Mr. Barry's speech was followed by questions on many and diverse subjects, on the decline of morality in the democracies, on Mr. Roosevelt's suspected proposal to form a third party, and on the censorship, a report of which Mr. Barry declared to be unfounded, of the English press. The Chairman had at last to call to a close what had been a very interesting discussion.

G.L.P.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

Shaw's "Pygmalion" was read at a meeting held in the President's rooms on March 6th. It is hoped to hold another meeting before the end of the term.

The following new members have been elected: J. C. Drew (C), R. O. Richards (T), D. Gardiner (C), B. H. G. Sparrow (W), I. McC. Tait (S).

E.N.R.

THE TWELVE CLUB.

On Tuesday, February 14th, E. N. Rolfe (B) read his paper: "Strawberry to St. Pancras."

On Monday, February 27th, H. F. Sassoon (G) read his paper: "A Dozen of Culverins."

On Monday, March 27th, R. H. Anstey (C) read his paper: "Come like Shadows."

P. R. H. Hastings (T), M. J. G. Hann (T), R. H. Widdows (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B) and D. A. H. Toler (G) were elected Members; and M. G. F. Ventris (T), D. M. Bolton (C) and R. O. Richards (T) Permanent Guests of the Club.

S.J.W.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

R. H. Anstey (C) read a brilliant paper, 'Facilis Descensus Averno,' on February 28th, in which conversations with Socrates, Pericles, Maecenas and Cato were held.

The second meeting, on March 21st, was held in the New Lecture Room, where the President, Mr. P. G. Hunter, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on 'Greek Sculpture,' illustrated by slides.

J.C.D.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

During the term Molière's "Médecin malgré lui" and Labiche's "Chapeau de Paille d'Italie" have been read by the Society. The following new Members were elected: C. C. R. Boulton (B), I. D. W. McEwen (T) and J. R. S. Michell (S).

E.B.M.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Society has been very active this term. Three papers have been read, one by Mr. Pott on "Camouflage in Nature and War," the second by M. J. G. Hann (T) on "Birds of Prey," the third by the Secretary on "The Feeding of Aquatic Insects."

Three expeditions have been made: two were made to the Hope Museum at Oxford, on the first of which Professor Hale-Carpenter kindly showed members the collection of butterflies with special reference to mimicry, and on the second certain features of the General Collection were studied; the third was a collecting expedition made to the Ouse.

In conjunction with the Science Society a Journal was produced, and sold to visitors and members of the School on Sports Day. Also on Sports Day there was an exhibition in the Biology Laboratories which was largely run by members of the Society.

Four biological films were shown on March 9th, the programme being as follows:—

King Penguins.

The Development of the Trout.

Heredity in Man.

The Filter.

C.A.M.

THE HERETICS.

Two meetings have been held this term. R. C. Gordon (C) read a paper on "Games" on Thursday, February 16th; and on March 23rd D. W. Barnes (C) read a paper entitled "The Trend of Modern Music."

D.G.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The competition at the end of last term was won by R. C. H. Collier (B), with G. P. Holt (B) second. The winning print appeared in last term's edition of *The Stoic*.

The Cine Group, after a first term of comparative inactivity, made its first news-production of the School Cross Country, on 9.5 mm. film. The following Sunday, March 5th, the Group gave four performances of a programme which consisted of:—

1. A film of North Italy, by J. K. Beney (S).

2. The visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Stowe, June, 1938; a colour film by D. E. M. Earle (B).

3. The School Cross Country, by the Cine Group.

The Group hopes to film the Triangular Match at Eton on 25th March.

A.J.F.

THE MUSIC CLUB.

A music club, limited to twenty-five members, has been founded this term under the Presidency of Dr. Huggins. One meeting has been held, on Tuesday, March 7th, when P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox (C) and the Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W) were the protagonists in a discussion on "Jazz." It is hoped that another meeting will be held and that H. F. Sassoon (G) will read a paper on "Bach."

R.H.A.

THE RIDING CLUB.

In spite of foot and mouth and bad weather conditions members have been very active, and the lure of the point-to-points—and a reduced subscription—have sent the members up above the forty mark again. Foot and mouth reduced beagling to one day only; and, as the only fixture which the North Bucks could give us was on a Thursday, only a small Stowe contingent was in evidence, including I. N. Craig (C) whipping in and running as hard as usual and J. O. Thompson (C). At the Cross-country, M. G. M. Reid (W), J. T. Holman (W) and I. A. S. Clarence (G) were energetic mounted spectators. When the Grafton met at Chackmore, Stowe was very well represented, R. H. F. Barker (C), P. G. Worsthorne (G), R. A. W. Rossdale (T), H. M. Reynard (C) and E. G. Reynard (C) being out mounted. The last two were noticed, riding very hard and straight, during the very nice forty minutes over Boycott Manor in the evening, when only very few followers were still out.

Over forty members visited the Bicester point-to-point at Somerton. This meeting must have created several records, including the size of the fields, the wetness of the afternoon, the quantity and stickiness of the mud, and the distance at which the buses chose to park themselves. It was very enjoyable all the same.

A rather smaller number visited the Whaddon point-to-point at Nash on the following Saturday. It was nearly as wet and muddy; but at least the favourites, including an old friend in Michael, were always in front.

The term's activities close with a visit from Mr. How and his bloodhounds, postponed from last term, I. N. Craig (C) being again the quarry. It is hoped to hold a competition for the Haig Cup next term.

J.M.S.

CHESS.

This season interest in Chess has revived considerably and two matches against Radley were played. The first match, played at home on November 19th, was drawn 3—3. On February 25th the return match at Radley was won 4—2. The team was as follows:—J. E. Richardson (C), J. O. Outwater (C), A. Hass (G), P. S. Anstey (C), R. J. Ellison (T), J. P. Burman (G). I. Hoare (C) also played.

In the annual competition for the Chess Cup Richardson and Ellison are in the final.

J.E.R.

MUSIC.

The two outstanding musical events of the term have been the concerts given, at Buckingham and later at Stowe, by the combined Choral Societies of Buckingham, Bicester and Stowe, together with a large orchestra of fifty players mostly from Stowe.

The concerts took place in connection with the Buckingham Musical Festival. The Chorus numbered 150 and was particularly effective in Bach's Peasant Cantata and Strauss's "Die Fledermaus."

We are fortunate at the moment in having an orchestra well up to the standard of former years, the Brass section being particularly promising. A programme of the concerts is given below.

Two meetings of the Music Society have been held, the first on February 15th being a Recital by the Aeolian Wind Quintet. This was a fine body of well-known players from London. The programme was well chosen and full of variety, from piccolo solos to Variations on "In cellar cool" for Double Bassoon. Very little music has been composed for wind quintet, so that most of the music heard consisted of arrangements, which were not always ideal. But the playing of the slow movement of Beethoven's quintet was very satisfying.

At a second meeting on March 8th, Nellie Carson and Cuthbert Kelly gave a vocal recital, mostly of Elizabethan music, Purcell and folk-songs. Miss Carson accompanied herself on the lute in some of the songs. The concert was much appreciated.

A Music Club has been formed this term consisting of about twenty members. Two meetings have been held, at which interesting papers were read by P. D. Hippisley-Cox (C), the Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W) and H. F. Sassoon (G), followed by discussions on the subjects chosen.

PROGRAMME.

CONCERT by the BUCKINGHAM, BICESTER AND STOWE CHORAL SOCIETIES with an Orchestra of 50 Players. Thursday, March 16th, 1939 and Wednesday, March 22nd, 1939.

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| 1. | OVERTURE IN D MINOR | | Handel—Elgar |
| 2. | PEASANT CANTATA | | J. S. Bach |
| 3. | OVERTURE | "Coriolan" | Beethoven |
| 4. | PART-SONG | "Heraclitus" | Stanford |
| 5. | SUITE FOR ORCHESTRA | "Basse Danse"
"Pied dans l'air"
"Mattachins" | Peter Warlock |
| 6. | MADRIGAL | "My bonny lass she smileth" | Thomas Morley |
| 7. | PRAELUDIUM FOR ORCHESTRA | | Jarnefelt |
| 8. | CHORAL FANTASY FROM "DIE FLEDERMAUS" | | Johann Strauss |

In the Peasant Cantata, the Solos were very well sung by Miss Small (Buckingham Choral Society), Mr. Cross and Mr. Newton John. J. D. Milne (C) gave a delightful rendering of "Of flowers the fairest."

"Die Fledermaus" was very popular at both concerts and received an encore from the Stowe audience.

Of the Orchestral items, Warlock's Capriol Suite and Jarnefeldt's "Praeludium" were most appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENTS

"COX AND BOX" AND "TRIAL BY JURY."

Considering the reputedly conservative nature of admirers of Gilbert and Sullivan, it might seem rather unflattering to say that these productions were distinguished by enthusiasm, but enthusiastic they were and not aimlessly so. Though the best thing of the evening was, perhaps, the quite charming and unaffected dancing of Mr. Newton John as Cox, which was certainly based on tradition, there was a definite attempt made to give life to the performances by acting rather than copying tradition. This meant that the singing, which is after all one of the principal pleasures of these operas, suffered at the expense of the acting, except in the case of Mr. Hands and Mr. Newton John, but at least the question of combining acting and singing had not been shirked. In "Cox and Box" one missed, despite the noble efforts of Mr. Snowdon, the colour and the variety of an orchestra and the Gilbertian dialogue. There was, however, the amusing acting and singing of Mr. Newton John and Mr. Hands as Cox and Box, whilst Mr. Fawcett not only overcame successfully the eccentricities of the Stowe stage, but also gave a delightful impression of a Victorian sergeant.

These three again acted well in "Trial by Jury," but rather as parts of a very successful whole. The orchestra must also be complimented on its achievement of blending itself harmoniously into the whole without letting its performance lose thereby. D. W. Barnes (C) made a convincingly benevolent if rather inaudible judge. J. P. Richardson (C) as Angelina gave a more adequate performance than is usually seen of a female part at Stowe and sang his top notes with a bold attack, but left the audience to take for granted a large number of his words. The Jury was somewhat garish as to costume and varied between the extremes of over and under-acting, but its singing was wholly admirable. A more expert critic might find some detail at which to cavil, but the general effect of its singing was most successful. It would be easier to criticize the chorus of the public had they been audible. They did, however, add to the appearance of the stage. Finally there were the bridesmaids. They were equally pleasant, one can guess, to the wardrobe mistress and audience, accustomed alike to seeing costumes made of kindly cast-offs. The gym. stage was for once bathed in a little borrowed glory from the West End, and the bridesmaids' singing inevitably suffered from the appreciation of a dazzled and delighted audience. Lighting and make-up were efficient, and the producers are to be congratulated on a performance which did not rely entirely for its success on the traditional popularity of Gilbert and Sullivan.

P.J.

THE FILM SOCIETY

Storm Over Asia.—It is not surprising that a silent film which was said to last for over two hours should have been greeted with some apprehension. As it was, the silence was welcome, and the fact that, projected by a talkie apparatus, the film action was faster than life lulled with an intriguing atmosphere of the past those who were not content with the film for art's or propaganda's sake. An unpromising start, which bade fair to introduce another but bleaker "Good Earth," was redeemed by the appearance of as bloated a pair of capitalists as ever sucked cigars in a Middle West store. They deprived the young Mongolian hero of the silver-fox for the price of which alone he could save his dying father, so that he joined "the Partisans," who, when they had been distinguished from their enemies, were seen to be fighting for the Autonomous Socialist Soviet of Outer Mongolia. Captured by the invading troops of the officially anonymous Great Power, the hero is saved from death by the discovery that he is a descendant of Genghis Khan. As the puppet ruler of a dependent Mongolia he is a supine failure, but the butchery of a compatriot spurs him to a frenzy against the invaders, and, led by him, the Will of the People raises a truly Bolshevik storm to purge Mongolia of all traces of alien bourgeoisie.

The Colonel of the invading army, his wife, and their staff are portrayed with a prejudice which the speed of their jerky movements made all the more refreshing. One of the best moments is the Colonel's pompous speech to the grubby infant who is the recently reincarnate lama, and the only love interest occurs when the nastier of the capitalists is crossed in his pursuit of an immaculate creature who might have stepped from a dress catalogue of a decade ago.

S.J.W.

Der Herrscher.—It would hardly be permissible for the Will of the People, which Pudovkin made to triumph among the Mongols, to be the theme of a film made under the Third Reich. Indeed, an important industrialist is made to deliver a charming homily on the national necessity for the production of *Ersatz* goods, but otherwise the film happily lacks the Goebbels touch and is left mostly in the more competent hands of Jannings. He has lost none of his old vigour in this brilliant study of a steel magnate, who, having shed few tears over the grave of his wife, soon finds in his new secretary an antidote to the emptiness and monotony of middle age. The jealousy of his children finally drives them to have him locked up as a dangerous megalomaniac, since he refuses to abandon their mother's usurpator. To save him she breaks off their relationship; but already he has, in a tremendous scene, cowed his hell-brood into submission, and he returns disconsolately to the infallibility of his machines. At the end, amid the bellowing of blast furnaces and the clank of machinery, he composes a will disinheriting his faithless family. That the secretary to whom he dictates it should turn out to be the woman he loves is an unavoidable concession to the box-office. In the eyes of the majority of the public, Love must, unfortunately, always be made to find out the way, and we are deprived of a more convincing and dramatic ending as the Iron Master climbs once more to his spiritual home above "the hum

of mighty workings." There are many great moments in this film, such as the scene at the beginning in the drab churchyard when the harsh factory sirens first come to cut across the sound of the preacher's voice and of the steady patter of rain on the assembled umbrellas. There is, too, Jannings' furious slashing of his dead wife's portrait, the wrecking of the house which his children have made unbearable for him, and then the sudden silence, broken only by the tinkling fall of broken glass, as he pauses to watch his cowering family. These were the highlights of a production whose brilliance was only marred at times by the dimness of some of the indoor scenes.

It was Emil Jannings' film, but that the other players were less well known in no way detracts from the value of their acting. *Der Herrscher* shows that good German films are not entirely a thing of the past.

E.N.R.

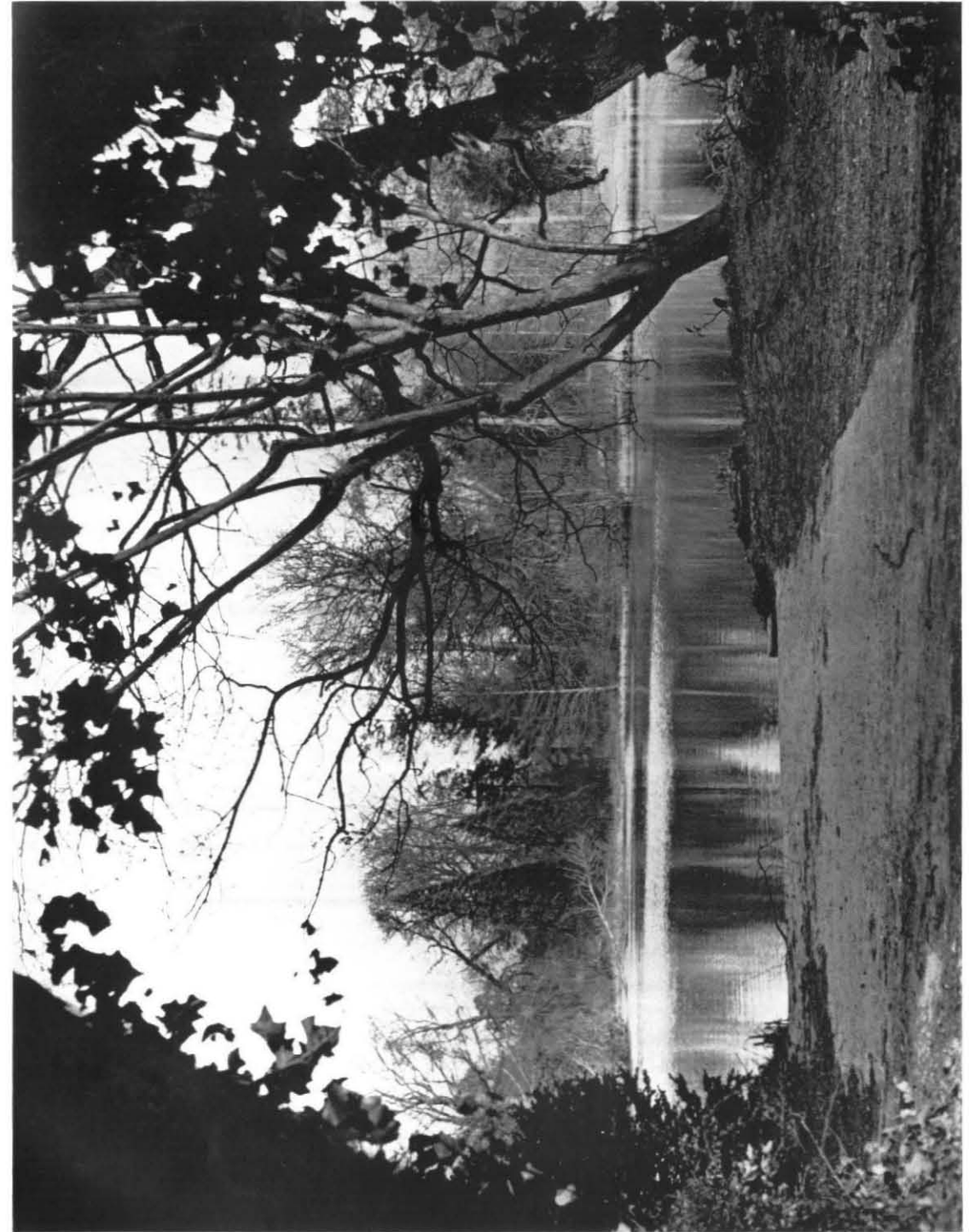
Alerte en Méditerranée will be shown later in the term.

DUPLICITY

INCOGNITAE.

"Twixt poles of fear and love my heart was torn ;
 My thirsty soul cried out for you to stay,
 But beauty froze the words ere they were born,
 And with a numbing smile you turned away,—
 Leaving a memory on the shimmering air
 Of things timidity had yet to learn ;
 Your lips had whispered ' Love me if you dare.'
 Your dancing eyes had said ' I will return.'
 Through summer's open gate I chased the days,
 Till with the falling leaves came Hope's decline,
 And blindly through the mind's despairing maze
 Stumbled the thought that you were never mine.
 I was deceived, and you without a care
 Had slipped away some other heart to snare.

R.H.A.



[R. H. W. S.]

THE OCTAGON LAKE

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J.P.F.

THE TEMPLE OF ANCIENT VIRTUE

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FRENCH VISITORS AT STOWE IN 1750

Madame du Bocage, a blue-stocking French lady of the first half of the eighteenth century, would not be much remembered today if it were not that a few letters survive which were written to her by the famous Lord Chesterfield. Chesterfield found in her what he spent much time in looking for from about 1748 onwards: an improving French friend (and possible hostess in Paris) for the young Philip Stanhope whom he tried so long and so vainly to brighten up and to Frenchify.

When Monsieur and Madame du Bocage visited London they were treated by Lord and Lady Chesterfield with great kindness, and Lord Chesterfield (who had come back from a second embassy in Holland to govern Ireland and then become Secretary of State) gave them introductions that opened many doors to them both here and abroad. If he did not open the doors of Stowe it may have been because he was less friendly with the owner Lord Temple (the Dick Grenville of James Hammond's day) than he had been with Dick's uncle Lord Cobham, or because Dick (who was also squire of Wotton Underwood) was away. The French visitors were shown round the grounds by a gardener, as the custom was with sightseers, and they evidently bought a copy of "Seeley," with the aid of which Madame du Bocage wrote the following letter to a friend:

"The dwelling-house, by no means magnificent, is of such a size that, with the green-house, it is reckoned to be a thousand feet broad where it fronts the gardens, which answer to it in content. We walked there three hours together, accompanied by a guide, yet did not see the whole. There are few marble statues there; they are very scarce in England. . . . The fine gardens which we walked through, presented us at the end of each alley (adorned with a variety of different sorts of shrubs) sometimes a turret, sometimes an obelisk, mills, a circus, elysian fields, colonnades, a pretty temple dedicated to the god of Love, with this inscription:

Nunc amet qui nondum amavit
 Quique amavit nunc amet:

"A monument dedicated to friendship, in which the master of this fine seat placed the busts of all his illustrious friends: here is also a protestant church of gothic architecture, where the following verses of *Corneille* are engraved upon the frontispiece:

Je rends graces aux Dieux de n'être pas Romain
 Pour conserver encore quelque chose d'humain.

"A column of 70 feet high, erected by an ARTEMISIA to the memory of a Cobham: The temple of Virtue, which appears on every side falling in ruins: The saloon of Sleep, where the following inscription is to be read round a garland of poppies:

Cum omnia sint in incerto, cave tibi.

"An *Egyptian* pyramid in miniature, with all its proportions: An hermitage made of clay and the roots of tree, furnished with a bed of moss, earthen vessels, and Latin inscriptions. Well-chosen mottos characterise with taste each of these little edifices. We saw issue from an artificial mount pine-tree and shrubs, which

the rocks produce, and three springs, which dart through crevices, after many turnings and windings, form a lake, and lose themselves in subterranean caverns lined by pebbles; where after their fall they form baths. The roaring of the waters, which pleases at the same time that it terrifies, constitutes the whole charm of this lake. Of the chancel of a Roman Catholic church, they have formed a Sibylline cave, the inscriptions of which answer to the design. A hill called the Parish, transformed into a Parnassus, contains an Apollo, the Muses, and the waters of Hippocrene. At the back of a temple, erected to celebrate and represent the sages of the nation, we read in Italian verse the following inscription to the memory of a traveller born beyond the Alps. [Here follow the verses to Fido, but the translator has made the name of the dog "Tray."]

"I should hardly ever make an end, if I was to describe all the beauties of the gardens of *Stowe*: the Chinese-house in the midst of a lake; that of Venus, artfully formed of the finest pebbles and shells; the temple of Diana of the doric order, which is now completely built in the *Greek* taste; and many other monuments, the plan of which often does more honour to the genius of the nobleman to whom they belong, than the execution to the artists; and which surprise as well by their multiplicity as by the immense sums that have been spent upon them."

The writer says no more about *Stowe*, and nothing about its owner or its owners' family, but she visited "the cottages of shepherds and houses of farmers" in the neighbourhood, and was surprised to find the inhabitants civilised and prosperous.

"People of this class [she writes] have their houses well-furnished, are well-dressed, and eat well; the poorest country girls drink tea, have bodices of dimity, and straw hats on their heads and scarlet cloaks upon their shoulders."

If she had gone inside *Stowe* she might have been able to tell us what were the decorations and furnishings of the great oblong saloon that occupied part of the site of the present Assembly, and whether a gallery ran across it above the present door into the North Hall, joining, on the first-floor level, the east and west halves of the house. She might have told us where the staircase started that led up to the "Cupelov" that *Celia Fiennes* saw on the roof, and whether the cupola, like the one at *Ashdown*, was a small glazed structure over the stairhead, which, when candles were lighted in it, served as a beacon at night for guests arriving late.

At a house a few miles off, of which she does not give the name, she and her husband were asked to dine and even to stay a few days, and she describes with enthusiasm the pleasant easy hospitable country-house life of the English, combined with their impressive formality at meals: the stripping of the table-cloths after dessert, the polished mahogany of the tables, the sliding coasters, the silver decanter-labels and the polite toastings of fair ladies or famous men.

The letter can be read, in English, in a scarce book (of which the Bodleian Library has a copy): entitled "Letters concerning England, Holland, and Italy, by the Celebrated *Madam du Bocage*," translated from the French, and printed for E. & C. Dilly, in the Poultry, MDCCLXX.

S.R.

QUAM CELERRIME

During a recent punctuality campaign, a Russian fire-brigade, as a penalty for arriving over twenty minutes late, was forbidden to extinguish the flames. So flagrant an example of *laissez faire* was actually condoned by the Comintern as a warning to all those who felt disinclined to exercise their undeniable right to work. Further west, officials of the Third Reich busily drain away the sluggish waters of Austrian *Schlamperei*, with a cold douche of *Kultur* to scour the disused parade-grounds. There does fortunately remain a part of the earth where Punctuality does not exist by bayonets and castor-oil alone; but even here in this country convention and good manners guard it more closely than a hundred Himmlers, and would almost certainly be forces quite unknown to so happily hypothetical a centumvirate. All the same, it will be a tragic day for the world when every man is compelled to have a sense of time. There will always be a hope for civilization so long as trains are missed and dinners are left to spoil.

The real danger to the apostles of punctuality lies within their own camp, but it is a traitor equally uncongenial to their enemies. The passion for speed of the punctually-minded cannot but bring ridicule and discredit to their cause. For, although a less rapid and up-to-date fire-engine than the one at Moscow would undoubtedly have arrived over thirty minutes late, at least nobody would have expected it any sooner, or dreamed of not giving the brigade a chance to put out the fire if it could. As it was, a whole house had to be sacrificed to a very false god. This cult of speed, so abhorrent to leisurely men and eventually fatal to the cause of the punctual, is now spread over the world from Ulster to Daytona Beach. The man in the street is swept off his feet, for the March of Time has broken into a double with which he finds it hard to keep up. The words of Darwin take on a fresh and vital meaning, and the world will indeed go cycling on from age to age.

Speed hysteria is a comparatively recent phenomenon of whose earliest manifestations the "Rocket" proved the most lethal and the "Great Eastern" the most abortive. It is, however, *Phineas Fogg* who is the real Janus of the new age. From the moment that *Jules Verne* sent him round the world in eighty days the era of speed records had begun. The eccentricities of "ce flegmatique gentleman" were a source of considerable surprise to his contemporaries. To-day we are more case-hardened. The insistent clamour of headlines has revealed a half-crazy world where brides dash to dying aunts' bedsides, and public security seems only to be maintained by last-minute rushes. It is a wise generation which knows that "Peer's record bid" was never made at *Sotheby's*, and that the Air-speed Envoy is no topical allusion to the Prime Minister, but a type of aeroplane. Every newsvendor is a sort of speed-merchant.

To take refuge from this world in a past where speed was hardly known is a form of escapism of which nobody could rightly disapprove. *Simon Stylites* never moved from his pillar, and *Diogenes* was not exactly peripatetic. Even *Cicero* and *Demosthenes* would seem behind the times in an age when, in Mr. A. P. Herbert's phrase, it is possible

to fling mud round the world at a phenomenal speed. Puck's boast that he could put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes has been set at naught by Marconi. Most gods and fairies wisely cared little for speed, and Phoebus' car had no speedometer with which to record the monotony of its twenty-four hour average. To-day the gods of the track cram within a concrete O a daily round which to the high Olympians would have seemed a common task. It is a relief to contemplate the Golden Road to Samarkand without giving a thought to traffic lanes. The Israelites did not hurry to get home; they followed contentedly behind a fiery pillar by night, not as though it were the tail-lamp of the car in front which they must try to overtake. The athletes of Greece managed without stopwatches. "Run that ye may obtain," the Corinthians were told, but not that "ye may break the record." Thomas Gray can hardly have dreamed of so corruptible a crown when, looking down upon the playing fields of Eton, he asked of Father Thames:

"What idle progeny succeed
To chase the rolling circle's speed
Or urge the flying ball?"

The poet's thoughts were far from the thousand runs in May; nor did he envisage Professor Piccard urging his balloon to record-breaking altitudes in the stratosphere. Dr. Johnson would quite rightly have thought it supremely unreasonable for anyone to walk from Paris to Tokio, or to cross the Atlantic in an open boat.

Every Christmas shows that the tradition of coaching days is dying lamentably hard. Now a mystical aura has already come to surround as well those more recent years when the word "streamline" had hardly thrown its tenuous shadow across the English language, and speed first came romancing into the world. Merrie England has, indeed, become an out-of-date land of arty-crafty dreams; but those who would build up in its place a Romance of Speed are the first to invest with an idealised glamour the Great Pioneering Days when the Iron Horse conquered the Rockies, and heavily-veiled ladies went motoring in Edwardian England. The tradition has since grown more sleek. The rugged splendour of an early Daimler is seen no more. The new Romantics do not sigh for "the fair Alisoune," but for the "Brighton Belle." The Flying Dutchman lies drowned below-stage at Bayreuth, his endless journeys over, and in his stead a Scottish namesake plies the permanent way. Bluebird and the Silver Bullet take their place once more in the contemporary romantic paraphernalia. From Croydon and Friedrichshafen the old heroes arise again: Boadicea and Britomart, Hannibal and Hindenburg, are borne through the high air to a new Valhalla. Speed can thus be dressed up in glad romantic rags, but they are a poor disguise for so self-assertive and ubiquitous a child of the 20th century. It is indeed an *enfant terrible* that has been begotten, for whose benefit so much human effort is wasted, and whole houses are left to burn. From those flames has survived something which has unhappily not the rarity of the Phoenix, but rather the unpalatable novelty of the roast pig which, on a similar but more memorable occasion, filled a Chinaman with considerable nausea.

E.N.R.

THE REPEATED SOUND

The wind was cold. That infernal window rattled—yet all was quiet in the dormitory. The clock dismally boomed the hours, quarters—almost the very minutes. Those lights seem to be on all night. What a waste. What's that squawk—there it is again. That pestilential bird.

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Oh, why can't these clouds bring wind? Will this never end? The sails are hardly bent. The only sound is the ripple of the water across the bows. Funny sound that bird makes. But what's the use of wanting wind—we had enough this morning to split the sails.

This is the very creek where we had lunch this morning. That bathe was glorious and the sun and wind on our bare backs afterwards. The tide was nearly full and the wind did all that was necessary. The shrimp sellers in their smelly barge-like craft off Bawdsey were more interesting than those ridiculous stones we hoped to find among the pebbles.

Who was it suggested crossing the bar? Obviously it was he. Anyhow we don't want more than two drowned, she had said. So he and I went. The tide seemed to be going wonderfully fast and we waved cheerily at the occupants of a motor yacht that seemed to be struggling against the stream.

We were up against the sea now and the bark was rocking about like a cockle shell. "Let's get back," he shouted. "All very well," I replied. We swung her round into the wind. The tiller bar broke, and he had to grasp the blade. "I can't hang on to this for long," he yelled above the roar of the river and sea meeting over pebbles. I got out the oars. "They'll be no use," I thought. I pulled feverishly—the right oar broke.

"Heave out the anchor," he shouted. We got it overboard. It held. I wanted to wade and haul the old tub. He agreed it was the last hope. I threw off socks and shoes and lowered myself over the side. I was nearly swept off my feet.

"When I have crossed the bar," kept ringing in my ears. Yes, I know I've crossed it and I'm going to get back—I must. Every step forward was like walking up a moving staircase that is coming down out of control. The fight against the whirling tide was terrific. The distance to the shore seemed to grow instead of lessen. The ever-moving pebbles bit into our feet. The yacht, which seemed to be making up so slowly, was actually beached and likely to remain so for the night.

With a great struggle we brought the dinghy up on to the pebbles and stopped to regain our breath. Only one more creek to pass now. Ah! There she is.

"You've been a long time."—Further glimpses of the obvious! "Well anyway, let's get going." "It'll take us at least four hours to get back." "Then we can't be back before ten?" "No."

"Aren't these mud banks dismal?" "Yes, and they'll be a good deal more so in two hours time."

Silence.

"The wind's died down—it always does at nightfall." "Is there any chance of it springing up again?" "Not unless there's a storm." "Much chance of that?" "No."

"How do the birds know when it is time to go to bed?" "I don't know, and that one doesn't seem to either." "You mean that noise that seems to be coming from nowhere?" "Yes." "I rather like it."

The wind had gone but it was still cold. The tide was the only thing that moved us. The night was not dark but clouds hid the stars. The feeling of desolation grew. The vast expanse of water and the length of vague horizon gave a feeling of unreality. I was not really here, I was at home. All this waste seemed utterly useless. Why didn't someone fill it with flowers—anything but this 'horror of darkness.'

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But that was years ago, and it won't send me to sleep.

J.E.C.N.

NIGHTS BEFORE THE STORM

Ghostly branches nightly dripping lurid healthless purple dew,
 Mirrored in the fitful ripples of the naked wintry pool,
 By the humid air-less hollows, where the blushing toadstool grew.
 Feathered fir-tops, in the cold clouds whitely shimm'ring in the pool,
 Over dreaming vegetation, with skilled fingers, slowly traced
 Delicately changing patterns, silhouetted in the moon.
 Variegated fish jumped restless in the water-lilied wastes
 Deep beneath the sultry surface, faintly lighted by the moon.
 Like the barn-door always creaking, groaned and cracked the raftered dome
 Of tall oaks, which interlacing, now in Cynthia's domain
 Sheltered many empty bird's nests and a single raven's home.
 There the birds in stolid silence did unwillingly refrain
 From their usual choral screaming in the sadder hours at night,
 Adding thus a needless tension to the season's throes of pain;
 All were waiting, quiet and hopeless, in sepulchral black, for light.

R.H.F.B.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, *The Stoic*,
 Stowe School, Buckingham.

Dear Sir,

I trust that I am under no misapprehension when I bring to your notice the following grave omission from that column in *The Stoic* termed "Stoica." I observe that it is always your practice to mention there all the achievements most worthy of note of Old Stoics. Blues, half-blues, and athletic distinctions of all varieties are to be seen in plenty, and a small portion is even devoted to the announcement of certain academic successes. I, as well as many other Oxford and more especially Christ Church Old Stoics have so far failed to discover any reference to what is perhaps the greatest distinction so far achieved by any Old Stoic at Oxford. During the 1937-1938 season, Mr. Patrick Ashton hunted the Christ Church Beagles, ably supported by Mr. Charles Ashton as joint-master. Not only was their term of office extraordinarily successful from the point of view of sport, all previous records for the number of hares killed by this very distinguished pack having been broken, but the relations with farmers and all supporters and followers of the hunt were exceptionally happy. Moreover, it seems to me particularly remarkable that as the first and so far the only Old Stoic masters of hounds at Oxford they had also been pre-eminently successful.

Such an omission is so grave that I cannot but believe the whole matter to have been overlooked, but I do feel, and I know my feelings in this connection are shared by a number of other Old Stoics both at Oxford and elsewhere, that there is a tendency for this kind of distinction to be neglected in your columns. It may not perhaps require quite the same physical prowess as many athletic pursuits or ball games, but rest assured that it requires a great deal more knowledge, ingenuity, patience and general good temper.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. O'FARRELL.

Christ Church, Oxford.

March 15th, 1939.

** The Editors apologise for the omission and would welcome the sending to them of information such as this in the future. Without derogation to the brothers Ashton, they would remind readers that Stowe has provided two Presidents of the Oxford Union.

GENERAL PAPER

(Time Allowed—One Hour.)

Select from the words in brackets the one which is most appropriate to the accompanying sentence. 1. The remarks of a man who spares his words are (chronic, sardonic, bubonic, laconic, platonic): 2. A certain type of church window is named (oriel, oriole, orison, oriflamme, orifice). 3. Pope's satire was called the (Iliad, Oread, Nomad, Maenad, Dunciad). 4. One who subjects himself to severe self-discipline is (aesthetic, aseptic, acetic, acoustic, ascetic). 5. When a case at law is still undecided, it is said to be (sub rosa, sub specie, sub iudice, sub poena, sub silentio).

6-10. Which of the following are the names of extinct animals : armadillo, dinosaur, dodo, ichthyosaur, mango, mastodon, mastoid, monitor, peccadillo, platypus, prontosil, pterodactyl ?

From what animals or plants are the following products obtained : 11. caviare ? 12. copra ? 13. cricket-bats ? 14. iodine ? 15. shagreen ? 16. morphia ? 17. molasses ? 18. What is the value of x if :

$\frac{7 \frac{3}{5}}{x}$	=	$\frac{\text{The number of Musketeers} + \text{the number of fathoms thy father lies} + \text{the number of mops used by the maids} + \text{the number of Buchan's steps}}{\text{The number of Muses} \times \text{the number of gods Porsena swore by} \times \text{the number of gentlemen of Verona ?}}$
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> $\frac{\text{The number of blackbirds}}{25}$		

Of the following statements, put Yes against those which are correct and No against those which are incorrect : 19. It is easier to pull a garden roller than to push it. 20. It is more effective to push a garden roller than to pull it. 21. The speed of a ship may be 10 knots an hour. 22. Sugar melts when placed in a cup of tea. 23. A pound of lead weighs more at the North Pole than at the Equator. 24. Sound travels faster than light. 25. The temperature of the healthy human body is 98.4 deg. Centigrade.

What surname do you associate with each of the following groups : 26. A comedienne, an art collection, a Scottish national hero, a writer of fiction ? 27. An American novelist, an English poet, a boxer, a multiple stores ? 28. An explorer, an architect, a novelist, an airman ? 29. A cricketer, a comedian, an art gallery, a sugar manufacturer ?

With what towns are the following associated : 30. The Kremlin ? 31. The Louvre ? 32. The Golden Horn ? 33. The Golden Gate ? 34. The Wailing Wall ?

To what writers of detective fiction do you attribute the characters of : 35. French ? 36. Hanaud ? 37. Holmes ? 38. Poirot ? 39. Wimsey ?

With what sports are the following chiefly associated : 40. A. G. K. Brown ? 41. H. B. Toft ? 42. B. H. Valentine ? 43. Bernard Darwin ?

44. Who made the record individual score in the final Test Match of 1938 against Australia ?

45. Did Julius Caesar write of the rebellion of : Varro, Verres, Vertumnus, Vercingetorix, or Venerabilis Beda ?

46. Which one of these names is an incorrect title for the God of Wine : Dionysius, Dionysus, Bacchus, Iacchus ?

47. Would a poet most appropriately address his patron as his : Macander, Maecenas, Maeotis, Meiosis, or Maestro ?

48. Did Horace model one of his metres on that of : Alcacus, Alcibiades, Algeciras, Algernon, or Aldebaran ?

Each of the following groups contains one inappropriate item. Mark it with a cross. (Example : Dublin, Oxford, Glasgow, Somerset, Cardiff. Answer : Put a cross against Somerset ; it is a county and the others are cities.) 49. Niblick (.....), midiron (.....), andiron (.....), brassie (.....), spoon (.....). 50. Trafalgar (.....), Marathon (.....), Locarno (.....), Lepanto (.....), Balaclava (.....). 51. "Punch" (.....), "The Tatler" (.....), "The Times" (.....), "The Radio Times" (.....), "The Sunday Times" (.....). 52. "Carmen" (.....), "The School for Scandal" (.....), "The Flashing Stream" (.....), "The Importance of Being Earnest" (.....), "The Apple Cart" (.....). 53. Leonardo da Vinci (.....), Holbein (.....), Titian (.....), Chippendale (.....), Constable (.....).

Write the appropriate name in the space provided : 54. "From..... even to Beersheba." 55. ".....and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided." 56. "Is.....also among the prophets?" 57. "And Samuel arose and went to and said, Here am I ; for thou didst call me." 58. "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle ! O, thou wast slain in thine high places." 59. "And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou,..... ? And he said, Thy servant went no whither." 60. "Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning....., What went ye out into the wilderness to see ?" 61. "And..... cared for none of these things."

62. There are 27 stations on the Inner Circle of the Underground. If a train goes round, stopping at every 4th station, how many circuits does it make before it next stops at the station from which it started ?

63-65. Which three of the following are used as measures of weight : cham, dram, anagram, monogram, kilogram, epigram, decigram ?

66. Nowall obtained 85 marks out of 100 on the last General Paper ; Duns obtained 27. What is the smallest possible number of questions which they must both have answered correctly ?

67. What sum of money will be doubled if the number of pounds and shillings be interchanged ?

Five answers are given to each of the following questions. Give the number of the correct answer.

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68. What is Tallis's Canon? (1) a type of ordnance, (2) an illegal stroke at billiards, (3) a pass in the Sierra Nevada, (4) a collection of books kept by a bishop's amanuensis, (5) a musical piece in which the parts take up the same theme in succession.

69. What is grisaille? (1) an oil used in painting, (2) a substitute for butter, (3) a French term for a fit of depression, (4) a monochrome oil painting, (5) a grey rag used for polishing mosaics.

70. What is or was Contango Day? (1) The fifth Sunday in Advent, (2) the name for May-day celebrations in the U.S., (3) making-up day on the Stock Exchange, (4) the day appointed by Edward the Confessor for the healing of the King's Evil, (5) the day on which two planets are said to be in conjunction.

71. What is a running frieze? (1) a member of a Guild of travelling Dutch painters of the 16th century, (2) a water-colour that has been attacked by damp, (3) a decoration on a public building, (4) a method of painting animals while in motion, (5) a charcoal drawing before it has been fixed.

72. If you were asked to 'come up and see my murals some time,' what would you expect to see? (1) wrought-iron screens as wall-partitions, (2) illuminated manuscripts on vellum, (3) family portraits with landscape back-grounds, (4) paintings as wall-decoration, (5) flat decoration of table-tops under glass.

73. If asked what you thought of the chiaroscuro of an oil-painting, what would you do? (1) admire the frame, (2) examine the cracks, (3) concentrate on the treatment of light and shade, (4) try to rub off the bloom, (5) look at it upside down in a mirror.

Puccini, Pacelli, Piccaninny, PUNCHINELLO, Pushkin, Picasso, Piccalilli, Pavlova, Parsifal, Palermo, Patella, PINERO. From this list select the name of: 74. A playwright. 75. A poet. 76. A painter. 77. A pope.

78-81. Which four of the following are musical terms: area, andante con moto, dolce far niente, scherzo, borzoi, patchouli, risotto, rallentando, rococo, pizzicato?

82. Which of the following would you be most likely to hear Kreisler playing: the Unfinished Symphony, the Kreutzer Sonata, the Moonlight Sonata, the 6th Brandenburg Concerto?

Into what seas do the following rivers flow: 83. Volga? 84. Danube? 85. Thames? 86. Vistula? 87. Nile?

Fill in the blanks: 88. Magyars are natives of.....? 89. Manxmen are natives of.....? 90. Neapolitans are natives of.....? 91. Orcadians are natives of.....? 92. Singhalese are natives of.....?

Whom would you expect to be the heroes or heroines of historical novels with the following titles? 93. "My Kingdom for a Horse." 94. "Le petit Caporal." 95. "Lion-heart."

Wood's Ha'pence, Peter-Pence, Pound Cake, Hearth Money, Ezra Pound, Penny-farthing, Farthingale, Penny-royal, Rupert Penny, the King's Shilling, Maundy Money, Pound Foolish. From this list select: 96. A lady's dress. 97. A tax once payable to the English Government. 98. A bicycle. 99. A flower. 100. A poet.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL PAPER

1. Laconic. 2. Oriel. 3. Dunciad. 4. Ascetic. 5. Sub judice.
6. Dinosaur. 7. Dodo. 8. Ichthyosaur. 9. Mastodon. 10. Pterodactyl.
11. Sturgeon. 12. Coconut-palm. 13. Willow, Salix. 14. Seaweed, Kelp, Wrack. 15. Shark. 16. Poppy. 17. Sugar.
18. 8.
19. Yes. 20. Yes. 21. No. 22. No. 23. Yes. 24. No. 25. No.
26. Wallace. 27. Lewis. 28. Scott. 29. Tate.
30. Moscow. 31. Paris. 32. Byzantium, Istanbul, Constantinople. 33. San Francisco. 34. Jerusalem.
35. Crofts. 36. Mason. 37. Doyle. 38. Christie. 39. Sayers.
40. Running, Athletics. 41. Football, Rugger. 42. Cricket. 43. Golf.
44. Hutton. 45. Vercingetorix. 46. Dionysius. 47. Maecenas. 48. Alcaeus.
49. Andiron. 50. Locarno. 51. "The Times." 52. "Carmen." 53. Chippendale.
54. Dan. 55. Saul. 56. Saul. 57. Eli. 58. Jonathan. 59. Gehazi.
60. John. 61. Gallio.
62. Four.
- 63-65. Dram, Kilogram, Decigram.
66. 12. 67. £6 13s. od.
68. 5. 69. 4. 70. 3. 71. 3. 72. 4. 73. 3.
74. Pinero (or Pushkin). 75. Pushkin. 76. Picasso. 77. Pacelli.
78. Andante con moto. 79. Scherzo. 80. Rallentando. 81. Pizzicato.
82. Kreutzer Sonata.
83. Caspian. 84. Black Sea, Euxine. 85. North Sea. 86. Baltic. 87. Mediterranean.
88. Hungary. 89. Isle of Man. 90. Naples. 91. Orkney. 92. Ceylon.
93. Richard III. 94. Napoleon Buonaparte. 95. Richard I.
96. Farthingale. 97. Hearth Money. 98. Penny-farthing. 99. Penny-royal.
100. Ezra Pound.

LATE NEWS

ATHLETICS.

A team of members of the Achilles Club visited Stowe on Tuesday, March 28th, and competed against the School in ten events. In each event, with the exception of the 100 Yards and Quarter Mile Relay, the Achilles conceded a handicap to the School runners. The main purpose of the visit was for demonstration and coaching.

The Match was run in almost continuous rain and, considering the conditions, some of the performances were very good. Outstanding among these was the Long Jumping. R. J. Hornsby (Achilles) cleared 22 ft. 1 in., but nothing daunted P. R. H. Hastings (T) then cleared 21 ft. 5½ ins. and M. B. Scholfield (T) 20 ft. 11½ ins. J. M. Thomson (C) ran very convincingly and won the 100 Yards from a level start; A. G. Way (B) threw the Discus 130 ft. 4 ins. and I. McC. Tait (G) ran a very fine Half Mile in 2 mins. 11.2 secs.—really fast time on a sodden grass-track.

Among other notable feats were the beautiful High Jumping of A. M. Selwyn, the Oxford President, the Weight Putting of H. Sivertsen and the Quarter Mile of Hastings. The Hurdles race had to be abandoned owing to the wetness of the track.

Apart from those mentioned above, other well known members of the Achilles Club who performed were: R. A. Crossley-Holland, J. O. Moreton, B. F. Brearley, M. A. Melford, M. G. Heath and D. T. M. Birks. Mr. B. G. D. Rudd managed the Team.

School Colours for Athletics have been awarded to J. M. Norman (G) and J. D. Le Bouvier (T).



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