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ONE SHORT

ONE short of a leading article now takes up his pen. One short hour to go before all copy must be in to the printer. One short of our fiftieth number and of the School's fiftieth term. One short glance in that direction, but no more ; for we must not anticipate. One short—yes ; for the Editor, at the very pen's handle, has been removed to the Sanatorium. There is, however, hope : Lewis compiled a whole dictionary with the help of one Short.

So we approach the Muse. But she disapproves of shorts. No hiking over Helicon for her. She has just been on a long journey with one of our contributors and wants time to recover. All she will give us is this plaint :

'O, why does the average reader
insist on being given a leader ?
She's weary today
and has nothing to say,
the poor Muse. Do you terribly need 'er ?'

We say that we do ; but, not to hurt her feelings, we accept her offering—a leader of sorts, one short perhaps, but a surfeit of another Leader has reconciled us to that. So all that is better must follow my leader.

IN MEMORIAM

SIR CHARLES KING-HARMAN, K.C.M.G.

Sir Charles King-Harman, who was Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body of Stowe from the foundation of the School until 1934, died on April 17th, 1939, at the age of 88.

Sir Charles had retained his interest in the School until the last, and Stowe has lost in him one of its most loyal as well as one of its earliest friends.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1939

- D. V. PALMER (Messrs. Russell and Boyce, Wellesley House, Broadstairs).
 R. M. W. BUSK (C. H. T. Hayman, Esq., Winchester House School, Brackley, Northants).
 G. C. ROGERS (Commander I. C. M. Sanderson, Elstree School, Elstree, Herts).
 J. G. CAMERON (E. L. Laming, Esq., Nevill House, Eastbourne).
 J. E. M. IRVINE (Major C. F. C. Letts, Oakley Hall, Cirencester, Glos.).
 P. C. CLAY (C. H. T. Hayman, Esq., Winchester House School, Brackley, Northants).
 A. C. L. LEWISOHN (The Rev. Cyril Williams, Summer Fields, Nr. Oxford).
 J. B. A. KESSLER (R. T. Gladstone, Esq., The Abbey, Beckenham, Kent).
 H. J. M. MOLLOY (A. M. D. Grenfell, Esq., Mostyn House School, Parkgate, Cheshire).
 J. F. CULLIS (R. V. Barker-Mill, Esq., Stoke House, Seaford, Sussex).
 R. M. SAYER (The Rev. A. W. Hooper, St. Neots, Eversley, Hants).
 J. A. HAMILTON (C. F. Rathbone, Esq., Hollylea, Greenbank Road, Liverpool).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1939

- READING PRIZES—*Senior*: M. B. Scholfield (T).
Junior: J. C. Simopoulos (G).
 PETERS BONE PRIZE R. C. Gordon (C).
 ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE: Not awarded.
 BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity): R. A. D. Oliver (C).
 CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK—*Prose*: R. H. Widdows (C).
Verse: J. C. Drew (C) and
 M. G. F. Ventris (T) (divided).
 QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN—*Essay*: E. N. Rolfe (B).
Prose: P. S. Anstey (C).
 PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION: R. H. Widdows (C).
 J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES—
Senior: J. P. Phillips (C).
Junior: J. D. Le Bouvier (T).
 SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE: R. J. Ellison (T).
 GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: P. A. Bates (C).
 HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE: R. O. Richards (T).
 H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY: Postponed*.
 PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS: C. R. Milne (T).
 THE HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR ART: E. N. Rolfe (B).
 WATERCOLOUR PRIZE: C. Alexander (W).
 ARTS PRIZE (First): B. H. G. Sparrow (W).

* Closing date, November 7th.

POEM

Lo we have watched long
 The wearied players
 And seen on the South Front
 Sundry matches,
 Eating ices,
 Hardly interested—
 Remarking our study mate
 Making thirty.
 Batting gloves, balls,
 Bails and wicket,
 Such were symbols
 We sat adoring.
 From pillared porticoes
 We watch the players out there
 In green grass,
 And gleaming white shirts.
 It's the hottest hour now :
 The haze is spreading.

But on a by-pass
 Balilla are marching
 With unfurled flag
 And fanfare : beware.
 In the city shops sell,
 Traffic circulates,
 Ten thousand tape-machines
 Tick, day, night.
 Heads of houses
 Are hooked by criminals,
 Cricket captains,
 Languish as clerks ;
 Stance at Stowe, 5 p.m. :
 Rollcall in Sing-Sing.

Shallower are the shadows,
 The sun's setting,
 The pillars pinken
 In the peaceful evening.
 He's hit his hundred :
 He's a hero this evening.
 Darkness dawns,
 The lights are dimmed.

But at Berchtesgaden
 The blinds are up.
 Across a continent
 Telephone wires hum.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1939.

Prefects :—M. B. Scholfield (T), Head of the School ; P. R. H. Hastings (T) ; J. C. Drew (C) ; D. M. Bolton (C) ; L. G. Darling (G) ; R. H. Marten (G) ; E. N. Rolfe (B) ; J. H. de Burgh (G) ; J. B. Dunlop (C) ; A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) ; J. P. Phillips (C) ; J. M. E. Clarkson (G).

Monitors :—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) ; J. M. Henry (C) ; P. A. Chamier (C) ; R. H. Widdows (C) ; J. M. Thomson (C) ; P. J. Diggle (C) ; D. A. Yellowlees (C) ; D. K. Murdoch (T) ; The Hon. J. V. Fisher (T) ; A. T. R. Nicholson (W) ; I. D. W. McEwen (T) ; A. W. Cheyne (C) ; J. R. C. Holbech (C) ; G. Yerbury (G) ; M. G. M. Reid (W) ; J. H. Thomlinson (B) ; M. S. Adams (B) ; P. Johnstone (C) ; S. R. G. Scott (G) ; C. E. L. H. Reiche (G) ; J. B. Dwight (G) ; J. M. Browne (B) ; I. R. L. Shaw (C) ; D. E. M. Earle (B) ; V. D. Burton (G) ; R. U. P. de Burgh (G) ; A. J. F. Fergusson (B) ; R. J. Mead (C) ; G. S. Atkins (W) ; C. Wachmann (G) ; P. A. Buchanan (W) ; P. D. Forsyth-Forrest (T) ; R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C) ; G. H. Turner (C).

Cricket :—Captain—P. R. H. Hastings (T) ; Vice-Captain—J. P. Phillips (C) ; Secretary—M. B. Scholfield (T).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain—C. Wachmann (G) ; Secretary—J. B. Dunlop (C).

Swimming :—Captain—D. A. Yellowlees (C) ; Secretary—R. Backus (B).

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

May 14th. The Rev. J. D'E. Firth, Chaplain of Winchester College.

June 25th. The Rev. B. S. W. Green, Vicar of Brompton Parish Church, S.W.

July 16th. The Rev. R. F. Bale, R.D., Vicar of Buckingham.

July 23rd. Captain R. G. Ash-Moody.

The annual Exeat took place this term from Friday, June 16th, until Monday, June 19th.

Old Stoic Day was held on Saturday, July 1st, when the usual programme of sporting events took place. A large number of Old Stoics came down, of whom a good proportion stayed to supper.

This year the Pineapple Ball will be held at the Dorchester Hotel again and will take place on Friday, November 17th. The price of tickets will be the same as before.

Mr. P. F. Baker (C, 1933), a former Head of the School, has been a welcome addition to the Staff this term. Unfortunately this is only a stage in his journey towards educational administration and he will not be here again next term.

A small new pavilion has been put up on the Shop side of the South Front. The bashfulness of its position does scant justice to its efficiency. A similar parlour has also come into being below the Tennis Courts.

A portrait of the last Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, painted by S. Sidley in 1892, has been presented to the School by Mrs. Murray-Phillipson of Stobo. It has been hung in the State Dining Room.

On April 12th, the marriage took place between Mr. P. K. Bourne and Miss M. M. Toyne.

The engagement is announced of Mr. R. H. Pott to Miss C. S. M. Shaw, and of Mr. B. E. N. Fawcett to Miss E. J. Tibbits.

First XI Colours have been awarded to the following:—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) (re-awarded); C. R. T. Cunningham (C), R. H. Marten (G), J. C. I. Hooper (C), L. G. Darling (G), E. P. Hickling (C), A. K. Higham (T).

Second XI Colours have been awarded to:—A. K. Higham (T), A. D. Thomson (Q), E. P. Hickling (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), R. H. Hawkins (C), A. B. Robinson (G), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), G. H. Turner (C).

Third XI Colours have been awarded to:—A. B. Robinson (G), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), P. E. Falkner (W), R. H. Hawkins (C), J. M. Thomson (Q), J. A. McDonald (Q), V. D. Burton (G), J. A. Lake (Q), I. R. L. Shaw (Q), The Honourable J. V. Fisher (T), M. B. E. Clarkson (G), R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), P. Wilby (T).

Colts Caps have been awarded to:—T. M. Pragnell (G), A. R. Barrowclough (G), W. M. Savery (W), R. B. Higham (T), H. G. Baker (C), T. M. J. Shervington (C), W. R. Mallory (Q), P. Campbell-Cooke (Q), R. A. W. Rossdale (T).

School Lawn Tennis Colours have been re-awarded to J. R. C. Holbech (C); and awarded to D. M. Bolton (C), J. R. L. Gale (C) and A. R. T. Nicholson (W).

School Fencing Colours have been awarded to C. Wachmann (G) and M. H. R. Sandwith (W).

School Swimming Colours have been awarded to G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), J. A. H. Lucas (C), P. M. F. Sichel (C), C. F. Warner (G) (re-awarded); D. S. Gray (B), R. T. F. Larsen (G) and D. Walker (T).

School Water-Polo Colours have been awarded to P. M. F. Sichel (C), J. A. H. Lucas (C), J. B. Kennedy (Q) and J. M. Norman (C).

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

Cross-Country:—D. A. Yellowlees (Q), R. G. I. Forrest (G), J. B. Dwight (G).

Athletics:—M. B. Scholfield (T), I. McC. Tait (G), H. B. McCready (G), J. B. Dwight (G), P. J. Diggle (C).

The following have, since last summer, passed the 1st M.B. examination:—Pts. 1, 2 and 3: A. A. Vickers (C), D. A. H. Toler (G), M. S. Adams (B), E. D. Jones (G); Pts. 1 and 4: G. Yerbury (G); Pts. 1 and 2: R. H. Marten (G), P. M. Jeavons (G), J. D. S. Rowntree (T); Pts. 1 and 3: J. M. G. Ritchie (W); Pt. 1: P. R. Westall (C); Pt. 2: J. M. Norman (C), T. D. Dawson (C), R. P. Farrer (B).

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GENERAL.

SQUADRON-LEADER D. A. PEMBERTON, R.A.F. (G, 1929), is the first Old Stoic to reach Field Rank in H.M. Forces.

MR. C. L. HALL (C, 1933) represented England in the Elcho and Mackinnon international rifle matches at the N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley, in July.

ACADEMIC.

MR. H. E. LOCKHART-MUMMERY (C, 1935) has been elected to an Entrance Scholarship at the Westminster Hospital Medical School. He gained a First Class in Part I of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge, and was also awarded a Senior Scholarship at Trinity College.

MR. F. B. RICHARDS (T, 1936) gained a First Class in Part I of the Historical Tripos at Cambridge and has been awarded a Scholarship for History at Magdalene College.

MR. N. S. BROWN (G, 1937) gained a First Class in Part I of the Historical Tripos at Cambridge.

MR. P. M. SYRETT (C, 1937) has been awarded an Exhibition for History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

MR. M. J. POULTON (C, 1938) has been elected to a County of Southampton Senior Scholarship for Classics tenable at Oxford University.

ATHLETIC.

MR. P. J. ORDE (G, 1936) captained Oxford in the annual Epée match against Cambridge.

MR. D. S. L. DODSON (C, 1937) was awarded the (Intermediate) Saddle at the R.M.C., Sandhurst, in June.

MR. P. SHERRARD (C, 1937) played in the Cambridge Seniors' Match and MR. C. D. EARLE (B, 1938) in the Cambridge Freshmen's Match at cricket. Earle made 62.

ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. J. E. MCCOMB (C, 1927) to Miss S. Decker.

MR. T. R. WILLIAMS (C, 1929) to Miss E. French.

MR. P. E. M. HOLMES (B, 1929) to Miss E. E. Chance.

MR. A. R. B. BRETT (C, 1932) to Miss B. H. Brownell.

MR. E. D. TAYLOR (T, 1932) to Miss J. A. Sutherland.

MR. P. A. G. DIXEY (B, 1933) to Miss M. M. B. Garrod.

MR. P. C. HALL (G, 1933) to Miss H. Robins.

MR. D. G. LEA (C, 1933) to Miss S. M. Murphy.

MARRIAGES.

MR. C. P. COWELL (G, 1926) to Miss J. M. Mears, on April 15th.

THE HON. C. W. H. ALLENBY (C, 1928) to Miss S. P. Price, on July 1st.

MR. A. J. HILL (B, 1928) to Miss B. M. Nicholls, on June 10th.

MR. D. MORLEY-FLETCHER (T, 1928) to Lady Daphne Hay, on July 12th.

MR. B. W. STEEL (G, 1928) to Miss V. Churchill, on July 22nd.

MR. J. W. EVANS (C, 1929) to Miss D. King, on June 19th.

- MR. C. E. J. WESTON (C, 1929) to Miss V. M. Dixon, on May 6th.
- DR. J. C. B. NESFIELD (G, 1929) to Miss S. M. Higgins, on June 24th.
- MR. H. A. C. BLAIR-IMRIE (C, 1930) to Miss M. W. Arbuthnott, on June 30th.
- MR. P. L. C. BRODIE (C, 1931) to Miss P. H. Thorne, on June 21st.
- MR. J. A. HOTHAM (T, 1931) to Miss O. A. Porteous, on May 16th.
- MR. E. SCONCE (S, 1931) to Miss S. Petri, on June 1st. (In Hong Kong).
- FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT F. S. BURGIS, R.A.F. (C, 1932) to Miss J. Lambarde, on June 10th.
- MR. C. S. MADDEN (C, 1933) to Miss R. Whitaker, on May 24th.
- MR. R. P. BLOW (C, 1933), to Miss D. Bethell, on April 24th.
- MR. W. R. L. THORNE (C, 1933) to Miss N. M. Young, on June 28th.
- MR. J. L. TWEEDIE (C, 1933) to Miss A. E. Wilson, on April 15th.
- MR. P. H. G. SMITH (C, 1934) to Miss S. Henderson, on April 5th.
- MR. D. B. DRYSDALE (S, 1935) to Miss E. C. Dalglish, on April 29th.

BIRTHS.

- To the wife of THE HON. J. W. LESLIE (T, 1925), a daughter, on May 5th.
- To the wife of MR. A. C. GEDDES (T, 1928), a daughter, on May 17th.

- To the wife of MR. E. D. O'BRIEN (C, 1928), a son, on April 23rd.
- To the wife of MR. C. W. TYRRELL (C, 1928), a daughter, on May 5th.
- To the wife of CAPTAIN C. N. M. BLAIR (S, 1929), a son, on April 25th.
- To the wife of MR. A. G. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1929), a daughter, on May 17th.
- To the wife of FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT A. R. F. DE SALIS (B, 1930), a son, on April 18th.
- To the wife of MR. C. A. GILKISON (C, 1930), a daughter, on May 2nd.
- To the wife of MR. R. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1930), a daughter, on June 29th.
- To the wife of MR. R. I. MACKENZIE (C, 1930), a son, on June 5th.
- To the wife of MR. R. M. PEEL (C, 1930), a son, on May 9th.
- To the wife of MR. J. D. FIRTH (C, 1931), a daughter, on April 14th.
- To the wife of MR. L. E. DE NEUFVILLE (G, 1931), a son, on May 6th.
- To the wife of MR. T. W. LEGG (C, 1932), a son, on May 19th.

DEATH.

- On June 6th, in Paris, MR. E. B. NEVILLE-ROLFE (B, 1934).

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET, LONDON, N.W.8.

July 1939.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

Last July it was reported that a new Warden had been appointed, and once again the government of the Pineapple has changed. Mr. Seymour has had to give up the position for personal reasons; he is missed not only by the members of the Club, but also by the Old Stoics who are in the habit of visiting the Club.

During his term of office several new schemes for strengthening the ties between Stowe and Marylebone have been started; the most important of these is, perhaps, the reorganization of the Summer Camp whereby the Club members and the Old Boys will be in camp at different times. In addition a party of Stowe boys will be camping with the Club boys.

Mr. D. G. Hewlings took over the wardenship at the beginning of the month. He was introduced to the Club by one of the former Wardens, Mr. MacNicol Smith, the present manager of the Rugby Clubs. Mr. Hewlings has had considerable experience in Boys Clubs and similar institutions and it is already certain that the Club has been very fortunate in obtaining his services.

Football is rather out of season, but it should be recorded that during the 1938-39 season the Old Boys, with Bill Garvey as their Captain, were top of their division of the league, won two Cup competitions and in addition were unbeaten throughout the winter. A team of club boys who play on Sundays won a Cup competition and were runners-up in their league.

The Club is also fairly proficient at Cricket. The Old Boys are joint leaders of their league and are in the semi-final of a cup competition and so far have lost only one game this year. The juniors have lost only one match, and if they win the next one they will be top of their league.

Very many of the members avail themselves of the cheap tickets for the St. Marylebone Baths which are obtainable at the Club. In the Westminster Federation Swimming Gala one of them won the back-stroke race and another was second in the "School-boys" race.

Athletics has also been fairly satisfactory, and in the Westminster Federation meeting members of the Pineapple won the senior hundred yards and the long jump and another was second in the high jump; a junior won the quarter mile race.

The Summer camp is nearly here and the Pineapple is looking forward to meeting those Stoics who will be there with them and hopes that they will enjoy themselves; they welcome the opportunity of meeting again some of their friends who have visited the club on the weekly parties from Stowe.

The Whitsun camp was, as usual, a great success owing to the notorious hospitality of the School. Nearly seventy members enjoyed a very pleasant week-end and your readers can have little idea of Marylebone's appreciation of Stowe, especially on these occasions.

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.*

can feel that at least he has done very well in all the School games. Darling in actual soundness and style is, perhaps, the most improved batsman in the school. At times he played like a really class player. Farnell-Watson improved a great deal on last year and he should make many runs next year—he must try to concentrate more in the twenties as he should by then be settling down for a big score. R. H. Marten (♁) and E. P. Hickling (C)—two new-comers to the side—both had splendid seasons. No situation was too tight for Marten, and this in a great many ways is the best quality that a cricketer can have. On many occasions he saved the side from collapse. Hickling, at times, played remarkably well, and his two innings against Westminster and the M.C.C. were quite first-class. With Marten, against Westminster, he added 202 runs for the fifth wicket, and his batting on the second morning was quite the best stroke play that has been seen from any one in the School side this year.

C. R. T. Cunningham (C) has been very disappointing of late. He started off very well with a not out fifty and a not out century in his first three innings, but since then he has rarely made runs. This is a great deal due to faulty footwork. A. D. Thomson (C) on occasions hit very hard, but he is unsound at present; and A. K. Higham (T) more than once played very useful innings which cannot be judged by the actual scores.

With regard to the bowling, Hastings found himself in the unusual position of being able to call on five left-handed bowlers, with Scholfield and Phillips to provide the right-hand variety.

Of these Scholfield and J. C. I. Hooper (C) were easily the best. At times they both bowled really well, Hooper being the find, if one may call him such, of the season where bowling was concerned. He bowled his slow left-hand very slowly but extremely accurately and he was of inestimable value to the side especially in School Matches, although perhaps his best performance was against the Cryptics. Scholfield bowled very well at times and often without much luck, but he was not such a good bowler as last year. He was still quick off the wicket, but he has lost the art of making the ball move about in the air off the wicket. Marten and Phillips were also more than useful bowlers—Marten, left-handed, bowled particularly well against Bradfield and the Authentics, and Phillips was often very helpful in keeping the runs down besides taking many a valuable wicket.

The 2nd XI have had quite a good season, the 3rd XI a very good one and the Colts and Junior Colts have both done well. The outlook for the future is bright, but there are many "ifs" and "buts." Stowe,



MACHINE-GUNNERS' MARCH PAST



By courtesy of

MACHINE-GUNNERS IN ACTION
O.T.C. INSPECTION, JUNE 6TH.

[Sport & General



THE INSURGENTS SET OUT



By courtesy of]

GENERAL WAVELL INSPECTING RANKS
O.T.C. INSPECTION, JUNE 6TH.

[Sport & General

being a comparatively young school, has had little time to form a cricketing tradition—it is time that this started. It must not be thought that cricket is an easy game—it is a very, very difficult one and in its way it needs as much courage as Rugby. The fielding throughout the School—with the possible exception of the 2nd XI—is very poor indeed and no side can play cricket until it can field well. Therefore the future demands that we shall have a far higher standard of fielding; that the will to win be more pronounced; and that every member of every team shall go on to the field prepared to fight and to back up his Captain by not giving in when asked to do a little more.

The teams were :—

1st XI.—P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. P. Phillips (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), C. R. T. Cunningham (C), J. C. I. Hooper (C), R. H. Marten (G), E. P. Hickling (C), L. G. Darling (G), A. K. Higham (T), A. B. Robinson (G).

2nd XI.—J. M. Henry (C), S. R. G. Scott (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), A. D. Thomson (C), R. H. Hawkins (C), M. B. Hickling (C), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), G. H. Turner (C), J. A. McDonald (C).

The following played for the 3rd XI.—J. M. Thomson (C), P. A. Bates (C), C. R. Milne (T), R. Backus (B), P. E. Falkner (W), V. D. Burton (G), J. A. Lake (C), J. V. Fisher (T), P. Wilby (T), R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), G. P. Marshall (C), M. B. E. Clarkson (G), J. T. Holman (W), A. M. Mitchell (C), I. R. L. Shaw (C), A. V. Hollington (C).

Colts XI.—C. M. Griffin (C), T. M. Pragnell (G), A. R. Barrowclough (G), W. M. Savery (W), R. B. Higham (T), R. A. W. Rossdale (T), H. G. Baker (C), T. M. J. Shervington (C), P. Campbell-Cooke (C), R. A. Soames (C), W. R. Mallory (C), G. H. Johnson (C).

Junior Colts XI.—R. E. Wordley (C), J. W. Cornforth (G), E. A. Harding (B), J. E. Colbeck (T), M. H. A. Robinson (W), P. M. Ward (T), G. T. G. Conant (B), J. M. Connell (G), A. D. Maclean (T), R. I. Maitland (C), J. A. Lucey (C).

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Played at Stowe on May 20th. Drawn.

FREE FORESTERS.				STOWE.			
A. G. Howland Jackson, st Hastings, b Hooper			45	J. P. Phillips (C), b Morgan			5
B. H. Belle, c Hastings, b Marten			69	L. G. Darling (S), b Morgan			0
G. Musson, c Scholfield, b Farnell-Watson			50	C. R. T. Cunningham (C), not out			53
C. H. Taylor, not out			36	A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Kershaw, b Belle			1
C. A. R. Laurence, not out			10	A. K. Higham (T), b Taylor			8
W. G. Morgan, P. A. Kershaw, W. K. Pammenter, B. A. Strachan, D. C. H. C. Borgais and E. Cawston did not bat.				P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Kershaw, b Taylor			34
				R. H. Marten (S), E. P. Hickling (C), A. D. Thomson (C), M. B. Scholfield (T) and J. C. I. Hooper (C) did not bat.			
Extras			9	Extras			4
Total (3 wkts. dec.)			219	Total (5 wkts.)			105

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	19	1	62	0
Phillips	8	1	23	0
Marten	9	1	43	1
Higham	8	2	29	0
Hooper	10	1	43	1
Farnell-Watson	2	0	10	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Belle	6	2	14	1
Morgan	8	1	16	2
Strachan	5	1	9	0
Pammenter	4	1	9	0
Taylor	7.3	0	25	2
Laurence	3	0	14	0
Borgais	4	0	14	0

STOWE v. CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on May 24th. Won by 3 wickets.

CRYPTICS.				STOWE.			
A. G. Howland Jackson, b Scholfield			8	J. P. Phillips (C), lbw, b Evans			8
A. D. Whitehorn, b Scholfield			38	L. G. Darling (S), c Cocking, b Browning			45
M. D. Pugh, b Hooper			24	C. R. T. Cunningham (C), b Howland Jackson			4
P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Hooper			6	R. H. Marten (S), c Henry, b Tallent			37
D. Evans, c Phillips, b Hooper			18	A. D. Thomson (C), b Tallent			19
H. A. Cocking, b Hooper			0	M. B. Scholfield (T), c Browning, b Tallent			6
C. E. Salamon, c Phillips, b Hooper			21	A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Henry, b Tallent			15
M. E. Browning, b Phillips			30	P. R. H. Hastings (T), not out			32
J. M. Henry, b Hooper			2	E. P. Hickling (C), not out			6
J. A. Tallent, not out			8	A. K. Higham (T) and J. C. I. Hooper (C) did not bat.			
P. A. G. Taylor, b Scholfield			4	Extras			11
Extras			21	Total (7 wkts.)			183
Total			180				

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	19	1	48	3
Phillips	13	2	26	1
Marten	4	1	12	0
Higham	3	0	17	0
Hooper	19	3	47	6
Darling	3	1	9	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pearce-Gould	4	1	10	0
Evans	15	1	45	1
Browning	16	3	48	1
Howland Jackson	10	1	30	1
Taylor	11	5	23	0
Tallent	6	1	16	4

STOWE v. I ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on May 27th. Lost by 4 wickets.

STOWE.				I ZINGARI.			
J. P. Phillips (C), c Sherrard, b Ruffer			12	P. Sherrard, b Marten			13
L. G. Darling (S), c Skene, b Ruffer			11	G. S. Incedon-Webber, b Scholfield			14
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), not out			102	J. A. F. Binney, c Farnell-Watson, b Marten			10
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), lbw, b Skene			13	E. Cawston, c Marten, b Phillips			57
E. P. Hickling (C), b Hughes			20	F. M. M. Forster, c Darling, b Marten			63
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Cawston			14	G. Thorne, c Scholfield, b Darling			42
A. K. Higham (T), b Mott-Radclyffe			1	R. W. Skene, not out			20
A. D. Thomson (C), not out			49	P. M. Hughes, not out			13
R. H. Marten (S), M. B. Scholfield (T) and J. C. I. Hooper (C) did not bat.				L. E. Mott-Radclyffe, A. M. Ruffer and Major A. St. G. Coldwell did not bat.			
Extras			24	Extras			17
Total (6 wkts. dec.)			246	Total (6 wkts.)			249

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thorne	14	2	37	0
Skene	15	3	39	1
Ruffer	14	1	56	2
Hughes	8	1	13	1
Incedon-Webber	6	0	34	0
Cawston	10	1	29	1
Mott-Radclyffe	3	0	14	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	14	3	61	1
Marten	14.4	0	73	3
Hooper	4	0	35	0
Phillips	6	1	37	1
Higham	2	0	12	0
Darling	3	0	14	1

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Stowe on May 31st. Won by 180 runs.

By winning this match by 180 runs, Stowe made ample amends for their heavy defeat at Bradfield last year. Play started at 11.0, and in the first phase of the match things went all against us. Phillips and Darling opened, and it was not long before Darling was caught in the slips for 9; Cunningham was bowled shortly afterwards, and at 11.30 the score was 22 for 2.

Farnell-Watson batted well, but did not stay long enough before he was bowled by a quicker ball from Evans, Marten was caught in the gully, and Hastings was out hitting over a half-volley; the score at ten to one was 96 for 5. During this opening phase, Phillips had been bravely keeping his end up and had made 45 not out. Brave is the right word to apply to the whole of his innings, as he was clearly out of form and was not batting at all well—it must have been a great temptation to him to let himself go and end the painful business.

Then the match swung a little in our favour. Hickling came in and batted most sensibly till lunch, which was taken at 1.30 with the score 138 for 5, of which Phillips had made 69 not out and Hickling 17 not out.

Directly after lunch Hickling was out and Thomson was most unluckily and brilliantly caught on the boundary off a full-blooded off drive; these two wickets fell with the total still at 138.

The heroic Phillips lasted another half hour and was then caught off a mishit having made an invaluable 85; Higham had been in meanwhile and had made a dour 7 not out. The score was now 164 for 8 and, as we were saying to ourselves that we should be lucky to get 200, the fun began.

Scholfield came in and did exactly what was wanted; he hit 20 in an over, and his innings of 40, made in under half an hour, included a 6 and 5 fours. An excellent last wicket stand between Higham and Hooper (surely one of the best No. 11's we have had?) added 31 runs and we were all out for 249.

Bradfield opened their innings by scoring 13 in the first two overs, and looking most efficient about it, but things quickly began to happen. One of their opening pair was bowled by Marten, and directly afterwards Hickling, having missed the easiest of catches, kept his head about it and threw the ball to Scholfield who neatly ran out their other opening batsman. After this no-one offered any real resistance to steady bowling, and at tea time their score was 42 for 7. Twenty minutes play after tea was enough to get their last three wickets, and the innings closed for 69. Hastings kept wicket really excellently, and it was good to see that he allowed no relaxation of effort right up to the end. Marten bowled unchanged and well deserved his good analysis of 5 for 34.

STOWE.	
L. G. Darling (⊙), c Brown, b Kingsford	9
J. P. Phillips (⊙), c Gutteridge, b Kingsford	85
C. R. T. Cunningham (⊙), b Kingsford	5
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Evans	17
R. H. Marten (⊙), c Kingsford, b Evans	7
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Kingsford	1
E. P. Hickling (C), c Evans, b Martin	17
A. D. Thomson (C), c Kingsford, b Martin	0
A. K. Higham (T), lbw, b Evans	31
M. B. Scholfield (T), c Elgood, b Helm	40
J. C. I. Hooper (⊙), not out	17
Extras	20
Total	249

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Helm	29	7	61	1
Kingsford	25	9	74	4
Roden	13	3	41	0
Evans	17	2	43	3
Martin	8	4	10	2

BRADFIELD.	
D. J. Martin, b Marten	7
H. F. Watson, run out	13
R. S. Kingsford, b Marten	2
B. C. Elgood, c Hastings, b Marten	9
G. F. Gutteridge, b Hooper	8
D. G. Brecklehurst, lbw, b Hooper	0
N. H. Cain, run out	3
P. Brown, st. Hastings, b Marten	2
N. S. P. Evans, not out	14
T. C. Roden, c Scholfield, b Marten	0
A. B. G. Helm, st Hastings, b Hooper	10
Extras	1
Total	69

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	7	0	18	0
Marten	12	3	34	5
Hooper	5.3	0	16	3

STOWE v. INCOGNITI. Played at Stowe on June 3rd. Drawn.

INCOGNITI.		STOWE.	
D. Roberts, c Higham, b Scholfield	11	J. P. Phillips (⊙), b Hodges	9
R. L. Prain, b Scholfield	1	L. G. Darling (⊙), b Edwards	38
S. C. Smallman, c Marten, b Darling	70	C. R. T. Cunningham (⊙), st Bird, b Edwards	28
P. H. Cook, b Scholfield	20	A. D. Thomson (C), b Roberts	16
G. C. Bambridge, c Cunningham, b Scholfield	2	A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), st Bird, b Pugh	20
F. P. H. Pearse, c Scholfield, b Hooper	22	E. P. Hickling (C), run out	34
M. D. Pugh, not out	53	R. H. Marten (⊙), not out	15
R. E. Edwards, c Marten, b Hooper	2	P. R. H. Hastings (T), A. K. Higham (T), M. B. Scholfield (T) and J. C. I. Hooper (⊙) did not bat.	15
D. D. C. Werke, b Hooper	2	Extras	15
F. S. Bird, not out	22		
J. C. Hodges did not bat.			
Extras	22		
Total (8 wkts. dec.)	227	Total (6 wkts.)	175

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	18	4	40	4	Hodges	22	3	54	1
Marten	10	1	46	0	Roberts	15	1	35	1
Phillips	9	2	34	0	Cook	6	1	13	0
Hooper	13	0	71	3	Edwards	6	0	39	2
Darling	4	0	14	1	Pugh	4	0	8	1
					Pearse	2	0	11	1

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Stowe on June 7th and 8th.

Won by an innings and 178 runs.

After winning the toss, Calway, the Westminster captain, took what seemed to be the obvious course, considering the very hard wicket, by deciding to bat. Hooper's brilliant fighting and Scholfield's steady length combined to secure the rapid dismissal of Westminster in both innings, although for a time it looked as though Greenish and Hinge had entrenched themselves for a long partnership. Hooper caught and bowled three of his nine wickets, while, in Hastings' absence owing to a damaged finger, Henry's fine performance behind the stumps gained him three more. Scholfield had also to thank catches by Henry for two of his wickets.

Darling and Farnell-Watson gave the lead to Stowe's fine innings of 432 with scores of 66 and 77 in the best Lancashire-Yorkshire style, after Phillips and Cunningham had been l.b.w. for six and fifteen runs respectively. A marked fall in the standard of the Westminster bowling, probably due to three hours fielding under a hot sun, was responsible for an increase in the scoring speed when Marten and Hickling, who both made centuries, succeeded Darling and Farnell-Watson. The failure of the night's rest to improve the Westminster bowling hardly removes credit for this splendid two-hour partnership of 202 runs. Hickling's 16 fours easily justified his succumbing to a full-toss at 115, while Marten persisted steadily to 104, when Thomson, after scoring 28 in spite of some failures to connect, was bowled by a yorker.

Phillips, captaining the side, showed admirable discretion in postponing his declaration until an hour before lunch on the second day, thus doubling the efficiency of his bowlers by giving them two distinct spells of work, besides reducing the energy of the Westminster batsmen by subjecting them to an hour's strenuous fielding.

WESTMINSTER.				
1st innings.		2nd innings.		
B. V. I. Greenish, c Hooper, b Phillips.....	29	st Henry, b Hooper.....	38	
E. M. H. Wilkinson, c Farnell-Watson, b Marten	2	c Henry, b Scholfield.....	22	
K. A. H. Hinge, c and b Hooper.....	20	st Henry, b Hooper.....	13	
E. S. Meyer, c and b Hooper.....	3	st Henry, b Hooper.....	4	
O. J. Peck, c Farnell-Watson, b Phillips	6	b Scholfield.....	2	
P. Coatly, b Scholfield.....	17	b Phillips.....	9	
F. F. Calway, c Thomson, b Scholfield.....	14	b Scholfield.....	10	
R. O. I. Borradaile, c Darling, b Hooper	19	not out.....	32	
A. F. Taylor, c Henry, b Scholfield.....	2	c and b Hooper.....	1	
B. M. Turner-Samuel, not out.....	4	c Henry, b Marten.....	0	
R. M. T. Walker-Brash, st Henry, b Hooper	0	c Marten, b Hooper.....	8	
Extra.....	1	Extras.....	7	
Total.....	117	Total.....	136	

O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Scholfield.....	11	0	33	3	Scholfield.....	16	3	32	3
Marten.....	4	0	20	1	Marten.....	7	0	39	1
Hooper.....	9.3	2	29	4	Hooper.....	20.2	6	52	5
Phillips.....	8	0	26	2	Phillips.....	4	1	4	1
Darling.....	3	1	3	0	Higham.....	1	0	2	0
Higham.....	2	1	6	0					

STOWE.				
L. G. Darling (S), c Greenish, b Taylor.....	66			
J. P. Phillips (C), lbw, b Turner-Samuel.....	6			
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), lbw, b Taylor.....	15			
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Greenish, b Taylor.....	77			
R. H. Marten (S), not out.....	104			
E. P. Hickling (C), b Calway.....	115			
A. D. Thomson (C), b Taylor.....	28			
A. K. Higham (T), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. C. I. Hooper (C) and J. M. Henry (C) did not bat.				
Extras.....	20			
Total (6 wkts. dec.).....	431			

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Turner-Samuel.....	18	2	103	1
Calway.....	22	2	85	1
Walker-Brash.....	16	2	65	0
Taylor.....	26.2	2	100	4
Greenish.....	5	0	27	0
Hinge.....	5	1	20	0
Wilkinson.....	3	0	11	0

STOWE v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on June 10th. Won by 156 runs.

STOWE.					M.C.C.				
L. G. Darling (S), b Richardson.....	48				R. A. Boddington, c Phillips, b Hooper.....	26			
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Barnado.....	13				J. A. F. Binney, c Hooper, b Scholfield.....	9			
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), b Barnado.....	6				F. F. T. Barnado, lbw, b Marten.....	8			
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c and b Limb, N. W.....	20				G. A. Shelmerdine, c Phillips, b Scholfield.....	5			
J. P. Phillips (C), c Boddington, b Limb, N. W.....	21				S. C. B. Lee, c Higham, b Phillips.....	17			
R. H. Marten (S), c Boddington, b Richardson.....	5				W. M. Limb, c Cunningham, b Hooper.....	6			
E. P. Hickling (T), not out.....	84				V. E. R. Blunt, c Farnell-Watson, b Hooper.....	3			
A. D. Thomson (C), run out.....	60				P. J. Richardson, c Phillips, b Hooper.....	17			
A. K. Higham (T), not out.....	11				N. W. Limb, not out.....	7			
M. B. Scholfield (T) and J. C. I. Hooper (C) did not bat.					Capt. S. L. Trevor, c Hooper, b Scholfield.....	12			
Extras.....	6				V. Miles, c Darling, b Hooper.....	2			
Total (7 wkts. dec.).....	274				Extras.....	6			

O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Barnado.....	21	4	106	2	Scholfield.....	16	3	27	3
Blunt.....	13	3	39	0	Marten.....	8	0	28	1
Limb N. W.....	18	1	97	2	Hooper.....	15	2	41	5
Richardson.....	10	3	26	2	Phillips.....	5	2	9	1
					Higham.....	2	1	7	0

STOWE v. O.U. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 14th. Lost by 4 wickets.

STOWE.					O.U. AUTHENTICS.				
J. P. Phillips (C), c Hodge, b Wild.....	12				V. L. Wild, c Phillips, b Marten.....	23			
L. G. Darling (S), lbw, b Wild.....	18				G. Micholls, c Scholfield, b Marten.....	4			
J. C. I. Hooper (C), c Warburton, b Wild.....	0				W. R. Joynson, b Marten.....	3			
A. K. Higham (T), b Wild.....	2				J. O. Hodge, c Phillips, b Marten.....	0			
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), st Beane, b Warburton.....	0				A. M. Lyle, b Phillips.....	70			
M. B. Scholfield (T), b Wild.....	51				D. J. Henriques, b Phillips.....	42			
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Wild.....	0				R. E. Henshaw, not out.....	11			
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Hodge, b Wild.....	25				A. H. Beane, not out.....	5			
A. D. Thomson (C), c Micholls, b Warburton.....	7				M. W. Pragnell, A. B. Graham and D. E. Warburton did not bat.				
E. P. Hickling (T), c Henshaw, b Graham.....	8				Extra.....	1			
R. H. Marten (S), not out.....	9				Total (6 wkts.).....	159			
Extras.....	15								
Total.....	147								

O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Wild.....	16.2	4	62	7	Scholfield.....	12	3	36	0
Henshaw.....	4	1	9	0	Marten.....	13	2	67	4
Warburton.....	12	5	24	2	Hooper.....	4	0	33	0
Hodge.....	6	3	10	0	Phillips.....	6	1	20	2
Graham.....	5	0	25	1	Higham.....	1	0	2	0
Micholls.....	1	0	2	0					

STOWE v. HAILEYBURY. Played at Haileybury on June 17th. Drawn.

This game was played at Haileybury on Saturday, June 17th, and resulted in a draw. It can hardly be called a match; it was more of a nightmare than anything else. During the pre-lunch period it was one of the most unreal cricket matches that could have been played. The Stowe bowling and fielding was so bad that it had to be seen to be believed—the Haileybury batting was little, if anything, better. Full pitches and long hops were plentiful, and during the course of a quarter of an hour Stowe missed one easy catch and three run-outs. This was while Shephard and Ridler were batting. Shephard looked a good player and Ridler went on to make 63 after his many escapes.

It was chiefly owing to the poor quality of the Haileybury batting that the score was only 93 for 3 wickets at lunch.

After lunch Stowe got two quick wickets and the score became 110 for 5 wickets. Matters looked brighter. However, Sheldon came in and played particularly well for his 29 and it was only a brilliant catch by Hooper off his own bowling that brought about his dismissal. All the remaining Haileybury batsmen had runs presented to them and they reached the useful total of 219. Stowe had had their chance when they had five Haileybury wickets down for 110, but they failed to take it. Throughout this lethargic performance Phillips stood out by himself as a cricketer—he bowled well, fielded well and was later to bat very well.

Phillips and Darling started to the bowling of Hardy and A. Fairbairn. They both seemed fairly comfortable until at 22 Darling played the ball into short leg's hands. Farnell-Watson then came in and for the first time during the day we saw some real cricket. He and Phillips both batted extremely well and the Haileybury bowling and fielding were good. J. H. Fairbairn came on to bowl and immediately found his length. A left-hander, like his brother, he turned the ball appreciably at times, but both batsmen played him very sensibly and at tea the score was 56 for 1 wicket—a good start.

After tea Phillips was soon out most unluckily. He hit a short ball very hard back to the bowler who just touched it and deflected it through a considerable angle straight into mid-on's hands. Phillips had played really well for his 30. Scholfield came in to try and force the pace but was caught at the wicket. Hickling played quite well until he hit a full-toss straight into deep mid-wicket's hands, and then another major tragedy occurred when Farnell-Watson played a ball on to his thigh which rolled all down that leg on to the other and then on to the wicket. He had played excellently on what was, for him, a particularly difficult wicket.

Cunningham was then caught at the wicket, Thomson was all at sea to Fairbairn's spin and was bowled, and then Marten came in to play the innings of his life. Hastings failed, but Higham stayed with Marten for a considerable time and played very well until at 6.15 he was brilliantly caught at silly point.

Enter Hooper with forty-five minutes left for play. All Stowe supporters knew that Hooper could bat, but he has never played as well as he did now. Both he and Marten played every ball on its merits—the bad ball was hit and the good ones were

played—and during their unbroken partnership over 30 runs were added. All this time the Haileybury captain had set an attacking field and the final over he bowled himself. One ball Hooper placed dangerously near a fieldsman, but in spite of very close attention from some of them he always looked the master. Marten and Hooper returned to the Pavilion amid really genuine applause from everyone, not the least coming from the Haileybury team. They had played splendid courageous cricket in a real crisis, and by their efforts, plus those of Phillips and Farnell-Watson, they had somewhat redeemed the dismal morning performance.

Haileybury fielded exceedingly well, and J. H. Fairbairn, especially, bowling his slow left hand was very accurate and at times difficult to play.

HAILEYBURY.		STOWE.	
J. B. Chanter, c Hastings, b Phillips.....	10	J. P. Phillips (C), c Toller, b Fairbairn,	
R. H. Ridler, c Phillips, b Marten.....	63	J. H.	30
W. J. H. Shephard, c Hastings, b		L. G. Darling (C), c Saunders, b Fair-	
Scholfield	11	bairn, A.	8
A. Fairbairn, lbw, b Phillips.....	11	A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Toller.....	27
A. B. Sheldon, c and b Hooper.....	29	M. B. Scholfield (T), c Burridge, b Fair-	
D. A. Creaton, c Hooper, b Scholfield.....	1	bairn, J. H.	0
R. G. R. Toller, not out.....	27	E. P. Hickling (C), c Creaton, b Fairbairn,	
J. D. Burridge, c and b Phillips.....	22	A.	5
J. H. Fairbairn, c Phillips, b Marten.....	19	C. R. T. Cunningham (C), c Burridge, b	
J. F. S. Saunders, c Farnell-Watson, b		Fairbairn, J. H.	5
Scholfield	0	A. D. Thomson (C), b Fairbairn, J. H.	4
A. L. Hardy, st Hastings, b Hooper.....	16	R. H. Marten (C), not out.....	31
		P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Chanter, b Toller	0
		A. K. Higham (T), c Toller, b Saunders	9
		J. C. I. Hooper (C), not out.....	7
		Extras	10
Extras	10	Total (9 wkts.).....	136
Total	219		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	21	5	57	3	Hardy.....	8	4	11	0
Marten	12	0	48	2	Fairbairn, A.....	17	2	33	2
Hooper	18.1	2	45	2	Saunders	8	2	21	1
Phillips	18	3	41	3	Fairbairn, J. H.....	17	5	34	4
Darling	1	0	9	0	Toller	9	0	27	2
Higham	3	1	5	0	Shephard	1	1	0	0
Farnell-Watson	3	0	4	0					
Cunningham	1	1	0	0					

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 21st. Drawn.

This match was played at Radley on Wednesday, June 21st, and resulted in a draw. For this result the Stowe batsmen were entirely to blame, as, after their bowlers had more than done their job, they played as if they had a week to get the runs instead of just over two and a half hours. This was a great pity as it meant, coming immediately after Haileybury, that two school matches had been thrown away in the course of five days.

Stowe had plenty of time to get the runs and although there was a slow start it was their middle batsmen who were to blame for the state of affairs at the end.

The match began a few minutes late owing to rain and it was quite the most unpleasant kind of day on which to play cricket. It was cold, the outfield was wet and there was a howling gale.

Scholfield started off and bowled very well. The score reached 20 for one wicket when there was a delay of forty minutes for rain. The players came out only to bowl one more over before again being driven in by rain. After this Stowe got three more wickets before lunch, when the score was 43 for 4 wickets. Hooper bowled Womack and Scholfield bowled Darwin with a very good ball. Off the last ball before lunch Phillips held an easy catch at silly mid-off off Hooper.

After lunch Taylor came in and hit the ball very hard. His 48 was a most useful knock for Radley. The remaining Radley batsmen added a few runs, but Stowe could be well pleased with getting them all out for 143 on a dead easy wicket. Scholfield and Hooper both bowled well, and the fielding was better but not to be compared with that of Radley later on.

At tea-time Stowe had scored 33 for 3 wickets in an hour's batting, and Hastings and Marten were together. This was slow scoring but it still left us plenty of time to get the runs. Darling had stupidly run himself out; Phillips when playing well was brilliantly caught in the slips, and Farnell-Watson had given an easy catch to short-leg.

Hastings and Marten looked very safe after tea and their running in between the wickets was very good. The Radley bowling was very steady, the fielding and placing of the field excellent, but the 29 runs that these two added in an hour were to prove the losing or at least drawing of the match. Almost all the runs were singles and this necessitated changing the field over after each run as Marten is left-handed. Both batsmen were seeing the ball and with a little enterprise they should have been able to score faster than this.

After Hastings left, Marten should have taken complete charge of the game. A little more punch in the batting even at this time and the match would still have been over long before 7 o'clock. Hickling stayed a long time for a very few runs; Scholfield hit one four and was bowled, and then Cunningham came in. More than two runs a minute were wanted now—several good shots were made but far too many bad balls were let off. Eventually Marten's innings came to an end; it is a pity that he did not keep an eye on the clock—surely one of the most important things to remember when your side is batting last—for in every other way it was a fine innings. Cunningham then got out and Thomson had a few vain bangs, but the task was now too much.

A disappointing game from the Stowe point of view, but it is to be hoped that the team may have learnt much from it.

One final word—the Radley fielding was superb and Morris bowled really well—he was on unchanged throughout the innings and thoroughly deserved his five wickets. However, after his twentieth over he was a tired man, and surely with a little enterprise more than 30 runs could have been hit off overs twenty-one to thirty?

RADLEY.	
C. C. Fergusson, b Scholfield.....	6
J. T. Paget, b Scholfield.....	21
O. F. O. Womack, b Hooper.....	8
R. J. A. Darwin, b Scholfield.....	1
M. S. Hodges, c Phillips, b Hooper.....	9
H. R. J. Taylor, b Phillips.....	48
G. T. Pearson, b Higham.....	14
J. W. Buckley, not out.....	12
T. P. Hayward, c Scholfield, b Hooper.....	11
R. A. Murray, c Higham, b Hooper.....	5
P. B. Morris, st Hastings, b Scholfield.....	1
Extras.....	7
Total.....	143

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield.....	19	5	39	4
Phillips.....	10	1	29	1
Hooper.....	14	2	45	4
Marten.....	2	1	9	0
Higham.....	4	1	14	1

STOWE.	
J. P. Phillips (C), c Hayward, b Morris.....	6
L. G. Darling (S), run out.....	0
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Murray, b Darwin.....	18
P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Morris.....	11
R. H. Marten (S), c Fergusson, b Morris.....	52
E. P. Hickling (C), c and b Morris.....	4
M. B. Scholfield (T), b Darwin.....	4
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), c Morris, b Murray.....	22
A. D. Thomson (C), not out.....	10
A. K. Higham (T), c Hodges, b Morris.....	1
J. C. I. Hooper (C), not out.....	1
Extras.....	8
Total (9 wkts.).....	137

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Darwin.....	16	2	42	2
Morris.....	30	6	60	5
Murray.....	14	5	27	1

STOWE v. TONBRIDGE. Played at Stowe on June 24th. Tie.

A description of this match falls naturally into two parts. The first lasted nearly all the cold, overcast, drizzly day, and contained one innings of outstanding merit and much good, honest, workmanlike cricket; the second began at 6.30, and consisted of twenty-five breathless minutes which changed what looked like a comfortable Tonbridge victory into the most thrilling of all finishes—a tie.

In just under two hours' play before lunch, Stowe scored 92 runs for the wickets of Phillips and Darling. Phillips batted better than he has done this term, and, after a slightly shaky start, went on to make a very sound 51. Wickets began to fall more rapidly after lunch, and Farnell-Watson's 34 (made in an hour and thirty-five minutes) was invaluable. Incidentally, one of the worst things about the Stowe innings was Farnell-Watson's running between the wickets. Hastings, who, on the contrary, took every possible run, defended stubbornly for an hour for 24 while wickets were falling the other end, and, when he was out at 147 for 8, Scholfield came in, hit a 6 and a 4, and added a quick 18. A dour little last-wicket stand of 15 between Higham and Hooper brought the Stowe total to 183.

The bowling of Rose-Price was remarkably steady; with his ungainly action and his delivery from behind the crease, he bowled 35 overs for 49 runs and 6 wickets. The Tonbridge fielding was good without being brilliant, and Dew kept wicket well.

The Tonbridge innings had hardly started before an ill-judged call resulted in Marten being able to get the ball to Phillips in time to run out T. R. R. Wood. Shortly after this, rain caused tea to be taken early with the score 22 for 1.

When play was resumed forty minutes later, P. Wood showed us what a really good batsman he is. There was a touch of the inevitable about him; he reminded one of the phrase "the keen unpassioned beauty of a great machine"; he did not in any way pulverise our bowling, but rather went calmly on taking every possible advantage of any ball that was bowled to him. He received valuable support from Leahy, and the pair added 106 before Leahy was well caught by Hastings off Higham. A quarter of an hour later, Higham persuaded Wood to hit him in the air, and he was safely caught by Thomson in the deep for 85. I cannot remember a schoolboy innings on this ground which approached Wood's for perfection.

At 6.30 the score was 154 for 3, and the cold had driven the spectators to huddle behind windows or wrap themselves in rugs and great-coats under trees. A minute or two later, rugs were abandoned and there was a crowd on the boundary; a minute later still and the crowd was shouting mad—and a shouting crowd at a cricket match is a thing one does not forget. It was Scholfield who caused this dynamic change by what must be one of the best overs he has ever bowled. Vernon was first of all caught at the wicket—a brilliant affair, as he hit the ball right off the end of his bat hard enough to be heard all over the ground. Pillman played one ball and was then clean bowled, and Rose-Price was bowled the first ball he received. These three wickets in four balls made the score 154 for 6, and, as if this were not enough excitement, in the next over, Welford, who had batted well for 23, was beautifully caught right-handed by Marten at cover off Phillips, this being the fourth wicket to fall with the score at 154.

Twenty minutes to play, three wickets to fall, and thirty runs to make; the tension was such that everything was clapped—a bowler bowling a ball that was not scored off, a batsman stealing a run, a fieldsman making what looked like a two into a single, all these things were greeted almost hysterically by the watchers who were fast losing control of themselves. However, Rampton was hitting bravely, and the 8th wicket added 11 before Smith was run out trying a quick run to Marten at cover. Time seemed suspended while Marten picked up the ball and threw it in underhand to Hastings, who gathered it perfectly rather wide and whipped off the bails to get the decision by inches.

Fifteen minutes to play, two wickets to fall and 19 runs to make. At this point the umpire acted in a way little calculated to calm our nerves. A vociferous appeal for a catch at the wicket was, we thought, answered by the traditional raising of a finger; but no, he was scratching his face, or getting a fly out of his eye, or something equally irrelevant, and their 9th wicket was still intact—intact enough to add another 11 runs before Scholfield produced another unplayable ball to bowl Rampton who had made 15.

Ten minutes to go, one wicket to fall and 8 runs to make. The story is told that Tonbridge have such a strong batting side that their number 11 has sat with his pads on for two years without being asked to bat. We watched him hurrying to the wicket, and gasped when he hit Scholfield for a 3 off the first ball he received. This brought him to the other end, where he promptly drove Phillips for 4. This ill-mannered and unseemly (though it must be admitted perfectly executed) stroke brought the scores level. Then, however, his nerve cracked, and he called Bousfield for an impossible run, and Marten (you just could not keep Marten out of the picture during this period) threw in for Hastings to receive an awkward length ball, gather it superbly—and it seemed that the whole world appealed. This time the umpire's finger meant what it appeared to mean, and the match was a tie.

STOWE.

J. P. Phillips (C), c Pillman, b Rose-Price	51
L. G. Darling (S), c Dew, b Rose-Price	10
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), lbw, b Rose-Price	34
R. H. Marten (S), b Smith	7
E. P. Hickling (C), b Rose-Price	0
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Pillman, b Rose-Price	24
A. D. Thomson (C), b Smith	6
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), c Vernon, b Rose-Price	4
A. K. Higham (T), lbw, b Smith	5
M. B. Scholfield (T), c Vernon, b Rampton	18
J. C. I. Hooper (C), not out	9
Extras	15
Total	183

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	21.3	3	49	3
Wood	7	3	12	0
Rampton	21	6	36	1
Rose-Price	35	14	49	6
Bousfield	6	0	22	0

TONBRIDGE.

R. Leahy, c Hastings, b Higham	34
T. R. R. Wood, run out	2
P. G. C. Wood, c Thomson, b Higham	85
C. L. Welford, c Marten, b Phillips	23
M. Vernon, c Hastings, b Scholfield	4
C. H. Pillman, b Scholfield	0
M. P. Rose-Price, b Scholfield	0
J. L. Rampton, b Scholfield	15
R. A. Smith, run out	4
R. D. Bousfield, run out	3
J. Dew, not out	7
Extras	6
Total	183

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	16	2	45	4
Phillips	16.3	2	64	1
Marten	6	2	22	0
Hooper	5	0	24	0
Higham	6	0	22	2

STOWE v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 1st. Lost by 3 wickets.

STOWE.

J. P. Phillips (C), c Howland Jackson, b Robinson	8
L. G. Darling (S), c Carr, b Buchanan	41
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c and b Howland Jackson	7
R. H. Marten (S), not out	54
E. P. Hickling (C), c Munro, b Griffin	20
P. R. H. Hastings (T), run out	4
A. B. Robinson (S), b Robinson, M. P.	10
C. R. T. Cunningham (C), b Carr	11
M. B. Scholfield (T), b Carr	4
A. K. Higham (T), c Griffin, b Howland Jackson	8
J. C. I. Hooper (C), b Howland Jackson	13
Extras	26
Total	206

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	14	2	36	2
Howland Jackson	24	3	29	3
Griffin	18	4	40	1
Krabbé	5	0	22	0
Buchanan	6	2	19	1
Earle	4	2	5	0
Munro	4	1	17	0
Carr	3	0	12	2

OLD STOICS.

C. D. Earle, lbw, b Marten	12
A. G. Howland Jackson, b Hooper	37
P. G. Krabbé, st Hastings, b Hooper	39
J. D. W. Stobart, lbw, b Scholfield	8
J. M. Napier, b Scholfield	40
A. G. Buchanan, c Hooper, b Scholfield	0
I. C. S. Munro, b Phillips	21
R. H. G. Carr, not out	12
G. A. Griffin, retired hurt	18
P. R. Spencer, not out	3
M. P. Robinson, did not bat.	
Extras	17
Total (7 wkts.)	207

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	15	2	66	3
Marten	6	0	37	1
Phillips	15.3	3	50	1
Hooper	13	4	26	2
Robinson	2	0	11	0

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Oundle on July 6th. Drawn.

This match was played at Oundle on Thursday, July 6th, and resulted in a draw. For this result the weather was entirely to blame, as, after Stowe had dismissed Oundle by 3 o'clock for 202, they were only able to score 28 runs without loss, during which time they were interrupted five times by showers, before heavy rain put any further play out of the question.

Oundle soon lost a wicket when Reichwald foolishly ran himself out, although the Hastings-Marten combination had to be fairly quick to achieve their aim. Robinson then caught a good catch in the slips, and Nicholls, who had been playing very confidently, was caught at short leg off Scholfield. Thus Oundle had lost three wickets for 26 runs. The wicket, being hard but damp on top, had plenty of life in it and it was a pity that Scholfield could not take real advantage of it. He had taken the first two wickets but was bowling far too short, and Watt, who came in now, took full advantage of this, being particularly severe on anything at all under-pitched.

However, he soon lost Mills and should have actually himself been caught in the slips. He carried on with his attacking methods till lunch, which arrived with the score 107 for 6 wickets, Hooper having taken the last two—one a caught and bowled and the other neatly stumped by Hastings. Stowe could feel pleased with this pre-lunch period, but perhaps even better results would have been obtained if Hastings had set a more attacking field for Hooper.

After lunch Pearrall joined Watt and they proceeded to play really excellent cricket. They took every opportunity to score and they both, especially Watt, hit the ball very hard. Watt did actually give two very difficult chances, but they looked as if they could stay there as long as they liked until a brilliant piece of fielding by Scholfield ran out Watt. His 79 had been an altogether admirable display and Oundle would have been in queer street without him. He and Pearrall had added 67 invaluable runs.

Pearrall went steadily on until he was well caught by Hastings off Hooper. Moore made 19 very fortuitous runs and Spray hit one fine straight six before Farnell-Watson ended his innings by catching him in front of the screen.

Hooper had bowled very well except for a rather greater than usual number of short balls on the leg side and fully deserved his four wickets. The Stowe fielding had been good, especially so after lunch.

Phillips and Darling opened very confidently and looked a really good opening pair, but rain was to foil them in their efforts. It was an unfortunate ending to the first match that had been played on the Oundle ground after a series of tame finishes at the Oval.

OUNDLE.				STOWE.					
R. G. Nicholls, c Cunningham, b Scholfield.....	17			J. P. Phillips (C) not out.....	10				
C. T. Reichwald, run out.....	0			L. G. Darling (G) not out.....	15				
D. J. Forbes, c Robinson, b Scholfield.....	3								
J. M. Mills, lbw, b Scholfield.....	13								
P. N. Watt, run out.....	79								
P. N. Smith, c and b Hooper.....	1								
R. G. L. Brittain, st Hastings, b Hooper.....	10								
R. D. Pearrall, c Hastings, b Hooper.....	48								
P. J. de A. Moore, c Farnell-Watson, b Scholfield.....	19								
R. A. Wilson, not out.....	2								
K. N. Spray, c Farnell-Watson, b Hooper.....	6								
Extras.....	4			Extras.....	3				
Total.....	202			Total (no wkt.).....	28				
Scholfield.....	O. 16	M. 3	R. 59	W. 4	Wilson.....	O. 6	M. 2	R. 11	W. 0
Marten.....	10	1	32	0	Watt.....	5	0	14	0
Phillips.....	9	3	29	0					
Hooper.....	17	3	56	4					
Robinson.....	2	0	14	0					
Higham.....	2	0	8	0					

2ND XI.

The batting has been unsuccessful, which accounts for the failure of the team. Only three people did anything in this line, A. B. Robinson (G) who averaged 32, D. K. Murdoch (T), 22, and J. M. Henry (C), 15. The bowling and fielding were excellent, as will be seen from the following figures:—R. H. Hawkins (C) 24 wickets for an average of 6.4; J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 23 wickets for an average of 15.5 and R. S. G. Scott (G) 17 wickets for an average of 17.6.

The fielding was always keen and the throwing accurate. Henry kept wicket exceptionally well and on two occasions did not let through a single bye. Henry captained the side throughout the term and improved towards the end, when he realized that Hawkins was a more than useful bowler.

Results:—

May 20th.	v. RADLEY (at Stowe). Draw.
	Stowe, 126 (J. M. Henry (C) 52).
	Radley, 88 for 5.
May 27th.	v. HAILEYBURY (at Stowe). Lost by 3 wickets.
	Stowe, 137 (J. M. Henry (C) 22, P. E. Falkner (W) 42 not out).
	Haileybury, 138 for 7 (R. H. Hawkins (C) 5 for 47).
June 3rd.	v. HARROW (at Harrow). Lost by one wicket.
	Stowe, 152 (D. K. Murdoch (T) 46).
	Harrow, 156 for 9 (J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 5 for 50).

- June 10th. v. RUGBY (at Rugby). Lost by 66 runs.
Rugby, 209 for 7 declared (R. H. Hawkins (C) 3 for 16).
Stowe, 143 (A. B. Robinson (S) 36, D. K. Murdoch (T) 31, J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 42).
- June 14th. v. R.A.F., BICESTER (at Stowe). Draw.
Stowe, 118 (J. M. Henry (C) 31).
R.A.F., 88 for 8 (J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 4 for 30).
- June 22nd. v. BRADFELD (at Bradfield). Lost by 26 runs.
Bradfield, 116 (R. H. Hawkins (C) 4 for 33).
Stowe, 90 (A. B. Robinson (S) 36).
- June 24th. v. BEDFORD (at Bedford). Won by 3 wickets.
Bedford, 96 (R. S. G. Scott (G) 5 for 35).
Stowe, 97 for 7 (A. B. Robinson (S) 72).
- July 1st. v. OLD STOICS (at Stowe). Won by 3 wickets.
Old Stoics, 112 (C. E. Salamon 58, R. H. Hawkins (C) 6 for 11).
Stowe, 115 for 7 (D. K. Murdoch (T) 55).
- July 5th. v. ST. PAUL'S (at Stowe). Lost by 1 wicket.
Stowe, 96 (M. I. Atkin-Berry (C) 20, I. J. H. Lewisohn (C) 16).
St. Paul's, 97 for 9 (R. H. Hawkins (C) 5 for 20).
- Played, 9. Won, 2. Lost, 5. Drawn, 2.

3rd XI.

This team has had a very successful season. In spite of an early fright against the Colts it has settled down and maintained an unbeaten record. Radley, Bicester R.A.F., Halton R.A.F. and Maiden Erleigh School were beaten at home, whilst draws were played with Buckingham at home and Radley and Bedford away.

The success of the team has been largely due to the Captain, J. M. Thomson (C), who, besides handling the team excellently in the field, came to the rescue with the bat time and again after poor starts had been made. The team owes much to him.

The batting as a whole was good; somebody always made runs, and generally more than one. Good performances were put up by C. R. Milne (T), who got a century against Bicester, J. A. Macdonald (C), P. A. Bates (C) and P. Falkner (W).

The bowling, with the exception of R. Backus (B), never looked very good but was generally adequate and well handled. Backus at times bowled really well and V.D. Burton (S), J. V. Fisher (T) and I. R. L. Shaw (C) gave willing support. The introduction of R. C. Carr-Gomm (C) into the attack late in the term gave a welcome element of variety to the bowling, and his slow spinners were very successful.

The fielding was keen, and Bates behind the wicket was far superior to any keeper that the team came up against.

COLTS.

In C. M. Griffin (C) and W. M. Savery (W) the Colts have had two bowlers of more than average skill; they have both done very well at times, and they are both real triers. Except for Griffin and T. M. Pragnell (G) the batting has been disappointing, no other member of the team having been able to reach 100 runs. The ground-fielding has steadily improved till at the end of the season it was really good, but the catching and throwing have let us down more than once.

Griffin has been very quick to learn the ideas underlying the captaincy of a side, and has done very well indeed.

The following matches have been played:—

- May 27th. v. WESTMINSTER (at Vincent Square). Won by 4 wickets.
Westminster, 170 (C. M. Griffin (C) 4 for 47, W. M. Savery (W) 3 for 44).
Stowe, 172 for 6 (T. M. Pragnell (G) 81).
- June 3rd. v. OUNDLE (at Stowe). Lost by 2 wickets.
Stowe, 132 (T. M. Pragnell (G) 41).
Oundle, 135 for 8 (J. S. Barrowclough (W) 5 for 35, H. G. Baker (C) 3 catches and 1 stumped).
Stowe lost grip after tea, an important catch being dropped.
- June 7th. v. BEDFORD (at Bedford). Drawn.
Stowe, 256 for 8 declared (C. M. Griffin (C) 167).
Bedford, 194 for 8.
Griffin's 167 was made in 1½ hours and is the highest individual score ever made for the Colts.
- June 9th. v. RUGBY (at Stowe). Won by 55 runs.
Stowe, 223 for 9 declared (C. M. Griffin (C) 65, R. A. Soames (C) 42, W. M. Savery (W) 30).
Rugby, 168.
Rugby's last wicket added 40 runs and lasted three-quarters of an hour. During this period our fielding went to pieces, and catches and run outs were missed.
- June 21st. v. BRADFELD (at Stowe). Won by 25 runs.
Stowe, 87.
Bradfield, 62 (C. M. Griffin (C) 4 for 25, W. M. Savery (W) 3 for 12).
A bitterly cold day and a soft wicket.
- June 28th. v. RADLEY (at Radley). Drawn.
Radley, 199 for 5 declared (Corke 129 not out, W. M. Savery (W) 5 for 51).
Stowe, 140 for 9.
A fine piece of bowling by Savery, and some brave batting by P. Campbell-Cooke (C), J. S. Barrowclough (W) and H. G. Baker (C).
- July 1st. v. WELLINGTON (at Wellington). Drawn.
Stowe, 210 for 9 declared (T. M. Pragnell (G) 52, W. R. Mallory (C) 50, T. M. Shervington (C) 34).
Wellington, 186 for 4.
Deplorable catching cost us the game; bowling and ground-fielding were well up to standard.

JUNIOR COLTS.

Illness at Harrow and St. Edward's, Oxford, caused the matches with those schools to be cancelled, and consequently the Junior Colts did not obtain so much match experience as usual. This was bad luck, as the side included a number of promising players, and, despite the fact that A. R. Barrowclough (♠) and R. A. S. G. Calthorpe (W) were never available, and that W. R. Mallory (C) played only twice, they did well in the four games played against other schools, beating Bloxham and Rugby, and drawing with Radley and Bedford. Two other matches were played, one against quite a strong Colts' XI and the other against a team of Veterans. These were both drawn, and so the team managed to achieve an unbeaten record, and indeed never at any time seemed likely to lose.

The great weakness of the side was in wicket-keeping, and there was little to choose between the three people tried in this position, none of whom managed to render really adequate service. Otherwise the team was a good one. R. S. Wordley (C) captained it well, and was especially successful in handling his bowlers, even if he might perhaps have been a little firmer with delinquent fielders sometimes. His own fielding, and that of J. W. Cornforth (G) and E. A. Harding (B), was always admirable, and only once did the fielding of the side lapse from grace.

Except when Mallory played there was no fast bowler, but G. T. G. Conant (B) did his best to supply this want, and usually took one or two useful wickets. M. H. A. Robinson (W) bowled well without much luck, and Harding looks to have promise with his leg breaks. The most successful bowler was J. E. Colbeck (T), who bowls underhand and really spins the ball. He took 7 wickets for 27 against Bloxham, when in a sensational final spell he had the Bloxham tail at his mercy.

Conant and A. D. Maclean (T) were a useful pair of opening batsmen and generally gave the side a good start. Others to make runs were P. M. Ward (T), J. M. Connell (G) and Colbeck, all of whom should be good batsmen in a year or two. Harding, a left-hander, improved enormously, and Robinson hit out optimistically—sometimes with success.

Results of Schools Matches :—

May 20th.	v. RADLEY. Home. Drawn.
	Stowe, 130 for 6 declared (Conant 62 not out, Maclean 26). Radley, 87 for 7 (Maclean 2 for 8, Colbeck 2 for 16).
June 10th.	v. RUGBY. Home. Won by 23 runs.
	Stowe, 137 (Colbeck 24 not out, Ward 24, Robinson 21). Rugby, 114 (Mallory 3 for 19, Colbeck 2 for 8).
June 21st.	v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won by 17 runs.
	Stowe, 107 (Connell 30). Bloxham, 90 (Colbeck 7 for 27, Conant 2 for 15).
July 1st.	v. BEDFORD. Away. Drawn.
	Bedford, 128 for 6 declared (Robinson, 2 for 14). Stowe, 107 for 7 (Harding 24, Ward 23).

Other noteworthy performances :—

Ward 57 not out, Conant 25, Connell 22 v. Veterans.
Conant 37 and Maclean 34 put on 79 for the first wicket against the Colts
Beaumont took 3 for 27 against the Colts.

1ST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
R. H. Marten (♠)	10	5	321	104*	64.2
E. P. Hickling (C)	11	2	312	115	34.67
L. G. Darling (♠)	13	1	309	66	25.75
C. R. T. Cunningham (C)	12	2	225	102*	25.5
A. D. Thomson (C)	10	2	198	60	24.75
J. C. I. Hooper (C)	6	4	47	17*	23.5
A. V. Farnell-Watson (W)	12	0	274	77	22.83
J. P. Phillips (C)	13	1	263	85	21.92
M. B. Scholfield (T)	7	0	123	51	17.57
P. R. H. Hastings (T)	10	1	133	34	14.78
A. K. Higham (T)	9	1	76	31	9.5

The following also batted :—A. B. Robinson (♠), 10.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. C. I. Hooper (C)	167.3	25	568	39	14.56
M. B. Scholfield (T)	219	35	623	35	17.8
R. H. Marten (♠)	117.4	12	512	19	26.95
J. P. Phillips (C)	128	22	392	14	28.
A. K. Higham (T)	34	6	124	3	41.33

The following also bowled :—L. G. Darling (♠), 14—2—49—2; A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), 5—0—14—1; A. B. Robinson (♠), 4—0—25—0; C. R. T. Cunningham (C), 1—1—0—0.

FIELDING.

The following catches were made :—P. R. H. Hastings, 14 (ct. 7, st. 7); J. P. Phillips, 11; J. C. I. Hooper, 9; A. V. Farnell-Watson, 7; J. M. Henry, 7 (ct. 3, st. 4); M. B. Scholfield, 6; R. H. Marten, 5; C. R. T. Cunningham, L. G. Darling and A. K. Higham, 3 each; A. D. Thomson, 2; A. B. Robinson, 1.

LAWN TENNIS

The season this year has been a very pleasant one. All the 1st VI fixtures have been carried through without interference and the team has remained unchanged throughout. Mr. Manners, whom we were very glad to have with us again this year, considered we had the best balanced team since he first started to come here. We were certainly very successful in the school matches against Westminster and St. Paul's, while in some other matches, though the teams sent down were too strong for us, that was all to the good and the team was never disgraced. The victory by 5-4 over the R.M.A., Woolwich, was a good performance.

C. Wachmann (♁) was a good captain and J. R. C. Holbech (C) a much improved player, and these two made a very good first pair, playing enterprising tennis with much hard hitting and volleying. The other two pairs were very level, though J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) were the less reliable, partly owing to the latter's over-anxiety. J. R. L. Gale (♁) and A. T. R. Nicholson (W) were above the average for a third pair, and Gale should make a very good player when he is more experienced.

The 2nd VI were unfortunate in having only two matches, as they were above the usual standard. J. C. Drew (C), in particular, was outstanding and he was always reliable, while C. E. L. H. Reiche (♁) and P. J. Mead (C) were also more than useful.

In House Matches the final will be between Grafton and Chandos. Chandos beat Bruce in the final of the Leagues, and the Mornington Singles have as yet only reached the semi-finals.

Next year we shall have lost all our good players; but Mr. Lucas is discovering talent and, if some winter practice can be had, we should not be too weak.

RESULTS OF TENNIS MATCHES.

v. MR. DAVENPORT'S VI. Played on Saturday, May 13th. Lost, 1-8.

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

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 3-6); lost to 2nd pair (6-8, 3-6); lost to 3rd pair (3-6, 2-6).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 1-6); lost to 2nd pair (3-6, 3-6); lost to 3rd pair (1-6, 2-6).

v. WESTMINSTER. Played on Saturday, May 27th. Won, 8-1.

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

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (6-2, 4-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (6-4, 6-2); beat 3rd pair (6-1, 6-3).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) beat 1st pair (6-4, 7-5); beat 2nd pair (6-4, 4-6, 6-2); beat 3rd pair (6-2, 6-3).

v. ST. PAUL'S. Played at Queen's Club on Wednesday, May 31st. Won, 8-1.

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

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (6-1, 6-2); beat 3rd pair (6-4, 6-2).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) beat 1st pair (4-6, 6-2, 6-4); beat 2nd pair (6-3, 6-0); beat 3rd pair (6-3, 6-1).

v. MR. LILLEY'S VI. Played on Saturday, June 3rd. Lost, 4-5.

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

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

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) lost to 1st pair (6-4, 3-6, 1-6); beat 2nd pair (7-5, 6-2); lost to 3rd pair (1-6, 6-1, 5-7).

v. R.M.A., WOOLWICH. Played on Saturday, June 10th. Won, 5-4.

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (8-6, 4-6, 5-7); beat 2nd pair (2-6, 6-4, 6-4); beat 3rd pair (6-2, 6-2).

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (7-5, 6-4); lost to 3rd pair (8-6, 3-6, 3-6).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) lost to 1st pair (3-6, 4-6); beat 2nd pair (1-6, 7-5, 7-5); beat 3rd pair (6-3, 4-6, 6-2).

v. THE P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Played on Saturday, June 24th. Lost, 1-8.

C. Wachmann (♁) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) lost to 1st pair (2-6, 8-10); lost to 2nd pair (6-8, 4-6); beat 3rd pair (6-4, 6-4).

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

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) lost to 1st pair (0-6, 1-6); lost to 2nd pair (0-6, 3-6); lost to 3rd pair (2-6, 5-7).

v. MR. ELLIS'S VI. Played on Wednesday, June 28th. Lost, 3-6.

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

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♁) lost to 1st pair (1-6, 5-7); lost to 2nd pair (6-8, 1-6); beat 3rd pair (1-6, 7-5, 6-3).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♁) lost to 1st pair (2-6, 0-6); lost to 2nd pair (6-8, 1-6); lost to 3rd pair (3-6, 6-1, 2-6).

v. OLD STOICS. Played on Saturday, July 1st. Lost, 4—5.

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

J. B. Dunlop (C) and D. M. Bolton (♣) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 5—7); lost to 2nd pair (2—6, 5—7); lost to 3rd pair (2—6, 8—6, 5—7).

A. T. R. Nicholson (W) and J. R. L. Gale (♣) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 6—4, 2—6); beat 2nd pair (6—1, 6—1); lost to 3rd pair (3—6, 1—6).

FENCING

Although the team this term has so far only won two matches out of five, the lost matches have all been very close, in most cases the last few fights being decisive. In every match, however, we won the foil—a very fine achievement. J. M. E. Clarkson (G) has fought very consistently in foil and with fair success in épée, and as a result has found it extremely difficult to justify himself in sabre. C. E. L. H. Reiche (♣) has done remarkably well at foil, only losing two fights this term, but his épée, although sound at the beginning of term, has tended lately to be weak. C. Wachmann (♣), owing to the demands of tennis, has only been able to take part in two matches, and his absence has been greatly felt. M. H. R. Sandwith (W) has improved immensely in épée, while his sabre has been useful, and he fully deserves his chevron. D. W. Barnes (♣), though not immediately successful, will very soon be a great help to the teams in sabre. Of the juniors, F. M. Frankenburg (♣), J. P. Pettavel (W), C. V. B. Blacque (G) and A. Hass (♣) all show considerable promise. Attendance at Concord has been reasonably good, especially among members of Walpole.

At the Public Schools Championship of 1939, fought at the L.F.C. and Salle Bertrand, Clarkson and Reiche reached the finals of the foil. Reiche also reached the semi-finals of the épée, while Clarkson reached the quarter-finals of the sabre. As a result of the aggregate of points obtained for these various placings, Stowe was ranked 6th in the final order of the Championship.

The cup for Foil has been won by C. E. L. H. Reiche (♣); for Epée by C. V. B. Blacque (G); and that for Sabre has not yet been decided.

Results :—

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER. May 20th. Away. Lost, 11—16.

Foil.—*Stowe*, 5; *Westminster*, 4.

Epée.—*Stowe*, 4; *Westminster*, 5.

Sabre.—*Stowe*, 2; *Westminster*, 7.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WELLINGTON. May 28th. Home. Lost, 12—15.

Foil.—*Stowe*, 6; *Wellington*, 3.

Epée.—*Stowe*, 5; *Wellington*, 4.

Sabre.—*Stowe*, 1; *Wellington*, 8.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW. June 3rd. Home. Won, 14—11.

Foil.—*Stowe*, 7; *Harrow*, 2.

Epée.—*Stowe*, 2; *Harrow*, 5.

Sabre.—*Stowe*, 5; *Harrow*, 4.

THE SCHOOL *v.* R.A.F., HENLOW. June 7th. Home. Lost, 10—16.

Foil.—*Stowe*, 6; *R.A.F., Henlow*, 3.

Epée.—*Stowe*, 3; *R.A.F., Henlow*, 5.

Sabre.—*Stowe*, 1; *R.A.F., Henlow*, 8.

THE SCHOOL *v.* SALLE BERTRAND. June 23rd. Away. Won, 14—13.

Foil.—*Stowe*, 6; *Salle Bertrand*, 3.

Epée.—*Stowe*, 4; *Salle Bertrand*, 5.

Sabre.—*Stowe*, 4; *Salle Bertrand*, 5.

JUNIORS *v.* HARROW. June 3rd. Home. Lost, 7—9.

JUNIORS *v.* WESTMINSTER. June 15th. Home. Lost, 7—9.

SWIMMING

The Swimming Team this term has been more successful than for some years. At the time of going to press only three matches have been lost, those against Bedford Modern, against a strong Otters S.C. team, and against Wellington; the last match was swum under strange regulations, such as the unusual practice of starting the back-stroke race from the side of the bath instead of in the water, and these factors may have been partly responsible for our failure, though we must admit that Wellington had a very strong team.

The water-polo team did not play many games, though always ready to do so when visiting teams requested. The game against Bedford Modern was lost, and those against Berkhamsted (senior and junior), Oundle, and the Otters S.C. were won.

The relay team won its heat in the Bath Club Relay Race and swam in the final for the first time for some years; in the final it did not distinguish itself, perhaps because it was not accustomed to the crowded conditions of a small indoor bath.

Of individual performers, R. Backus (B) and G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C) were always very reliable, J. A. H. Lucas (C) though extremely good on occasions, was very erratic, both as a swimmer and a diver; P. M. F. Sichel (C) and C. F. Warner (G) swam very good breast-stroke races and D. S. Gray (B) distinguished himself several times in the back-stroke race. A very useful new member of the team is R. T. F. Larsen (G) who shows promise of becoming an unusually fast swimmer with more experience.

Results of Matches were as follows :—

Saturday, June 3rd.	v. WESTMINSTER.	Home.	Won, 34—15.
Saturday, June 10th.	v. BERKHAMSTED.	Home.	Won, 25—21.
Thursday, June 15th.	Bath Club Meeting.	Stowe, 6th.	
Wednesday, June 21st.	v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Home.	Lost, 17—19.
Saturday, June 24th.	v. HARROW.	Away.	Scratched.
Thursday, June 29th.	v. OUNDLE.	Home.	Won, 36—20.
Saturday, July 1st.	v. OLD STOICS.	Home.	Won, 18—16.
Saturday, July 8th.	v. OTTER S.C.	Home.	Lost, 26—28.
Thursday, July 13th.	v. RADLEY.	Away.	Won, 23—10.
Saturday, July 15th.	v. WELLINGTON.	Away.	Lost, 23—27.

LIFE-SAVING.

A very successful ending to their "Thursday Extra" activities rewarded the work of the Life-Savers. On Thursday, July 20th, an examination was held by Mr. J. C. Purnell, the R. L. S. S. regional representative for the Oxford district, and the hard-working instructors had every right to feel satisfied with their labours after the results of his examination had been published and showed only one failure.

The following awards were gained :—

Award of Merit :—J. A. H. Lucas (C), P. M. F. Sichel (C), C. F. Warner (G), R. G. I. Forrest (G).

1st Class Instructor's Certificate :—C. F. Warner (G), J. F. Ferguson-Smith (G).

2nd Class Instructor's Certificate :—G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C).

Bronze Medallion :—P. D. Bally (C), A. N. C. Bruce (B), C. N. Bruce (G), J. G. V. Burns (G), D. N. Craig (C), C. L. de Barros (G), R. A. Hammick (G), J. A. Haywood (G), A. P. R. Holmes (G), J. B. Kennedy (C), A. B. Oliveira (C), G. C. S. Pearson (C), P. S. Robinson (G), J. A. D. Rofé (G), I. A. P. Rumsey (G), G. Wachmann (G), P. K. Withinshaw (C).

Intermediate Certificate :—J. L. Griffith (G), H. M. E. Lloyd (C).

J.R.H.

SPORTS 1939

The Sports were held on Saturday, April 1st. Although we had several of last year's best performers left, including P. R. H. Hastings (T) and J. M. Thomson (C), we could not expect such a high standard since the track throughout the season had been very wet and heavy. Sports Day itself looked like being perfect, but as the first race was being run it clouded over and by 3 o'clock it was raining hard.

Of the events that were decided before Sports Day undoubtedly the best and most exciting was the Open Half Mile. Hastings had not run many races over this distance, as he had been running the Quarter Mile in School Matches, and he was opposed, as last year, by I. McC. Tait (G) who had improved tremendously this year. Hastings led all the way, but it was obvious that he had very little left in him as he came into the finishing straight, and it was here that Tait, after letting Hastings get away from him, made his effort. He rapidly overhauled Hastings and had the race been a yard longer Tait would have won, but, as it was, he had left his effort just too late and Hastings got home by the shortest of short inches.

Hastings went on to win the Quarter Mile as he liked and the Long Jump. In the latter event the standard was particularly high as both he and M. B. Scholfield (T) jumped over 21 feet. Hastings beat the previous record by three-quarters of an inch, only having one jump, and Scholfield equalled it. Thomson was thus not able to retain his trophy, being placed third, but he ran just as well as ever in the 100 Yards and 200 Yards, both of which he won again and most convincingly at that. He has been most consistent over these distances during the last three years, and Stowe will feel the loss of Thomson as much as that of Hastings, for they have both had a great deal to do with the successes of the last two years.

Tait received his just reward when he won the Mile very easily. He was definitely in a different class from the other runners. Tait also ran extremely well in the final of the Public Schools Half Mile at the White City, where after a great race he was placed second to C. L. Welford of Tonbridge.

H. B. McCready (G) improved considerably on last year and he was placed second to Thomson in both sprints.

The Standard in the new field events—the Discus, Javelin and Weight—has improved a great deal, Scholfield and J. D. Le Bouvier (T) being outstanding in the Javelin and A. G. Way (B) in the Discus. It was a great pity that R. Backus (B) injured his ankle as he would have almost certainly won both the High and Pole Jumps.

In the Under 16 Events, the outstanding runner was P. C. Holden (B). He not only won both the distance races but, in so doing, showed admirable form both in pace judgment and tactics. He is rather of the Cross-Country type of runner but he should have a big future on the track. Another to shine in these events was I. A. Tippetts (W)—he is an all-rounder and will probably be wise to concentrate on sprinting and Long Jumping. C. M. Griffin (C) won the Quarter Mile easily and the Weight with an excellent putt.

In the Under 15 Events the standard improved all round, and here R. D. Lightfoot (W) was in a class by himself. He won the 100 Yards, Long Jump and Half Mile, and in the latter race his form was especially good; he has a very long stride. He, too, should go far.

The prizes were given away by the Hon. Mrs. Aubrey Hastings.

Temple, with Hastings and Scholfield to help them, easily won the Sports Cup.

The points were:—Temple, 107; Bruce, 65; Cobham, 57; Grafton, 56½; Chatham, 54; Grenville, 42½; Walpole, 34; Chandos, 7.

The details were as follows:—

OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (C); 2, H. B. McCready (S); 3, P. F. Bell (C); 4, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 5, M. B. Scholfield (T); 6, J. M. E. Clarkson (G). Time, 10.8 secs.

220 Yards.—1, J. M. Thomson (C); 2, H. B. McCready (S); 3, M. B. Scholfield (T); 4, P. F. Bell (C); 5, J. H. Thomlinson (B); 6, J. E. C. Nicholl (B). Time, 24.2 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 3, H. B. McCready (S); 4, J. M. E. Clarkson (G); 5, C. N. Bruce (S); 6, J. M. G. Ritchie (W). Time, 54.1 secs.

Half Mile.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 2, I. McC. Tait (S); 3, J. M. Norman (C); 4, J. B. Dwight (G); 5, I. R. L. Shaw (C); 6, R. G. I. Forrest (S). Time, 2 mins. 7.7 secs.

One Mile.—1, I. McC. Tait (S); 2, J. B. Dwight (G); 3, J. C. D. Green (T); 4, R. G. I. Forrest (S); 5, P. Wilby (T). Time, 4 mins. 51.4 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 3ins.)—1, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 2, I. R. L. Shaw (C); 3, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 4, A. E. P. Needham (C); 5, P. J. Diggle (C). Time, 17.4 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. C. Gordon (C); 2, M. B. Scholfield (T); 3, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 4, R. Backus (B); 5 equal, M. B. E. Clarkson (G), J. R. B. Butler (S). Height, 5 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump.—1, P. R. H. Hastings (T); 2, M. B. Scholfield (T); 3, J. M. Thomson (C); 4, M. B. E. Clarkson (G); 5, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 6, C. D. Drew (C). Distance, 21 ft. 1¾ ins. *Record.*

Pole Vault.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, C. Wachmann (S); 3, R. Backus (B); 4, J. P. Fane (B). Height, 8 ft. 5 ins.

Putting the Weight (12lbs.)—1, P. J. Diggle (C); 2, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); 3, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 4, A. G. Way (B). Distance, 37 ft. 8 ins.

Throwing the Discus.—1, A. G. Way (B); 2, J. E. C. Nicholl (B); 3, M. B. Scholfield (T); 4, P. R. H. Hastings (T). Distance, 119 ft.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, M. B. Scholfield (T); 2, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 3, C. B. F. Barham (C); 4, P. A. Dillon (C). Distance, 146 ft.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, I. A. Tippetts (W); 2, F. M. Frankenburg (C); 3, T. G. Knox (C); 4, J. E. Murray (B). Time, 11.3 secs.

220 Yards.—1, T. G. Knox (C); 2, I. A. Tippetts (W); 3, C. M. Griffin (C); 4, J. E. Murray (B). Time, 25.3 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, C. M. Griffin (C); 2, A. R. Aylmer (C); 3, J. S. B. Butler (S); 4, A. G. Jessiman (B). Time, 61.2 secs.

Half Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, T. G. Knox (C); 3, I. A. Tippetts (W); 4, J. E. Murray (B). Time, 2 mins. 22.2 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, J. D. R. Hayward (G); 3, H. Le S. Massy (T); 4, J. R. Dartford (W). Time, 3 mins. 34.6 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3ft.)—1, A. P. R. Holmes (G); 2, I. A. Tippetts (W); 3, P. Campbell-Cooke (C); J. E. Murray (B). Time, 19.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. D. S. Rowntree (T); 2, A. P. R. Holmes (G); 3, R. W. J. Duff (C); 4, T. G. Knox (C). Height, 5 ft.

Long Jump.—1, I. A. Tippetts (W); 2, J. E. Murray (B); 3, J. D. S. Rowntree (T); 4, C. M. Griffin (C). Distance, 18 ft. 5¾ ins.

Putting the Weight (8lbs.)—1, C. M. Griffin (C); 2, T. G. Knox (C); 3, P. Campbell-Cooke (C). Distance, 37 ft. 9½ ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 2, H. E. McCready (S); 3, J. W. Cornforth (G). Time, 12 secs.

Half Mile.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 2, G. T. G. Conant (B); 3, J. E. Hutton (C). Time, 2 mins. 17.8 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles (2ft. 6ins.)—1, J. W. Cornforth (G); 2, M. H. A. Robinson (W); 3, D. S. Gray (B). Time, 12.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, D. L. Vere Hodge (G); 2, J. W. Cornforth (G); 3, P. A. Latham (T). Height, 4 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 2, J. W. Cornforth (G); 3, D. L. Vere Hodge (G). Distance, 17 ft. 6½ ins.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1939

1ST XV.

Sat., Sept. 30—	Rossllyn Park "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 7—	London Scottish "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 14—	Harrow	Home.
Wed., Oct. 18—	Magdalene College, Cambridge	Home.
Sat., Oct. 21—	Rugby	Home.
Sat., Oct. 28—	R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Nov. 4—	Old Stoics	Home.
Sat., Nov. 11—	Oundle	Away.
Sat., Nov. 18—	Blackheath "A"	Home.
Wed., Nov. 22—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 25—	LX Club	Home.
Sat., Dec. 2—	Veterans' XV	Home.
Sat., Dec. 9—	Bedford	Home.
Sat., Dec. 16—	Richmond "A"	Home.

2ND XV.

Sat., Sept. 30—	Brackley	Home.
Sat., Oct. 14—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Oct. 21—	Radley	Home.
Wed., Oct. 25—	R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Oct. 28—	Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 4—	Haileybury	Home.
Sat., Nov. 11—	Wellington	Home.
Wed., Nov. 15—	Bloxham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 18—	Blackheath Extra "A"	Home.
Wed., Nov. 29—	St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Dec. 9—	Bedford	Away.

3RD XV.

Sat., Oct. 14—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Oct. 21—	Radley	Home.
Sat., Oct. 28—	Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 11—	Maiden Erlegh	Home.
Wed., Nov. 15—	Bloxham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 18—	Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Wed., Nov. 29—	St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Dec. 2—	Bedford	Home.

COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 11—	St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 21—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 28—	Harrow	Home.
Sat., Nov. 4—	Rugby	Home.
Sat., Nov. 11—	Wellington	Home.
Sat., Nov. 25—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Dec. 2—	Bedford	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 11—	St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 21—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 28—	Harrow	Home.
Sat., Nov. 4—	Rugby	Home.
Sat., Nov. 25—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Dec. 2—	Bedford	Away.
Wed., Dec. 6—	Bloxham	Home.

RELAY RACES 1939

The Relay Races were run on Monday, April 3rd. The going was rather heavy and no new records were made. With one race to go, six houses lay within a range of four points, Chatham having a clear lead of two points. Had they not been unfortunate in being disqualified in the 220's (in which they finished first) and in losing seven points, they would by this stage have been in an unassailable position. As things turned out, they were so weakly represented in the Composite Mile that they failed to score a point in it, and Grafton won a creditable victory with Cobham, Bruce and Temple close behind them.

The results were:—

	Time.	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
4—100's	48.7 secs.	0	2	6	1	7	5	3	4
4—90's (Hurdles)	57.2 secs.	6	5	3	1	0	7	4	2
4—220's	1 min. 45 secs.	5	2	7	4	3	0	6	0
4—440's	4 mins. 6.6 secs.	6	5	2	0	7	4	1	3
4—880's	9 mins. 34 secs.	4	5	1	3	2	7	6	0
Composite Mile	4 mins. 7.6 secs.	3	5	2	1	6	0	7	4
Total Points		24	24	21	10	25	23	27	13
Place		3 eq.	3 eq.	6	8	2	5	1	7

The records are as follows:—

100's, 45.6 secs. Chatham 1938.
 220's, 1 min. 42 secs. Bruce 1938.
 440's, 3 mins. 48.6 secs. Bruce 1938.
 880's, 9 mins. 10 secs. Grafton 1933.
 Composite Mile, 3 mins. 57.2 secs. Chandos 1938.

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House.	Comp.		C. Total	Year's Marks	Total
	Sen.	Jun.			
1. Chatham ...	96	79½	175½	116	291½
2. Grafton ...	88	83	171	116	287
3. Temple ...	85	74½	159½	116	275½
4. Cobham ...	86	68	154	116	270
5. Grenville ...	68	88½	156½	110	266½
6. Chandos ...	83	69	152	110	262
7. Walpole ...	64	70	134	108	242
8. Bruce ...	71	64	135	96	231

O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term :—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants I. R. L. Shaw (C), C. R. T. Cunningham (C), J. G. Darling (G), J. C. I. Hooper (C), D. M. Bolton (C).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals J. P. Phillips (C), C. E. L. H. Reiche (G) and Lance-Corporals D. Gardiner (C), M. J. G. Hann (T).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals D. E. M. Earle (B), J. B. Dwight (G), R. H. Widdows (C), P. A. Bates (C), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), G. L. Paget (C), A. T. R. Nicholson (W), M. R. Wallace (C), S. R. G. Scott (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), D. W. Barnes (C), R. J. Musgrave (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox (C), M. B. Hickling (C), V. D. Burton (G), R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), D. B. Rolleston (C), A. W. Cheyne (C), P. A. Dillon (C), M. J. Conran (B), G. S. Atkins (W), G. A. Dunnett (G).

The following completed their Certificates "A" in March or May 1939, and were promoted Lance-Corporals :—

The Hon. J. V. Fisher (T), J. B. Dunlop (C), J. R. C. Holbech (C), M. G. Reid (W), J. R. McCarthy (G), R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C), A. K. Higham (T), P. G. Henderson (W), C. C. R. Boulton (B), D. T. Weston (G), G. H. Turner (C), J. B. Kennedy (C), P. G. Whitfield (T), M. H. R. Sandwith (W), P. D. Bally (C), C. F. Broughton (C), J. T. Holman (W), J. B. Sumner (C), J. R. Hodgkin (C), E. J. Lankester (C), T. G. Longdon-Griffiths (G), A. R. Motion (B), C. d'A. Dakin (T), J. C. Drew (C), J. A. Lake (C), The Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B), E. M. Nettlefold (B), H. P. Lawrence (C), M. C. Dodwell (G), C. Alexander (W).

In the March Certificate "A" examination (Part II) 35 out of 76 candidates passed. In the May Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 42 out of 56 candidates passed. A record number of Certificates (65) has been gained during the year. This term there are 70 cadets holding Certificate "A."

The intake of Recruits in May was 70. This makes 200 Recruits since September 1938, and brings the Contingent's strength up to 330 (a record). There is a prospect of the total strength being even higher next term, and the official establishment is likely to be increased in October. This will provide more officer-power; there are at present 10 officers working with the Contingent.

PRIZES.

Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part II), March 1939 :—H. P. Lawrence (C).
Best Candidate for Certificate "A" (Part I), May 1939 :—E. F. G. Gosling (C).
Best Recruits, Easter Term 1939 :—Equal: C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), J. H. Phillips (C), and R. A. W. Rossdale (T).

NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

It has been decided to award this Cup in future every July on a House instead of an individual basis. Points will be given to Houses as follows :—

- (1). One point for each member of the O.T.C.
- (2). One point for each holder of Certificate "A."
- (3). One point for each Certificate "A," not included under (2), gained since the previous September.

This year the result is as follows :—

	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
(1).	33	32	37	49	50	46	36	48
(2).	6	8	6	11	11	13	7	8
(3).	2	1	1	1	0	2	2	1
Totals	41	41	44	61	61	61	45	57

Therefore Chandos, Cobham and Chatham, in that order, will hold the Cup for one term each during 1939-40.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Lieut.-General Sir A. P. Wavell, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C. Southern Command, inspected the Contingent on June 6th. In his official report he concluded : "This is a particularly good contingent, well above the average in all respects. A very good spirit is shown by all ranks. The system of instruction is well thought out, and calculated to make the best use of the time available and to further the objects of the Officers Training Corps."

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the Coldstream Cup was held on June 13th. The syllabus was revised in accordance with the latest drill. Judges from the Guards were Major C. F. O. G. Forbes, Commandant, London District School of Instruction, and his Sergt.-Major.

Result :

1. Temple	82 points.	5. Grenville	69 points.
2. Chatham	80 „	6. Walpole	65 „
3. Chandos	79 „	7. Grafton	60 „
4. Cobham	72 „	8. Bruce	45 „

FIELD DAY.

On June 27th a whole day's training was carried out with Rugby and Wellingborough Contingents in the neighbourhood of Courteenhall (between Towcester and Northampton). The ground was available through the kindness of Major-General Sir Hereward Wake, Bt., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the owner, who acted as Director of the exercise.

The main idea was that Stowe was withdrawing to make a stand on some high ground, while Rugby and Wellingborough each attacked from a different direction to defeat this object.

The day was marked by a leisurely start with a lecture on the scheme, by the keenness and performance of all ranks in the field, the exploits of the Carrier Platoon on bicycles, the determined fighting of the senior company long after "Cease Fire," a good tea and no casualties.

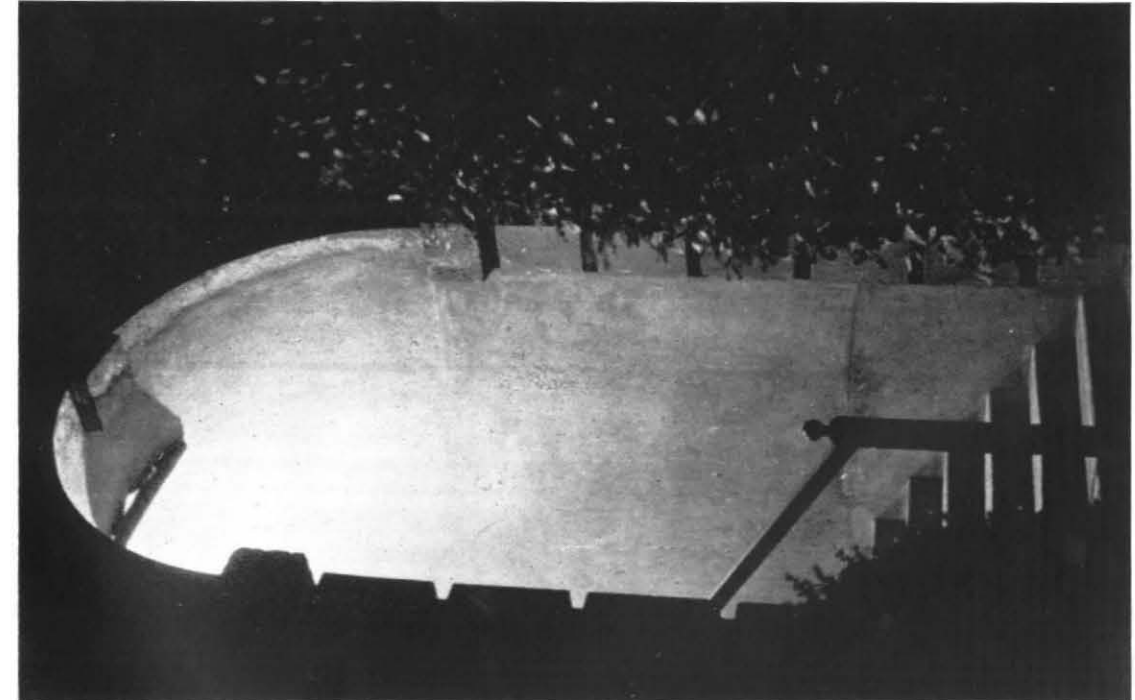
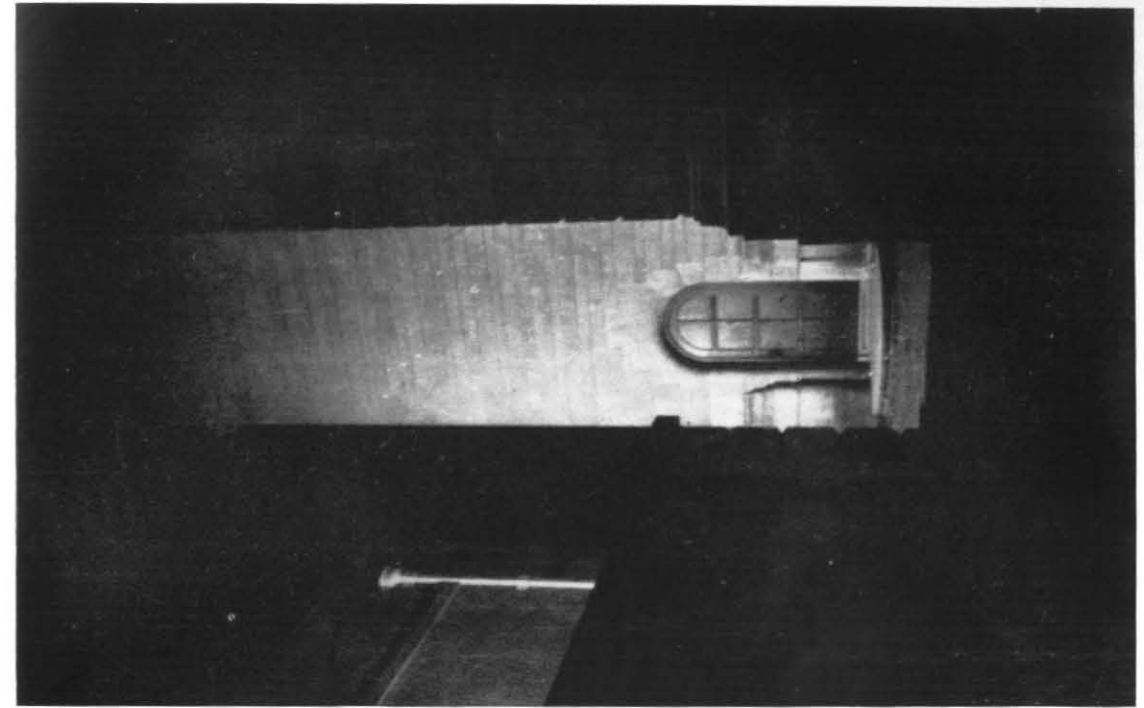
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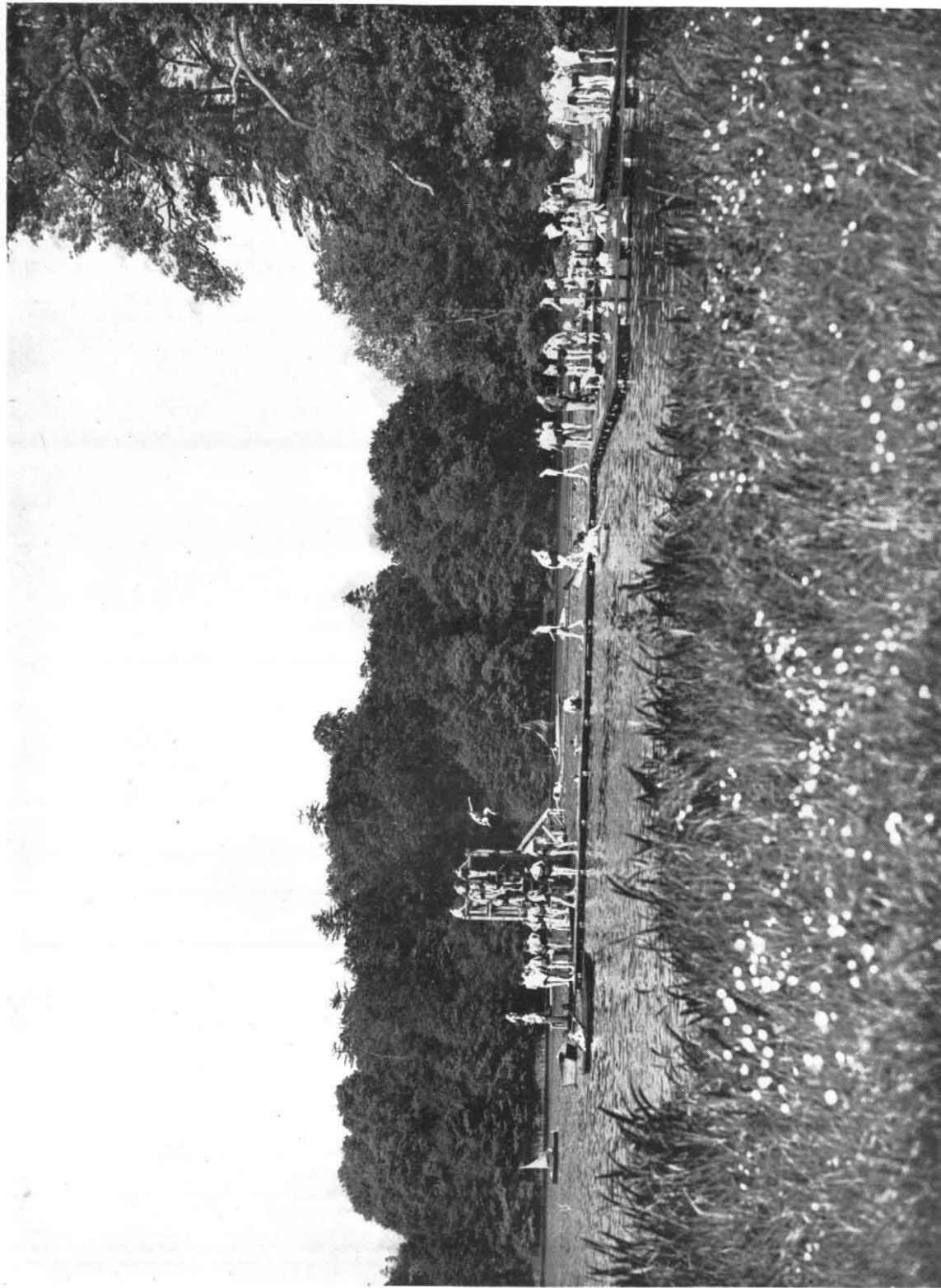
The post-Certificate "A" work is producing good results. Every member of the Air Section passed his Proficiency Test, conducted by the R.A.F. Station, Bicester, in April. Since then they have been wanted as Sergeant- and Corporal-Instructors in the junior training platoons. But time has been found for two afternoons' flying before camp, where a very attractive programme has been prepared for them.

Mr. Pott has taken over the Signal Course and with five senior N.C.Os. has been training 20 Lance-Corporals. Next year Semaphore will be dropped from the syllabus. The course will start with Morse (flag, lamp and buzzer) and proceed to Field Telephony and Wireless.

Mr. Annand has re-started the Machine Gun Course, which had had to lapse for some terms, with 8 Lance-Corporals.

The T.E.W.T's. Courses, conducted by Major Clarke and Captain Watt for the Part II candidates, received particularly favourable comment at the Inspection.





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The many Recruits enrolled this year will soon be swelling the numbers and the success of the Certificate "A" Course. The extra work put in by recent candidates, wrestling with problems concerning new organization and weapons, is a creditable reflection on their keenness.

The junior platoons now divide into two large groups. Mr. McElwee and the most senior Under-Officers are in charge of the Yearlings, who shape well as they learn to take command and instruct. Some are surprisingly good. Mr. Hamer and his Platoon Commanders are completing the "basic training" of cadets in their second term. The work is going well.

This term's Recruits started off on the new 1939 drill, which simplifies matters a great deal and enables their syllabus to be extended. They took part without rifles in the Field-Day, being distributed among the more senior platoons.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Field-Day with Radley away from Stowe—November 7.
Visit to Sandhurst—Sometime in the Spring.

MILITIA.

The objects of the O.T.C. have not been materially affected by the introduction of Militia Training, which now ensures intermediary training before the granting of commissions in the Territorial Army and the Supplementary Reserve.

For further details please apply to the Commanding Officer, Stowe Contingent, O.T.C.

SCOUTS

On March 28th, three patrols entered for the First Aid Shield presented by Miss Logan to the Buckingham Local Association. The competition took place in the Town Hall, Buckingham, and was judged by Dr. Pope. In the first round the Owls patrol (Patrol Leader R. R. Thompson (W)) was marked equal first with Tingewick Owls; after a final test the Stowe Owls were awarded the shield.

Scouting is now held on Thursday afternoons so as to make it possible for members of the O.T.C. to be in the Scouts. Very valuable help has been given this term by Mr. P. F. Baker (C, 1933) who has been acting as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Captain G. Robarts is shortly to retire from his post of District Commissioner; past and present Stowe Scouts are subscribing to a presentation to him from the Local Association.

SHOOTING

THE RIFLE CLUB.

In the three spoon shoots this term spoons have been won by :—R. C. H. Collier (B), D. J. Webster (W), the Hon. P. B. R. Vanneck (B) in Class A; and by W. E. Duck (W), K. T. Boyd (C) and I. C. Macdonald (W) in Class B.

.22 OPEN SIGHTS.

The Empire Test and House Shooting Cup was again won by Chandos.

			Average Empire Test	50% Recruits Average	Total.
1.	Chandos	...	57.4	25.4	82.8
2.	Chatham	...	51.8	19.1	70.9

INDIVIDUAL CUP.

The ten best in the "Empire Test" and three best in "Recruits' Test" competed for the Individual Cup, which was won by J. S. Hollings (T).

			Grouping	Rapid	Snap	50 Yards	Total
			25	50	20	35	130
1.	J. S. Hollings (T)	...	25	50	20	24	119
2.	R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C)	.....	25	49	16	28	118
3.	M. B. Hickling (C)	...	25	46	20	26	117

.303 SHOOTING.

MIDLAND RIFLE MEETING. Kingsbury. May 25th.

Stowe was 6th out of 15 schools competing, with an aggregate of 453.

R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C), C. C. R. Boulton (B), R. C. H. Collier (B) and J. S. Hollings (T) scored 60 each.

OXFORD RIFLE MEETING. Bicester. May 27th.

Stowe v. Magdalen College School. Won.

Aggregate, 458. C. C. R. Boulton (B), 65; R. C. H. Collier (B), 61.

SUSSEX RIFLE MEETING. Bisley. June 10th.

Stowe 22nd out of 40. Aggregate 450.

Stowe v. Oundle. At Bicester. June 26th. Won. Aggregate 461.

R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C)	...	...	...	63
J. S. Barrowclough (W)	...	...	...	63
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	...	...	...	60
R. J. Musgrave (C)	...	...	...	59
J. S. Hollings (T)	...	...	...	55
R. C. H. Collier (B)	...	...	...	54
F. St. J. Bally (C)	...	...	...	54
C. D. Drew (C)	...	...	...	53

The result of the Ashburton Shield and "Cottesloe" averages will be in next term's *Stoic*.

R.N.C.K.B.

SAILING

THE SAILING CLUB.

We have had a fairly successful season this year in which we have managed to beat Oxford both on our lake and on the Thames at Abingdon. Unfortunately both matches against Eton had to be cancelled. The result of the match against C. E. B. Thompson's team in 14-footers was a draw. Owing to the weeds, sailing ended during the first week of July. The Club ordered one new boat this season on more up-to-date lines, and hopes to have another for next season.

The following sailed for the School :—I. N. Craig (C), R. J. Ellison (T), the Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W), R. C. H. Russell (C), D. W. Barnes (C). The cup was won by the Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W) and Class B by W. L. S. Knox-Gore (C).

I.N.C.

THE LIBRARY

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the following presentations to the Library:—

From Mrs. Langley :

- 'I Svenska Marker' (Carl Fries).
- 'Rip Van Winkle' (Irving).
- 'All the Tales from Shakespeare' (Lamb).
- Art Journals.

From Dr. L. P. Huggins :

- 'Oxford Companion to Music' (Scholes).

From Mrs. L. Kirkpatrick :

- 'Atlantis' (Donnelly).

From C. B. Fenwick, Esq. :

- 'The Influence of Sea Power on History' (Mahn).

From J. A. B. Lloyd-Phillips :

- 'Karavan' (Nils Ambolt).
- 'Siberian Man and Mammoth' (Pfizenmayer).

From the Carnegie Trust :

- 'The Epic of America' (Adams).

From the County Hall, Aylesbury :

- 'Bucks Sessions Records, 1705-1712', Vol. III.

Anonymously :

- 'I know an Island' (Lockley).
- 'School Days with Kipling' (Beresford).

The following books have been bought this term:—

'Garden Party' (Mansfield); 'Black Jacobins' (C. L. R. James); 'The Oresteia' (ed. Thomson); 'Mein Kampf' (Hitler); 'Let Dons Delight' (Knox); 'Giovanni di Paolo' (Pope-Hennessy); 'Enemies of Promise' (Connolly); 'The Young Melbourne' (Cecil); 'The Zeal of Thy House' (Sayers); 'Guns or Butter?' (Bruce Lockhart); 'The Flying Inn' (Chesterton); 'Revue' (Nichols); 'Laughing Diplomat' (Varé); 'The Maker of Heavenly Trousers' (Varé); 'The Brandons' (Thirkell); 'The Trouble with Tigers' (Saroyan); 'Tumbling in the Hay' (Gogarty); 'I knocked at the Door' (O'Casey); 'The Oxford Book of Light Verse' (ed. Auden); 'The Man David' (Jones); 'Thoughts and Adventures' (Churchill); 'Diplomacy' (Nicholson); 'The Wallet of Kai-Lung' (Bramah); 'Kai-Lung Unrolls his Mat' (Bramah); 'Kai-Lung's Golden Hours' (Bramah); 'Science of Life' (Huxley); 'Shepherd's Life' (Hudson); 'Wild Life in a Southern County' (Jefferies); 'Disgrace Abounding' (Reed); 'Victor Hugo' (Makers of 19th Century, Constable); 'Abraham Lincoln' (Makers of 19th Century, Constable); 'Christopher Wood' (Various Authors); 'Napoleon and his Marshals' (Macdonell); 'Wellington and his Officers' (Bell); 'The Diary of Nobody' (Gros-smith); 'Philip II' (Walsh); 'Roman Holiday' (P. McElwee); 'South Wind' (Douglas); 'Four Adventures of Richard Hannay' (Buchan); 'Four Adventures of Sir Edward Leithen' (Buchan); 'The Citadel' (Cronin); 'Complete Sherlock Holmes' (Conan Doyle); 'Stow's Survey of London' (Stow).

MUSIC

The Music this term which has been done by the Choral Society and Orchestra had been selected with the Concert at Oundle on July 15th in view. Unhappily this was cancelled owing to illness at Oundle, but the Concert was given at Stowe on Wednesday, July 19th. The Choral Society have revived two works which they have performed before. One of these is the suite "Sir John in Love," taken from the Opera of that name by Vaughan Williams, of which they are doing three numbers; the other the Choral Dances from "Prince Igor," the Opera by Borodin. This was very popular at the Speech Day concert last year, and was revived at the request of Oundle. The Orchestra have a more varied programme, consisting of the last movement of the Haydn Symphony No. 88, a work which makes great demands on the accuracy and polished playing of the Strings; "The March to the Gallows," from the "Symphonic Fantasia," by Berlioz, which is written principally for the Brass and Wood-wind; and an Overture in D Minor by Handel, and arranged by Elgar. For the concert on Speech Day, some of these will probably be replaced by the Overture to "The Thieving Magpie," by Rossini, and by the First Movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto. The Madrigal Society are performing an arrangement of the Australian song, "Waltzing Matilda," and two negro songs, "Who's dat a-calling?" and "L'il Liza Jane."

There has only been one outside concert this term, but it was such an outstanding performance that one felt as satisfied as if there had been a whole series of subscription concerts. This was on June the 14th, when Albert Sammons and William Murdoch gave the following programme:—

Sonata in A Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bach
Sonata in F Major (Op. 24)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Beethoven
Sonata for Violin and Piano (Op. 36a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Busoni

It would be hard to say that any of these was best. Certain points stood out in the memory; in the Bach Murdoch's superb accompaniment without the use of the sustaining pedal; the Scherzo of the Beethoven Sonata; and the whole of the Busoni. Sammons played brilliantly, as always; William Murdoch demonstrated how to play in perfect balance with a violin the whole way through the concert and never drew attention to himself except in his magnificent performance of the last item; he played all through in the throes of an acute attack of asthma. We have had these two artists here before, but never in such an excellent combination.

An orchestra has been formed this term for the performance of strictly classical chamber music. This has rehearsed on Fridays, playing such music as the Schubert Octet, Bach and Handel and others of the earliest writers.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THERE was only one meeting held this term, but such was its quality that not only does the previous promised improvement appear to have been realized, but also it may encourage future secretaries not to restrict meetings in the Summer Term to one in number. The paper speeches were in three cases salutations to the stream which bears all its sons away, but the other speakers gave promise that time will not have scored a victory over the Society's level of ability.

The 123rd Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.15 on Wednesday, July 12th. Before the debate began a motion of censure was passed on the Librarian, E. N. Rolfe (B), for not producing the illuminated manuscript in the gothic manner imposed on him as a penalty at a previous debate. M. B. Scholfield (T) voiced the House's opinion when he declared that the manuscripts that the Librarian produced in such vast quantities might be gothic or gothick for all he cared, but were patently an insult to the House's intelligence in that they were obviously not illuminated.

The Motion was then debated that "This House does not consider the Moderns to be worthy successors to the Victorians."

E. N. ROLFE (B) deplored the fact that the moderns regarded the Tientsin affair as no more than a risqué strip-tease act, but took up arms at once as soon as anyone attempted to blockade their subconscious or encircle their ego. Up-to-dateness consisted only of putting new hats on old women. The Victorians were not all Jingoists, for Watts Dunton to do with Poona or whoever saw Holman Hunt the Afridi? The Victorians may have said "Let osculation thrive," but at least they didn't spend sleepless nights fearing that God was on the side of the big Italians, or that they might be led up the Berchtesgaden Path.

P. JOHNSTONE (C) was barely brought to touch on the point over Victorian smugness before he was happily distancing himself on the subject of Thomas Hardy's reactions to fate and banjo lessons. Having dealt with his great-great-aunt's relations with Ruskin's pants, which were of ruddy gold tinted handwoven silk and called giorgione, he showed, by an article from the "Matron's Chronicle" about "How to knit an A.R.P. shelter, by a girl in love," that the modern girl, though no longer a prude, was not always an Amazon, and proved his absence from the point, and his reputation, by concluding with a surrealist limerick.

J. C. DREW (C) began by describing the House as an immense problem, which he had been only able to solve in a vague sort of way. That was about it. The House, undesirous of writing a theoretical treatise in the manner of Aldous Huxley, was beaten to its intellectual knees by the impossibility of following the problematic involutions of his theories, but at the moment when they were ready to surrender to any false generalisation the speaker gave up the struggle and went off on an airy catalogue, which was as inconclusive to the House as it seemed incomprehensible to the speaker.

M. B. SCHOLFIELD (T) delighted an awed House with a series of unfinished sentences, that, coming from the Head of the School, might have meant almost anything. He said that he didn't believe in beginning a speech by announcing that one was a mathe-

matician or historian or anything, and proved the wisdom of this by making Nero and Brutus contemporaries. When he eventually produced a grammatical sentence, he declared that from the Stone and Bronze Ages onwards, it had been the fashion to laud the previous age, and that our existence as the present generation was a fact, not something that might just be worth considering.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. H. Phillips (C), G. McC. Corbett (B), The Vice-President, C. W. Newton (G), H. H. Sebag-Montefiore (W), C. M. Argles (C).

Against the Motion, R. A. D. Oliver (C), D. W. Barnes (C), C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), D. M. Bolton (C), H. M. Taylor (G), J. R. C. Holbech (C), A. D. Maclean (T).

P. Johnstone (C) summed up for the opposition and E. N. Rolfe (B) summed up the debate. Of these speeches the most outstanding were those of the Vice-President, who showed in a most acceptable way that the fault of the moderns lay in disregarding the past, of which they were an integral part, and C. W. Newton (G) who preferred the Lady with the Lamp to the Iton Lung.

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
There voted:—In the Upper House	10	10
In the Lower House	11	32

On the President's using his casting vote, the Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 1 vote and in the Lower House by 21 votes.

At a Committee Meeting held immediately afterwards, the following were elected members:—C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), D. M. Bolton (C), A. D. Maclean (T).

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB.

There has so far been one meeting this term. On June 13th, J. C. Drew (C) read a paper entitled "Measures to Life."

It is hoped that P. Johnstone will also read a paper on "The K'ung Chan T'ang."

D. M. Bolton (C), M. G. F. Ventriss (T), R. O. Richards (T) and the Hon. J. V. Fisher (T) have been elected Members of the Society and D. K. Murdoch (T), S. R. G. Scott (G) and J. R. C. Holbech (C) Permanent Guests.

E.N.R.

THE HERETICS SOCIETY.

Two meetings of the Society have been held this term. The first was on Thursday, June 15th, when A. J. F. Fergusson (B) read a paper on a flight over Africa, illustrated by a film taken by himself. On Thursday, the 20th of July, J. H. Phillips (C) read a paper discussing the element of creation in Painting.

D.W.B.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

There has been one meeting this term, when Noel Coward's "The Young Idea" was read. The readers showed their appreciation of his wit and the evening was a success.

J.C.D.

THE VITRUVIANS.

The activities of the Vitruvians have been resumed this term under the Presidency of the Headmaster. On Wednesday, July 5th, there was an expedition to Osterley Park, the famous Adam house which Lord Jersey has recently opened to the public. The remaining part of the afternoon was spent at Hampton Court.

On Tuesday, July 11th, the Secretary read his paper on "Tudor Architecture."
E.N.R.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 6th, a farrago was held in which six members of the classical side took part. R. H. Widdows (C) read the short story which appears elsewhere in *The Stoic*; A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), C. E. Reiche (S), M. G. F. Ventris (T) and D. W. Barnes (C) together rendered their own version of two "original" Greek plays, the "Hydroctonos" and "Amphoriphoriazusae." The Secretary contented himself with a short story. Another meeting is to be held, at which Mr. J. M. Todd will read a paper on "Greek Mathematics."

J.C.D.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Two papers have been read to the Society this term, by M. J. G. Hann (T) on "Sea Birds," and by D. Campbell-Cooke (C) on "Plankton." The first paper was a sequel to one on "Birds of Prey" which Hann had read to the Society in the Easter term, and was as much appreciated. Campbell-Cooke's paper was largely the result of a week spent at the Marine Biological Station at Plymouth during the Easter holidays by a party of Stoics, and was enjoyed by a large audience. A third paper was to have been read, but at the last moment the speaker found it impossible to come; it is hoped to arrange a convenient date for next term.

There have also been two expeditions. The first, to Whipsnade on June 14th, was well attended and was made more enjoyable by the kindness of J. W. Young's father, who gave tickets of admission to the whole party.

The second expedition was a smaller one, to the Chilterns, near Wendover, on July 5th, where good collecting of beetles, Lepidoptera and chalk-loving plants was done. In this connection it may be said that Biological expeditions which appeal to large numbers are difficult to arrange, and suggestions about places of interest would be welcomed by the committee.

The Biological Exhibition in the laboratories on April 1st last term was generally agreed to have been the best one held so far. Many members of the Society contributed to its success. The most outstanding exhibits were the physiology of the frog's heart by E. M. M. Besterman (W), the development of the chick by D. Campbell-Cooke (C), and A. B. Luttrell (C), the physiology of blood by J. B. Kennedy (C), and the muscle-nerve preparation by G. Yerbury (G).

A Journal was produced last term and was on sale during the Exhibition. The object of this Journal is to publish the results of work done by members of the Society in their spare time, and by members of the Scientific Society, who have joined with the N.H.S. in the production. The reception was good, and another Journal is being prepared for next year.

A private Exhibition open to the Society and its guests will be held on July 23rd. This is largely experimental, the object being to encourage members of the Society to make more use of the laboratories and the facilities for the study of Natural History in their spare time. The Exhibition is being confined to the fauna and flora of Stowe. This term individual members have been working on the beetles, butterflies, moths and aquatic insects of Stowe, and on bacteria and the physiology of the frog's heart.

C.A.M.

THE MUSIC CLUB.

The Music Club held only one meeting this term, when the Secretary read a paper on Ballet, but members turned up in force and the conversation afterwards ranged unflaggingly, if sometimes dogmatically, from Ballet and Opera to almost every aspect of Music both ancient and "swing." Dr. Huggins again most kindly opened his room to the club and provided refreshments.

P.J.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

It was agreed that there should be a competition between the Stowe Society and the Canford School Photographic Society. After all the details had been fixed, and "Minicam," Mr. H. G. Russell of the *Miniature Camera Magazine*, had kindly consented to judge the prints, eight prints were selected at a committee meeting, and these were mounted with the timely help of Mrs. Watt. Of the prints finally selected, four were entered by G. H. P. Holt (B), two by the Secretary, one each by J. F. P. Tate (W) and R. C. H. Collier (B).

The competition was divided into eight groups, each school entering one print in each group:—

1. Posed portraits.
2. Candid portraits.
3. Action photograph.
4. Against-the-light photograph.
5. Trees.
6. Buildings.
7. Photograph by artificial light.
8. Landscape.

Canford won the competition by 56 points out of 80, to Stowe's 52.

The Ciné Group has been very busy making its full-length film of Stowe this term, but was held up by bad weather after the Exeat. It is hoped to show this film on Speech Day and the following Sunday. The Group has also been carrying out experimental sound-recording on gramophone discs.

A.J.F.F.

FILM REVIEW

"WUTHERING HEIGHTS" (MGM)

Directed by BEN HECHT.

Cathy Earnshaw	...	...	...	MERLE OBERON
Heathcliff	...	...	...	LAURENCE OLIVIER
Edgar Linton	...	...	...	DAVID NIVEN (6, 1928)
Isobella Linton	...	...	...	GERALDINE FITZGERALD
Nelly Dean	...	...	...	FLORA ROBSON

The story of Emily Bronte's novel is so powerful in its universal appeal, that even Hollywood can translate it into celluloid without fear of its losing any of its wild beauty. It shares with all the most moving of literature's great stories the element of fantasy that is a revolt against the drabness and monotony of life. The foundling, the dark lover, the humble cottage and the ballroom, the poor girl, these are elements shared by all the romantic stories that awaken sympathy and emotion in all kinds and races of men. They are part of the fantasies that all men weave to transport themselves from the ugliness of reality. Emily Bronte escaped from the lonely poverty of her Yorkshire vicarage into fantasies of gipsy love and elegant drawing rooms, dreams as mutually irreconcilable as the blind streets of the new industrial towns and the timeless architecture of the hills. Her unhappiness is left to haunt us as Kathy haunted Heathcliff.

20th Century America goes one better. Its needs are more sophisticated. For the film public, Kathy's birthplace becomes a manor, she marries for a palace, and dies in the best bedroom of a luxury hotel. Yet the story works its spell. The eye may be distracted and unconvinced, but when Heathcliff lifts her to the window and she takes her last look at the moors, we forget the expensive curtains. It is real heather we see.

Ben Hecht is a master of motives. He is so possessed by the truth of these strange lay figures, that he makes them live, as all figures in tragedy live, through the dynamic of their dream. We are moved in the same way by Greek tragedy, though not by the same means. The heroic and liberating deed has disappeared, giving way to the merciless inner conflict which is the modern conception of fate.

The acting has a fine unity. Laurence Olivier is perfect, and though Merle Oberon might not seem to be ideally suited for the part of Kathy her performance is absolutely convincing. There is a little scene perfectly played by Geraldine Fitzgerald as Heathcliff's neglected wife; and Stowe has contributed a sensitive actor, David Niven, for the part of Kathy's long-suffering husband.

BOOK REVIEW

"ROMAN HOLIDAY," by Patience McElwee (Bles, 7/6).

There seems to be a fashion amongst novelists to-day to ignore what remains of the stately homes of England's green and pleasant land, and to bear instead a deal of literary grist to her dark Satanic mills. It is a relief to find every now and then a book which does not claim to convey some urgent social message. "Roman Holiday" is quite unpretentiously about the upper classes, and that country squirearchy whose existence is so closely menaced by the spread of an urban civilisation. The author does not find it necessary to clothe her characters in the rags of unemployment or set her scene in a depressed area.

Those accustomed to the excessive realism of this "dead-end" school might complain that the characters of "Roman Holiday" were rather improbable, but a book where everybody conformed to type would be duller than life itself. There is a lot of nonsense talked about escapism nowadays, for far the worst and most self-conscious offenders are those who seek to escape from escapism by not reading books like this.

Virginia Chariot is a débutante who has no interest in dancing or fashions, and who is only too glad to escape to the country, away from eligible young men and her mother's formidable maid, Crimp, to stay with her aunt, Lady Mercy Chariot, a *grande dame* with a sentimental twist. Although her three sons live in fear of their mother it is not because Lady Mercy is in any way a martinet. She is one of those maddening people who are so well-meaning and kind-hearted as to look completely miserable when their own plans or principles have not been carried out. "Mother would be so disappointed," her children sigh, and submit to her strictures on pocket money or point-to-points. To avoid such daily capitulations Charles Chariot and his two younger brothers resort to every sort of subterfuge. This becomes even more necessary when Lady Mercy, oblivious of the fact that Virginia and Charles are clearly in love with each other, attempts to pair Virginia off with Austin Baker, a lazy and rather disreputable young man whose family misfortunes had recommended him to Lady Mercy as a tutor to her middle son. As a wife for Charles, she found Elspeth, a forceful and muscular young woman, suitably endowed with a bed-ridden father. With the efforts of Charles and Virginia to extricate themselves the story necessarily becomes somewhat involved, and, although love eventually finds out the way and Lady Mercy suffers an unexpected fate, it needs considerable concentration to sort out the intertwined threads of the three or four different plots. It is not only the involutions of plot which save this book from being a merely trivial love story, for there runs through it a gently satirical sense of humour which cannot fail to tickle the reader's memories of vicarage tennis and garden fêtes and going to church.

The return of Virginia's mother to discover the barbaric ravages of country life on her daughter's expensive *Maquillage* is quite hilarious, and there is even a certain pathos about the down-trodden governess, Miss Hove. The humour keeps on the whole well abreast of the plot, and brings incisively into relief the amusing oddities of a way of life which familiarity often leads people to take too seriously.

The conflict between mother and sons would lead many people to-day to hope for some lurid Oedipus story, and Cocteau would have set it amid all the drabness of a middle-class villa. For those who like to indulge their minds with psychological freaks "Roman Holiday" would be a very salutary tonic, but for the large number of men and women who happily still enjoy getting fun out of other people this book is a most titillating *apéritif*.

E.N.R.

"CAESAR SEES HER"

OR

"ALL FOR A BUNCH OF FLOWERS"

(A simple love story with a tragic ending)

I always believe in getting things straight at the outset when I am telling a story. I mean to say it is all very well to plunge straight away *in medias res*, or, for the benefit of those who are not so well versed in the Classics as myself, into the middle of things, but I have never found it very successful. You are always apt to run up against the reader whom I can only describe, weighing my words with all due care, as over-inquisitive, the reader, who, like Sherlock Holmes, wants all the facts, the reader who feels indignant if something new is introduced into the story without explanation and thinks you have been hiding things from him. Of course I see his point: it is annoying in a murder story, when you have cunningly put aside the jealous husband, the heir and the person he quarreled with yesterday, and fixed the guilt on the second housemaid, the only person who had no possible motive for killing the old man, only to find on the last page that he had been subject to apoplectic fits for the last twenty years. Anyway I am going to put the facts before you right away. This is the story of Julius Caesar, the shark, and the anonymous girl.

Now this story is really a tragedy and, like almost all tragedies, there was a girl at the bottom of it. The situation at the beginning was this. Caesar was returning from Gaul with his army and he had reached the River Rubicon. Well, as you know, the regulation thing to do was to disband the army and go on to Rome, but there had been some trouble in the ranks lately. It was only quite a small matter, soldiers fighting after lights out in the camp, but still it had happened more than once, so Caesar punished the whole army by making them stay encamped by the Rubicon for an extra week. Well this was a bore for everyone, but they accepted it in the true Roman spirit of "Put up with anything you can't get out of," and here they were in camp.

One afternoon, while the soldiers were amusing themselves in the way soldiers do in camp, eating in the N.A.A.F.I., playing cricket (a bad habit which they had learnt from the Britons) and fighting the next-door company, Caesar went out for a walk.

He found a path through a wood and he set out cheerfully, humming the latest song-hit, entitled "If you were the only Gaul in the world." It wasn't long, however, before he realized that he was not alone on his walk. It was a sharp pain in his right ear that first informed him that he was sharing that path with the annual outing of the local mosquitoes, but after that he just couldn't forget the fact. They hadn't even got the courtesy to pass on the right side: they buzzed all round him and those that were hungry bit him. So deciding that this wasn't good enough he struck off from the path in the hope of avoiding their close attentions. His psychology proved correct. The only word to describe mosquitoes is insular. No spirit of adventure in them. Anyway Caesar, his walk now being mosquitoless, was moving slowly through the wood, thinking of nothing in particular, when suddenly he stopped appalled. Before him was one of the most horrible sights he had ever seen. Crouching against a tree was a human figure and facing it was a large savage-looking dog. At least that was what his first glance told him. His second, taken over his shoulder, showed him his error. It wasn't a human figure, it was a young girl; and even that hasty glance was enough to show that she was one of the most attractive girls he had ever seen. This he realized was the big moment of his life. Now or never he must show himself a man of action. He stooped and picked up a stone, his scheme being to hit the dog with the stone and frighten it off. That sounds very nice in theory, but in practice it wasn't so easy. His first shot was a wide all the way. After travelling some fifty yards beyond the target it hit a tree and started to come back and try again, but lacked the stamina and dropped to the ground. His second went close enough to endanger the girl's life, and his third, a trifle higher than he had intended, became entangled in the foliage above the dog's head and, after staying there for a few seconds, dropped like a stone (and there was no deception, for it was one) down onto the dog's head. Whereupon the animal, feeling that its luck was out, ran off, and Caesar advanced towards the damsel in distress whom he had so cunningly rescued. Everything went like a breeze from the start. She was still visibly shaken (that second stone had gone horribly close) and she acquiesced readily to his request that he should accompany her home. Well, when they reached her home she told everyone all about their adventure, while he made modest noises in the background, and they were all very pleased and asked him to lunch on the next day. Then he went back to the camp with a light heart, feeling as if he was walking on air, until he trod on a tent-peg and realized he wasn't. And his lightness of heart was such that even then he didn't speak. He just retired to his tent and put ointment on his feet. Even a report of disorder among the soldiers he only greeted with a vague and indulgent "Oh well, soldiers will be soldiers," and at dinner he said "Benedictus benedictat" at the end instead of the beginning.

Next morning he got up rather late and made a somewhat leisurely toilet. At length he was satisfied with his appearance and, after giving the astonished army a free day, set out for the neighbouring village. When he arrived the girl was out; so he was shown into the main room and introduced to a tall, bronzed, military looking young man who went by the name of Seasix. After a bit his hostess excused herself and left them alone. Caesar, a sociable man, and one who always believed in putting others at their ease, opened the conversation by remarking that the weather was nice for the time of the year. The bronzed youth said he hadn't noticed it. After a short silence Caesar tried again and said what a jolly room it was. The young man said that he had always supposed so, but now perceived his error, the garden was much better; and went out.

Now Julius Caesar was a discerning man. What he didn't see wasn't worth seeing, and a little reflection told him that the other's manner had not been exactly chummy. Stand-offish about summed it up, he thought. He was not daunted, however, and resolved to show himself at his best at the luncheon table. This time his scheme did not fail. He was the life and soul of the party. He kept his elbows off the table, passed the salt to the girl's mother, and listened to her father's stories with much patience. Meanwhile Scasix had sat at one end of the table biting his nails and looking it. He was the girl's fiancé, Caesar had been told, and, though he sympathised with the fellow's feelings, Caesar did think he was behaving badly, and it was a relief when he got up and said he must go and get someone to sharpen his sword, as he thought he might need it soon from the look of things. Ominous words indeed, but Caesar was too occupied to see the implication.

After lunch Caesar and the girl went for a stroll. The sun was shining, the sky was blue and Caesar felt that life was really worth living. They strolled together through fields and woods and it wasn't long before Caesar realized that not only had several hundred mosquitoes and one tent-peg bitten him, but the love bug as well. So, soon after this realization had come to him he poured out his heart to her in a long, yet well-balanced speech, ending up with the request that she should marry him. The girl was obviously pleased, but she wasn't exactly ecstatic, as he had rather hoped she would be. She looked a little doubtful and said she must have time to think it over, and would he meet her at a certain place by the banks of the river Rubicon at 11 o'clock next day. He said he would and they parted, she to go home and he to return to the camp.

The next day was hotter still (there must have been an anticyclone stationary over the Rubicon that week), so Caesar again made a careful toilet and set out for the appointed spot with a bunch of flowers in his hand, which he presented to the girl with a low and gallant bow. She said they were quite nice flowers, but she had just seen some much nicer ones on the other side of the river, and would he get them for her. He said he wasn't frightfully keen, but still if she insisted . . . So he took off some of his clothes and swam over and picked the flowers, while she watched from the other bank. He was just going to start back again, with the flowers this time, in fact he was already up to his knees, when he saw the most horrible sight he had ever seen. 'What about the dog and the girl?' you will point out cunningly; 'you said that was the most horrible last time.' So I did, I admit, but that was before he saw this one. This one, if you follow me, puts the others into second place. What he saw this time was a shark coming through the water towards him. Now this is where you interrupt again and say in a scornful voice, 'There aren't any sharks in the Rubicon. It's too small anyway.' All I can say is it may be too small now, but it wasn't then. You're forgetting the March of Time, that's where you're all slipping up. Anyway Caesar said it was a shark and I see no reason to doubt him. Well, to get on with the story, he jumped sharply back to save his life, grasped a branch with both hands and pulled himself ashore. Now to grasp a branch with both hands one must have both hands free, and if one happens to be holding flowers they just fall into the water, at least that is what happened in this case.

The peril averted he turned his gaze once more towards the opposite bank at the damsel, who was fainting for joy at his safe escape and at the same time dancing with ecstatic admiration for his backward jump, a jump, I am told, which has yet to be out-distanced; at least that was how he saw the scene. Not so the girl. She was shouting

something about flowers. Eventually he saw them drifting downstream, going out of his life for ever. He shed a tear or two and forgot the matter. However the girl was not so brave about it as he had been; she was saying something to him. She went on for five minutes, the gist of her remarks being that if he appeared on her side of the river ever again she would set the wolves on him. There was nothing else for it. He walked back to the camp still on the far side of the river. When he was opposite the camp he saw his second in command. He hailed him and told him to bring across a cloak. The officer looked blank.

'Don't lag, man,' shouted Caesar, 'I want it at once.'

'Why?' shouted the officer.

'Well, how the devil can I get home without it?'

'All right, I'll bring it over; but it's against the rules.'

So Caesar sat down and pondered on the cruelty of the opposite sex until he was awakened by the voice of the officer saying 'Here it is.'

'All right, give it to me.'

'Sir?'

'Give me my cloak.'

'I haven't got it sir.'

'Then what the devil have you brought?'

'The agmen sir.'

'The what?'

'I said "What do you want, sir?" and you said "The agmen; I want it at once," so I've brought it.'

And Caesar looked up and saw the whole army drawn up in marching order on the road. For a moment he looked dumbfounded. Then his face cleared and a resigned look appeared instead. After all, what did it matter to him what he did? Life had nothing left to give him, so he had some clothes brought and he took his place at the head of the army and marched off towards the horizon which concealed Rome. You know the rest, so I will leave Caesar there on the way to Rome, and you can say what you like, but I think women are a danger to the public, at any rate to the male members of it.

R.H.W.

NAPOLEON BRANDY

The rain had slowly developed from a gentle drizzle into a steady downpour, so that even the hardest of those who had dared the bleakness of the golf course had been compelled to find refuge in the club house.

There was the usual atmosphere there. A good story or a touch of the latest scandal would soon make its mark. And a suitable Mr. Mulliner was not hard to find. He was an old crony of the company, a 10-handicap man, and a sure investment for something to brighten up the drabness of the afternoon.

Settling himself luxuriously in the best arm-chair, and ordering another round of drinks, he plunged into the middle of his tale, in a tone that was the hallmark of a good story-teller:—

‘There were four of them to dinner that night, or to be more precise there were four of them left to dinner, for the port and the cigarettes had been circulated, the ladies had taken their leave, and a bottle of that rarity Napoleon brandy had been unearthed from the well-furnished cellar.

‘To describe the quartette now reclining at their ease round the brightly-polished table would be to call them average. They were all—Grant, Nichols, Buckmaster, and their host Lanchester—men who had good jobs, who had their fair share of the world’s goods, and who divided their time between the golf course and the bridge table and infrequent excursions to town on business. They were good company, but had few real friends, middle aged, nondescript in appearance, interested only in the news of the daily papers, conservatives, married, and bored to death.

‘In a haze of smoke, and with only the light of the candles on the table, the conversation drifted steadily along the usual channels—the Derby, the Test Match, the scandal of Major Sugden and Mrs. Wallace, the latest news on the Stock Exchange, the lateness of the 6.50 that evening, and finally to that safest of refuges, politics.

‘“Looking at that bottle of brandy makes me wonder if Hitler will ever become famous enough to have a wine dated by him,” remarked Buckmaster tritely, suddenly remembering he had not spoken for at least five minutes.

‘He was quickly squashed by the knowing Grant, who studiously read all the leading articles in the pocket magazines he bought at the railway stalls and lapped up their doctrines as gospel truth. Like a schoolgirl he unravelled his—or rather *Politics Puddle’s*—theory that Hitler was the reincarnation of Napoleon, a theory easily proved by the fact that they were both born under the same star.

‘The conversation nearly turned to birthday predictions, but Lanchester, their gracious host, kept on to politics.

‘“I think Hitler and Mussolini will just fade away, as two dictators who have proved failures,” he said. “After all, Hitler, for all his military power, has not got the personality or even the diligence of a man like Napoleon.”

‘“I’m sure they will never fade away,” put in Nichols. “They will either conquer the world, or fall with a crash. Whatever happens, they’ll take good care they don’t lose their hold on the people: this hero-worship is what keeps them going. It was just the same with Napoleon. He could never rest on his laurels, and he was far firmer fixed on his pedestal than either Hitler or Musso ever will be.”

‘“Conquer or be conquered, eh?” said Buckmaster fatuously: he was beginning to get on Nichols nerves. “Anyhow this brandy is damn good.”

‘“If I was Hitler, anyway,” he went on, “I’d go and live with his American dancer in peace and hand over the reins to Ribbentrip, or whatever his name is. I’m sure that he could find a charming little nest beside the flowing ripple of the Rhine.”

‘They all laughed except Nichols.

‘“For God’s sake talk sense,” he said irritably. “You might be trying to make a humorous speech to boys at a prep. school.”

‘“And you might be one of the boys,” retorted Buckmaster in the same vein.

‘Nichols was baffled by this Falstaff, so he searched for another weapon. It was more of a bludgeon than a rapier.

‘“You were damned rude to my wife before dinner.”

‘“I told her that the dress she was wearing didn’t suit her.”

‘“Well, dammit, that was rude enough, but in front of everyone else it was sheer insolence,” said Nichols, trying in vain to find a stronger term of suitable abuse.

‘“Now, now,” said Buckmaster soothingly, holding up his hand like a policeman on point duty, “if you will buy your wife such an imbecile contraption to wear, fit only for a girl of the most modest proportions and brazen morals, then what else can you expect me to say?”

‘“I didn’t buy it for her.”

‘“Oh, I’m sorry, I forgot. It’s you who treat your wife so badly,” came the acid retort.

‘There was a moment’s silence, as Nichols turned a deep purple. He was obviously bordering on frenzy, and everyone waited for a spectacular outburst of abuse. But it never came: Grant spoke first.

‘“As a matter of fact I bought it for her.” He spoke in a quiet, provoking voice.

‘And then it came. As though a thunderstorm was breaking, first there was a slight ruffle of the wind, a few large drops, growing bigger and bigger, and then torrents upon torrents of rain.

‘Everyone lost their tempers like naughty children. They insulted each other’s wives and poured forth whole heaps of abuse, which had been stored up like old furniture in an attic for years, and would have provided enough material for many a sitting in the law courts.

‘Of course it all ended in a dignified manner. There were sincere apologies, whiskies and sodas, dates for golf, and more whiskies and sodas.

‘Finally they all left with great bonhomie, and in the best of humour they had enjoyed for years.

‘“All’s well that ends well,” said Lanchester closing the door and shutting out the bitter east wind.

‘“Do you know what started it all, darling? It was that bottle of Napoleon Brandy we dug up from the cellar—the one Uncle Arthur gave me on my twenty-first birthday. You remember it, don’t you?”

‘But there was no reply. Mrs. Lanchester was lying at full length on the sofa, laughing herself to tears.

‘“Well I don’t know what’s funny about that.”

‘“You will, my dear, in a moment, when I can stop laughing. All that trouble about a bottle of Napoleon brandy, and it wasn’t Napoleon brandy at all. A bottle of cheap brandy was all that your poor uncle could afford. And he was sure you wouldn’t notice the difference.”

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The tale had spun itself out. The rain had stopped, and they walked out from the stuffy atmosphere of the lounge into the open air.

THE FLEET THAT NEVER REACHED ITS DESTINATION

"This afternoon I am going to talk to you about the trireme; later we will walk round the cases so that I may show you the reliefs by means of which it has been reconstructed. But for the moment will you all please sit down on your seats and I will briefly explain the trireme to you. It was, as you know, the Greek warship: its name is derived from two Latin words meaning 'three' and 'oar.' There were altogether 180 rowers, and they sat in groups of three. The difficulty which has perplexed the scholars who have tried to reconstruct the trireme is exactly how it was that the rowers sat. The old theory was that they sat in tiers, one above the other, as though they were on a staircase, but it has been decided that with a formation such as this the ship would have been quite un-navigable in any but the smoothest of seas."

Paul looked round the rest of the old man's listeners. There was a schoolgirl with pigtailed in front of him furiously taking notes. On his left sat a middle-aged woman blinking through a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. A Frenchman further off was stroking his beard, and in the row in front a shabbily dressed man was fiddling with a greasy hat. The sun streamed in through the window, shining on the glass cases and lighting up the professor's hair. Paul found it very hot. He leaned his head drowsily in his hands and tried to concentrate. "I feel sure you will agree with me that the new theory is the more probable of the two. We will now deal shortly with the appearance of the trireme from the outside. It was, of course, only a very small ship, and its maximum speed was about 10 knots . . ." Paul was beginning to nod: it was very hot. "Over there you can see a relief picture of a trireme: the inscription beneath states that the ship set out from Athens with a small fleet, but we cannot tell what its destination was, because that part of the inscription . . ."

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Everywhere was bustle: even the pigeons basking on the roofs seemed to know that there was something in the air. Paul felt very excited as he strode towards the Piraeus. It was the first time he had been given a post on a trireme. He was pleased too because his oar was only a ten-footer. Twiddling his oar loop in his hand and whistling gaily to himself he entered the harbour. By Hercules, what a sight! Ten of the latest type: all save the admiral's, which was a deep red, were black. An enormous crowd had collected to see the fleet leave. Aristocles, an able young man with modern ideas about naval warfare, was in command. Hundreds of tall, long oars, standing upright like telegraph poles, filled the crowd. A herald standing on the roof of the admiral's deckhouse blew his trumpet: "The admiral orders all men aboard with their oars, loops and cushions together with their provisions."

Paul whistled; he had forgotten his provisions. He propped his oar against the wall of a house, and ran up one of the many little side-streets. Pantophiles stood beaming in the doorway of his shop. "Keen to be off, eh?" He chuckled: "Three barley loaves? Certainly, that'll be 2 obols, please. Thankye. Well, the gods be with you, my boy, farewell." Paul crammed his loaves into the big red cloth which he had brought with him, and ran back down the street. Men were taking their last farewells and slowly the drift to the gangways increased. Paul was on number fourteen: he looked along the line. There she was, a beautiful boat. He examined her as he strolled along the quay-side. A large anchor dangling just behind it, the huge eye gazed menacingly down on the wharf. They had her sail up, a brightly coloured patchwork affair, square and spreading a long way to either side of the long sleek ship. Several sailors were hurrying up and down the running-board, loosening the mooring ropes and attending to the sails. Paul climbed up the big broad ladder, cocked his leg over the gunwale and marched along to the captain's deck-house. "Name?" inquired the captain, as Paul saluted; "Age? Ah yes, one of this year's. Well I think we'll have you somewhere aft. Anyone special you want to sit next to? Not? Good. 10 foot oar? Yep. Right, report to the first officer."

Paul climbed down the gangway into the gloomy depths of the ship. For a moment he found it difficult to see, but as his eyes grew more accustomed to the gloom he saw the first officer. He was sitting on a soap-box at the far end of the gangway chewing garlic and onions. Paul elbowed his way through the crowd and reported. "102? Along on the left, far end." Paul counted to himself "98, 99, 100, 101"—here he was, 102. He fitted his oar thong over its peg, stowed his barley loaves under the seat, and sat down on his cushion. The noise inside was becoming greater every minute, and the heat was intense. A strong smell of garlic and onions filled the air. Paul mopped his brow.

Just then up came a fat, greasy little man, puffing and blowing, with an enormous bundle over his shoulders, and trailing his oar along the floor in his wake. He flopped down on the bench. "A curse be on these wars!" he said: "There was I, full up with business, when they come and say I'm to row. I told the blackguards I wouldn't be any use too, but they just laughed and said it would get my weight down. By Zeus, it's hot, isn't it?" All the while that he had been talking he had not so much as glanced at Paul. For all the world to him he might not have been there at all. "Good-day, friend," said Paul, a little timidly, "I wonder what time we'll start?" A shrill blast on the whistle answered him. "Everyone to his oar, and await the signal," came the order. Just then down the gangway came one of the largest men Paul had ever seen. He was shouting jests at the crew and on his shoulder he carried a 14ft. oar. The bench creaked as he deposited himself on the end. "Well, if it isn't old Phlebotocles, the cobbler!" he bawled, "You're looking a pretty good wreck: you take up a trade like mine, my friend, and you'll soon be a different man. Hullo, my lad, you're new to the game, aren't you?"

He was cut short by another blow on the whistle; the crowd on the quay-side cheered wildly; the flutist struck up; they were off. For a moment no one spoke a word. Only the puffings and blowings of the rowers filled the boat. Soon the hubbub

began again, however, and with it Phlebotocles began to complain. "What's our destination?" said Paul. "Samos, they say," bawled the Titan, "though what the idea is Zeus alone knows. Here's hoping we run into blackguards before we get there; I feel just like a good scrap."

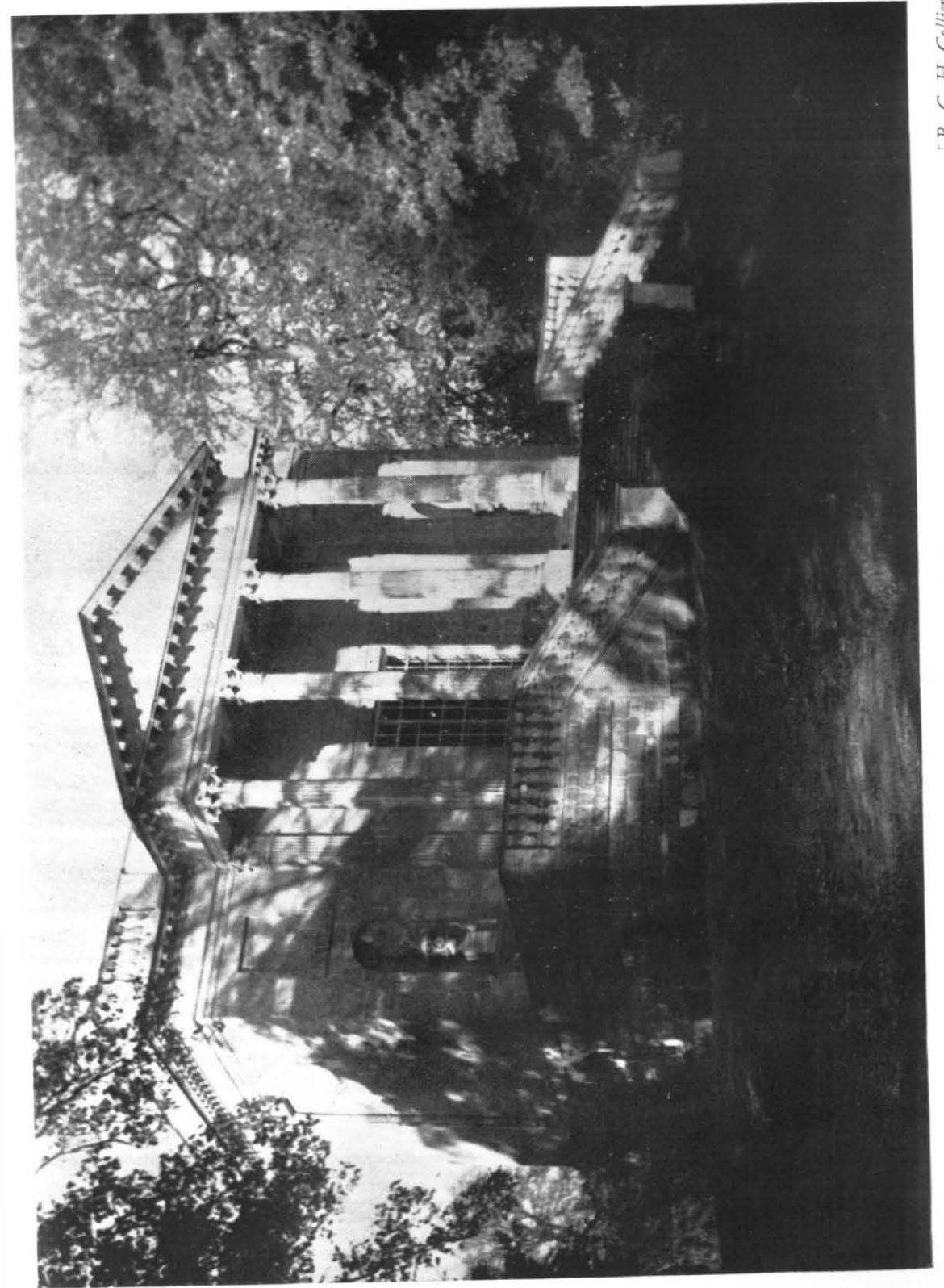
They rowed on for an hour, following the coast, about a mile out to sea. Suddenly there was a great rush of feet overhead. "All men to their posts. Take in the sail. Lower the mast. Supernumerary seamen take up positions." The first officer hurried down the after companion-way. "Be prepared for action: enemy fleet sighted: absolute silence essential: await orders." "Phew!" whispered the giant, "Of all the cheek! Nosing around in our home waters! By Zeus, we'll let 'em know who we are." The cobbler started whimpering. Paul's grip tightened on his oar; his heart beat fast, and he pulled with a will. "You take my advice, my lad," went on the giant, "be ready to catch hold of your bench when we ram them, or else you'll come an awful cropper." A subdued, tense whispering ran through the boat. "Full speed ahead. Pull for all you're worth, and keep awake." He rushed up the companion way. "Baaack-waterrr!" came the order. There was a tremendous crash. Paul shot out of his seat and cracked his shins against the bench in front. "I warned you, my lad," chuckled the Titan. "Still, you'll learn by experience." They backwatered hard, and slowly the ship moved. Paul looked through the porthole. They had succeeded. The enemy trireme was going down fast. Her oars were all askew and she had a large hole in her hull. Cries of agony filled the air; men hurled themselves into the sea; some of them clung to bits of wreckage; others struck out through the waves; but the majority were sucked down with the ship in their panic. "O Athena, help me; oh, have mercy on me, Apollo," whimpered Phlebotocles. "Cut that out," growled his neighbour, "this ain't a nursery." "Full speed ahead again," came the order. The giant was having the time of his life, "We'll teach 'em to come poking-round in our waters," he cried.

Suddenly the First Officer shouted a warning: "Port side, Ship Oarrs!" he cried. He was too late. Down along the side of the ship swooped the enemy boat, splintering the oars and causing them to swing back with tremendous force, mortally wounding the rowers. Everywhere men threw up their arms and doubled up over the benches. Cries of pain filled the air. Overhead the sailors rushed about the deck in their panic. Two men fell down the after companion-way; confusion reigned everywhere; Paul had no time to think; he hurled himself backwards; he was a little too late; his ribs were struck with the most tremendous force; his head swam, and then all went black.

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The woman in the horn-rimmed spectacles was prodding him with a pencil. Through a kind of mist Paul heard a voice: "As I said before, the fleet set out from the Piraeus, but what its destination was we cannot tell." Involuntarily Paul spoke: "Oh yes, pardon me, sir; it set out for Samos, but it never arrived."

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