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BACK TO THE LAND

IT was a hot day, and the sun beat down mercilessly on the more or less naked backs of some half-dozen Stoics who were hoeing mangel-wurzels. They were hoeing with some diligence, because the owner of the farm they were working on was observing their labours critically, leaning on the fence at the top of the field with a piece of grass in his mouth. Every now and then one of the party would straighten himself, groan softly, look at his watch and announce that they had earned a half-penny more than when he had looked at it five minutes ago. Perspiration dripped from every brow, especially from that of the editor, who stood a little way from the rest. He was a less skilful, or else a more thorough hoer of mangel-wurzels than the others, and though they had all started at the bottom of the field an hour ago, they had got considerably further up their rows than he had. He swore softly to himself as he attacked a weed that was too near a plant, and the potential harvest of the field was reduced by one mangel-wurzel. Illogically, he thought of Rupert Brooke in the train to Milan—

“My dim watch shows two hours—two aeons more”—

only it wasn't his watch and it wasn't dim, and anyhow, though the people opposite him were sweating, they weren't snoring or German. Still, there were two hours more and that was the most important point; two hours of back-breaking, soul-shattering toil, not sitting still in a train, but relentlessly attacking the stubborn glebe, as Virgil might have said. Why couldn't they hoe some more inspiring vegetable, he thought, as he hacked savagely at a thistle. It would be so much nicer to be able to think one might ultimately eat the fruits of one's labours. Why couldn't they give us carrots or potatoes or cauliflowers to hoe? You'd feel you were really doing something to keep the wolf, anyway, from somebody's door, if not your own. What was that line? “*Sic vos non vobis . . .*”?

Oh! d—n! Another mangel-wurzel bit the dust.

DECORATIONS

The following awards have been won by Old Stoics in addition to the twenty-five already listed.

MILITARY CROSS.

LIEUTENANT (acting Major) R. T. BASSET, R.B. (G, 1931), in April.

CAPTAIN J. E. L. CORBYN, Lancashire Fusiliers (T, 1931), in May. (Immediate award.)
From the East African Standard.

"The taking of the Marda Pass was a gallant action. In particular, the Company Commander (*i.e.* Captain J. E. L. Corbyn) and the other officers and men of the force had to take the Right Breast and establish the first two platoons in the heights, and are to be congratulated on their magnificent effort. They met intense machine-gun fire, and though they were suffering casualties they went on in the darkness over broken and difficult ground which it seemed incredible that anybody could cover in those conditions. But these men got their two platoons through and established our first important foothold."

SECOND LIEUTENANT J. M. NAPIER, R.A.C. (Hussars) (G, 1932), in April.

LIEUTENANT C. T. LLEWELLEN PALMER, R.A.C. (Hussars), (C, 1935), in July.

D.F.C.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT B. T. AIKMAN, R.A.F. (T, 1931), in April.

SQUADRON-LEADER J. P. D. GETHIN, R.A.F. (T, 1935), in April.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1940.

Prefects :—A. D. Thomson (C), Head of the School; J. A. McDonald (C), Second Prefect; J. D. R. Hayward (G), Prefect of Chapel; J. F. Nye (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; R. B. Higham (T), Prefect of Library; R. C. H. Collier (B), Prefect of Black-out; E. P. Hickling (C); J. F. P. Tate (W); J. S. B. Butler (G); J. E. Murray (B); I. R. Dunnett (G); J. S. M. Ramsay (T).

Cricket :—Captain, E. P. Hickling (C); Secretary, R. H. Hawkins (C).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain, J. F. Nye (C).

Swimming :—Captain, J. D. R. Hayward (G); Secretary, D. Walker (T).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

Sunday, May 11th. Sir Cyril Norwood, D.Litt., President of St. John's College, Oxford.

Sunday, May 25th. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

Sunday, July 20th. The Rev. Adam Fox, Professor of Poetry in Oxford University.

At the Monday Voluntary Service on June 2nd, the Rev. F. J. Taylor, M.A., Tutor of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, spoke on 'Why I believe in God.'

The Chapel is indebted to Mr. Dungey for a gift of embroidery for use at Holy Communion.

The Rev. T. C. P. Brook has been appointed Headmaster of The Royal Merchant Navy School, Wokingham.

Many members of the School have been going out to farm with local farmers throughout the term. Considerable work has also been done within the School grounds.

Another Forestry Camp was held in April, on the shore of Lake Windermere. A third will be held in the same district during the Summer holidays. There will also be a Farming Camp at Rendcomb, near Cirencester, in addition to such work as has been planned for the immediate neighbourhood of Stowe.

The Rockefeller Foundation has provided funds to enable 30 medical students from Great Britain to complete the clinical part of their training at Universities and Hospitals in the States and Canada. *The Times* of June 21st published a list of the 26 successful candidates. Two of these were Stoics—C. W. Bartley (G, 1938) and J. M. Stowers (C, 1937).

The following results have been obtained in Medical Examinations :

Cambridge, 1st M.B.—Part I, H. G. Baker (C), A. D. Thomson (C), D. Walker (T). Part II, D. Walker (T) (Dec. 1940), H. G. Baker (C). Part III, H. G. Baker (C), R. H. Griffith (B), A. G. Jessiman (B), J. A. McDonald (C), A. D. Thomson (C). Part IV, A. G. Jessiman (B), J. A. McDonald (C), A. D. Thomson (C).

Oxford, 1st Preliminary Examination in Natural Science.—Physics, M. C. E. Shearn (T). Chemistry, J. E. Hodgkin (C), R. R. Thompson (W). Biology, P. R. Clay (G) (Dec. 1940), T. H. C. Lewis (C).

London, 1st M.B.—Inorganic Chemistry and Physics, J. D. S. Rowntree (T) (Dec. 1940).

Last term, the Junior Hockey Final was won by Grafton, who defeated Grenville.

The Inter-House Golf Competition was won in March by Walpole, who beat Cobham by five matches to one in the Final.

House Cricket Leagues were won by Brucc. Walpole were runners-up and Grafton third.

Representative Colours were awarded last term as follows:—

Athletics:—A. D. Thomson (C), I. M. Horley (C), P. C. Holden (B), R. D. Lightfoot (W), E. P. Hickling (C).

Cross-Country:—A. G. Jessiman (B), P. C. Holden (B).

School Colours for Athletics were awarded last term to R. D. Lightfoot (W), E. P. Hickling (C), G. P. Marshall (C) and A. G. Jessiman (B).

Last term, the Stevenson Sword was awarded to J. P. Pettavel (W).

School Colours for Hockey were awarded last term to A. D. Thomson (C), R. A. Soames (C) and A. A. N. Kurk (G).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded to J. F. Nye (C), D. B. Eaglesfield (T), R. A. Soames (C), D. W. N. Calderwood (G), P. Campbell-Cooke (C), P. W. Harvey (G), and J. E. Hodgkin (C).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XI.—W. R. Mallory (C), A. D. Thomson (C), W. M. Savery (W), and T. M. Pragnell (G) (re-awarded); R. B. Higham (T), T. H. Barclay (C), Lord Calthorpe (W), J. E. Colbeck (T).

2nd XI.—T. M. J. Shervington (C), M. H. A. Robinson (W), H. G. Baker (C), J. W. Cornforth (G), B. W. B. Sparrow (T), A. R. Barrowclough (G), G. T. G. Conant (B), R. H. White-Smith (B), J. M. Connell (G), A. D. Maclean (T), G. H. Johnson (C).

3rd XI.—B. N. L. Fletcher (C), R. I. Maitland (C), E. A. Harding (B), Sir Francis Beaumont (W), R. D. R. Lycett-Green (T), P. M. Ward (T), R. W. Blackmore (G), R. E. Hodgkin (C), R. C. Hurley (C), R. D. Lightfoot (W).

Colts.—J. M. Myers (C), G. W. Hawkings (C), A. C. L. Lewisohn (C), J. M. Gale (C), R. P. D. Treherne (C), R. M. Verdon-Roe (B).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to R. T. F. Larsen (G), J. G. V. Burns (G), I. A. P. Rumsey (G) (re-awarded); P. D. Bennett (B), W. E. Duck (W), M. B. Stevenson (G), J. A. Wood (C).

School Colours for Water-Polo have been awarded to I. M. Horley (C), R. T. F. Larsen (G), D. A. O. Davies (T), J. S. M. Ramsay (T).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

READING PRIZES— <i>Senior</i> :	B. Henshaw (C)
<i>Junior</i> :	J. V. Nicholl (G)
PETERS BONE PRIZE :	No Candidate
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)
BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity) :	No Candidate
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK— <i>Prose</i> :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)
<i>Verse</i> :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES— <i>Essay</i> :	G. Hoare (C)
<i>Latin Prose</i> :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)
PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES— <i>Senior</i> :	A. C. R. Newbery (G)
<i>Junior</i> :	F. W. E. Groeninx van Zoelen (C)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	No Candidate
NATHAN ESSAY PRIZE :	R. C. Hurley (C)
HUTTON ESSAY :	P. M. Ward (T)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE :	P. D. Bennett (B)
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	E. M. M. Besterman (W)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	J. F. Nye (C)
'BENE' BOOK :	C. R. P. Anstey (C)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, 1941

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

A. A. D. M. BROWNE (C) was, in March, awarded the William Doncaster Scholarship for French at Magdalen College, Oxford.

P. G. HENDERSON (W) was, in March, awarded an Open Demysip for History at Magdalen College, Oxford.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS.

S. C. O'D SCOTT (Stowe School, formerly at St. Ronan's, E. Budleigh). J. FREE-LAND (Glengorse, at Longnor Hall, Shrewsbury). A. C. EASTGATE (Winchester House School, Brackley, Northants). G. P. LEWIS (St. Martin's School, Northwood, Middlesex). D. L. PIKE (Stowe School). E. D. R. CAMPBELL (Mostyn House School, Parkgate, Cheshire). H. A. CHAPPLE (Woodcote School, Windlesham, Surrey). H. R. MARTEN (Stowe School, formerly at Arnold House, Llandudno). A. M. WESTERN (Stowe School, formerly at Abinger School, Holmbury St. Mary). H. A. S. MURRAY (Summer Fields, Oxford).

OLIM ALUMNI

ACADEMIC.

MR. J. M. STOWERS (C, 1937) gained a First Class in the Second Part of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge. He has also been awarded one of the new Rockefeller Medical Studentships to the U.S.A.

MR. C. W. BARTLEY (G, 1938) has been awarded one of the new Rockefeller Medical Studentships to the U.S.A.

MR. J. D. FAY (G, 1938) gained a First Class in Part II of the History Tripos at Cambridge.

MR. A. B. P. BEETON (W, 1938) gained a First Class in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos at Cambridge. He was also elected to a Senior Scholarship in Mechanical Sciences at Trinity College.

MR. R. H. ANSTEY (C, 1939) gained a First Class in Honour Moderations (Classics) at Oxford.

ATHLETIC.

MR. B. J. G. KAYE (G, 1938) represented Oxford in the war-time inter-University Lawn Tennis match.

MR. R. H. MARTEN (G, 1939) represented Oxford in the one-day war-time Cricket match played against Cambridge at Lord's on June 28th.

ENGAGEMENTS.

CAPTAIN J. M. DENNIS, The Life Guards (C, 1931), to Mrs. W. Mollison.

LIEUTENANT J. N. WOODBRIDGE (G, 1932), to Miss P. M. Rebbeck.

MR. J. A. F. GETHIN (G, 1933), to Miss B. D. C. Westlake.

LIEUTENANT K. FIRTH, R.N.V.R. (C, 1934), to Miss C. D. Latimer.

FLYING OFFICER G. FISHER, R.A.F.V.R. (C, 1934), to Miss J. Rigden.

MR. A. M. SPROT, The Royal Scots Greys (C, 1936), to Miss C. L. Maclean.

SECOND LIEUTENANT J. A. FORBES, The Gordon Highlanders (C, 1936), to Miss A. Temple Phillips.

SECOND LIEUTENANT P. WRIGHT, R.E. (G, 1937), to Miss C. Gilbert-Carter.

MR. P. M. S. BOOTH (T, 1938), to Miss M. H. Walker.

MARRIAGES.

CAPTAIN H. A. L. MONTGOMERY CAMPBELL, R.T.R. (C, 1928), to Miss J. E. Fettes, on July 26th.

MR. C. C. PRESTON (B, 1929), to Miss H. Thwaites, on April 26th.

MR. J. R. McDOWELL (G, 1930) to Miss B. M. Hirst, on July 31st.

CAPTAIN R. R. HAMMOND-CHAMBERS (C, 1931), to Miss L. Andrews, on May 12th. (In India.)

MR. B. J. A. CECIL (C, 1931), to Miss S. Devitt, on May 23rd. (In Melbourne.)

SECOND LIEUTENANT D. K. W. BLAIR (C, 1931), to Miss P. Horan, on May 10th.

SUB-LIEUTENANT T. L. SECCOMBE, R.N., (C, 1932), to Miss A. M. Hope, on March 29th.

MR. P. G. H. GELL, M.B., (T, 1932), to Miss A. S. Roope, on April 5th.

DR. J. H. PENROSE (G, 1933), to Miss K. Forsyth, on July 5th.

CAPTAIN F. J. R. P. NEEDHAM, The Grenadier Guards (C, 1933), to Miss H. B. Faudel-Phillips, on April 28th.

MR. J. M. GRICE (G, 1933), to Miss S. H. Lawrence, on March 15th.

CAPTAIN J. M. ASHTON (C, 1933), to Miss A. Hewett, on April 19th.

THE HONOURABLE W. R. C. PARKER (W, 1934), to Miss L. Glyn, on April 19th.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ST. G. V. R. GRANT, The Cameronians (C, 1936), to Miss E. M. Glennie, on July 19th.

SUB-LIEUTENANT J. E. MANSFIELD, R.N.V.R. (G, 1936), to Miss S. Mathews, on December 7th.

PILOT OFFICER J. A. R. FALCONER, R.A.F.V.R. (W, 1936), to Miss C. M. Smith, on May 20th.

DR. H. E. VICKERS (C, 1936) to Miss A. E. Davies, on June 26th.

SECOND LIEUTENANT G. F. GOMME (C, 1937), to Miss B. Hodgson, on April 12th.

BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. A. G. HOWLAND-JACKSON, The Grenadier Guards (T, 1929), a son, on May 25th.

To the wife of LIEUTENANT M. A. PRYOR, R.N.V.R. (B, 1929), a son, on April 8th.

To the wife of WING-COMMANDER G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES, R.A.F. (C, 1929), a daughter, on April 21st, 1940.

To the wife of CAPTAIN E. RUSSELL-ROBERTS (B, 1930), a son, on April 19th.

To the wife of MR. R. A. ATTHILL (C, 1931), a son, on July 8th.

To the wife of MR. V. R. PARAVICINI (C, 1931), a daughter, on March 19th.

To the wife of MR. M. H. BARCLAY (C, 1931), a son, on June 7th.

To the wife of LIEUTENANT P. L. C. BRODIE, Intelligence Corps (C, 1931), a son, on March 29th.

To the wife of LIEUTENANT D. F. CROOM-JOHNSON, R.N.V.R. (T, 1932), a daughter, on June 28th.

To the wife of SUB-LIEUTENANT J. N. HUTCHINSON, R.N.V.R. (C, 1932), a daughter, on June 14th.

To the wife of CAPTAIN J. L. W. CHEYNE, The Queen's Westminsters, K.R.R.C. (C, 1933), a son, on July 2nd.

To the wife of PILOT OFFICER M. DE L. WILSON, R.A.F. (W, 1936), a son, on June 9th.

To the wife of MR. A. ALLAN (W, 1937), a son, on April 3rd.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION.

SECOND LIEUTENANT D. H. I. SEARLE, R.A.S.C. (T, 1926), in March.

PILOT-OFFICER C. E. R. SIDEBOTHAM, R.A.F.V.R. (C, 1932), in April. (Presumed.)

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT J. C. DUNDAS, D.F.C., A.A.F. (C, 1933), in December.

SQUADRON LEADER J. P. D. GETHIN, D.F.C., R.A.F. (T, 1935), in May. (In the Middle East.)

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

PILOT-OFFICER R. H. JAGGER, R.A.F.V.R. (C, 1933), in April.

LIEUTENANT J. LLEWELLEN PALMER, M.C., The Coldstream Guards (C, 1933), in June. (In the Middle East.)

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT J. MANSEL-LEWIS, R.A.F. (G, 1938); in April. (Serving in Singapore.)

FLYING-OFFICER J. W. L. BRUXNER-RANDALL, R.A.F. (G, 1938), in May.

GUARDSMAN I. D. W. McEWEN, The Scots Guards (T, 1940), on June 5th. (Died of cerebro-spinal meningitis.)

WOUNDED.

CAPTAIN E. R. FARNELL-WATSON, M.C., Royal Tank Regt. (C, 1932), in April.

SUB-LIEUTENANT F. B. RICHARDS, R.N.V.R. (T, 1936), on April 4th.

PRISONER OF WAR.

MAJOR T. A. G. PRITCHARD, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (T, 1929), in June. (In Italy.)

SECOND LIEUTENANT D. L. FLOWER, Royal Corps of Signals (C, 1933), in May 1940.

CAPTAIN G. F. K. DALY, R.E. (C, 1934), in June. (In Italy.)

SECOND LIEUTENANT P. J. BLUNDELL, K.R.R.C. (C, 1938), in July.

MISSING.

WING-COMMANDER J. R. KAYLL, D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F. (G, 1931), on June 25th.

CAPTAIN A. T. BARDWELL, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (C, 1933), in June. (Wounded.)

SERGEANT-PILOT T. R. GASKELL, R.A.F.V.R. (W, 1938), in May.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT K. J. S. RITCHIE, Durham Light Infantry (T, 1938), in June.

PILOT OFFICER D. M. BOLTON, R.A.F.V.R. (C, 1939), in July.

JOHN DUNDAS

From the Sunday Times, April 27th, 1941.

It was disclosed yesterday that the British pilot who on November 28th shot down Major Helmuth Wieck, the German fighter "ace" and commander of the Richtofen Squadron, over the Isle of Wight, was Flt.-Lt. John Charles Dundas, 25, 609 (West Riding) Squadron, A.A.F., D.F.C., who was in turn shot down and killed.

Describing the encounter, the Air Ministry says:

The commander of an R.A.F. squadron saw a large "circus" of Messerschmitt 109s flying north at exactly the same height as themselves. Having climbed to a very much greater height, the Germans detached a section of three aircraft, which dived out of the sun in close formation.

609 Squadron broke up into sections, and, as the three 109s flashed by, the squadron commander gave orders to re-form. In reply, he heard Flt.-Lt. Dundas say, "Whoopee, I've got a 109." "Good show, John," answered the squadron commander. "Re-form as quickly as possible." To this there was no reply.

Again Flt.-Lt. Dundas was called, and still there was no response. One of the section leaders of 609 Squadron reported having seen a parachute with a tear in it going down about ten miles west of the Needles. Search of the sea lasted for over an hour, until petrol began to fail and the squadron was forced to return.

Flt.-Lt. Dundas was born at Doncaster in 1915 and educated at Stowe. He was commissioned in the Auxiliary Air Force in 1938 and won the D.F.C. in September, 1940, when it was stated that he had destroyed six enemy aircraft, five of them within two weeks. When he shot down Wieck, he had twelve German aircraft to his credit, with many others damaged.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD STOICS IN THE SERVICES

LIBYA.

"Just a few days after I last wrote to you we—my two tanks—were sitting on a road that ran from Derna South into the desert to a desert fort called Machili. Well, the Italians got away N.W. one night and we just sat, feeling rather silly. Then came the news we were hoping for. "Take on extra water and petrol and prepare to move two hours before dawn." That could only mean one thing—that we were to chase right across the bulge of Cyrenaica in an endeavour to trap all the remaining Italians in Eastern Libya. It was a marvellous sight, for as dawn broke there were tanks spread out like a fleet at sea—the light tanks in front and to the sides, and the bigger ones lumbering along in the centre. The whole of this desert warfare has been more like sea fighting than anything else all along, but that morning we just were a fleet. For the first part the going was terrible, but about three o'clock in the afternoon it improved and we could move faster, but a wind got up and with it dust which made seeing difficult. That night we got to bed about midnight, but at 4.30 it started to rain—and did it rain! We were soaked through, and the desert nights in February are cold, believe me. Again we moved off before first light and travelled till midnight—up again five-ish, and on we went—expecting to meet the enemy at any moment. All we found was a lot of mines which slowed us up. About three o'clock we halted and got news that a large enemy force of about 15,000 men and 160 odd medium tanks were going towards Tripoli and we were to stop them. One tank force to go north, and we with 8 tanks and 4 anti-tank guns capable of dealing with their tanks and about 20 light tanks would stop the head of the column. With us were some infantry in lorries as a holding force. Well, we met them, and started shooting at them; they shot at us and the whole thing could not have been less frightening. I never realized it was a real battle till I heard the B.B.C. say it was. We kept on firing till about 10.30 or 11.0 p.m. and then I was sent to guard some gunners. Well, by 2.0 a.m. I was dead beat, so were my crews. We had travelled in bad weather over 100 miles that day, we had fought (and fighting is noisy) for five or six hours, and then we were to do an all-night patrol and be ready to fight again in the morning. We decided that if any enemy tanks were on the move we'd probably hear them. So we slept like the dead. However, at first light we woke up after our four hours' rest and there, if you please, 600 yards away was the enemy column! We had stopped them the night before and the infantry had mined the road ahead. Just as I was moving over to investigate they started to move off, but ran into the mines and so stopped again. The column on the road gave in then, but half the force was a mile away by some sand dunes trying to escape, so we left the first column (unguarded and still armed) and passed through it to the coastal column. They fought on for a bit, but by afternoon it was all over.

"Some snipers managed to hide for a few days in the dunes, but the vast majority surrendered. The actual effectives in the Regiment numbered about 100—we took over 7,000 prisoners. Their tanks of comparable type outnumbered ours by about ten to one. They had about 60 anti-tank guns and heaven knows how much artillery, field and medium. We spent the next ten days collecting and despatching prisoners—the stories about them are legion—and making dumps of war material—at least the prisoners did. We rode motor-cycles (Italian), drove cars (Italian), lorries (ditto), let off guns (ditto), drove tanks (ditto), drank chianti, champagne and brandy (all free) and generally enjoyed ourselves. The fruits of victory are very sweet. Then just to spoil our fun the Germans had to take a dislike to our dumps—I had one of small arms ammunition—and over they came night and morning to say so. They did no damage at all, but made the early dawn wakeful. Well the Italians thought this a really bad thing; as one said, "I've been bombed and shelled by the British and am alive. I don't want to be killed by the Germans. By God!! I don't—God damn! I don't."

"I understood his point of view, as I had to take 800 of them to Benghazi in 20 lorries. I had ten British troops with me, and off we set. All the lorries were driven by Italians. Well, I got to Benghazi with eight lorries, having lost 12 of them. The Germans were having a real hate on, and my remaining 300 odd Italians wanted to take shelter! I saw myself arriving at the prison camp alone if I let them do that, so on we went in search of someone to take them off my hands. I lost two more lorries actually in Benghazi, and finally arrived with six at the camp.

The other 14 lorries had got there before me! The Italians, knowing the town, had asked for the camp and were there waiting for me! I found shelter for the night, but had a somewhat rude awakening when a dive bomber demolished nearly all the house I was in at about 5.0 in the morning.

"Back I went that day to the battlefield (that sounds very grand!) and we went on clearing up the debris and burying the dead—quite a lot there were of the latter, but not one of our men even scratched.

"A day or two later I was in my dump talking to two others who had just brought in a lorry-load of hand-grenades when over came ten Messerschmitts 110 about 30 ft. up bombing and machine-gunning my nice little dump. The surprise was complete. I hid behind an aluminium water can, the other two under the load of grenades five yards from me. Another man built himself a shelter of shells in boxes! One man was hit by splinters from an explosive bullet—our only casualty in the whole operation. He is all right again now."

DOMESTIC TRAINING.

The Army.

"I enjoy the life here, though free time does not exist and though everybody's object is to chase you and to go on chasing you.

"To-day I scrubbed the cookhouse floor for three hours, and then washed plates all the afternoon, which constitutes the most unorthodox Easter Sunday I have ever spent."

The Navy.

"The only time I really did become miserable was when the Leading Hand of my Mess designated me 'Spud Boy.' This job, he told me, would merely mean that I had (in my spare time of course) to peel the potatoes for the next day's 'Dinner.' I would find it, he thought, infinitely easier than my usual 'Cook of the Mess Duties' which I had to do once a week, but was now excused on account of my new post.

"For two days I struggled; my whole life was potatoes; I was extraordinarily un-clever. You know what a potato looks like, a large, round object. When I had finished with it, it was small and square and quite unrecognizable. 'Peeling' is too ordinary a word to describe my actions. I *polygonated* them. After three days, as suddenly as the greatness was thrust upon me, it was removed, and I began to appreciate the gift of Life."

ABYSSINIA.

"Never have I met such clean people. All our Africans, wherever they come from, make the cleanest soldiers I have ever seen. The comparison with their Italian counterparts is astonishing. They and the Italians themselves are quite revolting in their filth. Among the Italians disease is all prevalent. Since 1935 the inhabitants, European and Native, have undoubtedly come closer and closer together, and the changers have been the Italians, who have apparently descended to the deepest depths.

"What I have seen of Abyssinia is splendid. The country is a huge treat after our sweltering months in the Kenya-Somaliland bush. There the heat is quite appalling. The thrill of elephants, rhino, giraffe, 'the lions roaring after their prey,' and all the beauties of birds, reptiles, insects and the interest of a new life, soon left us. All we wanted was a relief from sheer heat. Naturally water was low and often singularly unpleasant. Fresh food we never got unless it was a buck from the bush

"By far the most interesting thing about the whole show is Abyssinia itself. It is a land of escarpments and precipices—a giant staircase that is built out of thousands of dead volcanoes:

"Here we have the most beautiful stretches of grass. On my right is a trio of hills like the South Downs; in front are the Welsh hills; on my left the Grampians and far away a section of the Cuillins.

"We wake up in the mornings in a thick fog and we have a fire in the evenings, for we are over six thousand feet up. But at midday the sun is not far off vertical and I wear a hat in my tent!"

MUSIC ABOARD.

"The Navy has certainly been a good pick as far as I am concerned. My repertory of accomplishments is now wide and varied. I can slice bacon—on one day I sliced as much as would have fed the whole of Stowe for a week—I can top brussel-sprouts, I can sew and I can launder. But I have had one bad moment. It wasn't that I had dropped a rifle on parade, or

done what I shouldn't have done in gun drill. No—the trouble came when I agreed to the Chaplain's request to play the harmonium on Sunday after Divisions. The harmonium was out of order. Not so much out of order that it couldn't be played, but just enough to make it produce sudden squawks at irregular but frequent intervals. My Divisional Officer was taking the Service, and it was obvious that he thought the *player* of the instrument was out of order!

"The operations attending my arrival in this ship were superintended by Midshipman —, late of Bruce. My disguise was evidently better than his. At any rate he did not recognize me among the mob of new ratings in bell-bottoms . . ."

THE BISMARCK.

" . . . The School was pretty well represented in all branches of the Service engaged in the action. There were four Stoics, as you know, aboard us. Then in the Cruiser "Sheffield," which shadowed the "Bismarck" into our arms, was . . . of Chatham, and in the Destroyer "Cossack," which made a daring torpedo attack, . . . of Bruce. It is a most enlivening sensation being on a big vessel going at full speed, though I did not see much of the action myself being too busy down below handing up shells . . ."—*H.M.S. King George V.*

SHOCK

One tear fell; a foot further down the street another landed and shimmered sympathetically at its brother across a gulf of dusty grey pavement; the next was lost in a porous heap of gutter-sweepings and did not live to see its brothers evaporate. The door imparted with the mood of the person behind it, and slammed gustily, blowing an empty chewing-gum packet into the gutter, pink against grey. Head bent and pigeon-toed, Jane moved on down the strip of dusty grey, away from the dark green door and the pink wrapper in the gutter, filled with a horror of man's hands, and dirty, dark corduroy, and cheap whisky, and her mother's voice screaming; her mother had had a check-blue apron on, and there had been corn-on-the-cob for supper; yellow and blue, cornflowers and wheat, but it had all gone under to large hands and dark corduroy. She felt pressed in by something, perhaps that was why she was walking with her head bent and her toes turned in; concentrated yet impotent, like loose earth beaten with a flat spade.

Ugh! There were some more pink wrappers here and she could smell beer; a sudden desire to look back at the dark-green door took hold of her, but isolated in her own interpretation of colours and smells, she could not; it would break something and she would have to come back . . . Noises were becoming louder and quicker now; the dust did not lie in a soft matt texture here, grey and calm, but was browner and busy.

How pale her mother's eyelids had been, and her deep carmine lips lying twisted in the same shape as her body; but her body had been blue, a blue apron with checks and thin yellow lines lying on the kitchen lino.

He had come in and sat down, swaying and heavy, with a sullen glassy look; then her mother had begun to busy herself with her pans, talking and talking because she dared not stop, about how there was corn-on-the-cob for supper and what a nice evening it was and how she had got the laundry back today so he could have a clean shirt and how Mrs. Jones had called and said that Mrs. Smith was having her fifth and would she come to the pictures on Wednesday because there was a film all about . . .

Then he had come heavily across the floor, his clothes smelling of steel filings, breathing heavily, and there was always the smell of whisky; and his hands, thick and spatulate, with dirty nails and broken quicks, gripped, the sinews tautening like round silk-bound elastic. The carmine of her mother's lips had gone a paler shade; broken, she had succumbed quite mutely. Then suddenly the corn had boiled over and run all over the floor, and she had stumbled across the dark hall past the umbrella-stand with the light yellow broken tiles, out of the dark-green door into the quiet grey alley.

Everything was getting faster and redder and hotter; she knew she would reach a large road with busy people soon, unless she stopped. The feeling of compression was not bearing down on her so much now; her reactions were lighter and more real. The road was approaching and she was conscious of bricks; she could not remain in her imagination any longer.

Her mother was dead because her father had killed her, and suddenly she was in the great red road full of people, her knees and her mouth in the dust, sobbing and sobbing . . .

B.R.A.

FIVE COUPONS

The rain dripped slowly down the East side of Swan and Edgar's onto the few disconsolate persons who sought shelter under its canopies. A young man, who was among them, had ceased to think of his immediate surroundings; all his thoughts centred around five small slips of paper which he held in his hand, his remaining clothes coupons, wondering whether he could spare them on another pair of shoes. His best pair, which he was wearing now, did not yet leak, it was true, but they certainly would soon, and anyway they cramped his feet in a torturing manner.

He left the East wall of Swan and Edgar's, walked for a few minutes along some of London's famous streets, and then disappeared into one of London's equally famous shoe-shops. He was accosted by an attendant almost immediately, and was informed that the store had not any golf-shoes with non-skid-soles in their unrationed stock. His face fell for a moment, but then his heart gave a leap—perhaps he might be able to get a shirt that fitted properly; some socks that were not pitted with darns, or possibly—

"Yes," he said without further hesitation, "I'll sacrifice the non-skid soles for another shirt."

In a few moments he emerged from the building in a smart and comfortable pair of shoes, a pair of shoes that had been obtained without the loss of a single coupon. He determined to make his way home immediately, and to show the family the wonderful pair of unrationed shoes which, although they were not the type he was accustomed to buy with non-skid soles, were smart, comfortable and water-proof.

But his pride in his shoes was short-lived; for as he strode home he forgot about the unwonted nature of their soles. Thus it was no wonder that he should slip off the edge of the pavement, and that he should be knocked down by a bus.

He was treated well in the hospital. The doctors sought every means to mend his fractured skull, but without avail; his situation became more critical every day, until it had eventually to be admitted that there was no hope for him.

In a last return to consciousness, he turned his eyes to the nurse slowly, and said: "In my coat pocket you will find five coupons; perhaps they will get you a pair of shoes with non-skid soles."

S.C.V.D.

POETRY

NIGHT.

Night scatters stars across the skylights and up from the esplanade the night wind jostles round bleak street corners, stops and whistles to widowed trees, makes room with genial hand for summer's silly passion on park seats, then slips, suddenly morose, along dark alleys, shunning spinster lamp-posts, to mark Nurse drawing nursery blinds in sad side streets.

And night strolls on, smooth-fingered diplomat, down my mind's full corridors, tactfully removes the daytime's cobwebbed complications, grotesque images and dead idols that shudder the stucco walls, clearing a way for sleep to draw its fresh fantastic patterns.

J.F.T.

NOT ALL TIME IS WASTED.

We have done something who have sat upon a stack
 And seen the night grow,
 We who have sauntered round
 A twilit, idle, wind-kissed ground,
 Where evening smothereth the illusion
 Of sudden death, where everything is slow,
 Where even the confusion
 Of light and shade
 Is delicately laid
 To rest within the heaven's black
 Impartial seclusion.

We have done something who have spent a time
 In speculating on the state of heaven,
 When morning-coated ministers are driven
 By respectable winds
 To stop the pink-pyjamaed sun
 Polluting the impressionable minds
 Of those whose aspiration is to climb
 Beyond the dumpy mounds of mere fun.

We who have seen the evening's power
 Broken to fragments by a human voice,
 We have done something. Show us then the hour
 When night and silence noiselessly rejoice
 In dreams fulfilled. There let us solve
 The world's enigma,
 Dissolve the stigma
 Of lives that fail.

R.C.H.

IF ?

(With apologies in the appropriate quarter)

If you can lie, yet not be called a liar;
 If you can swear, yet go to church as well;
 If you can shoot the native in the stomach,
 Yet love your fellow men with whom you dwell;
 If you can be damn rude when on the continent
 And ruder still in India, and then
 Just learn to play a game of golf or cricket,
 Which are the makings of a gentleman;
 If you can hate the younger generation,
 For thinking peace might better be than war;
 If you can make dull after-dinner speeches
 And gain the reputation of a bore;
 If you can shout and blast and blare and bluster
 And hunt and shoot and fish and learn to shun
 The lower classes, yet not be a snob, sir—
 Why then, I won't say what you'll be, my son.

A.G.H.M.

SLEEPING MIXTURE.

When you're in bed to-night think not of wars,
 But rather of the Panda fast asleep,
 Her piebald head cushioned on woolly paws,
 Or think of velvet mice that warmly creep
 Into their holes to curl up round and soft;
 Transfer your thoughts from bellicose affairs,
 Though it be true the bombers fly aloft;
 Try to reflect on little furry bears,
 Slow drowsy summer sounds, the buzz of bees,
 A motor mower on some distant lawn,
 Or pigeons cooing quietly in the trees;
 Ponder on dogs that sprawl about and yawn
 In front of fires, or kettles hotly purring,
 Or gentle waves lapping a sandy bay.
 Dwell not upon the form of Marshal Goering,
 Let not his image turn your night to day,
 But think of things as round and more endearing,
 A puff ball, or a large recumbent sheep,
 Or stately, solemn, lazy clouds appearing,
 To wrap you in an eiderdown of sleep.

Anon.

SONNET.

How dull and meaningless it must have been
 When I liked little but material gain,
 When beauty was not loved but only seen,
 And Nature showed her charms to me in vain.
 Before the Fates decreed that we should meet
 I often heard the calling of the sea
 And saw it shimmer in the sun or beat
 Upon the hapless shore maliciously.
 I often heard grand music fill the air,
 Or saw the lonely moon on cloudless nights,
 And trees and flowers budding everywhere.
 But then to me what were such sounds and sights?
 How much I missed in life I never knew,
 Until I passed those happy days with you.

D.C.W.

JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term :—

To *Senior Under-Officer* : Under-Officers J. F. Nye (C), A. D. Thomson (C), J. A. McDonald (C), R. C. Hurley (C).

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeants E. P. Hickling (C), J. D. R. Hayward (G), N. W. Riley (B).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals J. S. Hollings (T), R. D. Lightfoot (W), R. M. Sellers (W), R. C. H. Collier (B), B. Henshaw (C), J. W. Cornforth (G), R. A. Soames (C).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals H. D. Christie (C), T. G. Heron (B), J. O. Outwater (C), R. E. Hodgkin (C), D. Walker (T), A. B. Oliveira (C), P. M. Ward (T), J. B. C. Fountaine (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cadets A. J. Gray (T), N. E. Seely (T), D. C. Lunn-Rockcliffe (C), J. S. B. Butler (G), P. Spencer-Cooper (T), R. R. Thompson (W), J. E. Colbeck (T), H. F. Deakin (W), C. Wachmann (G), G. D. Wauhope (C), R. I. Maitland (C), P. M. Greenall (C), J. S. Dawes (B), P. R. Crabbe (G), J. L. Pring (B), J. A. Lucey (C), S. C. Lloyd (B), R. H. F. Barker (C), A. N. C. Bruce (B), M. Lloyd (C), J. P. Sassoon (G), J. H. Welch (C), A. S. Wheatland (G).

With an intake of 105 Recruits (49 of them "new-style") the strength of the Contingent rose to 325 cadets. Mr. Archer received a commission and brought the number of Officers up to eight. Sergeant M. Lee (late The Royal Welch Fusiliers) is now the second member of the Permanent Staff.

Of the 26 candidates for War Certificates "A" in March, 22 were successful, and 7 transferred to the A.T.C. There were 36 candidates in July; 30 passed the examination, bringing the total number of Certificate holders, exclusive of those in the A.T.C., to 132.

PRIZES.

Best candidate for War Certificate "A" (July 1941) :—M. Wornum (W).

Best Recruit (Easter term 1941) :—G. K. Horner (C).

TRAINING.

One of the outstanding features of the term has been the success of the new scheme of Recruit training. Under Mr. Archer, boys of 14—14½ are undergoing a six months' course in Field-Intelligence, whereby their self-reliance is developed and their powers of observation quickened. The idea is to produce eventually the "complete" soldier or citizen, and a wide syllabus includes darning socks as well as Squad Drill, camp cooking as well as Rifle Exercises. Night work is another branch, and all the training is going with a swing. These Recruits will shortly be wearing a simplified form of battle-dress. They have their own instructors, specially selected for the work. In due course this will be the normal training every Recruit receives for his first two terms; he will then attempt Certificate "A" at the end of one year more.

Meanwhile, recruiting at 15 years continues until the necessity for it ceases after Christmas. Training for the "old-style" Recruit has been accelerated, and he will attempt Certificate "A" at the end of his third term in the Contingent. Such cadets will, therefore, not lose by being too old for the Field-Intelligence course.

Two platoons of Trained Cadets are making steady progress under Mr. Barr's supervision. An essential part of their work lies in learning to instruct and command each other.

The Senior Under-Officers and Under-Officers have shown up particularly well in preparing the Certificate candidates; their scope has been extended for the first time to the teaching of Map Reading.

Post-Certificate training now covers a wider field than ever. Captain Watt's Senior Platoon is working on the War Certificate "B" syllabus. The Signallers, under Mr. Macdonald, have made very effective use of their equipment, including the new wireless sets; and the recently formed Survey Section, under Mr. Kinvig, has much keen and valuable performance to its credit.

It has been a very active term, two Whole-Day Exercises adding considerably to everyone's experience. During this training experiments were made in umpiring, so that there



ROMANS



CORIOLANUS



MENERIUS AGRIPPA



VOLUNTIA, VIRGILIA, VALERIA, AND YOUNG MARTIUS



A CLUB-HOUSE IN ROME

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SCENES FROM 'CORIOLANUS'

[J.F.N.]



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A STOWE FAMILY

[I.F.W.]



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DETAIL OF THE CHAPEL

[J.R.R.]

was always a "silent critic" beside every Platoon and Section Commander; such Umpires learned, perhaps, more than anybody. Senior Umpires were linked up by the Signallers.

The first Whole-Day's Training consisted of a series of Platoon exercises (Attack, Defence, Withdrawal, Reconnaissance Patrols, and A/A Action), which each Platoon tackled in turn. In all of the first four exercises there was a Skeleton Enemy. A general time-plan allowed for reconnaissance and fixed Zero Hours. Failures as much as successes brought out valuable lessons. The Survey Section and the New-style Recruits carried out training of their own separately.

Previous to these exercises a party of 3 officers and 100 cadets attended the parade opening Buckingham's War Weapons Week, marching to and from the town as well as in the procession. A/A dispersal formation and action were practised en route. These senior members of the Contingent bore themselves extremely well throughout.

The second Whole-Day's Training, this time outside the grounds, was a "Parachutists" v. "Home Guard" affair, each side being a Company strong and commanded by an officer. On such an occasion the numerous Umpires had to interpret the natural outcome of the action as well as observe their sub-units, and good experience in co-ordination was gained. Much of the battle went according to the Director's plan; other incidents did not, but served a useful purpose. Lessons in reconnaissance, bold action and speedy communications were well illustrated.

DRILL COMPETITION (COLDSTREAM CUP).

On June 17th, Captain I. W. Gore-Langton, Adjutant, and R.S.M. Yardley, both of the Training Battalion, Coldstream Guards, judged as follows:—

1. Temple	75	6. Grenville	58
2. Chatham	74	7. Grafton	55
3. Chandos	69	8. Walpole	54
4. { Bruce	64		
{ Cobham	64		

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Lieut.-Colonel P. J. Ellison, Grenadier Guards, representing the War Office, carried out the Inspection on July 4th. Weather conditions were perfect. The day began with some simple Ceremonial Drill, after which the Colonel addressed the whole Contingent. Platoons then dispersed for training and were inspected in turn, some before and some after lunch, while carrying out their normal work. At the close the Colonel gave out his comments to all Officers and N.C.O.s in the Gymnasium.

AIR TRAINING CORPS NOTES

Several cadets left at the end of March, but new entries from the J.T.C. almost balanced this loss and we started the term with a Flight of 70. Mr. Boyd received his commission with the rank of Acting Pilot Officer as from March 4th, 1941. Mr. Reynolds has continued work as a civilian instructor and we are very sorry that we shall not have his help next term.

By arrangement with Major Clifford we have been able to include Drill under the Staff Sergeant in the Tuesday parades. The remainder of the Tuesday parade has been devoted to Navigation lectures, and Thursday short parades to Morse for all cadets. In the latter subject Mr. Walker has been an enthusiastic instructor, and J. E. Murray (B) and R. B. Higham (T), who came to us from the Signallers Section of the J.T.C., have instructed squads regularly. Many cadets are approaching a speed of six words per minute on the buzzer and, with the recent arrival of Aldis Lamps, should be able to offer themselves for the Proficiency Test as soon as they have completed the Navigation syllabus.

Uniform is beginning to come through, but the stock sizes provided appear to be small for most of our cadets, and it may be the middle of next term before we are in Air Force blue.

On Friday, July 11th, the first A.T.C. Field Day was held. This took the form of a contest between Bombers and Fighters, designed to test aircraft recognition and map reading. Bomber

Command, with the Deer Barn as a base, had to attack the Temple of Venus. Fighters based on the Queen's Temple had to intercept them. Signallers, with the new Aldis lamps, gave warning of the approach of the bombers. Shooting down was achieved by correct recognition. Each flyer carried in his pocket cards bearing the minimum details needed to distinguish his aircraft from others in use. When a fighter intercepted a bomber they exchanged cards, each writing on the back his attempt at recognition of the other's machine and pocketing it. In the hope that he had not been recognized each proceeded on his way.

Each bomber had also been provided with a target to which he was given a map reference in code. The relevant map was at the Temple of Venus, and on arrival there the bomber had to locate his target and mark it with a flag. Marks were awarded for intercepting and shooting down, for getting through to objective and bombing the set target correctly. Flyers had to keep on the move and return to base within a certain time limit. Fighters were also allowed to run while bombers were instructed not to exceed a walking pace.

In the afternoon a conference was held at which each pilot wrote up his log, while intelligence officers settled claims and worked out the scores. This was somewhat complicated by the fact that, if a bomber had been shot down at say 11.30 hours, everything he achieved after that time had to be crossed out. Bombers won by some 150 points to 70. It was decided, after some discussion, that this type of exercise was a useful one and might be repeated with more difficult recognition problems and modified marking to give the fighters more opportunities of scoring.

SHOOTING

THE RIFLE CLUB.

In spite of the difficulty of obtaining ammunition, Spoon Shoots have been held every Saturday. The following have won spoons:—

Class "A."—W. E. Duck (W) (4), G. C. Rogers (W), C. P. Smith (6).

Class "B."—J. B. C. Fountaine (C) (2), F. E. Kitson (C), C. P. Smith (6), A. J. Wells (C), T. C. P. Whidborne (T).

R.C.H.C.

EMPIRE TEST.

House Averages.—Bruce, 40.4; Temple, 39.9; Grenville, nil; Chandos, 47.5; Cobham, 42.5; Chatham, 44.8; Grafton, 39.6; Walpole, 35.2.

Winners of House Shooting Cup.—Chandos.

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING CUP COMPETITION.

	Grouping	Rapid	Snap	50 Yards	Total
	H.P.S. 25	50	20	20	115
1. J. S. Barrowclough (W)	25	49	20	20	114
2. J. S. Hollings (T)	25	49	20	19	113
3. { E. P. Hickling (C)	25	43	20	20	108
{ R. C. Hurley (C)	25	47	16	20	108
5. R. C. H. Collier (B)	20	42	16	19	97
6. R. I. Maitland (C)	20	35	16	20	91
7. J. F. L. Robinson (W)	20	40	20	10	90
8. N. E. Seely (T)	20	36	16	17	89
9. J. D. Milne (C)	0	35	12	5	52

CORIOLANUS

The annual Shakespeare play was given in the Gymnasium on the evenings of July 5 and 7. No choice could have been more topically apt nor any play lend itself better to a performance in modern dress. The actual clothes worn by the actors are a comparatively small point in such productions: the measure of their success is rather the conviction which the modern interpretation of detail and atmosphere carries. By this criterion Mr. Saunders, Mr. Dams and B. Henshaw were extremely successful in their production. It is impossible to apportion praise to the members of a team which evidently worked so well together, but Mr. Dams was alone responsible for the Volscian scenes, which were in excellent contrast with those laid in Rome.

Of individual actors, R. C. Hurley (C) (Coriolanus) and B. Henshaw (C) (Menenius Agrippa) stood out in a cast which had very few weak links. Hurley maintained an astonishingly high average of acting throughout a long and difficult part, neither his memory nor his actor's personality ever deserting him: and in certain scenes (his first arrival at Antium on the first night, his very first appearance in the play on the second) his acting had a wholly professional conviction and naturalness, which are extremely rare in the amateur. Henshaw's natural gift of parody enabled him to make Menenius Agrippa a very life-like club bore, without prejudicing his position as doyen of the Roman conservative party or the real tragedy of his last scene with Coriolanus. D. C. Wallace (C) made an extraordinarily dignified and forceful Volumnia; and it was a triumph of make-up (all of which was excellent) to make him resemble so exactly the widow of one of our late ambassadors in Berlin. J. F. P. Tate (W) (Sicinius Vclutus) both looked and played a very good Trades Union leader (tribune of the people), combining a cheap Cockney confidence with the mob and uneasy defiant "I'm as-good-as-you-are" manners with Menenius and the generals. A. D. Thomson (C) (Cominius) made a telling broadcast speech, listened to in a bar parlour by some tough Roman proletarians, amongst whom C. E. Guinness (C), R. B. Lodge (W) and C. Lawson-Tancred (C) were outstandingly good. P. M. Ward (T) (Aufidius) had a difficult part, and he perhaps tended to overact his role of Volscian Führer, though his speech in the Volscian Senate demanding Coriolanus' death was very effective. His three party members (N. E. Seely (T), T. G. Heron (B) and A. J. Manley (T)) provided an excellent parody of S.A. manners—slick, apt and witty. Perhaps the least successful figure was poor Virgilia (J. R. C. Welch (G)) to whom Shakespeare seems to have given little or no character worth the name. The scenery was admirably simple and unpretentious, suggesting all that was necessary, without over-burdening the eye; and the blowing up of the gates of Corioli was a brilliant idea, brilliantly executed.

M.DuP.C.

P.T.

	Exam. (Max 75)	Month (Max 25)	Year (Max 50)	Total (150)
1. Cobham	59½	20½	35	115
2. Chatham	54½	20	40	114½
3. Temple	54	21	25	100
4. Grenville	47	16	30	93
5. Chandos	57½	18	15	90½
6. Bruce	57	21	10	88
7. Grafton	42	14	20	76
8. Walpole	33½	10	5	48½

CRICKET

THE XI started the season well with a win against the M.C.C., but then, apart from an unfinished game with Buckingham, it met with four defeats in a row. This was too bad to be true, as was shewn by the results of the last six matches—4 wins and 2 draws slightly in our favour.

With the exception of Hickling, the batting on slow wickets was weak and was due chiefly to poor footwork. However, since the arrival of faster pitches, it has been much more formidable and the team has made only one score of under 200.

Considerable difficulty was found in discovering an opening pair, although Pragnell, after a weak start, found his form and established himself at one end: his partner was not so easily secured, Colbeck finally securing the place and playing an excellent innings against Oundle.

Hickling has batted magnificently throughout the term, his good footwork being particularly noticeable. On several occasions he has had to go in to save a collapse, and not only has he done this but he has contrived to make runs quickly and extremely well at the same time. He has carried heavy responsibilities when others have failed, and only once has he not made runs when wanted in an inter-school match. Of his many fine innings, his 50 against Cheltenham (when things were not going too well) and his 122 not out against Oundle (scored in 85 minutes when runs were wanted quickly) were perhaps the best.

Pragnell, recovering from a poor start, made a considerable number of runs which were often of great value; although his style is ugly he is difficult to dislodge on a true wicket, as he certainly does watch the ball. Savery played some good forcing innings to start with but later fell away, out of form.

Thomson and Mallory have been disappointing, as only on isolated occasions did either really get going; both, however, fielded splendidly so that before they went in to bat they had runs to their credit.

Higham disappointed, and did not give the side the stability which was lacking and which one hoped he might.

Of the bowlers, Savery has been the most consistent and has sometimes bowled really well, as was the case against Cheltenham when he performed with great life and fire. Mallory has often bowled without much luck, on several occasions beating batsman and wicket: however, when he has bowled on the off and middle stumps instead of (as he too often does) on the leg stump, he has done well, as for example against Tonbridge when he took 6 for 8 including the hat-trick. Hawkins, unfortunately, has never found a length and so he has been able to add little to the sting of the attack, while Barclay has kept runs down without being able to take many wickets owing to his inability to spin the ball.

The fielding improved considerably although it never reached a good standard: there were too many of the side who were unable to throw the ball well, let alone gather the ball quickly and make a quick return.

Owing to a dearth of wicket-keepers, Hickling took on the job and has done very adequately in an unaccustomed position.

Hickling has captained the side extremely well and handled his bowling astutely; he has also taken considerable trouble about the placing of the field, which has been done generally to considerable advantage.

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 3.

STOWE v. BRADFELD. Played at Stowe on May 28th. Lost by 7 runs.

This game started a few minutes after 10.30, as stumps had to be drawn at 4.30 to enable Bradfield to make their journey back. On winning the toss Hickling put Bradfield in to bat on a slow wicket, there having been some heavy rain the day before.

Wickets began to fall immediately and only 15 runs were up on the board when Savery had three to his credit, the batsmen in the meantime finding him very difficult to get away. The fourth wicket added 55 valuable but painstaking runs and although Knight never looked comfortable he was evidently determined not to get himself out. After this, wickets started to fall again and six Bradfield batsmen were back in the pavilion for 75 runs, so that things began to look well.

Higham came on to bowl and succeeded in taking three wickets, after offering up a great variety of balls to the batsmen who often seemed distinctly suspicious of his designs. The score went up from 112 for 7 to 152 for 8, a stand of 40, which, as subsequent events proved, were very valuable runs, and finally 161 all out—a total which seemed very well within our compass. Knight had played an invaluable innings of 74 for his side and was out jumping in to drive.

Connell and Higham opened the innings, but the former was out first ball—an easy c and b; Mallory came in and out—2 wickets in the first 2 balls. Thus Hickling joined Higham, and together they took the score to 50 before the latter left, having played an invaluable defensive innings, leaving the scoring to Hickling.

Savery was out at 82 and Thomson at 106—5 wickets down—but with Hickling going very strongly the other 52 runs did not seem formidable. However, disaster occurred at 131, Hickling hitting a full toss straight at mid-off who held the catch; his batting had been most aggressive and splendid to watch, his first 75 runs coming in 75 minutes, and in another twenty minutes he would have won the match. Alas! three more wickets fell and the total had reached 142 when Johnson, as last man, came in to bat, with 20 runs to get. Hawkins was shaping confidently and the score had crept to within 7 of Bradfield's total when he jumped out to drive, failed to get over the ball, and was caught.

The match seemed well in hand when this extraordinary collapse happened; all, without exception, of the last five wickets which fell being the result of the batsmen getting themselves out.

BRADFELD.		STOWE.	
D. Le M. Brock, c Connell, b Savery.....	0	J. M. Connell (G), c and b Drysdale.....	0
P. E. Bodkin, c and b Savery.....	7	R. B. Higham (T), c Mitchell, b Bodkin	9
N. E. H. Knight, b Hawkins.....	74	W. R. Mallory (C), c Brock, b Drysdale	0
T. F. Gibbs, b Savery.....	0	E. P. Hickling (C), c Gibbs, b Evans.....	94
T. M. P. Evans, c Mallory, b Higham....	32	W. M. Savery (W), c Turner, b Evans....	10
D. J. Mitchell, c Johnson, b Higham.....	2	A. D. Thomson (C), b Bodkin.....	8
J. D. Thompson, b Mallory.....	1	J. E. Colbeck (T), c Mitchell, b Evans....	5
M. D. Turner, c Thomson, b Higham....	16	R. A. W. Rossdale (T), c Mitchell, b Evans	0
K. Barnes, c Barclay, b Johnson.....	11	R. H. Hawkins (C), c Mitchell, b Evans....	16
M. J. Hissey, not out.....	8	T. H. Barclay (C), c Thompson, b Evans	0
J. G. S. Drysdale, c Connell, b Barclay...	0	G. H. Johnson (C), not out.....	1
Extras	10	Extras	11
Total	161	Total	154

Bowling.—Savery, 3 for 20; Mallory, 1 for 11; Barclay, 1 for 35; Hawkins, 1 for 34; Johnson, 1 for 36; Higham, 3 for 15.

Bowling.—Drysdale, 2 for 22; Mitchell, 0 for 28; Evans, 6 for 50; Bodkin, 2 for 29; Thompson, 0 for 14.

STOWE v. BEDFORD. Played at Bedford on May 31st. Lost by 46 runs.

Conditions were very uninviting, cold, grey and damp, when Bedford won the toss and went in to bat on a dead easy wicket, the result of rain that had made the outfield heavy and wet.

The ball was wet from the first and a towel had to be used throughout the innings, so that by lunch-time, when the score stood at 80 for 4 wickets, Stowe had reason to be pleased. Mallory caught a good catch to put the first man out, and then Hawkins proceeded to get the next three—two of whom were caught by Pragnell at mid-wicket, fairly deep.

After the interval Bedford went steadily on, showing no strokes, but still getting runs, until Hickling wisely put on Colbeck with his lob who got three wickets in eight overs, and so with a run out the innings ended at 193.

Bedford had been batting four hours for their runs, taking no risks, at the same time showing themselves a difficult side to get out.

Conditions had changed considerably by the time Stowe began their innings, for the ball was no longer wet while the pitch was much drier and was beginning to take spin.

The first two wickets fell for 5 runs owing chiefly to the intimidating short legs who accepted two of the easiest catches imaginable, the result of the batsmen merely hanging their bats out. Savery and Hickling then came together and took the score along to 39 very quickly when the latter, taking a risk which was hardly justified, was very finely caught at deep mid-wicket. Not being content with having lost Hickling, through trying to get runs in a hurry when there really was plenty of time, the batsmen still took chances which were especially dangerous as the bowlers could now definitely spin the ball. Savery was eventually out to a catch, the result of a miss-hit, after a hard-hit 51; the fact that he had just reached 50 seemed to make him more reckless instead of settling him down. Pragnell played a sound innings, but after his dismissal Stowe had little hope of getting the runs—the only doubt seemed to be whether or not Bedford could get the remaining wickets in time. This, however, they accomplished with twenty minutes to spare, chiefly through the agency of their left-hand slow bowler who was able to bring the ball back sufficiently from leg to get three leg-before wicket decisions.

It was a pity that weather conditions were not the same for both sides, but in fairness to Bedford it must be said that they took the chances offered them, especially in the field.

BEDFORD.		STOWE.	
G. S. Smith, c Mallory, b Savery.....	10	R. B. Higham (T), c Parker, b Webber....	3
C. B. Donovan, lbw, b Hawkins.....	58	J. M. Connell (G), c Pollard, b Fletcher....	2
L. F. L. Oakley, c Pragnell, b Hawkins....	6	W. M. Savery (W), c Evan-Jones, b	
R. Evan-Jones, c Pragnell, b Hawkins....	5	Fletcher	51
L. W. Pollard, c and b Higham.....	3	E. P. Hickling (C), c Smith, b Fletcher....	18
A. C. W. Abrahams, b Hawkins.....	23	W. R. Mallory (C), c Donovan, b Catts	9
F. M. Fletcher, c Hickling, b Colbeck....	27	A. D. Thomson (C), c Webber, b Fletcher	4
P. Parker, c Barclay, b Colbeck.....	6	T. M. Pragnell (G), lbw, b Webber.....	23
R. H. Haynes, not out.....	29	J. E. Colbeck (T), c Pollard, b Webber....	0
A. A. Webber, c Connell, b Colbeck.....	0	R. A. W. Rossdale (T), lbw, b Webber....	21
G. E. Catto, run out.....	9	R. H. Hawkins (C), lbw b Catts.....	10
		T. H. Barclay (C), not out.....	2
Extras	17	Extras	4
Total	193	Total	147

Bowling.—Savery, 1 for 29; Mallory, 0 for 43; Hawkins, 4 for 45; Barclay, 0 for 21; Higham, 1 for 15; Colbeck, 3 for 23.

Bowling.—Fletcher, 4 for 55; Webber, 4 for 42; Catto, 2 for 22; Haynes, 0 for 5; Parker, 0 for 19.

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 18th. Drawn.

Hickling won the toss and decided to bat first. The innings was opened by Thomson and Pragnell who were not parted until 102, when Thomson was caught. Both batted well, and Thomson scored very fast, if a little luckily, being missed on the boundary once. He was followed by Savery and then Hickling; the latter scored a rapid 65, raising the score to 168 for 4; the innings was closed by a snappy 24 from Shervington at a total of 269 for 9.

Savery opened the bowling and took a wicket with his third ball. Mallory was bowling at the other end and although he took no wickets in his first spell of three overs he was only hit for three runs. Hawkins relieved him, but he too was taken off after a single over and

replaced by Mallory again. Soon after this Hawkins came on again from Savery's end, the latter having secured two more wickets during these changes. He had been bowling very accurately and appeared to be swinging the ball away quite a lot. At the other end Mallory, who seemed rather off form, was replaced by Barclay who claimed a victim in his second over, when the score was 68 for 4, but then became rather expensive, and was relieved by Calthorpe, who bowled well for some time but was unlucky. Frequently he completely beat the bat but never got the much needed wicket. The score had now risen alarmingly, and stood at 140, when the Radley captain, having made 63 and bowled almost throughout our innings, at last gave a catch to mid-wicket which went safely into Higham's hands. The next wicket fell to a very fine piece of fielding at cover by Thomson and was a run out. After this Radley gave up any attempt at getting the runs and played out time without the loss of any further wickets. Their final score being 205.

STOWE.		RADLEY.	
T. M. Pragnell (G), b Darwin.....	60	T. M. B. Sessions, c Hickling, b Savery	16
A. D. Thomson (C), c Darwin, b Barker	47	L. M. Barker, c Thomson, b Savery.....	2
W. M. Savery (W), c Lampard, b Parry-		T. J. Foreshaw, c Thomson, b Barclay....	20
Crooke	14	A. G. Gardner, b Savery.....	0
E. P. Hickling (C), b Darwin.....	65	R. J. A. Darwin, c Higham, b Hawkins....	63
W. R. Mallory (C), run out.....	15	T. B. Morris, run out.....	38
R. B. Higham (T), c Murray, b Darwin....	8	R. A. Murray, not out.....	40
Lord Calthorpe (W), b Murray	10	M. J. D. Syson, not out.....	8
R. H. Hawkins (C), b Murray.....	0	D. A. Lampard, J. M. Money and M. B.	
M. H. A. Robinson (W), not out.....	9	Parry-Crooke did not bat.	
T. M. J. Shervington (C), c Foreshaw,			
b Parry-Crooke.....	24		
T. H. Barclay (C) did not bat.			
Extras	17	Extras	18
Total (9 wkts. dec.)....	269	Total (for 6 wkts.)....	205

Bowling.—Darwin, 3 for 79; Lampard, 0 for 34; Parry-Crooke, 2 for 81; Murray, 2 for 30; Barker, 1 for 13; Money, 0 for 7; Gardner, 0 for 8.

Bowling.—Savery, 3 for 56; Mallory, 0 for 28; Hawkins, 1 for 28; Barclay, 1 for 38; Calthorpe, 0 for 36; Shervington, 0 for 1.

STOWE v. TONBRIDGE. Played at Stowe on June 21st. Won by 228 runs.

This was Stowe's first win against Tonbridge, and a most emphatic victory it was—a matter of some 228 runs. This year there was nobody called Wood in the Tonbridge side to massacre the Stowe bowling, and only Pritchard was left of the excellent team against which Stowe had laboured creditably but in vain at Lord's last August. In this respect Stowe was more fortunate, six members of the Lord's side (and Mallory, who would have played there but for an attack of measles) being still available.

No cricketer could have wished for a better day than this was. Pitch and weather were perfect for the occasion, and we all prepared ourselves at 10.45 to sit down and enjoy a game of cricket played in the most delightful conditions imaginable. Hickling performed his first duty successfully by winning the toss, and Stowe, not worried by the dew which the pundits alleged might make the wicket difficult for a time, very properly went in to bat.

Thomson was soon out, and Tonbridge, remembering last year, must have felt well pleased with themselves. Pragnell, however, showed that he was made of sterner stuff and, although his bat appeared to have no middle, he continued till luncheon to defy all the bowlers alike. These bowlers toiled manfully but without any guile so far as one could see from the ring, and there seemed to be no reason why they should get anybody out. Even so both Savery, whose batting is more robust than elegant, and Hickling, who made the 38 most felicitous runs of the day, contrived to be out by 12.15, when the total was 114. In the circumstances this did not

look a very good score, but Mallory soon showed that he was in form at last and that there was nothing whatever to worry about. He and the imperturbable Pragnell, who was playing with all the nonchalance of a veteran but who seemed utterly strokeless, batted on another 45 minutes in which they added 47 runs. Meanwhile Pragnell duly reached his fifty with a boundary past cover and Mallory played some delightful strokes on the off-side and some equally indifferent ones on the leg.

After luncheon, these two went steadily on, never looking likely to be out, but not making runs as quickly as one hoped they would. Indeed the game seemed to have gone to sleep when Pragnell suddenly forgot himself, hit across a full toss like an irresponsible Junior Colt, and was justly bowled. He retired with the comfortable knowledge that he had made his highest score for Stowe to date, and that, had he failed, his side's total might well have been wholly inadequate. The value of his innings was amply shown by the futility of the batting which followed his dismissal. Mallory, it is true, went from strength to strength, until he was well caught in the slips off Marques, who bowled very well at this stage, but Higham potted about with little success. Shervington hit the air hugely but ineffectively, and Calthorpe was in for some time, doubtless meaning well but quite failing to make contact. It was something of a relief when Colbeck came in to play at least one cricket stroke, just to show that he might well have been put in much earlier. When he was out at 2.50 and no purpose could be served by prolonging the innings any further, Hickling declared, leaving the weary and dejected Tonbridge side about three hours in which to make 270 runs or save the match. In fact they never looked like doing either of these things, their batting being strangely spineless and inept—a fact which the Stowe bowlers were quick to appreciate. Savery started the rot by dismissing Harboard in his first over, and Mallory continued the good work by doing the hat-trick in his third. The score stood at 6 when this momentous event occurred. Pritchard was lbw, Masters and Marques played vaguely forward to in-swingers and were bowled, Mallory executed a pretty little dance of triumph, and Tonbridge were in trouble indeed. Mallory now warmed to his work, menacing an imperturbable umpire with terrible appeals and rapping Maughan on the pads five times in an over. Such a moral ascendancy did he achieve over the batsmen, if not over the umpires, that even an occasional slowish full-toss from him proved too much for his paralysed victims. Wickets continued to fall with startling rapidity, Hawkins joining in the fun by taking two of them, and at tea-time eight batsmen were out and the score was a mere 31. After tea the game came to an end as it was bound to do, Mallory very properly taking the last wicket. It was all somewhat bewildering, but this had been a great day for Mallory with his 83 runs and his astonishing analysis (10.2—7—8—6), albeit it was a little disquieting for your not very impartial correspondent, who would claim, with some arrogance perhaps, that for Stowe to defeat these particular opponents was no mean feat.

STOWE.		TONBRIDGE.	
T. M. Pragnell (G), b Pritchard.....	83	G. H. P. Pritchard, lbw, b Mallory.....	3
A. D. Thomson (C), b Pritchard.....	7	F. G. Harboard, c Hickling, b Savery....	0
W. M. Savery (W), c Harboard, b Pritchard	19	J. R. M. Turbett, c and b Hawkins.....	9
E. P. Hickling (C), b Woodland.....	38	P. A. Masters, b Mallory.....	0
W. R. Mallory (C), c Turbett, b Marques	83	C. V. L. Marques, b Mallory.....	0
R. B. Higham (T), c Matthew, b Marques	7	G. T. Maughan, b Mallory.....	1
T. M. J. Shervington (C), c Marques, b Matthew.....	9	S. F. Hills, c Thomson, b Mallory.....	0
Lord Calthorpe (W), not out	5	C. J. Matthew, b Savery.....	12
J. E. Colbeck (T), b Marques.....	3	C. S. Young, b Hawkins.....	1
R. H. Hawkins (C) and T. H. Barclay (C) did not bat.		A. L. Woodland, b Mallory.....	7
Extras	15	H. F. Wiles, not out.....	0
Total (8 wkts. dec.)....	269	Extras	8
		Total	41

Bowling.—Marques, 3 for 24; Pritchard, 3 for 58; Matthew, 1 for 39; Wiles, 0 for 17; Woodland, 1 for 56; Hills, 0 for 60.

Bowling.—Savery, 2 for 13; Mallory, 6 for 8; Hawkins, 2 for 10; Barclay, 0 for 2.

STOWE v. CHELTENHAM. Played at Cheltenham on June 28th. Won by 7 runs.

Hickling, having won the toss, decided to bat first on a wicket which was both fast and bald. The innings was opened by Pragnell and Colbeck quietly in the conventional way. At 28 Pragnell was bowled and Savery came in. The latter, however, soon left after giving an easy catch close in from a rising ball. This brought in Hickling, but unfortunately Colbeck, who had been batting well, at this point was caught in the slips. He had, however, made 30 and given the side a fair start, although there was rather a collapse afterwards. Mallory came to keep Hickling company, but was not there long. Thomson then took his place, and for half an hour before lunch it at last looked as if Hickling had found someone to stay with him. Both were batting well and confidently, and looked set. Thus at lunch-time these two were still in, and the score stood at 88. However, shortly after lunch Thomson was bowled and the task of staying with Hickling was taken over by Higham. The position, 5 for 91, was pretty bad now and these two took the side out of a very nasty place. Hickling batted carefully without giving a chance or taking a risk, which explains his comparatively slow scoring, but care was essential at this stage. The partnership was finally broken at 150, Higham being caught. Soon after this Hickling succumbed, and the tail then added a much needed 20, closing the innings at 189, of which Hickling scored 59.

Cheltenham had plenty of time to get the runs and duly went for them boldly, but started badly, being at one point 41 for 4. Savery opened the bowling with Mallory at the other end. Savery, bowling well, took the first four wickets in his second, fourth, sixth and eighth overs respectively. Mallory bowled fairly steadily, but did not seem as deadly as against Tonbridge. He was replaced by Hawkins after 7 overs, but the latter could not find his length and Calthorpe soon took over. Colbeck replaced Savery at the other end for one over after which Mallory came on again. Calthorpe took a valuable wicket, caught in the deep by Pragnell, and then gave place to Barclay, who bowled well, getting two wickets. The first of these was stumped by Hickling and broke up a partnership which had put on 57 runs and looked dangerous. Mallory took the next wicket quickly, thus changing the situation to 126 for 7. 68 runs to get, three wickets to fall, and time enough for both bowlers and batsmen to pull it off. Savery then replaced Mallory, but had no luck for some time, the next wicket falling to Barclay at 138. 52 runs to play with and two wickets to get. Mallory replaced Barclay and for some time the score mounted slowly; the situation became more and more tense. At last Mallory, after a shattering appeal in which all participated was awarded an lbw. 161 for 9. The same process now occurred again, the score rising slowly and inexorably under the blows of numbers 10 and 11.

The climax was reached when with 19 to make Savery was hit for 4 twice in succession, reducing our lead to a slender 11. One more went in Savery's over and three in Mallory's. Then Savery produced one out of the bag, and rattled back the off stump. Thus Stowe won by 7 runs and with only four minutes to spare. Cheltenham must be congratulated on very gamely going for a win and not playing for a draw.

STOWE.		CHELTENHAM.	
J. E. Colbeck (T), c McNeile, b Swiney....	30	G. K. Johnston, b Savery.....	11
T. M. Pragnell (G), b Pakenham-Walsh	12	D. St. J. Atkinson, c Hickling, b Savery	8
W. M. Savery (W), c Johnston, b Pakenham-Walsh	9	J. R. Fischel, b Savery.....	11
E. P. Hickling (C), c Fischel, b Pakenham-Walsh	59	D. A. T. F. Swiney, c Pragnell, b Calthorpe	27
W. R. Mallory (C), b Swiney	0	R. A. St. M. Reeve-Tucker, b Savery	1
A. D. Thomson (C), b Reeve-Tucker.....	18	B. Moxon, st Hickling, b Barclay.....	44
R. B. Higham (T), c and b Moxon	23	C. R. Gordon, b Mallory.....	14
Lord Calthorpe (W), b Pakenham-Walsh	4	W. Pakenham-Walsh, b Barclay.....	9
R. H. Hawkins (C), c Swiney, b Moxon....	3	A. E. Herring, lbw, b Mallory.....	12
T. M. J. Shervington (C), c and b Moxon	9	D. H. McNeile, not out.....	14
T. H. Barclay (C), not out.....	0	G. E. Shakeshaft, b Savery.....	19
Extras	22	Extras	12
Total	189	Total	182

Bowling.—Shakeshaft, 0 for 19; Pakenham-Walsh, 4 for 55; Swiney, 2 for 43; Reeve-Tucker, 1 for 37; Moxon, 3 for 13.

Bowling.—Savery, 5 for 65; Mallory, 2 for 42; Hawkins, 0 for 26; Calthorpe, 1 for 14; Colbeck, 0 for 3; Barclay, 2 for 20.

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Oundle on July 2nd. Drawn.

Hickling, on winning the toss, sent in Pragnell and Colbeck to bat on a perfect batsman's wicket—fast and true, although one no ball came up to an awkward height. These two wasted few opportunities to score, so that aided by some ragged fielding the board read 101, in 70 minutes, before Colbeck was held at short leg: he had played a good aggressive innings and had managed to curb a hitherto dangerous tendency of flicking at balls outside his off stump. Savery offered no resistance and by lunch time the score was 107 for 2 wickets.

On the resumption, Hickling, who had had five minutes before lunch, started straight away and he proceeded to hit the ball when and where he liked and to score faster and faster. Pragnell left him at 216, after making a very useful 83, caught also at short leg. Thomson then came out and the score mounted faster than ever, the running between the wickets being exceptionally good, especially as the day was an exceedingly hot one.

Hickling made 100 in 75 minutes and finished up with 122 not out in 85 minutes while the actual score increased from lunch onwards by 173 in 80 minutes. On Thomson's dismissal the innings was declared, Hickling being not out for a very fine innings, scored at a pace which the situation demanded; he gave no semblance of a chance until he had reached his century.

Oundle were faced with a total of 281 with just under three hours in which to get them. Stowe started as usual with Savery and Mallory, both of whom seemed rather to lack the sting they possessed the previous week. The first wicket fell at 27 when Savery bowled Malet, the second at 87 when Wilson, who had looked very sound, played a careless shot and was well caught in the gully by Hawkins—he had, however, had a lapse and been missed in the deep previously by Shervington; all this time the scoring had never been in front of the clock, although it could not have been called slow. Walker was out at 106 after a robust innings of 56. Four wickets were down at 115 and there seemed a chance of getting a finish, but after Mallory had had a hard chance dropped in the slips and beaten and all but bowled Henshalt several times, no more wickets fell. The score mounted up quickly with Henshalt finding his form and reaching his 50. Hickling rang the changes but without effect, and it was not until the last over that another chance was offered off Mallory to Pragnell, who refused it.

Oundle had batted soundly and had amassed 214 by 6.30, when the match was abandoned as a draw.

It was so difficult for bowlers to get wickets that all chances given should have been taken to win the match, but this was not so and the bowlers came home disconsolate.

STOWE.		OUNDLE.	
T. M. Pragnell (G), c Hanscomb, b Walker	83	G. A. Wilson, c Hawkins, b Mallory	36
J. E. Colbeck (T), c Malet, b Walker	58	K. G. Malet, b Savery	16
W. M. Savery (W), c Earlsdale, b Walker	1	T. J. D. Walker, b Savery	56
E. P. Hickling (C), not out	122	J. H. Rhodes, c Hickling, b Mallory	5
W. R. Mallory (C), b Walker	1	A. R. A. Beldam, not out	31
A. D. Thomson (C), c Frankline, b Rhodes	11	H. E. Henshalt, not out	63
R. B. Higham (T), Lord Calthorpe (W), R. H. Hawkins (C), T. M. J. Shervington (C) and T. H. Barclay (C) did not bat.		J. W. E. Crocker, R. L. R. Jones, — Hanscomb, —, Earlsdale, — Frankline did not bat.	
Extras	5	Extras	7
Total (5 wkts. dec.)	281	Total (for 4 wkts.)	214

Bowling.—Crocker, 0 for 64; Walker, 4 for 97; Jones, 0 for 36; Rhodes, 1 for 31; Wilson, 0 for 19; Henshalt, 0 for 29.

Bowling.—Savery, 2 for 70; Mallory, 2 for 48; Barclay, 0 for 43; Hawkins, 0 for 26; Colbeck, 0 for 18; Calthorpe, 0 for 2.

OTHER 1ST XI RESULTS.

- May 17th. STOWE v. M.C.C. At Stowe. Won by 121 runs.
Stowe, 271 for 4 wkts. dec. (E. P. Hickling (C) 129, W. M. Savery (W) 50 not out, A. D. Thomson (C) 26 not out, J. M. Connell (G) 27, W. R. Mallory (C) 25).
M.C.C., 152 (West 91, Trevor 25; R. H. Hawkins (C) 6 for 36, W. R. Mallory (C) 2 for 31).
- May 24th. STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM. At Stowe. Match drawn.
Stowe, 200 for 8 wkts. dec. (W. M. Savery (W) 44, E. P. Hickling (C) 43, W. R. Mallory (C) 34; A. P. Bell 5 for 64).
Buckingham, 90 for 1 wkt. (T. E. Busby 51 not out). Rain stopped play.
- June 7th. STOWE v. R.A.F., HALTON. At Stowe. Lost by 10 wkts.
Stowe, 111 (E. P. Hickling (C) 48, T. M. Pragnell (G) 30; Hudson 3 for 18, Beveridge 5 for 30).
R.A.F., Halton, 113 for 0 wkt. (Payton 60 not out, Mobey 48 not out).
- June 11th. STOWE v. O.U. AUTHENTICS. At Stowe. Lost by 159 runs.
Authentics, 253 for 4 wkts. dec. (Crutchley 106 not out, Gracey 84; W. M. Savery (W) 2 for 35, T. H. Barclay (C) 2 for 40).
Stowe, 94 (R. B. Higham (T) 18 not out, R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 19; Gracey 4 for 19, Duff 2 for 8).
- June 14th. STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM. At Stowe. Won by 3 wickets.
Buckingham, 152 (B. R. Edrich 57; T. H. Barclay (C), 3 for 49, R. H. Hawkins (C) 4 for 29, Lord Calthorpe (W) 3 for 18).
Stowe, 155 for 7 wkts. (T. M. Pragnell (G) 56, W. M. Savery (W) 41, R. B. Higham (T) 32 not out; B. R. Edrich 4 for 33).
- June 25th. STOWE v. FORTY CLUB. At Stowe. Won by 8 wickets.
Forty Club, 89 (Lord Calthorpe (W) 5 for 18, W. M. Savery (W) 3 for 29, R. H. Hawkins (C) 2 for 11).
Stowe, 90 for 2 wkts. (E. P. Hickling (C) 44 not out, T. M. Pragnell (G) 47 not out; J. Smith 1 for 40, Whiting 1 for 19).
After the match had been won, Stowe continued to bat, Hickling scoring 89 and Thomson 87 not out.

2ND XI.

Played, 8. Won, 3. Lost, 4. Drawn, 1.

The team showed itself a better team at home than away. Matches were played at home against Radley (won), R.A.F., Bicester, (won), R.A.F., Halton, (won); and away against Bedford (lost), Rugby (lost), R.A.F., Bicester, (lost), Bradfield (lost) and Oundle (drawn).

As a whole the batting was poor. A hundred runs was often more than the team could manage, and no satisfactory opening pair was found. Individual members often made runs, but rarely more than one per match. The bat was regarded as primarily for defence, not offence. The bowling was surprisingly good, sides being often dismissed for low figures, but our batsmen could not press home the advantage gained. J. W. Cornforth (G), A. R. Barrowclough (C), R. H. White-Smith (B), and later G. T. G. Conant (B) all did well. The fielding and catching were fair. H. G. Baker (C) kept wicket well. The side was ably led, first by T. M. J. Shervington (C) and later by R. A. W. Rossdale (T).

Results :—

- May 17th. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Won by 1 run.
Stowe, 117 (M. H. A. Robinson (W) 30; Lampard 4 for 6).
Radley, 116. (Parker-Jervis 36; T. M. J. Shervington (C) 3 for 34, T. H. Barclay (C) 2 for 4, A. R. Barrowclough (S) 3 for 14).
- May 28th. *v.* R.A.F., BICESTER. Away. Lost by 7 wkts.
Stowe, 60 (T. M. Pragnell (G) 21; James 8 for 28).
R.A.F., Bicester, 119 for 7 (Sones 36; T. M. J. Shervington (C) 3 for 25, Lord Calthorpe (W) 3 for 41).
- May 31st. *v.* R.A.F., HALTON. Home. Won by 3 runs.
Stowe, 86 (M. H. A. Robinson (W) 28; Slade 6 for 22).
R.A.F., Halton, 83 (Slade 21; G. H. Johnson (C) 4 for 23, Lord Calthorpe (W) 3 for 9, A. R. Barrowclough (S) 2 for 12).
- June 4th. *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Lost by 4 wkts.
Stowe, 80 (A. D. Maclean (T) 34; Laughland 5 for 23).
Bedford, 105 for 8 (Parker 34; Lord Calthorpe (W) 4 for 31, R. H. White-Smith (B) 2 for 16).
- June 7th. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Lost by 123 runs.
Rugby, 218 (Reeves 60, Barber-Fleming 53 not out; J. W. Cornforth (G) 5 for 21, Lord Calthorpe (W) 3 for 56).
Stowe, 95 (A. R. Barrowclough (S) 41).
- June 21st. *v.* BRADFIELD. Away. Lost by 61 runs.
Bradfield, 171 (Thompson 41; A. R. Barrowclough (S) 5 for 43, G. H. Johnson (C) 2 for 45, J. W. Cornforth (G) 3 for 25).
Stowe, 110 (R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 42 not out, B. W. B. Sparrow (T) 20, J. M. Connell (G) 24; Thompson 4 for 17).
- June 25th. *v.* R.A.F., BICESTER. At Stowe. Won by 5 runs.
Stowe, 129 (B. W. B. Sparrow (T) 36, G. T. G. Conant (B) 38; James 6 for 65).
R.A.F., Bicester, 124 (J. W. Cornforth (G) 5 for 36, R. H. White-Smith (B) 4 for 25).
- July 2nd. *v.* OUNDLE. At Oundle. Match Drawn.
Oundle, 263 (G. T. G. Conant (B) 3 for 71, R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 2 for 24, A. R. Barrowclough (S) 2 for 27).
Stowe, 171 for 9 (R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 54, J. W. Cornforth (G) 44 not out, J. M. Connell (G) 24).

3RD XI.

Played, 5. Won, 3. Lost, 2. Drawn, 0.

The third eleven looked a bad side at the beginning of the season, and has been unfortunate in having a high proportion of its matches scratched. By dint of not playing cricket the side has steadily improved, and has become quite good, playing the game with vigour, with enjoyment, and not wholly without skill, a combination which may well be considered more pleasing than what is often nowadays regarded as cricket. Every member of the side has on occasion done something good. Outstanding individual performances do not, however, call for comment, unless perhaps R. I. Maitland's (C) all-round play.

- May 24th. *v.* BUCKINGHAM. At Stowe. Lost by 43 runs.
Buckingham, 107 (R. H. White-Smith (B) 6 for 60).
Stowe, 64 (B. N. L. Fletcher (C) 18, R. W. Blackmore (S) 17, P. M. Ward (T) 13).
- June 11th. *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Won by 4 wickets.
Bedford, 60 (R. D. R. Lycett-Green (T) 3 for 11, J. E. Hodgkin (C) 3 for 15, E. A. Harding (B) 2 for 16).
Stowe, 63 for 7 (R. C. Hurley (C) 17).
- June 21st. *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY. Home. Won by 5 runs.
Stowe, 34 (Rose 6 for 16).
M.C.S., Brackley, 29 (Sir F. Beaumont (W) 4 for 9, R. D. R. Lycett-Green (T) 5 for 15).

COLTS' XI.

The Colts had the makings of a good team, but it was not till their last two matches that they found their form. They badly needed a steady bowler to open with Lack (who showed great promise throughout the season), and their end batsmen collapsed far too often. These difficulties were beginning to be solved at the end of the season, but by then they had already lost two school matches, and just drawn a third. The last two school matches were won, and won well. In addition to the school matches, they were twice beaten by the 3rd XI, and once by Mr. Capel Cure's XI. Barling changed his bowling well, and saw to it that his fielders were in the right position; Myers should be a really good wicket-keeper when he has had more experience; Gale has the makings of a good bat.

Results :—

- May 17th. *v.* RADLEY. At Radley. Lost by 7 wickets.
Stowe, 89 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 15, F. I. Watson (S) 15).
Radley, 91 for 3.
Stowe scored 81 before the fall of the 6th wicket. Their two opening batsmen were missed in the opening overs.
- June 4th. *v.* BEDFORD. At Bedford. Match drawn.
Bedford, 147 for 9 dec. (G. W. Hawkings (C) 3 for 26).
Stowe, 101 for 9 (J. M. Gale (C) 21).
A very dull game.
- June 18th. *v.* MR. CAPEL CURE'S XI. Lost by 7 wickets.
Colts' XI, 107 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 68; J. E. Colbeck (T) 5 for 24, J. W. Cornforth (G) 3 for 30).
Mr. Capel Cure's XI, 146 for 8 (J. E. Colbeck (T) 56, J. M. Connell (G) 36, R. A. W. Rossdale (T) 24; R. P. D. Treherne (C) 3 for 17).
The Colts' last five wickets fell for one run, Colbeck taking 5 wickets in 6 balls.
- June 21st. *v.* BRADFIELD. At Bradfield. Lost by 5 wickets.
Stowe, 151 (T. H. Lawrence (S) 53, N. C. S. Barling (S) 45, J. M. Gale (C) 21 not out).
Bradfield, 162 for 5 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 3 for 29).
A second wicket stand of 82 between Barling and Lawrence.

- June 28th. *v.* HARROW. Home. Won by 14 runs.
Stowe, 123 (J. M. Gale (C) 47, N. C. S. Barling (G) 35, T. H. Lawrence (G) 22).
Harrow, 109 (T. S. A. Lack (G) 5 for 35).
An up and down game and a very exciting one.
- July 5th. *v.* RUGBY. Home. Won by 19 runs.
Stowe, 140 (R. P. D. Treherne (C) 35, N. C. S. Barling (G) 31, G. W. Hawkings (C) 23).
Rugby, 121 (R. M. Verdon-Roe (B) 4 for 26, T. S. A. Lack (G) 3 for 35).
A last wicket stand of 26 between Hawkings and Verdon-Roe. Rugby scored 108 before their 6th wicket fell.

JUNIOR COLTS' XI.

Apart from the fact that the game against Bedford was thrown away, this was a very satisfactory season for the Junior Colts. Rugby beat them on a day of high scoring when both sides played remarkably well, but Harrow and M.C.S., Brackley, were soundly defeated, and Radley had rather the worse of a drawn game very early in the season. P. R. Boys-Stones (G) captained the side admirably and batted well, while I. H. Robinson (W), J. V. Bartlett (T), C. G. Dealtry (B) and J. A. R. Anson (B) made runs consistently. The best bowlers were C. Dansie (C), who was very unlucky, H. R. Marten (T) and R. C. Clayton (C). Not the least pleasing feature of the side's cricket was the consistently good fielding.

- May 17th. *v.* RADLEY. At Radley. Match drawn.
Stowe, 177 for 6 wks. dec. (S. G. Hammick (W) 59 not out, C. G. Dealtry (B) 45 not out).
Radley, 118 for 6 (C. G. Dealtry (B) 2 for 12, J. V. Bartlett (T) 2 for 35).
- June 11th. *v.* BEDFORD. At Bedford. Lost by 7 runs.
Bedford, 76 (R. C. Clayton (C) 3 for 13, C. Dansie (C) 2 for 9, S. G. Hammick (W) 2 for 24).
Stowe, 69 (C. G. Dealtry (B) 30, P. W. S. G. Calthorpe (W) 14).
- June 19th and 20th. *v.* COLTS' 2ND XI. Lost by 7 wickets.
Junior Colts, 1st innings, 56 (J. V. Bartlett (T) 12, I. H. Robinson (W) 11; C. E. N. Graham (C) 2 for 12, B. K. Montgomery (G) 4 for 12).
2nd innings, 99 for 8 wks. dec. (I. H. Robinson (W) 48 not out; B. K. Montgomery (G) 4 for 20, B. S. Dodwell (G) 2 for 20, C. M. Campbell (W) 2 for 8).
Colts' 2nd XI, 1st innings, 70 (T. H. Lawrence (G) 23; R. C. Clayton (C) 7 for 18).
2nd innings, 88 for 3 wks. (T. H. Lawrence (G) 60).
- June 28th. *v.* HARROW. Won by 3 wickets.
Harrow, 103 (R. C. Clayton (C) 6 for 29, H. R. Marten (T) 3 for 25).
Stowe, 113 (I. H. Robinson (W) 32, C. G. Dealtry (B) 20).
- July 5th. *v.* RUGBY. Lost by 8 wickets.
Stowe, 193 (J. A. R. Anson (C) 42, J. V. Bartlett (T) 40, I. H. Robinson (W) 39, P. R. Boys-Stones (G) 29).
Rugby, 194 for 2 wickets (H. R. Marten (T) 2 for 50).

1ST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
E. P. Hickling (C)	12	2	129	681	68.1
T. M. Pragnell (G)	11	1	83	400	40.0
W. M. Savery (W)	12	1	51	272	24.9
R. B. Higham (T)	9	2	32*	121	17.2
W. R. Mallory (C)	11	0	83	183	16.6
J. E. Colbeck (T)	8	1	58	109	15.5
A. D. Thomson (C)	9	1	47	132	14.6
T. M. J. Shervington (C)	3	0	24	42	14.0
M. H. A. Robinson (W)	2	1	9*	12	12.0
J. M. Connell (G)	6	0	27	49	8.1
R. A. W. Rossdale (T)	6	0	21	48	8.0
Lord Calthorpe (W)	5	1	10	29	7.3
R. H. Hawkins (C)	7	1	16	39	6.5
T. H. Barclay (C)	5	1	4	7	1.8
G. H. Johnson (C)	1	0	1	1	1.0

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. B. Higham (T)	19	3	41	4	10.3
R. H. Hawkins (C)	160.1	13	313	21	14.8
Lord Calthorpe (W)	45	6	154	9	17.1
W. M. Savery (W)	140.1	20	430	22	19.1
J. E. Colbeck (T)	23.2	0	93	3	31.0
T. H. Barclay (C)	104.4	18	282	9	31.3
W. R. Mallory (C)	168.2	42	416	13	32.0

The following also bowled:—T. M. J. Shervington (C), 2—1—1—0; G. H. Johnson (C), 6—1—36—1.

The following catches were made:—W. R. Mallory, 8; E. P. Hickling, 6 (1 stumped); A. D. Thomson, 6; T. M. Pragnell, 5; W. M. Savery, T. H. Barclay, J. M. Connell, 3 each; R. H. Hawkins, R. A. W. Rossdale, R. B. Higham, 2 each; Lord Calthorpe, M. H. A. Robinson and G. H. Johnson, 1 each.

HOUSE MATCHES 1940

First Round.

CHATHAM *v.* BRUCE. Chatham won by 4 wickets.

Bruce, 92 (McDonald 6 for 25).

Chatham, 93 for 6 (Hollington 48 not out).

CHANDOS *v.* GRAFTON. Chandos won by 79 runs.

Chandos, 129 (Lloyd 35, Hurley 30; Burton 6 for 44).

Grafton, 50 (Marshall 5 for 19, Barclay 3 for 6).

COBHAM *v.* GRENVILLE. Cobham won by 124 runs.

Cobham, 213 (Shervington 41, Lewisohn 37, Carr-Gomm 31).

Grenville 89 (Fragnell 42; Johnson 5 for 36).

TEMPLE *v.* WALPOLE. Temple won by 6 wickets.

Walpole, 104 (Gilliland 30).

Temple, 105 for 4.

Second Round.

CHATHAM *v.* TEMPLE. Chatham won by 64 runs.

Chatham, 131 (Thomson 48, Mallory 38; Le Bouvier 5 for 40, Colbeck 5 for 51).

Temple, 67 (Le Bouvier 32, Bally 4 for 20, McDonald 4 for 22).

CHANDOS *v.* COBHAM. Chandos won by 8 wickets.

Cobham, 58 (Hawkins 5 for 23, Marshall 3 for 17).

Chandos, 59 for 2 (Hickling 33 not out).

The Final House Match 1940.

CHANDOS *v.* CHATHAM. Chatham won by 3 wickets.

Chandos.—1st innings: R. C. Hurley, b Mallory, 0; J. A. Lucey, b Bally, 0; D. C. Lloyd, b Mallory, 3; E. P. Hickling, c Harland, b Mallory, 38; R. A. Soames, b Shrosbree, 13; C. D. Drew, c and b Shrosbree, 3; C. M. Musgrave, b Bally, 4; G. P. Marshall, c Thomson, b Bally, 6; R. H. Hawkins, b Mallory, 7; T. H. Barclay, not out, 7; M. R. Wallace, b Shrosbree, 0; extras, 10; total, 91.

Bowling.—Mallory, 4 for 28; Bally, 3 for 23; McDonald, 0 for 17; Shrosbree, 3 for 10.

Chandos.—2nd innings: R. C. Hurley, c McDonald, b Bally, 7; J. A. Lucey, not out, 6; D. C. Lloyd, lbw, b Mallory, 0; E. P. Hickling, c and b McDonald, 84; R. A. Soames, b Shrosbree, 11; C. D. Drew, b Bally, 17; C. M. Musgrave, b Mallory, 0; G. P. Marshall, c Bally, b Mallory, 20; R. H. Hawkins, run out, 0; T. H. Barclay, c Shrosbree, b Bally, 6; M. R. Wallace, c Thomson, b Shrosbree, 15; extras, 17; total, 183.

Bowling.—Mallory, 3 for 41; Bally, 3 for 31; McDonald, 1 for 21; Shrosbree, 2 for 67; Hollington, 0 for 6.

Chatham.—1st innings: A. V. Hollington, b Hawkins, 2; J. M. Gale, b Marshall, 1; J. A. McDonald, c Hickling, b Hawkins, 0; W. R. Mallory, c Drew, b Marshall, 13; A. D. Thomson, b Hawkins, 20; J. de B. Shrosbree, c Barclay, b Hawkins, 5; D. Campbell-Cooke, c Hickling, b Marshall, 7; R. P. D. Treherne, b Marshall, 1; P. D. Bally, b Marshall, 7; J. W. Harland, not out, 4; J. E. Hodgkin, b Hawkins, 1; extras, 12; total, 73.

Bowling.—Marshall, 5 for 29; Hawkins, 5 for 24; Barclay, 0 for 8.

Chatham.—2nd innings: A. V. Hollington, b Marshall, 12; J. M. Gale, c Hickling, b Marshall, 10; J. A. McDonald, c Barclay, b Hawkins, 14; W. R. Mallory, b Marshall, 2; A. D. Thomson, not out, 133; J. de B. Shrosbree, run out, 4; D. Campbell-Cooke, c Lloyd, b Hawkins, 13; R. P. D. Treherne, b Marshall, 3; extras, 11; total (for 7 wkts.), 203.

Bowling.—Marshall, 4 for 81; Hawkins, 2 for 69; Barclay, 0 for 25; Wallace, 0 for 17.

LAWN TENNIS

The season has been an interesting one, with more than usual competition for places in the side. As last year, we were left with no members of the previous team, but J. F. Nye (C), as captain, has played consistently well and has worked hard to form a team, which has turned out better than at first seemed likely. He and D. B. Eaglesfield (T) have played together as first pair throughout and have played, at times, most attractive tennis. They have been unreliable, because Eaglesfield particularly has been too wild and has tried to make a winner off every shot. He should be very good later on.

About half-term R. A. Soames (C) and D. W. N. Calderwood (G) were discovered as a good third pair. They have turned out steadier than all the others and are now well established as second pair. Soames has seldom played badly and Calderwood, who is still under sixteen, should be more than useful in future.

Competition for the third pair is still at the time of writing very strong, with P. Campbell-Cooke (Q) and J. E. Hodgkin (C) playing at present, but P. W. Harvey (G) and C. R. P. Anstey (Q) have played in most matches and may still regain their places. There are several other players all on the verge of the team and all capable of beating each other, including J. D. S. Cable (C), T. H. C. Lewis (Q), J. L. Pring (B) and D. N. Cox (W). Quite a few promising players are coming on and the outlook for the future is more encouraging than in the last two years.

The results of matches this year have not been so good as last, but the opposition has been stronger and we have been fortunate in having so much greater a number of matches. We had a good victory over our old rivals, St. Paul's; and a new school fixture with Wellingborough proved interesting.

House Matches are not yet finished, but Bruce beat Chandos in the final of the Leagues.

Last year's winner of the Mornington Singles, E. P. Hickling (C), should not have great difficulty in winning again, but he may find one or two improved players hard to beat.

Results of matches.

1st VI.

May 24th. *v.* THE MASTERS. Home. Lost, 2—5 (2 unfinished).

May 28th. *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. Home. Lost, 2—6 (1 unfinished).

May 31st. *v.* MR. J. R. HANDS' TEAM. Home. Lost, 3—6.

June 7th. *v.* MAIDEN ERLEGH. Home. Won, 6—3.

June 11th. *v.* WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD. Away. Unfinished, 2—4, with 3 matches uncompleted.

June 14th. *v.* ST. PAUL'S. Away. Won, 10 sets to 6, 2 sets unplayed.

June 17th. *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Home. Lost, 3—5 (1 unfinished).

June 28th. *v.* MR. J. R. HANDS' TEAM. Home. Lost, 0—9.

July 2nd. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Home. Won, 9—0.

2ND VI.

June 14th. *v.* THE MASTERS. Home. Lost.

SWIMMING

Owing to the late start of swimming this year our fixture list had to be considerably curtailed. As a result of this we had only five matches. Although we had five old colours in the team there was an unpromising start to the season owing to lack of practice. Also, the team was hampered by the absence of J. D. R. Hayward (G), the Captain, who was prevented by illness from swimming throughout the season. R. T. F. Larsen (G) was on top of his form, and on every occasion when he represented the School in the 100 or 200 Yards Freestyle he won his race.

The following represented the School during the season:—D. Walker (T), R. T. F. Larsen (G), I. A. P. Rumsey (G), J. G. V. Burns (G), M. C. E. Shearn (T), P. D. Bennett (B), M. B. Stevenson (G), R. A. Yule (B), J. S. M. Ramsay (T), J. A. Wood (C), C. J. Rhodes (C), A. B. Oliveira (C), A. D. Thomson (C), C. Dansie (C).

The following fixtures were swum this term:—

v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Home.	Lost, 20—31.
v. HARROW.	Away.	Lost, 21—23.
v. RUGBY.	Home.	Won, 45—19.
v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Away.	Lost, 26—45*
v. ST. EDWARD'S	Away.	Won, 27—19.

*Bishop's Stortford, unexpected competitors in this match, scored 39 points.

D.W.

WATER POLO.

Two water polo matches were played this term.

The following represented the School:—I. A. P. Rumsey (G), (Captain), I. M. Horley (C), R. T. F. Larsen (G), D. A. O. Davies (T), J. S. M. Ramsay (T), D. Walker (T), W. E. Duck (W), A. D. Thomson (C).

The results of the matches were as follows:—

v. RUGBY.	Home.	Won, 5—1.
v. ST. EDWARD'S	Away.	Lost, 3—5.

I.A.P.R.

THE RELAYS

The Inter-House Relays were run on Monday, March 31st. The day dawned more brightly than had most of its immediate predecessors, but turned dull by the afternoon. It being by then rather cold and the track somewhat heavy, times were not very good, and the Hundred Yards in particular was very slow. Chandos had a strong team and eventually won by six points; they had been in a virtually unassailable position before the Composite was run. Bruce were second and should perhaps have made a closer challenge. It is notoriously difficult to judge the correct disposition of one's team; but the large margin by which they won the Quarter-Miles suggested that they could well have strengthened their teams for the sprints, for in these two events they scored only three points out of a possible fourteen.

The results were:—

		Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
100 Yards	50.8 secs.	0	5	1	6	3	4	7	2
Hurdles	57.7 secs.	4	0	6	7	3	1	2	5
220 Yards	48.7 secs.	3	1	6	7	5	4	2	0
Quarter Miles	4 mins.	7	1	5	3	6	0	2	4
Half Mile	9 mins. 27.1 secs.	7	0	5	6	2	1	4	3
Composite Mile	4 mins. 6 secs.	7	4	0	5	2	1	3	6
Total Points		28	11	23	34	21	11	20	20
Order of Merit		2	7 eq.	3	1	4	7 eq.	5 eq.	5 eq.

ATHLETICS

ETON v. STOWE.

It had been hoped this year to have the Triangular at Radley, with our hosts there taking the place of Lancing, who have been evacuated to Ludlow. Unfortunately, Radley developed a plethora of diseases and were compelled to withdraw, and the Eton doctor found himself unable to allow Eton to visit us here as we suggested. Accordingly, for the third year in succession the Stowe team visited Eton's excellent track, on a day which was wintry and very cold, reminding one of that snowy day two years ago when Stowe won their last victory. Owing to the fact that only two teams were competing, the points for first, second and third were reduced from 5—3—2 to 5—3—1, but the Relay continued to score 6—3.

We started by securing second and third place in the Hundred, which was as much as we could expect in that particular event, in which Stowe has been notably weak this year. In the second event, the Mile, we took the first three places, thanks to P. C. Holden, E. P. Hickling and A. G. Jessiman. Holden won in 4 mins. 45.8 seconds, a very good time considering the wind. The Weight, which was well won by Thomson with 38ft. 6ins., was cancelled out by the Long Jump in which Murray could only take third place with, for him, an indifferent jump of 18ft. 2½ins. I. M. Horley, however, put us ahead again in winning the Hurdles in 16.8 secs., a very good time. G. P. Marshall won the Javelin rather unexpectedly, and R. N. Harding got second place in the High Jump. R. D. Lightfoot ran a most excellent Half Mile; he came up at the bell, opened out on the back straight and won as he liked in 2 mins. 10.6 secs., with R. H. Hawkins third. G. T. G. Conant might have won the Quarter if he had not cast a shoe after about 180 yards, an accident which surely might have been avoided. This error probably cost him the race and certainly should teach a young and most promising runner an unforgettable lesson. By this time the Match was ours unless we were disqualified in the Relay, and this made our changing-over excessively circumspect. As it was we came very near winning that too, thanks to a most gallant effort by Horley, who simply ate up a gap and finished very strongly to lose by about a foot. We thus won a most enjoyable match by two points.

Results:—

100 Yards.—1, P. F. Scrutton (Eton); 2, I. M. Horley (Stowe, C); 3, R. D. Lightfoot (Stowe, W). Time, 10.6 secs.

Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (Stowe, B); 2, E. P. Hickling (Stowe, C); 3, A. G. Jessiman (Stowe, B). Time, 4 mins. 45.8 secs.

Weight.—1, A. D. Thomson (Stowe, C); 2, D. M. H. Bailie (Eton); 3, A. J. Gray (Stowe, T). Distance 38 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, C. M. Philips (Eton); 2, C. E. McGrigor (Eton); 3, J. E. Murray (Stowe, B). Distance, 19 ft. 5 ins.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, I. M. Horley (Stowe, C); 2, M. A. Nicholson (Eton); 3, G. P. Marshall (Stowe, C). Time, 16.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, N. Mosley (Eton); 2, R. N. Harding (Stowe, B); 3, R. W. B. Lloyd (Eton). Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

Quarter Mile.—1, B. W. M. Young (Eton); 2, G. T. G. Conant (Stowe, G); 3, P. F. Scrutton (Eton). Time, 55 secs.

Javelin.—1, G. P. Marshall (Stowe, C); 2, — Taylor (Eton); 3, — Keithley (Eton). Distance, 123 ft. 5 ins.

Half Mile.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (Stowe, W); 2, J. L. Poë (Eton); 3, R. H. Hawkins (Stowe, C). Time, 2 mins. 10.6 secs.

Relay.—Eton won by one foot.

Result.—Stowe 46 points.

Eton 44 points.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES, 1941

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 4—	Roslyn Park	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18—	Rugby	Home.
Wed., Oct. 22—	Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25—	R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1—	Cheltenham	Home.
Sat., Nov. 8—	Oundle	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15—	Uppingham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Dec. 6—	Bedford	Home.

2ND XV.

Wed., Oct. 15—	Middlesex Hospital	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25—	R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1—	Old Northamptonians	Home.
Sat., Nov. 8—	Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 12—	Bloxham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15—	Old Northamptonians	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29—	Bedford	Away.
Wed., Dec. 3—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.

3RD XV.

Sat., Oct. 18—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25—	St. Lawrence College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1—	Maiden Erlegh	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12—	Bloxham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 22—	St. Lawrence College	Away.
Wed., Dec. 3—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Dec. 6—	Bedford	Home.

COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 15—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 22—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29—	Bedford	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 15—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18—	Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 22—	Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29—	Bedford	Away.

Other matches are being arranged for the Colts and Junior Colts.

R.C.H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has had three debates this term, all of surprising quality; and the last was the best. Considering the obvious defects of the Society, one might have thought that last term's good things were a chance achievement and a lucky high-water-mark; but it is now clear that we can aim even higher.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Hon. Secretary, J. Ch. Simopoulos (S); Hon. Librarian, B. Henshaw (C); Hon. Treasurer, C. R. P. Anstey (C).

The Society has 42 members and one Honorary Member. The following have been elected members this term: R. H. White-Smith (B), P. G. Worsthorne (S), I. F. Wallace (C), K. H. Irgens (C), G. C. Neale (C), J. D. S. Cable (C), C. Lawson-Tancred (C) and A. D. Thomson (C).

The 136th Meeting of the Society was held at 8.15 p.m. in the Library, on Wednesday, May 28th.

It was remarkable that so lively a debate emerged after no less than half-an-hour of wearisome but necessary Private Business. The Motion was "That this House deplores the Detective Story."

B. R. ARMSTRONG (W) opened the debate by a speech in which he deplored those whom he termed "the disciples of unreason." Though diverting and even thoughtful, this speech served very satisfactorily to confuse the issue.

A. D. MACLEAN (T) opposed the motion with a healthy denunciation of the proposers. "Niceness, healthiness and stupidity" are, he said, the ideal attributes of a good schoolboy.

A. M. QUINTON (T), who spoke third, soon made himself master of the house, and exhorted it not to be charmed by the "sugary worlds of wishful thinking." He drew a useful distinction between detective stories and "thrillers."

J. F. NYE (C) made the best speech of the evening. Lucid and profound, interesting yet homely, eloquent and rational, he covered all the ground efficiently. Detective stories, he maintained, were to be read for relaxation, and Gibbon to satisfy one's conscience.

There spoke for the Motion: R. H. White-Smith (B), the Librarian (C), A. G. H. Melly (C), N. E. Seely (T), G. Hoare (C), A. R. Heath (T), P. G. Worsthorne (S) and J. S. B. Butler (S).

There spoke against the Motion: C. M. Campbell (W), R. R. Thompson (W), G. A. Eve (G), the President, S. C. V. Dodgson (W) and J. D. S. Cable (C).

There voted in the Upper House:	For the Motion	9
	Against the Motion	11

There voted in the Lower House:	For the Motion	9
	Against the Motion	45

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 2 votes, and in the Lower House by 36 votes.

The 137th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, 18th June, at 8.15 p.m.

After some snappy and relevant private business, the House debated the Motion: "This House considers that War advances the Progress of the World."

A. P. DE PASS (C) proposed, and told us fairly and squarely that he had three points. These, which proved to be incidental to the structure of his speech, related to the Wars of the Roses, the Civil War, and the present War. None could help being struck by his persuasiveness and the seemingly artless way in which he removed mountains and dropped them on the *nouveaux riches*.

From J. S. B. BUTLER (S) we learnt that we were getting worse, and that the machines were getting the better of us. This was a sincere speech and, though a little blurred, an effective opening of the opposition.

R. R. THOMPSON (W) began with the thesis that "War Speeds up Evolution." He was all for killing off the lower classes to promote national prosperity. While listening to his studious statistics of aeronautics, one felt that one was face to face with a true son of the machine age.

R.C. HURLEY (C) made a first-class speech, complete with sound arguments and apt quotations. In the present state of affairs, he thundered, quoting Homer, Carlyle and T. S. Eliot, what right have we to believe in progress? Combining the fervour of Savonarola with the balm of Coué, he tore away the screen of false modesty from the minds of the House, and made them see the truth.

This was an excellent debate distinguished by two or three speeches of high quality, and by the eagerness of subsequent speakers to add their ideas. The Society is at least fulfilling its function of dispelling people's fear of public speaking.

There spoke for the Motion: S. C. V. Dodgson (W), A. V. Kaye (C), A. D. Maclean (T), D. C. Wallace (C), A. M. Quinton (T), G. H. Johnson (C), P. W. I. Rees (T), R. Fleming (C) and D. Rutherford (C); A. P. de Pass (C) summed up for his side.

Against the Motion: The Librarian (C), the Treasurer (C), I. F. Wallace (C), K. H. Irgens (C), A. W. Mosselmans (C), G. C. Neale (C), C. M. Campbell (W) and P. G. Worsthorpe (C); J. S. B. Butler (C) summed up for the opposition.

There voted in the Upper House:	For the Motion	8
	Against the Motion	12
There voted in the Lower House:	For the Motion	10
	Against the Motion	23

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 4 votes and in the Lower House by 13 votes.

The 138th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, July 9th, at 8.15 p.m.

The Motion was: "This House considers that the Dangers of School Discipline outweigh its advantages."

The motion was indeed daring, but the House justified the confidence of the committee and rose to the occasion with a long succession of speeches in which neither side of the house lost the sense of responsibility. Some short speeches by quite junior members were admirably put.

THE SECRETARY (C) proposed the motion. It was his swan-song, and there was much he had to say. It was one of his best efforts, and its philosophic detachment, enlivened with wit, at once set a standard for the debate, but left one doubtful how far philosophy was in contact with life.

A. D. THOMSON (C), opposing the motion, made the speech which the House has long needed. After lashing the House for the triviality which has kept many from coming to debates, he proceeded to practical issues on the assumption that the value of discipline does not admit of question. Later, in the summing-up, he somewhat marred the effect by not keeping strictly to the point; but the devastating sincerity of his opening speech was unquestionably the making of the debate.

THE LIBRARIAN (C), quoting Plato, declared wisdom rather than freedom to be the true aim of a community, but said that freedom was necessary as a means to this. He ended a pleasant and thoughtful speech, which was also a swan-song, by pleading, like Voltaire, for tolerance.

THE TREASURER (C) seconded the opposition with a closely-reasoned speech. Discipline, he said, should be a deterrent. Freedom of mind does not consist in doing what you please, but in being able to know what you ought to do.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, Miss I. A. Radice, G. Hoare (C), R. Hoare (C), C. H. van Raalte (G), Mr. R. A. D. Oliver, B. R. Armstrong (W), P. W. I. Rees (T) and C. Lawson-Tancred (C).

Against the Motion, J. S. B. Butler (C), A. D. Maclean (T), A. V. Kaye (C), J. D. S. Cable (C), A. G. H. Melly (C), J. P. Burman (C), S. C. V. Dodgson (W), J. F. Nye (C), C. M. Campbell (W), R. P. Chatelanat (T), J. E. G. Gentilli (C), R. A. Guinness (C) and the President.

The House was particularly glad to hear a speech from an ex-Member, Mr. R. A. D. Oliver. A. D. Thomson and the Secretary summed up.

There voted in the Upper House:	For the Motion	11
	Against the Motion	9
There voted in the Lower House:	For the Motion	15
	Against the Motion	38

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 2 votes, and lost in the Lower House by 23 votes.

J.M.T.
J.Ch.S.

MUSIC

Several members of last term's Orchestra have left and their loss has been felt rather acutely on some occasions. We have been fortunate in acquiring one new violinist of exceptional merit, but the dearth of cellists particularly has rather cramped our style. The Orchestra has, nevertheless, made good progress with Beethoven's 8th Symphony which we hope to perform with Rossini's "Scala di Seta" overture and Bizet's March from the "Jeu d'Enfants" Suite at a concert later in the term. The symphony is to be played in its entirety, though perhaps the first and last movements will come off better than the middle two. Our rendering of the Allegretto lacks that lightness of touch and precision essential for a first-class performance, and the Minuet and Trio has some exceptionally hard parts for the wind which they have not altogether mastered as yet. The last movement looked the hardest, but has in actual fact, but for a few passages, given less trouble than any of the others. The strings play the sixty odd bars of tonic and dominant at the end with considerable gusto, if not with complete accuracy of intonation on the top F's! There is difficult work for the first violins in the Rossini overture, but Rossini is essentially easy to "put across" and this should be one of the most successful works in the programme. Credit is particularly due to the flutes and oboes for the way in which they have mastered their parts.

The Choral Society have been working at Parry's "Blest Pair of Sirens" and some plantation songs for baritone solo and four-part chorus. The latter have not presented many difficulties, though the harmony sounds a little ragged sometimes. The solo part is being sung by Mr. Cross. The Parry presents greater difficulties; in the first place there are often eight parts, and splitting into two more than halves the strength of each group of voices, especially with the tenors and altos; moreover the harmonies are more complex than in the plantation songs. But even if we do not get all the notes the general effect is decidedly impressive, and should be more so if it is accompanied by the orchestra. Attendance at Choral Society has been remarkably good despite examinations and the fact that now no preparation or P.T. is excused for it.

Three concerts have been given to the School so far this term. On Monday, June 16th, Charles Brill and a small orchestra, consisting of various members of the London Philharmonic with Melsa as principal violinist and Eileen Joyce as solo pianoforte, gave an interesting concert in the Gymnasium. In spite of the stifling heat and somewhat recondite nature of the programme, the audience was large and appreciative. The first two works, a Sinfonia by Dittersdorf and Haydn's Clock Symphony, were probably the most popular and certainly most suited to the orchestra. The former particularly was played with admirable fluency and ensemble. A concerto for trumpet, piano and strings by Shostakovitch followed, in which the soloists were Eileen Joyce and George Eskdale. It was a difficult work, very hard to understand, but it was applauded loudly and Miss Joyce was made to give an encore. She played the first movement of the Mozart C Major Sonata which has recently become so popular as the song "In an eighteenth century drawing room." This was received with deafening applause. The programme concluded with an Italian Serenade by Wolf and an Overture to a Marionette Play by Weinberg. The last was amusing rather than profound or beautiful.

On Sunday, June 29th, a Chamber Music concert was given in the library by a quartet consisting of players from the school and outside it, while Mrs. Negus played the piano for the quintet. The programme consisted of two works. The first was the first two movements of a quartet written by Mr. Negus, which showed remarkable originality and was admirably adapted to its medium. This was followed by a Dvorak piano quintet, played with all the liveliness and spice that Dvorak usually requires.

As last term, Mr. Snowden and Mr. Cooper gave a recital on two pianos on July 6th and, as then, they attracted a large audience. They played a delightful sonata by Mozart with plenty of energy and expression. The St. Antony Variations by Brahms, which were such a success last term, were again played and loudly applauded. Two other works, by Melan-Guérout and Vaughan Williams were also performed. All were well received and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

C.R.P.A.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

At the beginning of the term B. Henshaw (C) was elected Secretary, and the following were elected members of the Club:—A. A. D. M. Browne (C), J. S. B. Butler (S), P. D. Bennett (B), J. C. R. Welch (G); J. F. P. Tate (W) has been a Permanent Guest.

On Tuesday, May 20th, J. F. Nye (C) read his erudite paper on "Science and Determinism", in which he demonstrated how the classical scientific theory of determinacy had been superseded by the more romantic and comfortable theory of indeterminacy and then applied these laws governing the conduct of molecules to the conduct of human beings.

On Tuesday, June 16th, J. S. B. Butler (S) read his paper on T. S. Eliot. He showed us how the poet was a true expression of 20th century jazziness and helped us over the difficulties which only a combination of free association and advanced subjectiveness could produce.

It is hoped that J. C. R. Welch (G) will be able to read his paper on "Restoration Drama" before the end of the term.

B.H.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The activities of the Society have been somewhat curtailed this term, because its members have all been directing their energies towards the Higher Certificate. But a compromise was accepted, with the result that we have had an interesting series of lectures in school. These lectures have meant dispensing with the formalities of the Society, and have all been on subjects bearing relation to the coming examination. We have heard C. R. P. Anstey (C) on 'Pericles,' J. M. Budden (W) on 'Sparta,' J. D. R. Hayward (G) on 'Greek Naval Tactics,' A. R. Barrow-clough (S) on 'Oligarchy,' and I. R. Dunnett (G) on 'Cleon.' The standard of these was good.

There was a full-dress meeting on Monday, June 30th, when the Secretary read his paper on 'Socrates.' He apologized at first for what might seem his inability to deal with so huge a subject. And what a subject it was! The paper, which lasted an hour, was moderately well-informed, but palpably uninformative. It was not in fact meant to be informative; it was more of an original interpretation than a clear-cut exposé.

J.Ch.S.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Easter Term

Three meetings were held this term, and near the end of the term there was an expedition

At the first meeting, Miss E. C. Jordan, B.Sc., read a paper on 'Camouflage.' This paper dealt chiefly with the methods by which animals avoided recognition, and was illustrated by pictures showing animals in their natural environment. The different principles underlying the use of colours in camouflage were explained, and the application of these principles to camouflage in modern warfare was referred to.

A. G. Jessiman (B) read a paper on 'Experimental Embryology.' This was a simplified version of a paper which he had read to an Upper School Biology Sect. It dealt with the changes which can be brought about in the development of an animal either by operation or by alteration of the environment. Experimental work which has been done on tadpoles was used as an illustration of the effects that can be produced. The effect of thyroid extract on the metamorphosis of the tadpole was described, and was followed by an account of the effects of the secretions of the thyroid and other glands in Man. The paper concluded with a gloomy forecast of the use of glandular extracts!

The last meeting was a preparation for the expedition at the end of the term. On March 16th, Mr. Barr gave a description of the ground to be visited, followed by an account of methods of collecting. It is hoped that the same ground may be visited twice next term, at the beginning and the end, and that the same members of the School will go on all three expeditions.

The Journal will be produced next term.

P.R.C.

Summer Term.

The activities of the Society have been individualistic this term. In May there was an expedition to the Ouse at Radclive, for collecting, but since then collecting apparatus has been made available on Sunday afternoons to those members who wish to use it.

Sir Thomas Lewis, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., read a paper to the Society on "Photographic Studies of Bird Life" on Saturday, July 19th.

Next holidays some space near the Laboratories is to be turned into a Natural History Room, with water laid on. Here will be lodged aquaria and vivaria for Biological observations and the keeping of pets. At the beginning of this term grass-snakes were popular, and at one time there were five in captivity in the Laboratories and two others at large.

The *Journal* was on sale near the end of the term.

E.M.M.B.

THE MUSIC CLUB.

The stress of histrionics and examinations has of necessity curtailed our activities this term, but Mr. Cooper has definitely promised to read a paper on the Russian School of piano composers, and we are hoping to receive some much-needed enlightenment on the scientific side of music from J. O. Outwater (C) who will read a paper on "Acoustics" before the end of term.

C.R.P.A.

STOWE SPOTTERS' CLUB.

The Club was formed at the end of last term and at a meeting the Headmaster was elected President, Mr. E. H. Reynolds Chairman, A. D. Page (C) Vice-Chairman, R. H. White-Smith (B) Hon. Secretary, and D. R. Blundell (S) Competition Officer. J. F. P. Tate (W) and H. W. Sansom (B) were elected to be on the Committee.

At the beginning of this term, meetings were started on Saturday evenings. There are 66 members in the Club.

On June 16th, a Challenge Match against Buckingham and Winslow Spotters' Club was held. Stowe won on average, with 48.1 against Buckingham's 46.1. The test consisted of 50 silhouettes of 3rd Class Standard.

It is hoped to arrange other spotting matches next term, and also to get films and talks, which, by then, should be obtainable.

R.H.W.S.

THE SYMPOSIUM.

This is a new Society of which Mr. Cooper has consented to become President. Its object is to provide an organized milieu where those members of the Upper School who are yet too young to be eligible for the XII Club may discuss matters of interest. It must be made clear that the aim is not solely to discuss artistic and literary subjects, but to read and have read papers on as great a diversity of subjects as possible. No subject is automatically and peremptorily barred.

The first meeting of the Society was held on May 18th at the President's house. It consisted of a general discussion on the objects of the Club and was followed by a Tenor Song Recital by Mr. Ailwyn Best which the President had arranged.

The second meeting took place on June 4th, when K. H. Irgens (C) read a paper on "What is a good Picture?" making clear the qualities differentiating a good picture from a bad one. The paper was followed by a lively discussion which broke up into several groups and had to end after much had been said but when those taking part still seemed to have many more points to make.

It is hoped that C. Lawson-Tancred (C) will read a paper on "The Photographer as Artist," and that J. F. Tuohy (T) will read one on "Modern Poetry."

R. B. Lodge (W), S. C. V. Dodgson (W), C. Lawson-Tancred (C), J. F. Tuohy (T), B. R. Armstrong (W), K. H. Irgens (C), J. P. Becker (C), F. W. E. Groeninx van Zoelen (C) were elected members of the Society.

J.P.P.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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, 1940, the Old Stoics subscribed £364 (£307 by banker's orders), and the Stowe boys contributed £118 direct and another £88 through the Chapel collections towards Club funds.

Particulars of the subscriptions 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 95, Frampton 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 late afternoon or evening. 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.*

The Pineapple Letter has not been received in time for publication, but will be printed in the next issue.

CHAPEL COLLECTIONS

The collections since March 16th have been as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
May 11th. Pineapple	14	7	6
June 1st. Serving Officers' Widows' Fund	10	4	1
June 29th. Chapel Expenses, etc.	10	17	7
Early Services (March 16th—July 13th) (for Pineapple)	15	16	10

For the Committee,

J. M. TODD.

T. C. P. BROOK.

18/7/41.



ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR THE PROGRAMME OF "CORIOLANUS"

J.C.F.

