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## DECORATIONS

### D.S.O. AND D.F.C.

ACTING SQUADRON-LEADER J. R. KAYLL (G, 1931).

Owing to his inspiring training and leadership this officer's squadron has destroyed 32 enemy aircraft. The squadron responded to every call made, and, in particular, made several important and dangerous reconnaissances for the Army. Squadron Leader Kayll combined flying leadership and administration in an exemplary manner throughout, and destroyed five enemy aircraft, bringing his total to nine. (May 1940.)

Squadron-Leader Kayll was one of the two first British officers to receive a double decoration during the present war.

### MILITARY CROSS.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT E. R. FARNELL-WATSON, Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (C, 1932).

He displayed conspicuous gallantry when the withdrawal from the defensive position was ordered. By exercising unusual bravery he succeeded in withdrawing all outlying picquets. (May 1940.)

SECOND-LIEUTENANT C. P. J. D. O'FARRELL, Royal Irish Fusiliers (C, 1937).

Between May 19th and 28th, Second Lieutenant O'Farrell, as O.C. Carrier Platoon, repeatedly led his carriers with courage and skill in reconnaissance and counter attacks to clear up and re-establish the situation until, in the end, all but two of his carriers had been put out of action. When his carriers were disabled Sec. Lieut. O'Farrell brought in their weapons and the survivors of their crews. (June 1940.)

CAPTAIN T. V. H. BEAMISH, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (T, 1935).

At Steenbecque on May 24th this officer displayed cheerfulness and a devotion to duty which was an inspiration and an example to all ranks. In the morning while endeavouring to gain touch with a reconnoitring detachment of his company, this officer was driving a truck when he encountered five enemy medium tanks and two motor-cyclists at close range, from which he managed to escape after ditching the truck. Later, the battalion was continually harassed by enemy medium tanks, mortar

and shell fire while holding Steenbecque. This officer was continually among his men, putting them in alternative positions to suit the type of fire brought against them, and by his cheerfulness and confidence inspired his company with a fine spirit. It was due very largely to the behaviour and actions of this officer that his company stood fast under most trying circumstances and that his company set a fine example to other companies in the battalion. (June 1940.)

SECOND-LIEUTENANT A. C. GEDDES, R.A. (T, 1928).

On May 31st, as Command Post Officer, when his Command Post had been evacuated he returned under heavy shell fire to help his Battery Commander to evacuate "A" Troop. His Battery Commander was killed beside him and he himself slightly wounded. He took charge of the situation and personally assisted to limber up two guns, one of which he drove from the position himself after the driver had been wounded. He again returned to the position on a motor-cycle to supervise the evacuation of the wounded. By his example he steadied the men of the troop, saved the guns and made certain that the wounded received attention. (June 1940)

#### MILITARY CROSS

(from the Birthday Honours List).

CAPTAIN R. W. D. SWORD, Middlesex Regiment (C, 1927).

LIEUTENANT (local Captain) J. C. A. D. LAWSON, The Eleventh Hussars (C, 1929).

LIEUTENANT (temporary Captain) D. B. EGERTON, Royal Artillery (C, 1932).

SECOND-LIEUTENANT E. P. R. JOURDAIN, Royal Sussex Regiment (C, 1934), (post-humous award).

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1940

O. C. TAYLOR (E. Skeete Workman, Esq., Copthorne School, Sussex). P. W. I. REES (C. F. C. Letts, Esq., Oakley Hall, Cirencester, Glos.). C. C. NEALE (Major S. A. Pike, M.C., Cothill House, Frilford Heath, Nr. Abingdon). E. H. GRICE-HUTCHINSON (W. P. Singleton, Esq., The Elms, Colwall, Nr. Malvern) M. C. MANTON (Messrs. Russell, Boyce and Williamson, Wellesley House, Rannoch Lodge, Perthshire). C. A. COOPER (C. H. Ransome, Esq., West Hill School, Atlantic House, Polzeath, Weybridge). W. B. LAPPIN (Miss E. Warren, at St. Michael's School, Uckfield, Sussex). P. I. BRAMELD (E. N. G. Parry, Esq., Hazelwood, Limpsfield, Surrey). H. F. WRIGHT (J. Lamb, Esq., Hailey School, Bournemouth). P. A. MILGAN (A. E. Lynam, Esq., Dragon School, Oxford). A. R. LUCAS (T. G. Hughes, Esq., Alderley, Wootton-under-Edge, Glos).

## ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

|   |                              |
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| READING PRIZES— <i>Senior</i> :   | B. Henshaw (C)               |
| <i>Junior</i> :   | M. C. E. Shearn (T)          |
| PETERS BONE PRIZE :   | Not awarded                  |
| ROBERT BAREOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :  | Not awarded                  |
| BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity) :  | R. J. Ellison (T)            |
| CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK— <i>Prose</i> :                               | P. S. Anstey (C)             |
| <i>Translation</i> :  | H. M. Taylor (G)             |
| QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN— <i>Essay</i> :                              | R. A. D. Oliver (C)          |
| <i>Prose</i> :  | J. M. Budden (W)             |
| PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :   | I. A. Tippetts (W)           |
| J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES— <i>Senior</i> :                      | C. C. R. Boulton (B)         |
| <i>Junior</i> :   | P. M. Boyd-Bowman (G)        |
| SYRETT HISTORY ESSAY PRIZE :  | The Hon. R. C. M. Nathan (C) |
| HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE :                                   | N. G. Chittenden (T)         |
| H.M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :  | E. M. M. Besterman (W)       |
| PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS : J. B. Dwight (G) and J. O. Outwater (C) | (divided)                    |

## STOICA

*School Officials—Summer Term, 1940.*

*Prefects* :—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), Head of the School; J. B. Dwight (G); M. R. Wallace (C); J. M. Browne (B); D. Campbell-Cooke (C); I. D. W. McEwen (T); V. D. Burton (G); R. U. P. De Burgh (G); P. A. Bates (C); P. A. Buchanan (W); R. P. Farrer (B); R. J. Musgrave (C).

*Cricket* :—Captain, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); Secretary, E. P. Hickling (C).

*Lawn Tennis* :—Captain, I. D. W. McEwen (T); Secretary, C. M. Musgrave (C).

*Swimming* :—Captain, R. Backus (B); Secretary, R. G. I. Forrest (G).

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

Sunday, May 19th. The Rev. B. S. W. Green, B.D., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Brompton.  
 Sunday, June 2nd. Canon E. S. Abbott, M.A., Warden of Lincoln Theological College.

Major R. Haworth, D.S.O., M.V.O., has been organizing the Local Defence Volunteers for North Buckinghamshire. Mr. C. F. Westoby has in the meantime been teaching Geography in his place. Major Haworth has, however, continued in charge of Chandos.

The Reverend H. B. Playford left early in June in order to organize a detachment of an Ambulance Association. In the meantime, Bruce House has been in the charge of Mr. A. B. E. Gibson, and Mr. C. V. Eyre has returned to take Mr. Playford's teaching work.

It is expected that several more Masters will leave for active service before the beginning of next term.

Owing to the war, there has been no Old Stoic Day this summer.

The Historians presented "Twelfth Night" on July 12th and 13th. Owing to black-out regulations, performances this year were given in the Gymnasium instead of at the Queen's Temple.

A Fête was given at Stowe on July 6th in aid of the Red Cross and the Buckingham Hospital. On the same day a concert was given in the Gymnasium by members of Walpole House, in aid of the Buckingham Hospital.

On June 23rd and 25th, performances of "Leave it to Psmith" were given in the Gymnasium by members of Grenville House.

Most members of the School who are over seventeen years of age have become members of the Local Defence Volunteers. Further details will be found under O.T.C. Notes.

The new flags for the Golf Course have been provided by the kindness of Mrs. E. G. Eaglesfield, of Carlisle.

Throughout most of the term, parties of boys have been sent out from each House to help with farming in the neighbourhood. There has also been a good deal of hay-making within the School grounds.

The following tribute appeared in the May 25th issue of *Nature*.

"*The Stoic*. The April number of the *Stoic* represents, not the 'famed Athenian Porch,' but Stowe School, which, starting at one of the great houses which flourished in the eighteenth century, has long since won its way to recognition on a par with older foundations. The school magazine is one of the best we have seen, including literary matter as well as the usual records of activities. Stowe is now responsible for two London clubs for boys. It produces its own films, which have dealt with several classes of animals and plant-life, while the Natural History Society, started last year, keeps a journal of work done which is well spoken of. The School evidently enjoys

many things besides the normal curriculum. The illustrations make a good show and include a lively 'decorated black-out screen,' designed by a young artist."

The large portrait which now hangs in the Garter Room in the middle of the wall opposite the windows represents the Second Duke of Buckingham and Chandos. The picture used to hang in what is now Temple Houserom, but since the sale of 1921 it has been in the possession of Lt.-Col. the Hon. T. G. Morgan-Grenville, D.S.O., M.C., the Second Duke's great-grandson. Colonel Morgan-Grenville has returned his distinguished ancestor to Stowe, where it may be hoped that he has now found a permanent home.

As it was the Second Duke who, according at any rate to the general belief, dissipated the family fortunes by his extravagances and thereby made it ultimately necessary for his descendants to sell the property, we may feel in looking at his portrait that he is one of the half-dozen men without whose exertions the School could not have come into existence.

The forms which the Second Duke's extravagances took seem to have been many. It is said that he bought large numbers of valuable pictures and statues; endeavoured to buy land on both sides of the road from Buckingham to London, so that he might drive up to town on his own estate; threatened to have the small lake which leaks so badly but bears skaters so early lined with copper (thereby giving it its popular name); and finally entertained Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort for more than a week in January 1845. At this time the ducal fortunes were already embarrassed, and it is related in the Grey Book that the bailiffs were actually in the house during the Queen's visit, though they loyally agreed to disguise their presence and conceal their purposes by wearing for a few days the uniform of the Duke's retainers.

It is evident that the Duke became at one time dissatisfied with the size of his own portrait and that he caused strips of canvas to be added all round in order to enlarge the area, a continuation of the background being painted over them. Opinions will differ as to whether this was in fact an improvement. But the picture is without doubt a welcome and becoming enhancement of the Garter Room, where its somewhat grandiloquent style appears to be quite in place.

Owing to the fact that last term ended earlier than had been originally arranged, no Relay Races were held this year. A certain number of other activities postponed from last term have taken place this term instead.

Shortage of paper and increase of cost have made it necessary to reduce the size of *The Stoic* to considerably below its usual summer dimensions. Apologies are offered for its present sickly appearance; but it is hoped that this course of slimming will ensure an ultimate increase of health.

Owing to the war, there has been no Speech Day nor any Exeat this term.

An experiment was made recently when, in place of the fourth period of Saturday morning, a "School Singing" was held in the Gymnasium. The experiment was a success and has already been repeated.

The following are recent 1st M.B. results:—Pt. I, D. Campbell-Cooke (C), T. D. Dawson (C), C. A. Moodie (G), R. P. Farrer (B), A. G. Jessiman (B). Pt. II, P. R. Clay (G), C. A. Moodie (B), J. E. Murray (B), A. G. Jessiman (B), A. D. Thomson (C), R. H. Griffith (B), J. E. Hodgkin (C), J. A. McDonald (C), T. H. C. Lewis (C), R. R. Thompson (W). Pt. III, J. D. S. Rowntree (T), C. A. Moodie (B), D. Campbell-Cooke (C).

School Colours for Fencing have been awarded to F. M. Frankenburg (C) and J. P. Pettavel (W). Details of other School Colours will be found under the games or sports concerned. The Stevenson Sword has been awarded to F. M. Frankenburg (C); the Junior Foil Cup was won by R. A. Guinness (C).

## OLIM ALUMNI

### GENERAL.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT T. S. LUCAS (C, 1932), Queen Victoria's Rifles, when wounded and captured by the Germans in France, gave his guards the slip and walked twenty miles to the coast. He there found a small boat with two oars in it drawn up on the beach. He obtained some bread and beer from a fisherman's cottage and set off to row himself to England. He was picked up by a British ship within half-a-mile of the English coast, having been rowing for some twelve hours.

From the *Evening Standard*, May 22nd, 1940:

"New revue 'Swinging the Gate' is almost a Stowe Old Boys' reunion. Robert MacDermot, part author, Gerald Bryant, lyric writer, and Geoffrey Wright, composer, were all at Stowe together."

MR. R. MACDERMOT (R. MACD. BARBOUR) (G) left in 1928, Mr. C. G. R. BRYANT (G) in 1926, MR. G. J. B. WRIGHT (G) in 1931.

### ACADEMIC.

MR. J. D. FAY (G, 1938) has been elected to a Scholarship for History at King's College, Cambridge. He gained a First Class in Part I of the History Tripos.

MR. R. E. W. HARLAND (C, 1938) gained a First Class in the Engineering Tripos at Cambridge.

### ATHLETIC.

MR. J. F. WHEELER (C, 1937) played Lawn Tennis for Cambridge against Oxford in the unofficial University Match this summer.

MR. J. M. THOMSON (C, 1939) again won the Hundred Yards for Cambridge, when the second unofficial inter-University match was held at Oxford in May.

### ENGAGEMENTS.

CAPTAIN G. V. SEYMOUR, The Royal Scots Fusiliers (C, 1929) to Miss A. M. Gordon.

MR. E. J. SPURRIER (G, 1929) to Miss F. Greville.

MR. D. K. W. BLAIR (C, 1931) to Miss P. Horan.

LIEUTENANT G. R. C. PEATFIELD, R.A.M.C. (T, 1931) to Miss E. Wilson.

ACTING SQUADRON-LEADER J. R. KAYLL, D.S.O., D.F.C. (G, 1931) to Miss A. L. Nesbitt.

MR. R. J. G. WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM, The Northamptonshire Regiment (B, 1931) to Miss J. Ellicy.

MR. H. A. L. CHAPPLE (C, 1932) to Miss S. C. Hobbs.

MR. P. E. DAWSON (C, 1935) to Miss A. L. Finister.

DR. B. R. MITCHELL (T, 1933) to Miss C. H. Peel.

LIEUTENANT K. W. L. ROBERTS, R.A. (C, 1933) to Miss M. A. Rose.

MR. S. KILPATRICK (C, 1933) to Miss P. Bergen.

MR. J. M. GRICE (G, 1933) to Miss S. H. Lawrence.

MR. M. H. FRANKLIN (T, 1934) to Miss S. M. Cooper.

MR. J. M. B. POYNTZ (G, 1934) to Miss J. S. M. Ogilvie.

MR. J. B. DA SILVA (T, 1935) to Miss J. M. Mayor.

MR. M. E. FLETCHER, R.E. (C, 1936) to Miss C. P. S. Chamier.

MR. R. G. FALCONAR-STEWART (T, 1938) to Miss B. Johnson.

MR. D. A. G. KAYE (G, 1938) to Miss E. R. Huttley.

## MARRIAGES.

- MR. A. S. M. ANDERSON (C, 1925) to Miss I. M. M. Hayes, on June 7th.  
 MR. T. R. WILLIAMS (C, 1929) to Miss E. French, on September 20th, 1939.  
 MR. R. W. BATE (C, 1929) to Miss J. Brazier, on April 18th.  
 CAPTAIN P. F. I. REID, Irish Guards (G, 1929) to Miss M. A. Macindoe, on April 17th.  
 MR. G. DE B. NEILSON, H.A.C. (B, 1929) to Miss G. Jones, on May 18th.  
 MR. M. E. I. SEARLE, M.R.C.V.S. (T, 1929) to Miss M. Poole, on July 22nd.  
 FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT C. G. ISACKE (G, 1930) to Miss C. D. Gresham, on June 8th.  
 PILOT-OFFICER O. P. CROOM-JOHNSON (T, 1930) to Miss J. Finnie, on April 25th.  
 MR. C. D. DULLEY (T, 1930) to Miss R. N. Kirby, on October 7th, 1939.  
 MR. E. RUSSELL-ROBERTS (B, 1930) to Miss H. M. Perrochon, on March 8th.  
 MR. R. F. STOREY (C, 1931) to Miss P. A. Cutherbertson, on June 20th.  
 MR. A. A. DAWSON (T, 1931) to Miss N. F. Blackburn, on June 8th.  
 MR. M. L. GILBERT, H.A.C. (T, 1931) to Miss J. M. Dailey, on May 11th.  
 MR. E. C. SLADEN (B, 1931) to Miss S. Milvain, on May 7th. (In Kenya.)  
 LIEUTENANT D. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, R.N.V.R. (T, 1932) to Miss B. D. Warren, on July 8th.  
 MR. P. K. A. ANDREWS (C, 1932) to Miss J. Hampton, on July 6th.  
 MR. P. HUTTON-ATTENBOROUGH (C, 1932) to Miss T. Yates, on May 15th.  
 MR. G. N. BELL (C, 1933) to Miss J. Hughes, on May 25th.  
 MR. A. F. WEAVER (T, 1933) to Miss A. Perepletnik, on September 5th, 1939.  
 MR. T. F. S. HETHERINGTON (G, 1933), to Miss P. McAdoo, on July 16th.  
 MR. H. F. CASSEL (C, 1933) to Miss I. Barclay, on April 27th.  
 LIEUTENANT M. WILDING, R.N.V.R. (G, 1934) to Miss D. Hill, on April 13th.  
 MR. L. A. P. ROBINSON, R.A.F.V.R. (B, 1935) to the Hon. Nancy Bowes-Lyon, on April 25th.  
 MR. M. LUXMOORE (B, 1935) to Miss Lee-Warner, on April 30th.  
 MR. C. R. C. W. FORESTER, The Rifle Brigade (C, 1935) to Lady Moyra Butler, on April 30th.

- MR. K. M. CHITTENDEN (T, 1936) to Miss J. Dawson, on March 30th.  
 MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) to Miss H. V. Brookes, on May 22nd. (In Melbourne.)  
 MR. T. L. CROOKSTON (C, 1936) to Miss E. B. Denant, on October 20th.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT R. V. P. ADAMS, R.E. (W, 1937) to Miss J. Breeze, on June 29th.  
 MR. A. ALLAN (W, 1937) to Miss N. Morrison, on May 8th.

## BIRTHS.

- To the wife of MR. S. R. COPLEY (B, 1925), a son, on June 20th.  
 To the wife of MR. A. J. PLUMMER (G, 1927), a son, on April 15th.  
 To the wife of MR. R. MacD. BARBOUR (G 1929) a son, on July 12th.  
 To the wife of the HON. D. P. T. OGILVIE-GRANT OF GRANT (T, 1929), a daughter, on June 10th.  
 To the wife of LIEUTENANT J. C. B. NESFIELD, R.A.M.C. (G, 1929), a son, on April 22nd.  
 To the wife of MR. C. E. J. WESTON (C, 1929), a son, on May 1st.  
 To the wife of MR. J. D. RUSSELL DAVIS, H.A.C. (C, 1930), a son, on April 28th.  
 To the wife of CAPTAIN H. A. C. BLAIR-IMRIE, The Black Watch (C, 1930), a daughter, on April 7th.  
 To the wife of MR. W. J. DAVIS (B, 1930), a daughter, in April.  
 To the wife of MR. J. C. CATER (G, 1931), a son, on April 4th. (In Trinidad).  
 To the wife of Second-Lieutenant J. M. REAY-SMITH (C, 1933), a son, on June 7th.  
 To the wife of the VISCOUNT MAITLAND (G, 1933), a daughter, on May 4th.  
 To the wife of MR. J. L. TWEEDIE, R.A.F.V.R. (B, 1933), a daughter, on April 30th.

## CASUALTIES

## KILLED IN ACTION.

- SECOND-LIEUTENANT D. BARKER, Royal Tank Regiment (G, 1932), in June.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT E. P. R. JOURDAIN, Royal Sussex Regt. (C, 1934), in May.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT M. A. GAMMIDGE, Royal Warwickshire Regt. (G, 1935), in May.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. L. INGHAM, Forty-third Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (W, 1937), in June.

## KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

- PILOT-OFFICER O. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, A.A.F. (B, 1930), in May.  
 FLYING-OFFICER N. S. GRAEME, A.A.F. (T, 1933), in March.  
 PILOT-OFFICER A. J. S. BULLER, R.A.F. (C, 1937), in June.

## MISSING BELIEVED KILLED.

- SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. G. KRABBÉ, The Royal Berkshire Regt. (B, 1935), in June.  
 MR. P. GAMMIDGE, R.N.V.R. (T, 1937), in H.M.S. Keith, off Dunkirk, on June 1st.

## WOUNDED AND PRISONER.

- SECOND-LIEUTENANT H. C. I. ROME, K.O.Y.L.I. (C, 1937), in May.

## PRISONER OF WAR.

- FLYING-OFFICER N. FORBES, R.A.F. (C, 1930).  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT T. BAILEY, 12th Royal Lancers (C, 1934), in May.  
 SECOND LIEUTENANT SIR LINDORES LESLIE, East Riding Yeomanry (T, 1937), in May.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. SHERRARD, The King's Royal Rifle Corps (C, 1937).

## MISSING.

- CAPTAIN B. D. SKELTON GINN, R.A.O.C. (T, 1924), in June.  
 CAPTAIN L. H. A. THOMPSON, Cameronian Scottish Rifles (G, 1926), in May.  
 CAPTAIN R. de Z. MANSER, The Suffolk Regt. (T 1929), in May.  
 LIEUTENANT R. I. MACKENZIE, Scaforth Highlanders (C, 1930), in June.  
 LIEUTENANT C. S. MADDEN, The King's Royal Rifle Corps (C, 1933), in May.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT W. R. L. THORNE, The Royal Scots (C, 1933), in May.  
 FLYING-OFFICER R. M. BURNS, R.A.F. (G, 1934), in May.  
 FLYING-OFFICER P. N. MURTON-NEALE, A.A.F. (C, 1934), in June.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT M. LUXMOORE, R.A. (B, 1935), in May.  
 SECOND-LIEUTENANT N. A USSHER, 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards (C, 1937), in May.

## SOMETHING LIKE A BANQUET

Extracts from an article in *The Field* (June 1, 1940) by J. F. HAMPTON, A.R.SAN.I.

On August 19th, 1805, the Marquis of Buckingham held a banquet at Stowe House, Buckinghamshire, for 400 persons. The dishes served at the various tables may be typified by the following list. It is interesting to compare the lavishness of this menu with the more frugal meals necessitated by present-day rationing.

*Second side table.*—Six soups, 6 hot roasts, 4 cold pies, 2 cold pieces, 2 of cold chicken, 2 of cold lamb, 4 jellies, 2 creams, 4 gold entrées, 2 Italian salads, 2 dressed lobsters, 2 galantines, 2 gumpaste baskets, 2 savoy cakes, 2 Chantillie baskets, 2 wax baskets with shell fish, 2 of asparagus, 2 of French beans, 4 dishes of almond shapes.

From the details of the bill of fare it is noticed that three soups were provided, two-thirds being turtle, one-sixth soup à la reine and one-sixth soup sauté. The turtle soup was made from a turtle, brought alive to Stowe House, weighing between 90 and 100lb. It was killed on the evening before it was required to be made into soup in the following way:—

“Tie a cord to the hind fins of the turtle and hang it up, then tie another cord to the fore fins, by way of pinioning it, that it should not beat itself and be troublesome to the person who cuts off its head.”

A turtle of this size would produce now about 20 gallons of turtle soup, giving 20 portions to the gallon.

After the soups had been removed, dishes of sea fish and matelot of carp were served. As Stowe is situated in North Buckinghamshire, the delivery of sea fish must have been extremely difficult, and only such fish as skate, which improve by keeping a few days, would be in a fit state for human consumption on arrival.

After the removal of the fish a haunch of venison and a loin of lamb were placed on the tables. A herd of deer was maintained in the deer park on the estate; the bucks being killed as required for meat. The loin of lamb was also obtained from the estate. The side removes were a chine of mutton, now generally called a saddle, a brisket of tremblanc and roots (carrots and onions), two necks of lamb à la cheveaux de frize (braised necks of lamb with cucumber sauce) and a neck of venison.

The next course consisted of fowl à la daube (braised chicken glazed and stuffed with mushrooms), rabbits à l'Oporto which were braised in red wine; glazed and served with sorrel sauce, and dishes of braised grouse with cabbage.

Raised pie à la Amiens was a pie made from ducks reared on the estate and the roasted quails were cooked in the following manner:—

“Quails were skewered the same as partridges; put a vine leaf over the breast; about ten minutes will roast them; put gravy into the dish; serve sauce in a boat.”

“Apricot tourtes were made of ripe apricots; sheet the tourt pans with puff paste, stone the apricots and cut them in quarters and put sifted sugar to them, but not water, string them according to fancy.” These apricots being ripe must have been grown by the gardeners, as, obviously, ripe apricots would not travel very well.

Following these sweets were dishes of pease, French beans, asparagus, cauliflowers, ragout melle and atlets of crayfish. To close the bill of fare, wax baskets were filled with prawns and crayfish. The baskets were made in the following way:

“To one pound of wax put half a pound of spermaceti, and about one ounce of flake white, mixed up with half that quantity of hog's lard, and melt it all together; have the moulds that are intended for me ready; they should be remarkably clean in

the inside ; oil the moulds a little with a clean cloth ; mind that the wax is not too hot when you begin to cast ; if it is it will be troublesome to get out ; they may be ornamented with coloured wax, or gumpaste, cut out from the boards for that purpose ; the wax baskets are generally painted in oil colours ; sometimes they are done with wax flowers."

The crayfish were obtained from streams in the neighbourhood, while the prawns, which travel better than most sea fish because they are cooked, were probably rather expensive.

The bill of fare was composed in such a way that little had to be purchased from outside sources. The estate was self-sufficient ; but the waste on this meal was enormous, as it was very difficult to keep meat during August, owing to lack of cold storage.

*(By courtesy of the Publishers.)*

## POETRY

### DUSK

Some old angelic conjuror that night  
Was practising with delicate delight  
A secret art upon the sunset sky.  
For he, with sudden, fine temerity,  
Had set against heaven's peacock-feathered field  
Some blackly huge, enclosing, craggy shield,  
That quartered off the great horizon, so,  
It seemed, that curious mortals might not know  
The dark devices that he had in hand  
Below the mountains and beyond the land.  
This straightly silhouetted line of piled  
Cloud moved fantastically beneath the wild  
And careless touch of that conspirator,  
Whose mind was set upon the strategy  
Of things more potent ; moved courageously  
Through monstrous fine manoeuvres that would draw  
Defeated generals from hell to mark  
Their vast absurdity ; through shapes of stark  
Outline that fiercely would disturb the dark  
Imaginations madmen from the Ark  
Brought down to Shinar in the days of Shem ;  
Through strongly sculptured piles that would have driven  
The visionary architects of heaven,  
Who shaped eternal contours, to contemn  
The immortality their spirit craves,  
Fretting with inspiration in their graves.  
It spoke in parables. The great gods sprawled  
Their horrid limbs across, and snored ; and bald  
Slumbrous lions stirred there, and smiled, the strength  
Strangely disturbed whose features filled its length.  
It spoke in parody of all things ; there  
Precocious monsters raised their busy heads ;

Toothless jaws and children's lips and, there,  
Great mens' chins and noses and fools' foreheads  
Moved around with marvellous precision  
In garishly fantastical procession.  
Yet it was but the prologue that was mine,  
But random gestures conjured by the fine  
Wild fingers of that omniscient  
Conspirator to hide his true intent :  
Performance of some grave more potent play  
Too strong for logic or the light of day.  
And I could hear far, far beyond these driven  
Mountains trumpets of presence scarcely felt,  
Waiting to sound the brazen depths of heaven,  
And rouse the tempests of divine revolt.

R.J.E.

### THE SEER

Death shall be a welcome end  
For me whose downfall is foreseen ;  
Whose sure despair no hope can mend ;  
Whose loves, once true, will soon pretend  
They are as they have been.

More I know, yet will not say ;  
I shall be spared Cassandra's grief.  
This world I'll never show the way  
Of truth and sorrow and dismay  
Nor bear her unbelief.

J.E.R.

### SONNET

And what if freedom dies ? These things will live  
That lived here through a hundred years before ;  
Whatever man may do, the earth will give  
The things she has to give : then say no more ;  
' If freedom dies, what can man do but die ?'  
The wide sea cannot die, nor the high hills,  
And on the marsh the redshank still will cry ;  
The tide will flood in silence past the mills.

Let freedom die. For these are something stronger  
Than all the tyranny and hate of one.  
Man cannot change the glory of the sun :  
It was before man was, and will be longer ;  
The freedom of the mountain, marsh, and sea  
Mocks at the freedom man would have it be.

W.H.-Y.

## NIGHTFALL

Gulls circled overhead and stayed their flight,  
 Calling and calling. On the lilies' leaves  
 The shadow fell and dusk half-light,  
 Fashioning fiction which the dark-light weaves.  
 Still and stiller; geese gone, then the owl  
 Quivered the branches; fireflies' random flicker  
 Leapt across my eyes; the water-fowl  
 Rattled and then were still; the dark grew thicker.

The silence round me wavered on the lake  
 As waters tensed and slackened in the breeze.  
 Over the hill and through the rushes' wake  
 The moonlight slipped, gilding the silent seas—  
 Vast, indistinct-outlined and shallow-shored—  
 Ice-light, brushing the shadow's finger-tips:  
 Desolate depth of night, and heavy-oared,  
 Sweeping across the water met its lips.

D.W.B.

## COMMENTARY ON KEATS

Keep  
 In the fastness of my soul  
 Unseen glimpses of forgotten sleep;  
 Imagination crowds my eyes with tears  
 And beauty takes her toll  
 Of those whose longings mitigate their fears.

P.G.H.

## UNCONQUERED FAITH

He reached the shining top of hope's high hill,  
 He that was young and full of blood and sure  
 That tyrant kings could not again fulfil  
 Ages of darkness and to ruin lure  
 The nations long embittered by distress.  
 But as he saw the mangled, wounded earth,  
 Its sores now healing with forgetfulness,  
 One man stood up; he was of mighty girth;  
 Mindless he raved, and trampled on the rest,  
 With empty rant deceived, held honour small,  
 Screamed out that wanton power alone was best,  
 To arrogance held liberty in thrall.  
 Down, disillusioned, fallen, the watcher still  
 With other hopes the higher saw his hill.

P.S.A.

## COMPLAINT

Tomorrow I'll sit down to tea  
 And hear the obtuse vanity  
 Of cynics ineffectual,  
 Whose world is intellectual.

And they'll deplore the cliché-sodden,  
 The word-paid, chatty journalism  
 Of murderous men whose feet have trodden  
 The mire of sentimentalism.

They'll scorn emotional distress—  
 It's merely weak to sympathise.  
 Uneasy laughter will express  
 Their feeble efforts to despise.

In fragile epigrams dismissed,  
 The sufferings of their fellow-creatures  
 Will never reach them, never twist  
 Their visibly distorted features.

Their bleak philosophy is dead,  
 The heart of all its hope bereaving,  
 Spinning around each trivial head  
 The complex web of its own weaving.

R.C.H.

## SAILING

Sailing this term has been rather upset owing to war activities. In spite of this, however, we had two matches. On Saturday, March 18th, in very light weather, we beat Oxford University Sailing Club comfortably, on our lake. On June 8th we had a return match on the Isis at Abingdon: in spite of a light breeze we were only just beaten by two points.

Class A was won by I. N. Craig (C), and N. A. Tolkien (B) was top of B Class. The following represented the School:—I. N. Craig (C), R. J. Ellison (T), The Hon. W. Hilton Young (W), D. W. Barnes (C).

I.N.C.

## LAMENT

Her hair glistened like the dew on Tal-y-cethnant and her eye was deep and full as is the Tarn when spring melts the snows. Her tongue slid easily as the adder on the Vardre and the beauty of her body made one gasp as does the wind on the summit of Pabo. Her wrath glowered like the thunder-clouds over Long Gloddaeth and her favour danced like the little trout in the Clwyd. In all the Valley there was none so fair as Gwyneth and my heart was for her. For her I descended the shaft each morning; for her I hacked at the great seam in Number Three; for her I spared from drink and saved; for her I worked, slept, ate; for her I lived.

As I look at her coffin now, I see that there is no future, no glory, no promise; there is only the hope that work will quickly kill me. The choir are singing, singing to her soul in heaven and to the God that hath taken her from us:

"Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation."

Yet if I am lost and forsaken, whom can I blame but myself, for it was I that killed her?

"For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee."

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hear my prayer; for the pangs of jealousy were very strong and I very weak. What though I saw her talk and laugh with Dafydd ap Llywelyn, would I have taken thought to kill her for that?

"Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face."

It was not until I went to see her at her cottage and she mocked at me that the blind rage struck at my heart and numbed my brain. And then the terrible frenzy of the few moments after I had struck her when she lay with the blood oozing from the place where her head hit the stone.

"O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure."

Yet, as the small drifts on Bleddyn Trahaern are as nought to the constant depth of the snows on Cader Idris, so was my mad grief then as nought to the heavy pondered misery of the days since. O, Lord, how empty has seemed the prospect of my life and how slight the cause for which I have robbed myself!

"How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? For ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?"

I cannot find it in myself that I should be an object of suspicion. They found her lying there. She must have slipped and cut her head; she died by the stroke of fate as does the lamb beneath the teeth of the fox. But as I passed by now there were two constables at her door and they looked at me queerly. Was it the glance of pity or the glance of suspicion?

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

All is over. The mourners are coming out. They too look queerly at me. O God, let their feelings for me be those of sorrow and not of hatred. I know I killed her, yet I meant it not and almost I know it not. Doubts and images enshroud my mind as the mists enshroud Moel Siabod. The whip of distrust is like the scorpion in the hands of my neighbours and my spirit is weakening. Soon, in a week, a month, a year, they will discover my sin or I will reveal it. How long, O Lord, how long?

B.H.



HAY-RAKING



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## CRICKET

THE 1st XI had only two old colours left from last season and was expected to be a weak side. This proved to be true, but one or two very pleasing facts emerged. The outstanding feature of the season has been the really remarkable batting of A. V. Farnell-Watson and E. P. Hickling in School Matches. Farnell-Watson made 412 runs for an average of 82.4 and Hickling 411 for an average of 82.2—it must be a long time since any school side could boast such a record as that of these two. They are especially to be congratulated since they both knew that if they failed the side would probably soon be all out. The only other batsman who did really well was W. R. Mallory, who is still a Colt. He showed great promise and should do very well next year. T. M. Pragnell, coming into the side fairly late, made runs in his own style and has a very good temperament.

The bowling has at times been quite good and the only time it has been really mastered was by the very strong Radley batting side. The chief criticism that can be offered here is that the opening bowlers did not make the batsmen play at the ball enough. R. H. Hawkins bowled very well indeed at times—this was especially the case in the earlier School Matches. J. D. Le Bouvier, W. M. Savery and Farnell-Watson all bowled well on occasions, and P. A. Bates after a shaky start kept wicket beautifully.

Against all this must be put the dismal fielding and throwing—it was shocking, and matches that were lost might have been won if this had been better, but it was the batting of numbers six to eleven that really let the side down.

Matches were won against Bedford, Westminster and the XL Club; the Radley match was drawn. Bradfield, Oundle, M.C.C., Authentics and Buckingham beat the School.

STOWE *v.* BRADFIELD. Played at Bradfield on May 30th. Lost by 21 runs.

Stowe won the toss. After a long bus journey and taking into consideration the state of the wicket, Farnell-Watson put Bradfield in to bat. The Bradfield first pair made a quiet start against some good bowling by Savery. Savery beat the bat many times and had at least one catch missed in the slips, but at 35 Farnell-Watson made up for a previous lapse by making a very good catch indeed. The score mounted slowly until 50 was reached when Hawkins, who had relieved Savery, got two quick wickets. He clean bowled Francis and had Gibbs caught at mid-off.

Elgood and Brocklehurst then made a good stand. Brocklehurst made some most attractive strokes and hit the ball very hard. During this partnership and for that matter for the whole match the Stowe throwing-in was very poor and the fielding little better. Brocklehurst was missed early in his innings, and this with a chance that Elgood gave behind the wicket had a good deal to do with the final result. However these two put on 61 runs before Brocklehurst was caught and bowled by Le Bouvier. In this spell Le Bouvier bowled exceedingly well and he soon clean bowled Cain. With Griffin bowling Brock one run later, the situation had changed with rapidity. From 113 for 3 to 114 for 6 was a big improvement and Stowe could feel satisfied at lunch, which was taken a few runs later.

The later Bradfield batsmen all made useful contributions, especially Evans, and the total eventually reached 180. Stowe had not taken their chance after lunch when the bowling was not of such a high standard.

After a disastrous start—two wickets falling for 3 runs—Farnell-Watson and Hickling made a good stand which added 44 very valuable runs. After Farnell-Watson's dismissal it was all Hickling, who completely dominated the match. His first fifty was scored in under an hour before tea, when the score was 78 for 3 wickets.

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Mallory was out immediately afterwards, but Hickling went on in a rather more subdued manner. His hooking and leg hitting were particularly good, but he could get no one to stay with him. In the end he was caught in the slips playing a shot that was intended to give him the bowling. It had been a really great innings, especially as he knew that all depended on him. His 85 included ten fours.

Savery batted courageously, but it was not until Hawkins came in that any stand was made; they added 18 runs for the last wicket. But it was not enough and Stowe were beaten by 21 runs.

| BRADFIELD.                                 |     | STOWE.                                    |     |
|--|-----|---|-----|
| W. N. Francis, b Hawkins.....              | 24  | R. B. Higham (T), lbw, b Roden.....       | 0   |
| F. A. S. Price, c Farnell-Watson, b Savery | 16  | P. A. Bates (C), b Heen.....              | 1   |
| T. F. Gibbs, c Higham, b Hawkins.....      | 7   | A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Evans.....    | 15  |
| B. C. Elgood, c Farnell-Watson, b Savery   | 31  | E. P. Hickling (C), c Evans, b Price..... | 85  |
| B. G. Brocklehurst, c and b Le Bouvier     | 39  | W. R. Mallory (C), c Francis, b Heen...   | 5   |
| N. H. Cain, b Le Bouvier.....              | 0   | A. D. Thomson (C), c Cain, b Forester...  | 15  |
| D. M. Brock, b Griffin.....                | 0   | I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), lbw, b Forester    | 2   |
| I. M. P. Evans, b Le Bouvier.....          | 25  | W. M. Savery (W), not out.....            | 7   |
| C. G. Forester, b Savery.....              | 12  | C. M. Griffin (C), lbw, b Roden.....      | 4   |
| T. C. Roden, not out.....                  | 16  | J. D. Le Bouvier (T), b Price.....        | 1   |
| A. C. B. Heen, c Griffin, b Savery.....    | 3   | R. H. Hawkins (C), lbw, b Roden.....      | 13  |
| Extras.....                                | 7   | Extras.....                               | 11  |
| Total.....                                 | 180 | Total.....                                | 159 |

Bowling.—Savery, 4 for 38; Le Bouvier, 3 for 43; Farnell-Watson, 0 for 44; Hawkins, 2 for 44; Griffin, 1 for 4.

Bowling.—Heen, 2 for 24; Roden, 3 for 66; Price, 2 for 29; Evans, 1 for 21; Forester, 2 for 8.

#### STOWE v. BEDFORD. Played at Stowe on June 1st. Won by 121 runs.

This rather uninspiring game began in dull and sultry weather, but the wicket was a remarkably easy one and it was surely a strange decision that led the Bedford captain to ask Stowe to bat first.

Bates and McDonald opened the innings in what is nowadays the conventional manner. Runs came here and there from pats and deflections, and the bowlers rubbed the ball on their trousers to keep the shine on it. Even so, although Bates was missed, the bowlers did not appear to be able to make the ball do very much, and after twenty minutes the Stowe opening batsmen had performed their primary function—that of necessitating a change of bowling. At 24 (after 35 minutes' play) McDonald, who had made a promising first appearance as an opening batsmen, fell to an admirable slip catch. Bates soon followed him out, bowled by a good leg-break from Birbeck, and then there almost occurred a great tragedy. Hickling played no sort of a stroke to his first ball and was hit on the pads. There was a loud and confident appeal, but Hickling survived and proceeded to show what a good player he is, except outside his off-stump. He obtained most of the bowling and anything loose he hit hard and truly. He rapidly overhauled Farnell-Watson, who spent a long period elegantly watching him from the bowler's end, and runs began to come really fast. When Farnell-Watson at last had a chance to make some runs himself he made them very well, playing some excellent strokes off his back foot and giving extra-cover some hard work. The running between the wickets of these two was enterprising but erratic, and at least once Hickling survived only because the throwing of the Bedford side (with one notable exception) was distinctly indifferent. Lunch-time came; the batsmen were still together, and the score-board had a healthy look—136 for 2, Hickling 62 and Farnell-Watson 47.

The interval was overlong (why cannot cricketers eat and drink their fill in the statutory 45 minutes?) and was followed by a series of disasters for Stowe. First Hickling, before he had settled down again, tried ill-advisedly to hook a not very short-pitched ball and was caught comfortably by mid-on. Mallory waved aimlessly at the next ball and was very properly caught at the wicket. Thomson played the same imprudent stroke at the next two balls, but luckily for him he failed to get a touch and survived, Fielden being most unfortunate to miss the hat-trick he deserved.

Farnell-Watson continued to play well, and seemed likely to go on for ever if anyone would stay with him. He saw Thomson and Lewisohn go cheaply and then, to everyone's surprise, was himself caught. His 65 was an extremely valuable contribution, and he had batted very well, if not as well as he can.

The end now seemed near, but Savery played bravely and Griffin's 20 runs looked as good as any that were made during the day. He used his feet extremely well and made the other batsmen look hesitant and laborious. Hawkins made his customary contribution at number 11, and with Savery put on 32 valuable and meritorious runs for the last wicket. The innings closed for 238, Birbeck having the creditable analysis of 4 for 57. On this easy wicket he turned the ball appreciably and kept all the batsmen playing.

The Bedford innings was a dreary affair. The opening pair could be excused for their lethargy, as Savery and Le Bouvier bowled much too far outside the off-stump to allow any chance of a stroke being played or a wicket falling. After what seemed to be a considerable period of this rather purposeless and formal cricket Tremnet was well caught by Lewisohn (at very short-leg) off Savery, and before tea Hawkins disposed of Abrahams who made a stroke which he would probably like to forget.

After the interval the match went on to its inevitable conclusion. Hawkins made the most of the chance given him by slow-footed batsmen and bowled his spinners well. Griffin too (might he not be given the new ball another time?) had a very good spell in which he took two wickets for 8 runs in 6 overs. He was then taken off and forgotten. Farnell-Watson came on and gave Bates an opportunity to show that, in spite of earlier lapses, he is really a good wicket-keeper, Birbeck and Pollard offered some resistance, and Le Bouvier bowled to a remarkably ill-placed field. The total eventually reached 117, and at 6.40 Stowe had won by 121 runs. Hawkins' figures—17—5—28—4—perhaps flattered him a little, but it was not his fault that the Bedford batsmen for the most part refused to use their feet to him. The Stowe fielding was untidy and the throwing poor, but Hickling at least showed that he has improved out of all knowledge in this department of the game.

| STOWE.                                    |     | BEDFORD.                                  |     |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| J. A. McDonald (C), c Oakley, b Fielden   | 15  | G. S. Smith, b Griffin.....               | 15  |
| P. A. Bates (C), b Birbeck.....           | 6   | E. M. Tremnet, c Lewisohn, b Savery ...   | 7   |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Oakley, b     |     | A. C. W. Abrahams, b Hawkins.....         | 4   |
| Reeve.....                                | 65  | R. Evan-Jones, lbw, b Hawkins.....        | 18  |
| E. P. Hickling (C), c Webber, b Fielden   | 62  | L. F. L. Oakley, b Hawkins.....           | 1   |
| W. R. Mallory (C), c Shaw, b Fielden...   | 0   | C. R. Fielden, b Griffin.....             | 0   |
| A. D. Thomson (C), b Reeve.....           | 9   | N. H. Birbeck, st Bates, b Farnell-Watson | 26  |
| I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), b Birbeck.....     | 3   | L. W. Pollard, st Bates, b Farnell-Watson | 20  |
| W. M. Savery (W), not out.....            | 26  | P. E. Reeve, st Bates, b Hawkins.....     | 8   |
| C. M. Griffin (C), c Fielden, b Webber... | 20  | A. A. Webber, b Savery.....               | 3   |
| J. D. Le Bouvier (T), st Shaw, b Birbeck  | 4   | P. R. D. Shaw, not out.....               | 4   |
| R. H. Hawkins (C), b Birbeck.....         | 13  |   |     |
| Extras.....                               | 15  | Extras.....                               | 11  |
| Total.....                                | 238 | Total.....                                | 117 |

Bowling.—Reeve, 2 for 52; Fielden, 3 for 63; Birbeck, 4 for 57; Webber, 1 for 33; Abrahams, 0 for 18.

Bowling.—Savery, 2 for 21; Le Bouvier, 0 for 14; Hawkins, 4 for 28; Farnell-Watson, 2 for 35; Griffin, 2 for 8.

#### STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Roehampton on June 5th. Won by 107 runs.

This match was played on the Bank of England ground at Roehampton which was kindly lent us for the occasion. It resulted in a win for Stowe by 107 runs.

The match was entirely dominated by three fine batting performances—Hickling's and Farnell-Watson's for Stowe and Hinge's for Westminster.

Stowe batted first and Bates was soon out, but McDonald and Farnell-Watson added 34 runs before McDonald was bowled. Hickling then came in and these two were not separated until the score reached 197. They added 161 runs for the third wicket. Perhaps one of the

features of their partnership was the really effective way that they hit the bad ball—it invariably, as it should have done, went for four. When Hickling was eventually out, Farnell-Watson went on and soon reached 150. However, six runs later he was caught, and apart from two lusty blows by Thomson nothing else of note happened before the innings was declared at 265 for five wickets. Farnell-Watson hit two sixes and nineteen fours and Hickling eight fours.

Savery gave Stowe a good start by clean bowling Borradaile for nothing with the first ball of his second over. Nichol and Evans then added twenty runs before Nichol was bowled by Hawkins. Hinge then came in and played a grand innings. He was never afraid to hit the ball and he took almost complete charge while he was in. When he had failed to keep the bowling a wicket invariably fell. All this time the Stowe bowling had been fairly steady, especially that of Hawkins. Hinge was finally out having scored 73 out of the total of 122 for 7 wickets when he left.

A most determined and plucky stand followed between Whittington, who had been Westminster's most successful bowler, and Ferres-Guy. They added 36 very valuable runs until Ferres-Guy was caught by Farnell-Watson off Hawkins who had had singularly little bowling after tea. Hawkins himself then made a brilliant catch off Farnell-Watson who three balls later bowled the last Westminster batsman. Hawkins thoroughly deserved his analysis of 4 for 22 as he was a constant menace to the batsmen.

| STOWE.                                  |     | WESTMINSTER.                             |     |
|---|-----|--|-----|
| P. A. Bates (C), c Evans, b Cremer..... | 0   | R. O. I. Borradaile, b Savery.....       | 0   |
| J. A. McDonald (C), b Whittington.....  | 19  | S. T. Nichol, b Hawkins.....             | 15  |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Renny, b    |     | D. C. Evans, lbw, b Savery.....          | 10  |
| Whittington.....                        | 156 | K. A. H. Hinge, c Farnell-Watson, b      |     |
| E. P. Hickling (C), c Ferres-Guy, b     |     | Hawkins.....                             | 73  |
| Whittington.....                        | 67  | I. A. Renny, b Le Bouvier.....           | 8   |
| W. R. Mallory (C), c Tennison, b Cremer | 1   | T. D. C. Saunders, c Bates, b Hawkins... | 0   |
| A. D. Thomson (C), not out.....         | 14  | V. T. M. R. Tennison, c and b Farnell-   |     |
| R. B. Higham (T), not out.....          | 0   | Watson.....                              | 5   |
| W. M. Savery (W), C. M. Griffin (C),    |     | R. G. Whittington, not out.....          | 21  |
| J. D. Le Bouvier (T) and R. H.          |     | J. H. Ferres-Guy, c Farnell-Watson, b    |     |
| Hawkins (C) did not bat.                |     | Hawkins.....                             | 17  |
|   |     | R. S. Cremer, c Hawkins, b Farnell-      |     |
|   |     | Watson.....                              | 0   |
|   |     | J. H. Sinclair, b Farnell-Watson.....    | 0   |
|   |     | Extras.....                              | 9   |
| Extras.....                             | 8   | Total.....                               | 158 |
| Total (5 wkts. dec.).....               | 265 |  |     |

Bowling.—Whittington, 3 for 69; Cremer 2 for 108; Sinclair, 0 for 44; Tennison, 0 for 27; Borradaile, 0 for 9.

Bowling.—Savery, 2 for 38; Le Bouvier, 1 for 34; Griffin, 0 for 9; Hawkins, 4 for 22; Mallory, 0 for 10; Farnell-Watson, 3 for 36.

#### STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL. Played at Oxford on June 22nd.

Match abandoned.

| STOWE.                                    |    |
|---|----|
| J. A. McDonald (C), b J. W. Halliday....  | 2  |
| T. M. Pragnell (G), b J. W. Halliday..... | 10 |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), not out.....    | 15 |
| E. P. Hickling (C), not out.....          | 41 |
| Extras.....                               | 1  |
| Total (2 wkts.).....                      | 69 |

Bowling.—Halliday, 2 for 17; Langdon, 0 for 16; Ray, 0 for 16; Rogerson, 0 for 19.

#### STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Stowe on July 3rd. Lost by 3 wickets.

This was a most disappointing game as at lunch-time Stowe were in a position of extreme comfort when the score board registered 154 for 3 wickets. This, one must admit, was entirely due to Farnell-Watson and Hickling who had yet again shown their courage and ability in School matches. They both played well, especially Hickling who hit the ball on the leg side extremely hard. They added 88 runs before Farnell-Watson was out and Mallory joined Hickling. Mallory started very confidently and the two were together at lunch.

Hickling started off in great form after lunch, crashing the ball to the boundary, and then just when it seemed inevitable that he would reach his century he was brilliantly caught and bowled by Mills for a masterly 93. He and Mallory had added 52 runs in very quick time.

Mallory went on, but the others came and went very quickly. It was quite one of the most dismal and heart-breaking performances that can ever have been seen on the ground. After being 170 for 3 wickets, the whole side were out for 209—the last five wickets fell for nine runs, six of which were off one hit.

Wilson and Smith started off for Oundle quietly but steadily and they took the score to 35 before Hawkins bowled Smith. Ward-Jones joined Wilson and they took the score to 71 when they were both out, Wilson to a stroke that one never expected to see him play after the very efficient way he had been batting.

Mills, the Oundle captain, and Rhodes then both played very well indeed and several of Mills' square cuts were beautiful strokes. Admittedly the Stowe bowling was not as good as usual and Farnell-Watson probably kept himself on too long as he was proving very expensive. Hawkins was off form and the only person who got any life out of the wicket was Griffin. The only hope for Stowe seemed to be a run out and this eventually happened—not one but three! This was not due to brilliant fielding but bad running in between the wickets—Rhodes, Mills and Moore all departed in this way and the score was 169 for 6. Stowe now had a chance but failed to take it.

The bowling did not improve and Cheshire hit the ball hard although he should have easily been caught by Thomson before he had reached double figures. This proved fatal as his quick twenty-five aided by some dour batting by Rudkin put the result beyond doubt.

Stowe deserved to lose as, in addition to their lamentable batting, the fielding was poor and the throwing in both careless and erratic.

| STOWE.                                    |     | OUNDLE.                                    |     |
|---|-----|--|-----|
| J. A. McDonald (C), lbw, b Wilson.....    | 1   | P. N. Smith, b Hawkins.....                | 13  |
| T. M. Pragnell (G), c Henshall, b Crocker | 11  | G. A. Wilson, c Griffin, b Le Bouvier..... | 44  |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), c Cheshire, b   |     | N. A. Ward-Jones, c Le Bouvier, b Griffin  | 12  |
| Rhodes.....                               | 49  | J. H. Rhodes, run out.....                 | 38  |
| E. P. Hickling (C), c and b Mills.....    | 93  | J. M. Mills, run out.....                  | 47  |
| W. R. Mallory (C), c Wilson, b Mills..... | 25  | A. J. W. Rudkin, not out.....              | 26  |
| A. D. Thomson (C), b Mills.....           | 9   | P. J. de A. Moore, run out.....            | 4   |
| W. M. Savery (W), b Crocker.....          | 5   | V. S. Cheshire, b Le Bouvier.....          | 25  |
| C. M. Griffin (C), b Mills.....           | 0   | H. E. Henshall, not out.....               | 1   |
| J. D. Le Bouvier (T), lbw, b Crocker..... | 9   | D. S. Lake and J. W. G. Crocker did not    |     |
| P. A. Bates (C), not out.....             | 0   | bat.                                       |     |
| R. H. Hawkins (C), c and b Crocker.....   | 0   |  |     |
| Extras.....                               | 7   | Extras.....                                | 3   |
| Total.....                                | 209 | Total (7 wkts.).....                       | 213 |

Bowling.—Crocker, 4 for 48; Wilson, 1 for 40; Mills, 4 for 65; Moore, 0 for 22; Henshall, 0 for 12; Rhodes, 1 for 15.

Bowling.—Savery, 0 for 15; Le Bouvier, 2 for 30; Mallory, 0 for 17; Hawkins, 1 for 55; Farnell-Watson, 0 for 66; Griffin, 1 for 27.

#### STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Stowe on July 4th. Drawn.

This match started on a chilly blustery morning with the players scurrying for shelter every now and then and Radley steadily piling up runs. At the start Womack, regarding a tightly packed offside field distastefully, proceeded to score with freedom in the neighbourhood of square leg. This eventually brought the inevitable lbw decision but not before he had made a delight-

ful 28. Shortly afterwards Griffin, who approaches the wicket much in the manner of one about to project a harpoon, had Corke well caught in the gully from a stroke intended for long leg.

After this the School received no further encouragement for a long time; Sessions went steadily on with all the unhurried inevitability attaching to his name, though his progress was assisted considerably by some unintelligent placing of the field which ignored the fact that most of his runs were scored between cover-point and third man. Mallory twice got good balls past Darwin without touching bat or wicket, but for the rest, bowlers came and went but the batsmen went on for ever. The score at lunch was 183 for 3, Darwin having put up a simple catch when trying to hook a shortish ball.

Radley continued in much the same way after lunch. The similarity in pace of four of the School's six bowlers became irritatingly evident, and if ever the need for a genuine leg-spin bowler was emphasized it was now.

Sessions was eventually out after making 83, a highly competent innings. Thereafter the School had to withstand some freer hitting from Taylor and Stewart. The fielding was never more than adequate. At least six chances went a-begging, though some were admittedly difficult, and the outfielding and throwing were seldom of a high standard. Shortly after three o'clock, Radley declared. Their score was then 328 for 5 wickets.

Left with three and a half hours for batting, the School never had more than a draw in sight. Farnell-Watson decided to open the innings himself with Pragnell, but for a very long time he stood at the top end with the tranquil calm of a public monument watching his partner deal with Darwin's thunderbolt deliveries; and courageously Pragnell did it. From the school end Cornish, after a ferocious run up, bowled slow "floaters" of a tempting kind, giving the impression of a skidding engine wheel at the start of a journey.

Tea came and went, but with the score at 74 Pragnell was neatly caught and bowled by Cornish; he had made an invaluable 23. Five minutes later Savery missed a straight "full-toss" and was lbw. This brought in Hickling, who proceeded to give us an object lesson in the value of footwork when playing slow bowling; only one or two balls in every over were allowed to pitch at all and even two men deep on the leg boundary were unable to prevent a spate of runs. So fast did he score that he nearly overtook Farnell-Watson; however the latter just reached the 50 mark first.

Radley's chances of forcing a victory were fading very rapidly when Hickling was well caught at cover from a careless stroke. Mallory took his place and quickly scored two lovely boundaries, one on each side of the wicket, from the Radley fast bowler.

With the clock creeping on to 6.15 and Farnell-Watson approaching his century rather faster, the School seemed safe, but at 6.20 Mallory was run out through not backing up properly. Higham came in and played sensibly, but Farnell-Watson after completing a fine century threw his wicket away as did Thomson eight runs later. The School were not in a position to afford prodigality of this sort, and when Le Bouvier was beautifully caught by the bowler following up, a School defeat was again a possibility. Fortunately Higham kept his head and seven o'clock came with him and Bates still together.

| RADLEY.   |     | STOWE.                                     |     |
|---|-----|--|-----|
| O. F. O. Womack, lbw, b Savery.....   | 28  | A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), b Hayward....    | 112 |
| J. M. B. Sessions, c Griffin, b Savery.....                                   | 82  | T. M. Pragnell (G), c and b Cornish.....   | 23  |
| M. D. Corke, c Hawkins, b Griffin.....  | 10  | W. M. Savery (W), lbw, b Womack.....       | 1   |
| R. J. A. Darwin, c Bates, b Farnell-Watson .....                              | 66  | E. P. Hickling (C), c Womack, b Sawtell .. | 63  |
| G. T. Pearson, c Farnell-Watson, b Mallory .....                              | 32  | W. R. Mallory (C), run out.....            | 14  |
| H. R. J. Taylor, not out.....   | 49  | R. B. Higham (T), not out.....             | 20  |
| F. G. Stewart, not out.....   | 38  | A. D. Thomson (O), c Hayward, b Cornish .. | 3   |
| T. P. Hayward, J. H. Mott, H. C. A. Cornish and J. P. W. Sawtell did not bat. |     | J. D. Le Bouvier (T), c and b Cornish....  | 0   |
|   |     | P. A. Bates (C), not out.....              | 0   |
| Extras .....  | 23  | Extras .....                               | 9   |
| Total (5 wkts. dec.)....  | 328 | Total (7 wkts.).....                       | 245 |

Bowling.—Savery, 2 for 57; Le Bouvier, 0 for 60; Griffin, 1 for 62; Mallory, 1 for 21; Hawkins, 0 for 41; Farnell-Watson, 1 for 64.

Bowling.—Darwin, 0 for 45; Sessions, 0 for 13; Sawtell, 1 for 51; Hayward, 1 for 16; Cornish, 3 for 89; Womack, 1 for 17; Taylor, 0 for 5.

- May 25th. STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM. Lost by 9 wickets.  
Stowe (1st innings), 71 (P. A. Bates (C) 23, A. P. Bell 7 for 27). 2nd innings, 133 for 1 (A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) 62 not out, E. P. Hickling (C) 52 not out).  
Buckingham, 149 for 5 declared (T. E. Busby 66, H. G. Thomas 34 not out, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) 4 for 45).
- June 8th. STOWE v. M.C.C. Lost by 3 wickets.  
Stowe, 151 (W. R. Mallory (C) 54 not out, A. D. Thomson (C) 31, N. W. Limb 4 for 41).  
M.C.C., 152 for 7 (S. C. B. Lee 31, J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 4 for 27).
- June 12th. STOWE v. AUTHENTICS. Lost by 130 runs.  
Authentics, 265 for 5 declared (Grey 62, Poch 133).  
Stowe, 135 (T. M. Pragnell (G) 61 not out, Wallace 4 for 15, Risley 4 for 34).
- June 15th. STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM. Drawn.  
Buckingham, 218 (A. P. Bell 49, E. H. Edrich 40, W. R. Mallory (C) 4 for 19, R. H. Hawkins (C) 3 for 64).  
Stowe, 190 for 5 (T. M. Pragnell (G) 46, E. P. Hickling (C) 64, W. R. Mallory (C) 50 not out; E. Bryant 3 for 36).
- June 26th. STOWE v. XI CLUB. Won by 11 runs.  
Stowe, 186 (A. D. Thomson (C) 40, J. D. Le Bouvier (T) 36, L. J. Todd 6 for 38).  
XI Club, 75 (R. H. Hawkins (C) 4 for 15, W. R. Mallory (C) 3 for 17).

## 2ND XI.

The Second XI have played 6 matches, won 2 and lost 4. Their great weakness has been a complete absence of batting talent. After the first match or two Mitchell and Rossdale generally managed to make some runs, but they have no pretensions to being good batsmen. Nobody else was in the least reliable. The bowling looked like being good in the early part of the season but did not quite fulfil its promise. The side has always fielded well and played with spirit. It is noteworthy that when Rugby scored almost 200 runs without losing a wicket our fielding remained keen and good to the end.

## Results:—

- May 18th. v. RADLEY 2ND XI. Away. Lost.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 101 (Pattison 4 for 18).  
Radley 2nd XI, 123 (C. M. Griffin (C) 4 for 34).
- May 29th. v. R.A.F., BICESTER. Home. Won.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 148 for 9 wkts. (J. A. McDonald (C) 40).  
R.A.F., Bicester, 50 (G. P. Marshall (C) 7 for 24). 2nd Innings, 18 (V. D. Burton (C) 3 for 10, G. P. Marshall (C) 5 for 8).
- June 5th. v. BEDFORD 2ND XI. Home. Won.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 124 (Garner 5 for 24).  
Bedford 2nd XI, 92 (M. C. Dodwell (C) 4 for 19, V. D. Burton (C) 4 for 32).
- June 8th. v. RUGBY 2ND XI. Home. Lost.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 187 for 9 dec. (R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 31 not out, A. M. Mitchell (C) 30).  
Rugby 2nd XI, 188 for 0 (Sarra 114 not out, Boyes 64 not out).

- June 29th. *v.* A. G. ARCHER'S XI. Home. Lost.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 151 (T. M. J. Shervington (C) 30).  
A. G. Archer's XI, 156 for 5 (M. B. H. Marshall 49 not out).
- July 3rd. *v.* OUNDLE 2nd XI. Home. Lost.  
Stowe 2nd XI, 169 (R. B. Higham (T) 34, R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 33, Walker 7 for 69).  
Oundle 2nd XI, 171 for 3 (Butler 71, Mallett 56 not out).

## 3RD XI.

Matches were played against the 2nd XI, the Colts, Radley and Buckingham. Three were won, one drawn, and three lost. The team started poorly but developed later into quite a useful combination. G. A. S. Cox (W) captained the side ably and became a dangerous opening bowler. Other useful performers were D. C. Lloyd (C), B. W. B. Sparrow (T), P. Campbell-Cooke (C), R. Backus (B) and R. W. J. Duff (C).

## COLTS.

The Colts have played six school matches, of which they have won one, lost two and drawn three. In addition to these matches, they have beaten the 3rd XI twice, and been beaten by a strong side collected by Mr. Capel Cure.

## Results:—

- May 18th. *v.* RADLEY. Won by 171 runs.  
Stowe, 229 for 3 declared (W. R. Mallory (C) 130 not out, J. M. Connell (G) 47).  
Radley, 58 (W. R. Mallory (C) 4 for 19, A. R. Barrowclough (B) 3 for 11).  
Beautiful batting by Mallory and Connell.
- June 1st. *v.* OUNDLE. Lost by 124 runs.  
Oundle, 200 for 9 declared.  
Stowe, 76.  
An exciting finish, Lack and Maitland batting for half an hour, and Maitland being out in the last over.
- June 5th. *v.* BEDFORD. Lost by 94 runs.  
Bedford, 201 for 6 declared.  
Stowe, 107 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 28, J. M. Connell (G) 25).  
A dull game which we could probably have drawn.
- June 8th. *v.* RUGBY. Drawn.  
Rugby, 180 (R. A. S. G. Calthorpe (W) 5 for 51).  
Stowe, 166 for 9 (N. C. S. Barling (B) 39, A. D. Maclean (T) 26).  
Very exciting finish, Barrowclough and Calthorpe hitting out well to try and win.
- June 26th. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Drawn.  
Stowe, 197 for 7 declared (A. D. Maclean (T) 60, J. E. Colbeck (T) 45, A. R. Barrowclough (B) 27 not out).  
St. Edward's, 160 for 6.  
A level game, which St. Edward's might have won if their first few batsmen had gone less slowly.

- June 29th. *v.* HARROW. Drawn.  
Stowe, 175 (A. D. Maclean (T) 68).  
Harrow, 130 for 8 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 4 for 17, including a hat trick).  
The best match of the season, full of fluctuations. Half an hour before lunch, we were 50 for 1; at lunch 73 for 5; in their innings, they were right on top with 84 for 3 and plenty of time; then Lack's hat trick, and a minute or two later they were 90 for 7. Then a great but unsuccessful struggle to get the last wickets.

## JUNIOR COLTS.

A side which, for one reason and another, has had to be altered considerably for each match has done well in most of its games. As will be seen from the scores this has been a season when batsmen have almost always had things their own way, the totals both of sides and individuals being remarkably high for this kind of cricket.

Shrobbree, since Lack and Barling went into the Colts XI, has probably been the outstanding player and he should become a good all-round cricketer. Treherne, a somewhat unimaginative but improving captain, has batted very well recently and has bowled well without any luck. Myers looks a really promising wicket-keeper, and others who have distinguished themselves as batsmen or bowlers are Lawrence, Gale, Hawkings and Verdon-Roe.

## Results:—

- May 18th. *v.* RADLEY. At Stowe. Won by 133 runs.  
Stowe, 241 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 80, N. C. S. Barling (B) 43, G. W. Hawkings (C) 37, J. de B. Shrobbree (C) 26, J. M. Gale (C) 24).  
Radley 108 (G. W. Hawkings (C) 4 for 24, T. S. A. Lack (G) 3 for 23).  
Stowe's total was made in 2 hours 10 minutes, Lack and Hawkings putting on 106 for the sixth wicket in 40 minutes. Hawkings took his four wickets in the course of 5 balls.
- June 8th. *v.* RUGBY. At Rugby. Won by 1 run.  
Stowe, 132 (T. H. Lawrence (B) 38, J. M. Gale (C) 22).  
Rugby, 131 (J. de B. Shrobbree 6 for 24).  
Rugby's fourth wicket fell at 102. After that Shrobbree, receiving valuable help from Myers, the wicket-keeper, had the following analysis: 7.1 overs, 4 maidens, 6 runs, 5 wickets.
- June 26th. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. At Oxford. Drawn.  
St. Edward's, 207 for 7 declared (J. de B. Shrobbree (C) 3 for 36, G. W. Hawkings (C) 3 for 45).  
Stowe, 85 for 5 (R. P. D. Treherne (C) 39 not out).  
A dull match. St. Edward's declared very late and Stowe could only play for a draw.
- June 29th. *v.* HARROW. At Harrow. Drawn.  
Stowe, 201 for 9 declared (J. de B. Shrobbree (C) 84, R. P. D. Treherne (C) 52, J. C. B. Bremner (C) 21 not out).  
Harrow, 182 for 6 (J. C. B. Bremner (C) 2 for 8).  
Batsmen were on top throughout the match. For Stowe, Shrobbree and Treherne added 102 for the third wicket.
- July 3rd. *v.* BLOXHAM. At Bloxham. Match abandoned.

## 1st XI AVERAGES.

| BATTING.                 |                |               |               |      |         |  |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------|---------|--|
|                          | No. of Innings | Times Not Out | Highest Score | Runs | Average |  |
| E. P. Hickling (C)       | 12             | 2             | 93            | 561  | 56.1    |  |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) | 12             | 2             | 156           | 501  | 50.1    |  |
| T. M. Pragnell (G)       | 6              | 1             | 61*           | 164  | 32.8    |  |
| W. R. Mallory (C)        | 10             | 2             | 54*           | 180  | 22.5    |  |
| A. D. Thomson (C)        | 9              | 1             | 40            | 138  | 17.25   |  |
| W. M. Savery (W)         | 7              | 2             | 26*           | 82   | 16.4    |  |
| R. B. Higham (T)         | 6              | 1             | 20*           | 43   | 8.6     |  |
| J. A. McDonald (C)       | 7              | 0             | 19            | 58   | 8.3     |  |
| J. D. Le Bouvier (T)     | 8              | 0             | 36            | 62   | 7.75    |  |
| P. A. Bates (C)          | 9              | 2             | 23            | 48   | 6.9     |  |
| R. H. Hawkins (C)        | 7              | 1             | 13            | 41   | 6.8     |  |
| C. M. Griffin (C)        | 7              | 1             | 20            | 40   | 6.7     |  |

The following also batted :—I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), 1, 2, 3, 26; J. M. Connell (G), 7; G. P. Marshall (C), 0\*.

| BOWLING.                 |       |         |      |         |         |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
|                          | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
| W. R. Mallory (C)        | 40    | 5       | 118  | 8       | 14.8    |
| W. M. Savery (W)         | 85.2  | 14      | 251  | 13      | 19.3    |
| R. H. Hawkins (C)        | 126   | 21      | 412  | 19      | 21.7    |
| A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) | 98.5  | 14      | 418  | 16      | 26.1    |
| J. D. Le Bouvier (T)     | 122   | 26      | 368  | 14      | 26.3    |
| C. M. Griffin (C)        | 42    | 6       | 174  | 6       | 29.0    |

The following catches were made :—A. V. Farnell-Watson, 8; P. A. Bates, 6 (ct. 2, st. 4); R. H. Hawkins, J. D. Le Bouvier, C. M. Griffin, 4 each; A. D. Thomson, I. J. H. Lewisohn, 3 each; E. P. Hickling, W. M. Savery, W. R. Mallory, J. A. McDonald, R. B. Higham, 1 each.

The teams were :—

1st XI.—\*\*\*A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), \*\*E. P. Hickling (C), \*P. A. Bates (C), \*R. H. Hawkins (C), \*J. D. Le Bouvier (T), \*W. R. Mallory (C), \*A. D. Thomson (C), \*W. M. Savery (W), \*T. M. Pragnell (G), †C. M. Griffin (C), †R. B. Higham (T).

2nd XI.—†V. D. Burton (C), ††I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), †J. A. McDonald (C), †G. P. Marshall (C), †A. M. Mitchell (C), †R. A. W. Rossdale (T), §R. A. Soames (C), §T. G. Longdon-Griffiths (G), §D. C. Lloyd (C), §T. H. Barclay (C), §T. M. J. Shervington (C).

3rd XI.—§G. A. S. Cox (W), §§R. Backus (B), §§R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), §M. C. Dodwell (C), §D. J. Webster (W), §B. W. B. Sparrow (T), §P. Campbell-Cooke (W), §J. R. Dartford (W), §M. R. Wallace (C), §H. G. Baker (C), §G. H. Johnson (C).

Colts' XI.—†A. R. Barrowclough (C), †J. M. Connell (G), †Lord Calthorpe (W), †J. E. Colbeck (T), †T. S. A. Lack (G), †R. I. Maitland (C), †N. C. S. Barling (C), †J. W. Cornforth (G), †A. D. Maclean (T), P. J. Davies (T), E. A. Harding (B), M. H. A. Robinson (W).

Junior Colts' XI.—R. P. D. Treherne (C), T. H. Lawrence (C), J. W. Myers (C), J. de B. Shrobbree (C), J. M. Gale (C), G. W. Hawkings (C), R. M. Verdon-Roe (B), F. I. Watson (C), J. G. C. Knight (C), A. C. L. Lewisohn (C), J. W. Hooper (B).

\*1st XI. Colours. †2nd XI Colours. §3rd XI Colours. †Colts' Cap. A double symbol indicates that Colours were awarded in 1939, a triple in 1938.

## LAWN TENNIS

Judging by results the season has been a very good one. We have not lost a match and this, with a completely new team, is a good achievement. It must, however, be admitted that the opposition has been much weaker than in previous years and, although the opposing first pairs have sometimes been much too good for our players, the other two pairs have never been strong enough to win the match against us. All our pairs were very level. P. S. Anstey (C) and A. V. Hollington (C) have looked more like a combined pair than the others. I. D. W. McEwen (T) took some time to find a partner but in the end G. B. S. Osborne (G) became the best man for the place. C. M. Musgrave (C) and J. P. E. Maze (C) often did well, especially when the latter overcame his reluctance to come up to the net.

The side had had luck in having so many matches cancelled and they missed very much the advantages of Mr. Manners' coaching. But they came well up to expectations.

In the House Matches Chandos beat Chatham (3-2) in the final. Bruce beat Walpole in the final of the leagues.

Results :—

May 27th. v. MASTERS. Won, 5—1 (unfinished).

May 30th. v. BRADFIELD (away). Won, 9—0.

June 5th. v. MAIDEN ERLEIGH. Won, 6—3.

June 12th. v. MR. C. E. REICHE'S VI. Won, 6—3.

June 15th. v. ST. PAUL'S. Won, 8—1.

Matches cancelled :—Bradfield (return), Mr. Ellis's VI, Westminster, Mr. Lilley's VI. Both of the 2nd VI matches were cancelled.

School Colours have been awarded to :—I. D. W. MacEwen (T), C. M. Musgrave (C), A. V. Hollington (C), P. S. Anstey (C), G. B. S. Osborne (G), J. P. E. Maze (C).

I.D.W.McE.

## SHOOTING

Spoon shoots were won as follows :—

Class A.—R. C. Hurley (C), J. S. Bartowclough (W), D. J. Webster (W), J. S. Hollings (T), P. D. Bally (C), D. C. Lunn-Rockliff (C), C. D. Drew (C), R. J. Musgrave (C).

Class B.—D. W. Partridge (W), I. A. S. Clarence (G), F. E. Kitson (C), D. N. Cox (W), G. C. Rogers (W), J. B. Sumner (C), A. J. H. Ruthven (C), R. A. Gilliland (W), N. W. Riley (B).

The House Competition was won by Chandos (51.7); Chatham (43.2) were second.

The School was seventh in the Country Life Competition with a score of 759.

R.J.M.

## SWIMMING

With the help of an excellent coach and fine weather a promising team was produced. The team was much younger than in previous years but nevertheless put up some good performances.

Owing to transport difficulties the Water Polo team was only able to have one match this year. At Bedford they were beaten by the Modern School rather severely.

M. C. E. Shearn (T) has been a good successor to Lucas as a diver and J. A. Modet (G) has also dived well. At Oundle R. T. F. Larsen (G) showed magnificent form by winning the two hundred yards after having previously swum in the hundred and the relay. He was, in fact, easily the outstanding Swimmer of the season. The departure of D. S. Gray (B) for his home country left the team without any backstroke swimmer at all.

Results :—

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| v. BEDFORD MODERN. | Away. | Lost, 21—27.   |
| v. HARROW.         | Away. | Won, 26—18.    |
| v. BERKHAMSTED.    | Away. | Won, 24—14.    |
| v. OUNDLE.         | Away. | Lost, 22½—32½. |
| v. RUGBY.          | Away. | Won, 32—18.    |

School Colours have been awarded to :—R. G. I. Forrest (G), M. C. E. Shearn (T), J. G. V. Burnis (G), J. D. R. Hayward (G), I. A. P. Rumsey (G).

## LIFE-SAVING.

In spite of other and more important activities, we have managed to find time for our usual Life-saving classes on Thursday afternoons. Unfortunately, owing to these other activities, many people were unable to be present at some of the practices, and the Examination, held this year on July 11th, was not as successful as usual, owing to no fault of the candidates. However, in view of the inadequate preparation of some candidates, the results were good, better in general than had been expected, and did the instructors great credit.

In previous years every candidate entered for at least the Bronze Medallion examination; this year, however, many candidates, owing to lack of practice, only felt justified in attempting the Intermediate Certificate; also, three of the candidates this year were not old enough to take the Medallion examination.

The results of the examination, which was held by Mr. J. C. Purnell, Oxford district R.L.S.S. examiner, were as follows :—

*Award of Merit*—P. S. Robinson (G).

*1st Class Instructor's Certificate*—P. K. Withinshaw (C).

*2nd Class Instructor's Certificate*—G. Wachmann (G).

*Bronze Medallion*—P. D. Bennett (B), G. A. Eve (G), P. W. Harvey (G), R. J. Sassoon (G).

*Intermediate Certificate*—P. R. A. H. Billinge (C), J. M. Black (C), J. M. Burt (C), J. G. Cameron (C), P. I. Johnson (C), D. V. Palmer (C), T. J. Thackrah (B).

## ATHLETICS

## ETON—LANCING—STOWE.

The Triangular Match took place at Eton on Saturday, March 23rd and resulted in a win for Eton by five points from Stowe. Eton scored 50 points, Stowe 45 and Lancing 13.

Once again the result of the match depended on the last event—the 440 Yards Relay. This actual race could hardly have been closer, for Eton won by inches only. Bell ran a magnificent 220 Yards for Stowe. He had a good eight to ten yards to make up on his man, and starting very fast he did at one point catch the Eton runner but the effort had cost him too much and he was finally beaten by inches—a great finish to a very enjoyable match.

Eton started well by getting the first two places in the 120 Yards Hurdles and winning the 100 Yards. R. C. MacAndrew's time was fast in the 100 Yards and Bell ran into a very good second place. Osborne did more than well to gain second place in the High Jump and then Knox ran a really fine race to win the Half Mile. He took the lead almost at once and after a fast first lap he won fairly easily, without being challenged, in good time. Holden also ran well to come in third.

It was then that Le Bouvier came into action. He was only fourth in the Long Jump, but with his last jump he would certainly have been the winner had he not just no-jumped. Drew tied for second place but was beaten into third place in the jump-off. Le Bouvier then won the Javelin and Weight with excellent performances, being very ably backed up by Farnell-Watson in both cases.

Between these two events Beazley had run a very good Quarter Mile in which he held the lead all the way. Stowe then actually led by 41 points to 36. We knew that Maudslay would win the Mile and this he duly did, but we had hoped for better results from our milers. They were unfortunately off form and Arbutnot ran into second place for Eton making the score 44—42 in favour of Eton with the Relay to follow.

Results :—

*120 Yards Hurdles*.—1, P. le R. Shepherd (Eton); 2, H. B. S. Gunn (Eton); 3, D. B. Emley (Lancing); 4, I. M. Horley (Stowe, C). Time, 16.8 secs.

*100 Yards*.—1, R. C. MacAndrew (Eton); 2, P. F. Bell (Stowe, C); 3, F. H. V. Beazley (Stowe, B) and R. B. Cole (Lancing). Time, 10.4 secs.

*High Jump*.—1, K. C. Boles (Eton); 2, G. B. S. Osborne (Stowe, G); 3, H. B. S. Gunn (Eton); 4, R. Backus (Stowe, B). Height, 5 ft. 4 ins.

*Half Mile*.—1, T. G. Knox (Stowe, C); 2, E. R. Crossnell (Eton); 3, P. C. Holden (Stowe, B); 4, R. J. Townley (Lancing). Time, 2 mins. 8 secs.

*Long Jump*.—1, S. J. McMathews (Eton); 2, C. M. Philips (Eton); 3, C. D. Drew (Stowe, C); 4, J. D. Le Bouvier (Stowe, T). Distance, 20 ft. 5½ ins.

*Javelin*.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (Stowe, T); 2, B. R. Cole (Lancing); 3, A. V. Farnell-Watson (Stowe, W); 4, —. Chatfield (Lancing). Distance, 152 ft. 2½ ins.

*Quarter Mile*.—1, F. H. V. Beazley (Stowe, B); 2, B. R. Cole (Lancing); 3, R. C. MacAndrew (Eton); 4, C. N. Bruce (Stowe, G). Time, 54 secs.

*Weight*.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (Stowe, T); 2, A. V. Farnell-Watson (Stowe, W); 3, Hon. A. D. Gibbs (Eton); 4, D. M. H. Bailie (Eton). Distance, 39 ft. 5½ ins.

*Mile*.—1, H. E. Maudslay (Eton); 2, H. F. Arbutnot (Eton); 3, J. A. Parsons (Lancing); 4, J. B. Dwight (Stowe, G). Time, 4 mins. 47 secs.

*Relay Race* (110 yds., 110 yds., 220 yds.)—1, Eton; 2, Stowe; 3, Lancing. Time, 47.8 secs.

*Result*.—1, Eton 50 points.  
2, Stowe 45 points.  
3, Lancing 13 points.

## SPORTS 1940

Sports Day was held on Thursday, March 28th, under rather strange circumstances. Owing to illness a large majority of the School had returned home and there were thus few spectators—those that were present probably wished otherwise as it was bitterly cold. In spite of the difficulties of getting through some rounds of the heats those that reached the finals would probably have been there in any case. The exception to this was the Under 16 Events. They were very badly hit by illness and in some cases the finalists had had no necessity to run in any previous round at all.

In the Open Events the outstanding performer was J. D. Le Bouvier (T) who won four field events—Weight, Discus, Javelin and Long Jump—besides being placed in several other events. His Javelin throw of 172 ft. 10 ins. was outstanding. P. F. Bell (C) ran a good race to win the 100 Yards but F. H. V. Beazley (B) was far too good for him over the 220 Yards and Quarter Mile.

In the distance races P. C. Holden (B) showed good promise in both the Mile and the Half Mile although he was soundly beaten in the latter event by T. G. Knox (C). Knox, in fact, was one of the great successes of the season and if he does not get too heavy should do very well. Other successful competitors were R. Backus (B), who jumped 10 feet in the Pole Vault, and A. V. Farnell-Watson (W) who was a good second to Le Bouvier in both the Javelin and Weight.

In the Under 16 Events R. D. Lightfoot (W) was the outstanding competitor. He easily won both the Three-quarter Mile and the Half-Mile and it was a great pity that there was no one to press him in either event. He should do very well indeed in the future as he has a really good long stride and is in addition very strong and has plenty of speed as he showed in winning the 100 Yards. The other good performance in Under 16 Events came from P. M. Ward (T) who won the Weight in very convincing fashion.

Whether or not the right people won the Under 15 Events will perhaps be seen next year. D. W. N. Calderwood (G) won both the 100 Yards and High Jump and R. I. Maitland (C) although not producing such a good jump in the final as the semi-final won the Long Jump. A. C. L. Lewisohn (C) won the Hurdles in good style.

The House Sports Cup was won by Bruce with 101 points, Temple being second with 89 and Grenville third with 47.

The details were as follows:—

## OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, P. F. Bell (C); 2, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 3, C. N. Bruce (B); 4, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 5, C. D. Drew (C); 6, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W). Time, 11.2 secs.

220 Yards.—1, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 2, P. F. Bell (C); 3, C. N. Bruce (B); 4, C. D. Drew (C); 5, I. M. Horley (C); 6, J. D. Le Bouvier (T). Time, 24.3 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 2, C. N. Bruce (B); 3, P. F. Bell (C); 4, C. D. Drew (C); 5, J. S. B. Butler (B). Time, 55.8 secs.

Half Mile.—1, T. G. Knox (C); 2, P. C. Holden (B); 3, P. S. Robinson (B); 4, J. R. McCarthy (G); 5, C. E. L. Reiche (B); 6, J. R. B. Williams-Ellis (T). Time, 2 mins. 13.3 secs.

Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, T. G. Knox (C); 3, J. B. Dwight (G); 4, R. H. Hawkins (C); 5, A. G. Jessiman (B); 6, G. A. Dunnett (G). Time, 4 mins. 59.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3 ft. 3 ins.).—1, I. M. Horley (C); 2, R. Backus (B); 3, R. J. Ellison (T); 4, Hon. J. V. Fisher (T); 5, P. Campbell-Cooke (C); 6, P. D. Forsyth-F Forrest (T). Time, 16.9 secs.

High Jump.—1, G. B. S. Osborne (G); 2, R. Backus (B); 3, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 4, R. J. Ellison (T); 5, R. W. J. Duff (C); 6, R. F. Loftus-Tottenham (T). Height, 5 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 3, C. D. Drew (C); 4, J. E. Murray (B); 5, R. N. Harding (B); 6, P. F. Bell (C). Distance, 19 ft. 9½ ins.

Pole Vault.—1, R. Backus (B); 2, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 3, J. E. Murray (B); 4, R. N. Harding (B). Height, 10 ft.

Putting the Weight (12lbs.)—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); 3, A. D. Thomson (C); 4, T. G. Knox (C). Distance, 38 ft. 2 ins.

Throwing the Discus.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, R. Backus (B); 3, M. I. Atkin-Berry (C); 4, T. G. Knox (C). Distance, 103 ft. 4 ins.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, J. D. Le Bouvier (T); 2, A. V. Farnell-Watson (W); 3, Hon. J. V. Fisher (T); 4, D. B. Rolleston (C). Distance, 172 ft. 10 ins.

## UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W). Time, 12.2 secs.

220 Yards.—1, P. M. Ward (T). Time, 25.9 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, J. W. Cornforth (G). Time, 61.8 secs.

Half Mile.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W). Time, 2 mins. 22 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W). Time, 3 mins. 58.6 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3ft.)—1, P. M. Ward (T). Time, 20.9 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. N. Cornforth (G). Height, 4 ft. 7¾ ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W). Distance, 17 ft. 2 ins.

Putting the Weight (8lbs.)—1, P. M. Ward (T). Distance, 37 ft. 5 ins.

## UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, D. W. N. Calderwood (G). Time, 12.6 secs.

Half Mile.—1, J. Smith (B). Time, 2 mins. 53.2 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles (2ft. 6ins.)—1, A. C. L. Lewisohn (C). Time, 12.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, D. W. N. Calderwood (G). Height, 4 ft. 7¾ ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. I. Maitland (C). Distance, 15 ft. 4½ ins.

## P.T.

The results of the inter-House P.T. Competition were as follows. The totals for each House are made up from the points scored over the term as a whole, plus the combined competition total of senior and junior squads. Points for the term are given first.

1, Chandos, 115 + 168 = 283; 2, equal, Cobham, 120 + 156 = 276, and Chatham, 120 + 156 = 276; 4, Temple, 118 + 149 = 267; 5, Grenville, 115 + 150 = 265; 6, Grafton, 115 + 147 = 262; 7, Bruce, 110 + 139 = 249; 8, Walpole, 100 + 125 = 225.

# FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1940

## 1ST XV.

|       |          |                            |       |
|-------|----------|----------------------------|-------|
| Sat., | Oct. 5—  | Rosslyn Park               | Home. |
| Sat., | Oct. 19— | Rugby                      | Away. |
| Sat., | Oct. 26— | R.A.F., Halton             | Away. |
| Wed., | Oct. 30— | University College, Oxford | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 2—  | Trinity College, Oxford    | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 9—  | Oundle                     | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 16— | Bedford                    | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 23— | Uppingham                  | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 30— | Radley                     | Home. |

## 2ND XV.

|       |          |                      |       |
|-------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| Sat., | Oct. 12— | Oundle               | Away. |
| Sat., | Oct. 19— | Radley               | Away. |
| Sat., | Oct. 26— | R.A.F., Halton       | Away. |
| Wed., | Nov. 13— | Bloxham              | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 16— | Bedford              | Home. |
| Wed., | Dec. 4—  | St. Edward's, Oxford | Away. |

## 3RD XV.

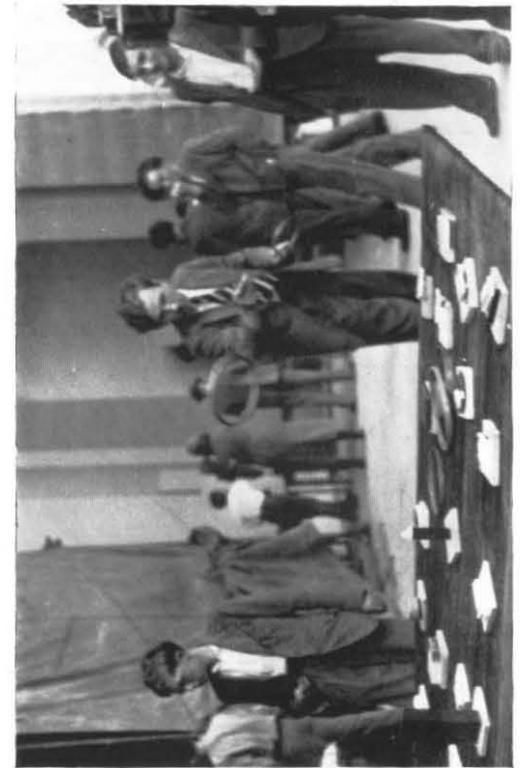
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| Sat., | Oct. 12— | Oundle                            | Away. |
| Sat., | Oct. 19— | Radley                            | Away. |
| Sat., | Oct. 26— | Magdalen College School, Brackley | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 2—  | Maiden Erleigh                    | Home. |
| Wed., | Nov. 13— | Bloxham                           | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 30— | Bedford                           | Away. |
| Wed., | Dec. 4—  | St. Edward's, Oxford              | Away. |

## COLTS' XV.

|       |          |                      |       |
|-------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| Wed., | Oct. 16— | St. Edward's, Oxford | Home. |
| Sat., | Oct. 19— | Radley               | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 2—  | Rugby                | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 16— | St. Edward's, Oxford | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 23— | Oundle               | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 30— | Bedford              | Home. |

## JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

|       |          |                      |       |
|-------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| Wed., | Nov. 16— | St. Edward's, Oxford | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 19— | Radley               | Home. |
| Sat., | Nov. 2—  | Rugby                | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 16— | St. Edward's, Oxford | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 23— | Oundle               | Away. |
| Sat., | Nov. 30— | Bedford              | Home. |
| Wed., | Dec. 4—  | Bloxham              | Away. |



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A FEETE AT STOWE  
JULY 6TH.

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THE SOUTH FRONT

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## O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term :—

To *Senior Under-Officer* : Under-Officers J. B. Dwight (G), P. A. Bates (C), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), M. R. Wallace (C), D. W. Barnes (C).

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeants R. J. Musgrave (C), I. D. W. McEwen (T), V. D. Burton (G), D. B. Rolleston (C), R. C. Carr-Gomm (C), G. A. Dunnett (G).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals P. G. Henderson (W), C. C. R. Boulton (B), D. T. Weston (G), C. D. Drew (C), P. G. Whitfield (T), P. D. Bally (C), C. F. Broughton (C), J. B. Sumner (C), J. R. Hodgkin (C), E. J. Lankester (C), T. G. Longdon-Griffiths (G), C. d'A. Dakin (T), M. C. Dodwell (G), I. N. Craig (C), J. W. V. Shand-Kydd (C), J. F. Nye (C).

To *Corporals* : Lance-Corporals D. J. Webster (W), W. E. McCready (G), C. M. Musgrave (C), P. E. Falkner (W), J. C. Leyland (B), D. A. Lloyd (C), R. S. Watson (B), B. A. Shelmerdine (W), R. U. P. de Burgh (G), A. D. Thomson (C), J. A. McDonald (C), F. M. Frankenburg (C), R. C. Hurley (C), G. P. Marshall (C).

To *Lance-Corporal* : P. F. Bell (C), R. H. Griffith (B), R. A. H. Bowring (C), E. W. Harris (C), A. V. Hollington (C), D. Campbell-Cooke (C), J. S. Hollings (T), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), I. J. Lewisohn (C), R. J. Ellison (T), C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), R. D. Lightfoot (W), P. R. Clay (G), M. C. Eyston (G), G. D. Lillingston (C), R. M. Sellars (W), J. S. Wingate (C), A. R. Chandos-Pole (T), R. C. H. Collier (B), J. K. Bromley (C), B. Henshaw (C), W. L. Knox-Gore (C), K. S. Leeston-Smith (C), H. G. Baker (C), J. A. Lloyd-Williams (T), J. R. Dartford (W), I. C. Macdonald (W), The Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W), J. E. Murray (B), A. G. Jessiman (B), D. C. Wallace (C), R. E. G. Woodwark (G).

The strength of the Contingent, with 24 Recruits this term, has reached 338.

The number of Certificate "A" candidates for the March examination was considerably depleted by illness, but of the 30 who remained 25 cadets passed. Another 47 candidates were examined in May; 37 passed. In July, of 66 candidates 56 passed.

### PRIZES.

Best candidate for Certificate "A" (March 1940) :—D. Campbell-Cooke (C).

Best candidate for Certificate "A" (May 1940) :—A. B. Oliveira (C).

Best Recruit (Easter term 1940) :—A. N. C. Bruce (B).

### TRAINING.

Many of the outstanding events of a normal summer term—a Field Day (this time at Stowe with Wellingborough), the Annual Inspection by the G.O.C.-in-C., Southern Command, and the inter-House Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup—have had

to be cancelled, owing chiefly to the general military situation. In consequence ordinary training has progressed without interruption, and there has been considerable response in keenness and steadiness to the needs of the times. This has been particularly marked among the senior members of the Contingent, whose active and thoughtful service has been very effective in the work of platoons and companies.

There are now 94 N.C.Os., ranging from Senior Under-Officers (2nd in command of companies) to Lance-Corporal Instructors. Altogether nearly two thirds of the Contingent have passed Certificate "A" (War), so it has been possible to form a second Senior Company for more advanced tactics. This company has experimented with a "golf course" exercise, sections moving round in succession and being confronted with a minor problem at each "hole." The first Senior Company has concentrated on schemes featuring an air-borne enemy and designed to produce speedy action and ingenuity. The Air Section is completing its course and will take the Air Ministry test before the month is out. There is marked esprit de corps among the Signallers, and work in connection with the L.D.V. has given particular impetus to their efficiency.

Older members of the O.T.C. have joined the Local Defence Volunteers and have worked hard at their duties for many weeks now. They deserve nothing but praise for the way they have responded to the demands made upon their time and energy. They have rightly felt that they were contributing something of value directly to the national war effort.

#### O.T.C. BAND.

The Band has practised hard and gained considerably by using the Friday P.T. time as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It has made marked improvement both in numbers and performance.

On Sunday, June 30th, a Concert was given on the North Front and was well received. At the end of the term it is hoped to play for a March Past of the whole Contingent.

## TWELFTH NIGHT

*PACE* producers, players, and all those who worked in constricted spaces behind the scenes, if your scribe confesses that the musical interludes gave him greater pleasure than anything else in an evening which pleased him much. In such 16th century music there is, he feels, probably without knowledge, an Englishness which smacks of an age now seemingly golden. The orchestra on this occasion (albeit the more boorish and talkative part of the audience gave it little chance) was sheer delight, and your scribe was privileged to sit in the front row, whence he was able to take his fill of pleasure.

It is not for the twentieth century critic to find fault with the wit and punning of Shakespeare. It is enough for him to be wafted for an hour or two, away from the stern realities of the present into a world of fancy, and it is a tribute to the cast of this production that this world of fancy, with its clowning and its poetry, its loves and

mistaken identities, was a world which really mattered. If the wigs (Olivia's being an honourable exception) were on the small side, if the Illyrian 'cellist found it necessary to wear horn-rimmed spectacles, if Viola and her twin seemed so hollow in the cheeks as to appear consumptive, what matter? Scenic artists, the triumvirate of producers, and a cast of enthusiasts made splendid sport of all this lovely nonsense.

It was Olivia's evening. In this part D. C. Wallace (C) had poise and dignity of movement, and spoke his words with a real sense of understanding, and with a clarity which to the writer, who has himself experienced the difficulty of making himself heard in speech and song on this particular stage, seemed beyond all praise. As her persistent wooer, the Duke, P. G. Henderson (W) did all that was required of him, even if his hangers-on, Valentine and Curio, looked fiercely unsympathetic with him in his troubles. Sebastian and the Sea Captains came and went as adequately as an ungenerous author allowed them, and Officers and other humble persons played their parts with an intensity which belied their insignificance in the unfolding of the story.

As Poor Malvolio (should we weep for him or laugh at him?) R. A. Oliver (C) was splendid in his cross-gartered scene, and throughout conveyed the right sense of peevish pomposity. Aguecheek was just right except when he remembered, as he did sometimes, that he was really G. McC. Corbett (B). C. W. Newton (S), as Fabian, over-acted hugely, but it did not seem to matter, and Feste, the clown (The Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W)), even if his best friends would not call him a singer, had exactly the lightness of touch and movement of the Feste of professional tradition. And then there was Sir Toby Belch, vast and expansive, an easy part perhaps, but B. Henshaw (C) gave his Toby unusual distinction by exquisite timing and except once, when the audience encouraged him to do full justice to his surname, a merciful measure of restraint.

And so back to the ladies. Maria (A. P. de Pass (C)) looked right and was pertly precocious as she should be. The pity of it was that she gulped down so many of her best lines that only the privileged few could hear them. As for Viola (Lord Calthorpe (W)), coping with by far the most difficult part in the play and recent indisposition, there were many who said that she acted Olivia off the stage. With this judgment the writer cannot agree, but he praises without stint a performance of very real merit, hoping that her lisp was no conscious imitation of West End actresses of a few years back.

Though shorn of its peace-time glories, the Historians' (and their friends) annual production gave all its traditional pleasure to its audience and, I venture to think, to all behind the scenes. The choice of a comedy for this year, after a succession of tragedies, was a most welcome one, and there was at least one member of the audience who was profoundly grateful for the fact that the more evil conventions of Shakespearian acting were not permitted to interfere with the performers' evident relish in knockabout.

B.E.N.F.

## THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

The contemporary fashion for psychological interpretation has sometimes even influenced modern criticism, and, like Thomas Mann with the Wagnerian leit-motif, some critics tend to explain everything in terms of subconscious allusion. Fortunately Gilbert and Sullivan have as yet not been seriously tampered with, or subjected to any exaggerated examination, and they remain as wholesome as before. They are essentially concerned with parody, with the grotesque, and with farce. Yet this does not prevent them from achieving some delightful passages, when they are composing in a less flippant mood than usual.

The production of "The Pirates of Penzance" fully interpreted the farcical aspect of Gilbert and Sullivan, and wisely emphasized their lighter side, when the perfect interpretation of other aspects would otherwise have been unattainable. The producer, D. W. Barnes (C), admirably handled his material, realizing the advantages and shortcomings of a schoolboy production. It was a great tribute to his patience that "The Pirates of Penzance" was ever performed, for illness and every possible obstacle hampered the progress of the rehearsals; and it was a great tribute to his skill that the production was so excellent when it was finally achieved. The placing of the different characters, the manner in which they moved, and also the way in which they remained still, with a few exceptions, when others were speaking helped to raise the standard of the performance.

The treatment of groups like the pirate chorus, the policemen, and the wards was excellent. If the pirates, in their eagerness to attain the raciness and vulgarity of the traditional sailor-rogue, lapsed slightly into coarseness and overacting on their first night, they largely redeemed themselves in the second performance. The policemen were magnificent, and the wards deserved great praise. Boys parading as girls are often dismal failures; but this time they were exceptional and fulfilled more than the necessary grace and ease required of them. Their dance, after their first entry, was very well chosen, and its simplicity made it all the more attractive, especially as it solved the difficult problem of not appearing ridiculously male in female clothing.

If the gestures and acting of the chorus were admirable, the principal actors were excellent. Mr. G. Garrod's enthusiastic Major-General was most amusing and a great source of entertainment whenever he appeared. His acting was as good as his singing. Mr. B. Newton John's Pirate King was most convincing, especially as this part, which holds so much promise at the beginning, becomes, towards the end, a mere foil to other characters. Mr. J. R. Hands' Frederick was perhaps the happiest of many happy performances at Stowe. The acting and singing of minor characters such as A. R. A. Holden (B) as Edith and R. A. Guinness (C) as Kate was most attractive and overcame the usual diffidence of past Stowe maidens.

A performance of Gilbert and Sullivan usually promises excellent entertainment, and this production fulfilled every anticipation of success.

C.W.N.

## MUSIC

It was a saying of Plato's that gymnastics and music are good for the soul. Jelly d' Aranyi at her recital on June 19th proved the truth of this odd remark. Her programme contained both gymnastics and music. She began with a Sonata in A major by Handel which was to many the most popular item of the evening. The Chaconne for unaccompanied violin was slightly bewildering to the audience, but the Tzigane by Ravel, which followed, gained the approbation of all. The rest of the programme included much that was gypsy. But Miss d' Aranyi gave the best concert the School has heard within the memory of most Stoics, and her accompaniments were brilliantly played by Mr. Snowdon.

The only concert the School itself has yet given took place on May 29th in the Library. The orchestra played the Jupiter Symphony, the overture to Rosamunde by Schubert, and a Jamaican Rumba by Benjamin. J. S. Ramsay (T) also played the solo flute in Gluck's Orpheo music to the accompaniment of the strings. Remembering the difficulties of rehearsal and practice this concert was good. It was certainly an achievement to play the whole of the Jupiter Symphony.

The Chamber music of the School has been active. Various quartets have met regularly, although through lack of opportunities no concerts have been given. Walpole has spent much time in arranging music for its own odd combinations. They gave an enterprising concert in aid of the Buckingham Hospital, and were successful financially as well as musically.

In spite of the multitudinous activities of the term, the House instrumental competitions were held on June 29th, but there was only a meagre entry. Walpole won, followed by Temple. Chatham continues to hold the singing cup.

There is, however, much music still to be heard this term. A Chamber music concert is to be given in the Library on July 10th. J. S. Ramsay (T) will play a suite for flute and strings by Bach; J. M. Budden (W) a suite for piano and strings by Scarlatti, and S. P. E. C. W. Worsthorne (C) and R. J. Ellison (T) a Beethoven sonata for 'cello and piano. The orchestra has rehearsed also the overture to Der Freischütz by Weber, Haydn's 86th Symphony and a polka by Weinberger. R. J. Ellison (T) will also play the first movement from the Elgar 'cello concerto, with the orchestra. This is the first time a concerto for a stringed instrument has been played at Stowe. The Choral Society has worked at one of the twelve Tudor portraits by Vaughan Williams, Songs of the Fleet by Stanford, and Weber's Invitation to the Dance.

The attendance at the Music Society's concerts has been good. The size of the audience has been greatly increased since the concerts have been held in the Library instead of the Queen's Temple. Because of its acoustics the Library is far harder to play in and it demands meticulous accuracy from each individual player; no one, therefore, should imagine that he is of little importance. All the music of the School should aim at perfection and not a vague approximation to the truth.

## THE ART SCHOOL

The activities of the Art School have been particularly varied this year, in spite of the lack of older members. Several entirely new spheres have been broached, notably sketching in the open air and, among members of the lower school, commercial art. A separate "White Elephant" stall was run at the School Fête, composed entirely of drawings by members, and the charming water-colours by K. H. Irgens (C) and J. C. Farmer (W) sold deservedly well, as did the excellent drawings of S. Ausnit (C) and the caricatures of J. C. R. Welch (G). Even the war has produced some notable results in the imaginative blackout-screens done by K. H. Irgens (C) and S. Ausnit (C).

The Exhibition was a worthy mirror of the year's work and reached a high standard. The number of water-colours was exceptional, and there were some fine works among them, worthy to rank among the best productions of the Art School. The oil paintings of T. H. C. Lewis (C) were particularly noticeable, showing great merit in the beautiful colouring and firm handling of the medium. The pastel-portraits of J. C. Farmer (W) were also conspicuous, not only for the skilful use of colours which was shown in them, but also for the character drawing.

The prizes awarded at the exhibition were as follows:—Headmaster's Prize, T. H. C. Lewis (C); Arts Prizes, 1st, J. C. Farmer (W); 2nd, K. H. Irgens (C); 3rd, S. Ausnit (C).

## DEBATING SOCIETY

TWO debates have been held this term, and in spite of the military duties of most senior members the attendance was excellent. The Lower House provided some remarkable maiden-speeches, and the younger members spoke in the best tradition. The second debate's motion met the customary complaint that debates are usually too vague and too trivial. If it was not a failure, it never attained the level of former and perhaps vaguer motions. Debates lose much of their attraction if they are concerned with subjects whose topical and commonplace interest only leads to partisanship and a monotonous repetition of similar facts.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, C. W. Newton (G); Treasurer, H. M. Taylor (G); Librarian, P. G. Henderson (W).

The following have been elected members of the Society:—A. P. de Pass (C), R. H. Griffith (B), the Hon. R. E. H. Keppel (W), J. E. C. Kennon (G), J. A. Lloyd-Williams (T), J. O. Stanley (T), R. R. Thompson (W) and P. M. Ward (T).

The 129th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22nd.

The bustle of private business which preceded the debate was notable for its irrelevance and indeed the antics of some members were strikingly similar to those of the Irish M.Ps. who tried to halt all procedure by quibbling.

The motion was then debated that "The type-writer is mightier than the machine-gun."

G. McC. CORBETT (B) made a polished opening speech, and his waspish wit soon revealed that he would not be the evening's fly in the ointment. His praise of propaganda was such that "in his hands the thing became a trumpet" which almost proved too large to blow.

P. S. ANSTEY'S (C) delicate ciceronian peroration survived the shock of two split infinitives; but his exquisitely read speech was as scornful of grammar as of logic. Yet he concluded on a reassuring note with a wholesome hatred for Hitler.

R. A. D. OLIVER (C) spoke third with all the political wisdom and reasoned pomposity suited to the defence of the type-writer, and if he did in fact bring forth meaty arguments he certainly did not mince his words.

P. E. FALKNER (W) spoke fourth, and, quoting Hegel, he showed that he was at least a problem; and, in believing that Members of the House were sons of the machine-gun, he revealed that he was also a child.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*: C. D. Harvey-Piper (T), J. S. Ramsay (T), A. P. de Pass (C), J. I. G. Capadoc (T), C. A. Moodie (G), R. M. Sellers (W), J. P. Pettavel (W), H. H. Sebag-Montefiore (W), D. R. Blundell (G), C. R. P. Anstey (C), N. E. Seely (T) and the Hon. Secretary.

*Against the Motion*: R. C. Hurley (C), A. D. Maclean (T), D. C. Wallace (C), C. J. Massy (T), J. E. M. Irvine (T), R. W. Alexander (C), J. A. Lloyd-Williams (T), A. P. Kaye (G), P. M. Ward (T), R. R. Thompson (W), J. H. Jordan (T), P. C. Macnamara (B), and the Hon. Librarian.

There voted in the Upper House: For the Motion, 13  
Against 8

There voted in the Lower House: For the Motion, 9  
Against 28

The Motion was therefore carried by 5 votes in the Upper House, and lost by 19 votes in the Lower House.

The House stood adjourned at 10.3 p.m.

The 130th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th.

The Motion was then debated that "In the opinion of this House, Anglo-French Union is the only hope of survival for Western Civilization."

C. W. NEWTON (G), the Hon. Secretary, rose to propose on crutches, for, as the House was well aware, he was as broken as the spirit of France. He insisted that he was most suited, after all, to speak of Anglo-French Union and its product. His speech bound both Houses with its ingenious argument, wise allusions, and pathetic appeal, until, as after the Pied Piper, the House would have followed him anywhere.

D. W. BARNES (C) spoke second; but his attempt to charm the House soon miscarried on the uncertain ground of historical quotation. Yet it was with regret that the House heard that this was his swan-song, for his figure has often been predominant at many good debates.

J. S. M. RAMSAY (T) spoke third, and kept very closely to the point until he shot off on a frenzied attack on Federal Union. His accusations of it formed a long list, and perhaps, although irrelevant, he was most interesting.

R. J. ELLISON (T) spoke fourth. Pomp and circumstance lent weight to his fine tone-poem, which if it favoured any particular colour inclined to purple. Yet this did not prevent it from being the most brilliant and most well-balanced speech for a long while. The House was quite rightly spell-bound when the orator had finished.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*: C. R. P. Anstey (C), G. Hoare (C), G. McC. Corbett (B) and J. P. Pettavel (W).

*Against the Motion*: A. P. de Pass (C), B. Henshaw (C), who delighted the House with his speech, J. D. S. Cable (C), D. V. Palmer (C), J. A. Lloyd-Williams (T), the Hon. R. E. H. Keppel (W), R. A. Guinness (C), J. O. Stanley (B) and J. E. C. Kennon (G).

There voted in the Upper House: For the Motion, 5.  
Against, 12.

There voted in the Lower House: For the Motion, 8.  
Against, 27.

The Motion was therefore lost by 7 votes in the Upper House and by 19 votes in the Lower House.

The House stood adjourned at 10.7 p.m.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

THE PINEAPPLE

AND

STOWE (MAIDA HILL) CLUB,

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

July 1940.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

Despite the loss of the whole of the London Committee (Old Stoics), all now engaged in war service, numbers at the Club are keeping well up. Dick Jagger and Gordon Morison have joined the R.A.F., John Weiler is in the Forestry Service, Harker is in the Army, and Bob Mead is on leave at home before going to the Fleet Air Arm after his good work at the Pineapple and, later, as surveying expert to the Birmingham Union of Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

Help is still well and freely given by Mrs. Weiler and many others, who try to make good our loss in man-power. What male assistant leaders are now available are very third-rate, and it is preferable not to accept them but to wait hopefully for a return of the normal help from Stowe.

The new policy is to train boy leaders from the Clubs, and two members have already attended conferences and training courses at Ambleside and Nazing, and have returned to play their part in the organization of their Club. The future calls for direct

leadership from the members themselves, and we encourage any form of service from any type of lad, realizing that the potential street gangster is often turned into a Club Leader after patient training.

Help has been very much welcomed from two stalwart Scotsmen. One, Dave Martin, who is in some high Government post, although weighing close on 19 stone, manages to win many victories at Table Tennis, a game at which the Club has made itself first-class. Ruffle, from Edinburgh, is very helpful in auditing accounts and umpiring at the regular weekly cricket matches.

Saturdays and Sundays have been filled with fixtures, and many times the boys have made grand scores. We are most fortunate in possessing excellent teams at both cricket and football. It was necessary to give up our private ground at Boston Manor, but other Public Schools Clubs have all been eager to take on Stowe at cricket, and, apart from Eton Manor, all have been beaten. Rugby seems to have given up hope of ever scoring a victory against us; yet our team is younger on the average by some two years, not one of our lads being over 17 at present.

The football team were beaten in the two finals against the renowned Fairburn House team, who have not been defeated for two years, but maybe next year will see their downfall at our hands. We had our revenge at cricket anyhow.

But all is not play here. The boot-repairing continues to be a successful activity, and now First Aid has opened up a new line. We were fortunate in getting Dr. Harri-man to take on this activity, for he is a delightful man, who has written several books on adolescence, and so is just the right type of helper for club work.

Camp seemed to me to be a huge success. The numbers amounted to 45, and the 14-17 age group were 98% of these. The Stowe boys who kindly gave up their Whitsun were certainly great mixers, and many friendly contacts were made. For the rest of the summer the Club has been obliged to stagger camp holidays among many lads, and parties get away for week-ends to Nazing and other places. Nazing, incidentally, is the permanent London Federation camp, and is well supported by all the London Clubs.

In athletics we have turned out a good runner in Albert Harris, who is now in the finals of the hundred, quarter-mile and long jump at the Polytechnic Sports ground.

At the Maida Hill Club, now entirely looked after by Mrs. Crewdson, we have been experimenting for three nights a week with a Youth Recreation Centre for boys and girls between 14 and 20. But we have come to the conclusion that what would work best would be a Mixed Club where the activities of the boys and girls were kept separate except on the occasion of a Social or Dance. Though older boys appreciate girls' society, boys under 16 or 17 do not.

The demand for old clothes is greater than ever among the Club boys, and football boots especially are badly wanted for the new season. Help from Stowe will be very welcome indeed.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. E. CREWDSON (*Warden*).

## 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, 1939, the Old Stoics subscribed £285 (£252 by banker's orders), and the Stowe boys contributed £129 direct and another £100 through the Chapel collections 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.

## VISITORS.

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

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

## CHAPEL COLLECTIONS

The Collections from March 17th to July 7th were as follows:—

|   |  | £  | s. | d. |
|---|--|----|----|----|
| March 24th.   | Pineapple ... ..   | 7  | 17 | 2  |
| May 5th.  | Pineapple ... ..   | 15 | 0  | 9  |
| May 26th.   | Y.M.C.A. Centres for the Forces ... ..                             | 14 | 5  | 5  |
| June 9th.   | The Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund (2nd donation) ... .. | 20 | 1  | 0  |
| June 23rd.  | Samaritan Fund ... ..  | 7  | 10 | 3  |
| Early Services (March 17th—July 7th) (for Pineapple) ... .. |  | 12 | 13 | 7  |

For the Committee,

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

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## THE TWELVE CLUB.

At the beginning of the term C. W. Newton (G) was elected Secretary, and the following were elected members of the Club:—J. M. Browne (B), I. D. McEwen (T), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), the Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W), and, as permanent guests of the Club, J. C. Simopoulos (G) and P. S. Anstey (C).

Mr. P. G. Hunter's resignation as Vice-President was regretfully accepted, and Mr. B. Newton John was unanimously elected Junior Vice-President.

On Friday, May 17th, J. M. Browne (B) read his paper on "Goethe."

On Tuesday, June 18th, The Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W) read his paper "Impasse Mozart."

On Tuesday, June 25th, J. D. Le Bouvier (T) read his paper "And he fell among Thieves."

R. A. D. Oliver (C) and S. P. E. C. W. Worsthorne (C) are expected to read papers before the end of the term.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 21st, an informal performance of Plautus' *Mostellaria* was given in the Gym by the Classical Society: a home-made translation into Modern English proved to be more entertaining than was expected, even to the small audience of Middle School Greek Specialists.

Otherwise it was not found possible to arrange any meeting this term.

A.V.F.W.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The second number of the Journal of the Natural History and Scientific Societies was published at the beginning of the term and thanks to the keenness of House representatives was financially successful. For the sake of economy photographs were omitted but it is hoped that it will not be necessary to do this again as they add greatly to the attraction of the Journal. The price was reduced from 1/6 to 1/-.

The business meeting of the Society was held on May 12th. To the general regret C. A. Moodie (G) resigned from the post of secretary, which he had occupied for four terms, and was succeeded by P. R. Clay (G). The other officers remain the same as last term:—President, Mr. B. A. Barr; Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. H. Pott and Mr. W. Llowarch; Treasurer, W. E. McCready (G); and E. M. Besterman (W) completes the Committee.

On May 28th a practical demonstration of Natural History work was given by four members of the Society. The speakers and subjects were: J. W. Young (G)

on the making of a collection of butterflies ; D. K. Bewley (T) on the pressing of flowers ; J. E. Murray (B) on the management of aquaria ; and E. M. Besterman (W) on the making of microscopical préparations.

On June 30th the Secretary read a paper on Dragonflies. Mr. C. V. Eyre is going to give another talk on Birds of Stowe and it is hoped that Besterman will be able to read his postponed paper on Digestion.

There has been a noticeable increase in both collecting and experimental work in the laboratories, perhaps largely because of a visit paid by a party of Biologists, under the leadership of Mr. Pott, to the Freshwater Biological Association at Wray Castle, Windermere, during the Easter holidays.

B.A.B.

#### THE MUSIC CLUB.

The Club has had one meeting this term, on Friday, June 17th, when The Hon. R. C. M. Nathan (C) read a most interesting paper on "The Place of Beethoven in the Development of Music." It is hoped that C. R. P. Anstey (C) will read his paper on "The Overture" next term.

R.J.E.

#### STOWE FILM PRODUCTIONS.

Unfortunately, Stowe Film Productions will be ceasing activities, except for sound-recording, at the end of the term, so little can be done but speak about past successes and failures. S.F.P. was founded in 1938, and during the period January 1939 to March 1940 some six documentary films and newsreels were produced. Some were in colour, and all had musical accompaniments, some of the later ones incorporating recorded commentaries. "Tradesman's Entrance," which was shown here this term to about 200 people, ends the list of films, and because there is no-one left to carry on, S.F.P. must cease. Its methods were novel, its success, at first, exceptional. But all good things must end, and S.F.P. proves to be no exception ; but though the notice-board will no longer bear its familiar "stills," it will bear their lingering shades, until a new and glittering S.F.P. shall arise from their ashes. /

G.H.P.H.

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Photographic Society has been carrying on much as usual. Membership has been small but has stayed regular for a considerable time. Photography is something that cannot be much hindered by the war, and members, recognizing this, have kept it as their recreation and continue to get much pleasure from it.

G.H.P.H.

