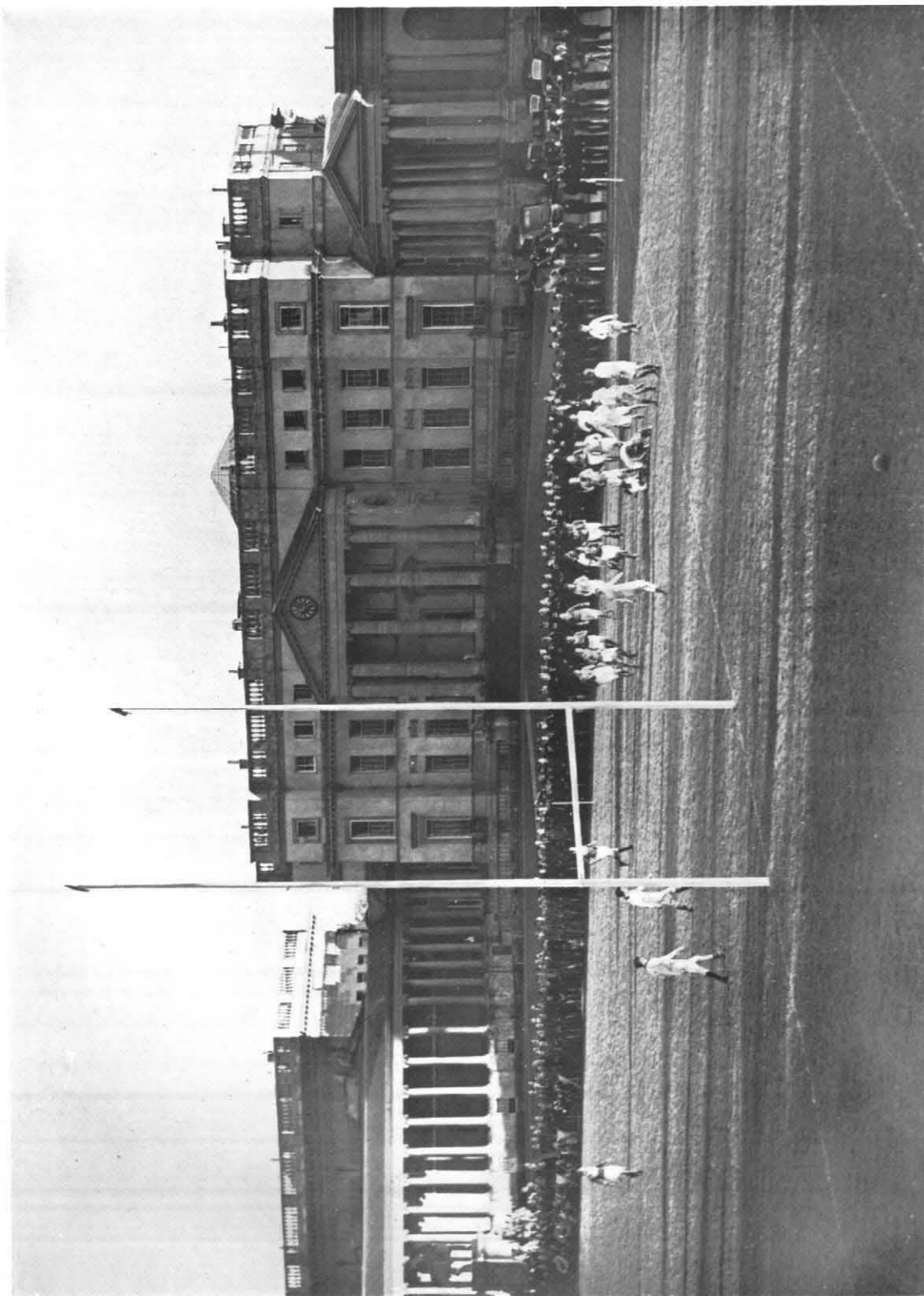


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## TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF THE STOIC

In the fifth year of the war it is unprofitable to peer into the future and disagreeable to contemplate the present. But to look back for a moment upon the past is refreshing, and, even when saddening, may be instructive. The School's coming of age provides a good opportunity for such a backward glance. The sixty-three issues of *The Stoic* which have preceded this one contain a term-by-term record of the School's activities during the first twenty-one years of its existence, and though some of the record has lost its freshness now, much of it makes interesting reading for those who knew the place of old or have come to care for it recently.

Not only facts are recorded, but also ideas and aspirations, to which, as Stowe's interpreter, *The Stoic* has at fitting moments given utterance. Many such are naturally to be found in the first number of all. The leading article of Number One—entitled "*Sto et Stabo*, I stand and shall stand"—begins

"The first word has represented a fact since May 11th 1923 at about 6.30 in the evening. The second represents an aspiration and is therefore of much greater importance. The exertions of very many people were required to establish the fact; it will devolve principally upon ourselves to realize the aspiration."

The writer, maintaining that the School (then some three months old) had already a recognizable character, affirmed his belief that it would in the fulness of time "make a contribution of its own to English education." The article goes on to speak of the freedom which a new school could enjoy and allow, and stated very clearly that a wise use of freedom was to be one of the guiding principles of the School. The tone of the article indicates a proper humility—"The tradition of a great school is the inheritance from generations of boys . . . Every success in the past has helped to make success seem more clearly a necessity, and has raised the standard by which everyone unconsciously measures himself and his attainments. We have no past successes and no unconscious standard of attainment." Since we are without "a high level of general expectation and a tradition of success," we must achieve "a high level of effort and a tradition of endeavour."

This number contains an account of the first School Match (the XI against the Masters), which was won by one run, and of the first House Match, which was won by Bruce against Temple by five wickets. Other items are a description of Sir Owen Seaman's visit and the presentation of the Samurai Sword, an account of the beginnings of the Library and a prophecy of the conditions likely to prevail here in 1938 (one of the features being an L.M.S. Railway Station beside the Armoury).

The second number (December 1923) shows how with 208 new boys as against 99 first-termers the School had in fact had to begin all over again. The leading article remarks, however, that now "for good or ill the School is in being."

This number contains the information that the Great Avenue, which did not belong to the School, was to be purchased for us by Etonians, and re-prints from *The Times* some correspondence on the subject. It records also how representatives of the Dominions, then attending the Imperial Conference, visited the School and planted five oak trees to the north-west of the main building. In the same number appear photographs showing the Head of the School (C. B. Jones) cutting the first sod on the then unlevelled Bourbon Field. The small beginnings of Stowe rugby are also described, but no matches except against Preparatory Schools appear to have been played.

The fourth number (July 1924) describes the presentation of the Avenue by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the Vice-Provost of Eton. The fifth number (December 1924) prints the words of a school song written by the Dean of Bristol for music composed by Mr. Alexander Brent Smith. Present Stoics may perhaps wonder whether their predecessors have been wise in dropping this song. The same number records the foundation of the O.T.C. The next contains photographs of a meet of the Grafton at Stowe—an event to be many times repeated. In Number Seven (July 1925) four cricket centuries are recorded, and also the foundation of the Old Stoic Society.

In December 1925 *The Stoic*, which then started upon its second volume, was able to record that Chatham House was launched upon its career. The building was opened for use less than eleven months after the first sod had been cut. At the same time *The Stoic* comments upon the rapid rebuilding of the wing which was to form Grafton House; this it was hoped to have ready by the summer term. The opening of Grafton is duly recorded in the July number of 1926. The following number contains an account of the first rugger match between the School and the Old Stoics (won by the School) and a summary of the achievements of the Fencing Team, which during the term had met and beaten Eton, Harrow, Winchester and Oxford University.

Throughout these early numbers there are continual references to the Zoo, which lived an exciting but happily short life on the site where Walpole now stands. One of the principal exhibits was a bear, which rapidly grew out of its attractive childhood and had to be sent away in disgrace when it became adolescent and somewhat formidably boisterous.

The first views of the Chapel, as it was eventually to be, appear in the issue of April 1927. The same number announces the arrival of the South Front lions, explaining that though they were open to criticism on anatomical grounds they were highly successful architecturally.

The summer number of 1927 is of course largely concerned with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, who laid the foundation stone of the Chapel on June 13th. There are photographs of the actual ceremony, of Her Majesty on the South Steps and of the presentation of the Prefects to her in the Headmaster's garden. This is an interesting number, as it also contains an account of an expedition made by two hundred of the school to a hill in North Wales, which had been chartered for one night and from which the travellers hoped to see the only total eclipse of the sun that would be visible in England during the life time of any of them. There is also a preliminary account of the Pineapple Club.

At Christmas in the same year *The Stoic* published photographs of the Chapel as it appeared on October 1st, with the foundations just showing above ground, and again on December 1st, with the walls 15ft. high. The first Old Stoic dinners to be held at Cambridge and in London are recorded in the same number, which ends with the announcement that two open Scholarships had been won at Oxford and one at Cambridge. These were the first University Scholarships to be won by Stoics.

In July 1928 congratulations are offered to the first Old Stoic to be married, and it is noted that for the first time a Stoic had played on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. A year later *The Stoic* devotes many pages to the dedication of the Chapel. The Bishop of Ripon conducted the service and H.R.H. Prince George read the lesson. There are photographs of the service (taken from the organ loft) and of the area outside, where the majority of the congregation were accommodated. This number records a remarkable innings by A. G. Howland-Jackson, of Temple, who made 204 not out against the Cryptics.

At Christmas 1929 Stoics are shown as having played in the Freshmen's matches at both Universities, and the foundation of a Troop of Rover Scouts at Stowe is recorded.

In April 1930 *The Stoic* comments upon the publication of its own twenty-first number. The opportunity is taken to make a statement of policy. It is said that the intention of the editors has been "to make *The Stoic* not an ephemeral news-sheet, but a permanent and well-proportioned chronicle of the School's activities." The same number describes the first of the Triangular Athletic Matches with Eton and Lancing. In the summer of that year the President of the Oxford Union was for the first time an Old Stoic. During the autumn the block of classrooms now known as Vanbrugh was being built, and a photograph shows it still under scaffolding at Christmas.

The July number of 1931 describes an admirable production of *Comus* by the late Mr. C. R. Spencer. The scene was the ground and the water immediately in front of the British Worthies. All the entrances except that of *Comus* and his rout were made by water. The flood lighting was very skilful and the whole production was perhaps the best thing of the kind that the School has ever done.

In the same number the new bathing place is described and the School's thanks are offered to Mrs. Yates-Thompson, the generous donor. On July 4th the first Old Stoic Day was held at Stowe and, in spite of bad weather, was considered to have been a great success.

Several "first occasions" are noted in *The Stoic* about this time, when the School was some nine years old. The March number of 1932 records the first occasion on which an International Rugger Cap was awarded to an Old Stoic, and the December number of the same year refers to the first Old Stoic to qualify as a doctor.

The long frost with which the year 1933 opened seems to have involved much delay in the start of rugger in the Easter term. In compensation it enabled *The Stoic* to print some striking photographs of the School on the ice.

The July number of 1933 gives an account of the celebrations which marked the School's tenth birthday. The guest of the day was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was photographed for *The Stoic* planting his copper beech. The editorial once more insists on the need of thinking forwards rather than backwards.

"The word 'congratulations' has been used by many friends this term. It was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on June 1st, and we heard it with particular pleasure from him. But though we welcome the word, most of us surely feel that we ought not to be thinking at all of what has been done but solely of what there is still to do. It is only with the future that we have any right to concern ourselves."

The article takes up a phrase used by the Prince of Wales and ends by expressing the hope that in due time a Prime Minister of England will have been educated at Stowe.

The first number of Volume VI (December 1933) is much concerned with rugger. This season saw Stowe's first victory over Bedford and its first loss to Radley. In the course of the term the classrooms on the top floor of Vanbrugh were finished and brought into use. In the following number rugger is again prominent, thanks particularly to the achievements of B. C. Gadney, who captained the English Rugby Football team to victory in all the International matches of the season. The activities of two clubs are described on opposite pages of this number—the Reveille Club, which existed to help with social work of various kinds in the neighbourhood, and the Viveurs Group which describes itself as existing "for the purposes of civilized entertainment."

When it became ten years old the School decided to give itself a tenth birthday present, and with the assistance of Old Stoics, parents and various other friends money was raised to rebuild the Queen's Temple as a Music School. The work was done during the next twelve months, and in July 1934 *The Stoic* records an inaugural concert.

The same number contains a note describing a change in the arrangements for Chapel and Assembly, which had until then involved both Assembly and Chapel on every day. The new arrangement, which included voluntary Chapel on Mondays, has continued unchanged until the present time.

Reference is also made to the new House, which it was then announced for the first time was to be called Walpole. The Head of the School (P. B. Lucas, who had in the previous holidays reached the sixth round of the Amateur Golf Championship) is shown in a good photograph laying the first brick of the House in the depths of the foundation trenches.

In the Christmas number of 1934 appears an address given in Chapel on Armistice Day. Although the speaker and his hearers were looking back on the war of 1914-1918, with which Stowe was not concerned, there is also a forward glance. "The last war was ours. The next, if there is one, will be yours. . . . But 1914 must not be repeated. Let us resolve that whatever we can do to prevent its repetition shall be done."

Another new building is described in the April number of 1935—the Art School, which, together with Walpole, is the subject of the principal photographs. Both look glaringly new. There is also an excellent picture of the interior of the restored Queen's Temple before war-time neglect had begun to make it shabby.

Finally in July 1935 comes the last of the important new buildings of this period—the Pavilion—which was formally opened by Sir Stanley Jackson, supported by Mr. B. C. Gadney during the tea interval of the Westminster match on June 12th. At the end of this term, but not in time for full comment in this number, the first performance of a Shakespeare play on the Queen's Temple steps was given—with the assistance of flood lighting such as now seems to belong to a forgotten age. The play was *Richard II*.

The Field Houses were completed during this summer, but thereafter there was a lull in the building activities of the School, which had continued without a break since 1923. New building would in any case have had to cease for a time, because rebuilding was required.

The frontispiece of the December number of 1935 shows the whole western end of the main building veiled in scaffolding. An article explains that as the beams with which the Garter Room wing had been built were of pine (oak beams of sufficient length not being obtainable) the floors were now beginning to bend and crack a little. It had, therefore, been decided to pull down the

entire interior and rebuild it in steel and concrete. The opportunity was taken of making the Garter Room a clean rectangle with six windows instead of four and adding a new dormitory floor on the top.

Golf continues to be prominent in the *Stoica* column, and the Boys' Amateur Championship is recorded as having been won for the second time by a Stoic.

The next number (April 1936) contains close-up photographs of the figures of Religion and Liberty which crown the Garter Room wing. These were taken from the scaffolding and show that Religion has an unfortunate squint and Liberty a cracked shoulder and a supercilious expression. At this time Cambridge Old Stoics appear to have been somewhat horsey, and the achievements of "Noble Hero" and "Shining Light" at various meetings are celebrated under *Olim Alumni*.

Golf is again a prominent theme in the July number of 1936. J. D. A. Langley had been during the previous holidays runner up in the English Native Amateur Championship, and the photographs show him immediately after beating Tolley and being beaten by Bentley, the winner. This number contains the first photograph of the Palladian Tennis Courts with their newly-planted cypress screens—subsequently replaced by beech.

Good rugger results are recorded in the next number (December 1936). Stowe had lost to Oundle by one point, but had beaten Harrow, Radley and Bedford. On October 31st the School had played five matches and won them all.

A landmark of some little interest is recorded in this number. From September 1936 it was no longer true that Stowe was younger than any of the boys in it.

During the Easter term of 1937 the School appears to have been snowbound for a long time. *The Stoic* prints photographs of the Sports heats and of the Cross-Country finish, showing the ground in each case thickly covered with snow.

In May of that year occurred the Coronation, and *The Stoic* of July describes how those who wished to see the procession were allowed three days' absence from Stowe. It seems that in the evening a fire-work display, only slightly spoiled by rain, was given for the benefit of those who remained here. The Old Stoic news in this number includes a record of many shooting successes and the first appearance of a Stoic in the Oxford Polo Side. Another Stoic is recorded as having won the Three Miles at the A.A.A. Championships for the second year in succession. The number contains an article on the three Palladian Bridges, illustrated by photographs, some of which are striking.

In the Christmas number of 1937 the Pineapple's tenth birthday is noted, and a ball at the Dorchester organized in celebration of it is described. Old Stoic news includes some remarkable achievements by the Old Stoic Golfing Society and the discovery of a new plateau in the Himalayas by an Old Stoic officer of the Survey of India.

The leading article of April 1938 is headed "Standardization," and records the introduction of the harmless and necessary "Standard." Riding is prominent in this number, and Old Stoics are recorded as winning the Saddle both at Woolwich and at Sandhurst. A Stowe riding team met an Oxford riding team, which included one Old Stoic, and, not surprisingly, lost the match. In a different field a Cambridge Old Stoic is recorded as having won for the second year in succession the Sir William Browne Medal for Latin Epigram. There is a full account of the Triangular Athletic Match between Eton, Lancing and Stowe, which was won (for the first time) by Stowe. We were strong athletically that year, and five new Open records were set up in the Sports.

The summer of 1938 included the first School Excursion and the fifteenth birthday celebrations. At these H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester made a speech, planted a tree and watched a riding display. The photographs show brilliant sunshine and a cheerful atmosphere still apparently unshadowed by war. The Old Stoic news records the first Cambridge Cricket Blue. At this time it seems that 142 Old Stoics were in residence at Cambridge, 68 of them being at Trinity College.

The Christmas number of 1938, published two months after the Munich crisis, describes how on September 24th (immediately before the crisis) a party of Hitler Youth had paid a visit to Stowe and played a game of cricket. All Anglo-German friendship organizations were working overtime at this period. The most interesting feature of this number is an account of the rugger season. The XV won all their School matches, beating Oundle for the first time. A dispassionate summing up by *The Stoic* affirms that Stowe "has a side this year equal to any other school side in the country." A fine photograph of the Oundle match played at Stowe is the most striking feature of the number. Other photographs show the digging of the Munich trenches near the Queen's Temple and below the Armoury. The number includes a review of the first book of serious importance to be written by an Old Stoic—Lawrence Whistler's "*Sir John Vanbrugh*."

In April 1939 there is a further victory to record in the Triangular Athletic Match, this time run on the Eton cinder track. The Stowe team was captained by P. R. H. Hastings, who was

at that time captain also both of rugger and of cricket, and whose records for the Half Mile and Quarter established in 1938 are likely to stand for some years.

In the last term before the outbreak of war the O.T.C. was appropriately enough inspected by Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Wavell, whose very favourable report is quoted in *The Stoic*. The most memorable feature of the cricket season was a tie against Tonbridge. *The Stoic* prints a moving account of the dramatic finish.

The first number to be issued after the outbreak of war contains an appreciation of Mr. I. A. Clarke, who had been a Master in the School since its foundation and who had died in September. His death was clearly felt to involve the School in a grievous loss. The first blacking-out of the School's thousand windows is graphically described. The Armistice Day address, although it recorded no casualties among Stoics, showed that in future years Armistice Day services would have a greater reality for the School than those of past years. Another successful rugger season was described, in the course of which Stowe defeated Radley, Rugby, Uppingham and Oundle—the last on its own ground. Under *Olim Alumni* it is noted that five Stoics had played in the two University Freshmen's matches—three at Oxford and two at Cambridge.

The spring of 1940 was again wintry, and the April number had another series of skating pictures. This number contains the first extracts from "Letters from Old Stoics on Service"—a series which has been among the most interesting features of *The Stoic* ever since. But it was the period of the "phoney war" and the letters from France contain few references to actual fighting.

The photographs in the July number of 1940 suggest that the period was a happier one than in fact it was. They represent Stoics raking hay, rolling milk-churns and doing other peaceful things in brilliant sunshine. The cricket season was chiefly remarkable for the batting of A. V. Farnell-Watson and E. P. Hickling, who made 412 and 411 runs in the season respectively, with averages of 82.4 and 82.2. We beat Bedford and Westminster, drawing with Radley and losing to Bradfield. There are no Old Stoic letters about Dunkirk, but a paragraph describes how an Old Stoic officer wounded there rowed himself in a small boat to within half a mile of the English coast. This number contains the first list of Old Stoic casualties. The December number of 1940 records more casualties and a considerable number of war honours, including the first D.S.O. Among other photographs are some of the first Forestry Camp to be held in Westmorland. The first appointment of an Old Stoic to the Governing Body (Mr. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter) is recorded. The rugger season was considered disappointing, the side having been much weakened by injuries. Victories, however, are recorded over Rugby and Uppingham. One of the rugger photographs shows the large hay stacks erected on the South Front to make the landing of hostile aircraft difficult.

In April 1941 the editor leads off with a dissertation in rhyming prose upon stirrup-pumps—the first mention of these now habitual concomitants of life.

Farming is again a prominent feature in the July number of this year. In those days the calling-up age was a late one and the Universities were still fairly full. Several First Classes are recorded. The cricket season included victories over Tonbridge and Cheltenham and draws with Radley and Oundle.

On Armistice Day 1941 a list of fifty Stoics who had up to that time lost their lives in the war was read in Chapel. The number the previous year had been twenty-two. *The Stoic* now regularly contains pictures of farming, forestry, potato-gathering and so on. The Rendcomb Farming Camp is described for the first time. The lists of casualties and decorations continue to lengthen throughout this period. The letters from Old Stoics contain references to Greece and Crete. Meanwhile the print of *The Stoic* becomes smaller and smaller, as the grip of the Paper Controller becomes tighter.

In the summer of 1942 a list is given of the Entrance Scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge won by Stoics in the preceding winter. The total is the satisfactory one of ten—two at Oxford and eight at Cambridge. The number of inter-school matches had been steadily falling and during this summer *The Stoic* records that we played only four schools. We beat Oundle, Radley and St. Edward's, but in two matches against Bedford drew once and were defeated once.

As time goes on the war naturally comes to take an ever larger place in *The Stoic*. In December 1942 it prints the names of ninety-five Old Stoics whose death had been commemorated on Armistice Day. Many subsequent casualties are shown on another page.

Mr. Cross, who had been at Stowe since its foundation and Housemaster successively of Temple and Chatham, left in April 1943, and *The Stoic* prints an article of thanks, appreciation and farewell. The same number contains a photograph of the first First XI hockey match, which was played on the South Front and resulted in a win (3-0) for Stowe over St. Lawrence's. Two full pages are devoted to hockey, which had for the first time become an official school game.

The principal themes of the sixtieth number (July 1943) are the award of the Victoria Cross to Major J. T. McK. Anderson, late of Chatham, a photograph of whom forms the frontispiece, and the death in action of Mr. Gilling-Lax. There is also a brief description of the Bird Collection, presented by Mrs. John Hall, which had just been received and was in process of being set up. Among the photographs is one of seven R.A.F. pilots, all from Stowe, posing in a German Prison Camp. An Old Stoic letter describes the triumphant conclusion of the Tunisian campaign.

The December number of 1943 recorded the death in Italy of Major J. T. McK. Anderson, whose Victoria Cross, won at "Longstop" Hill, had been celebrated with so much pride in the previous number. On Armistice Day this year the names of 127 fallen Stoics were read in Chapel. An unsuccessful football season is described in some detail.

With the sixty-third number (April 1944) *The Stoic* attained its majority, but refrained from comment on the fact. The number itself, like most Easter Term numbers, was rather a thin one, and owing to the shortage of roll films it contained no photographs of activities, but only views of the grounds and buildings.

The present number contains a few reprinted photographs which will remind Old Stoics of familiar scenes and show to present Stoics some of the landmarks in their school's brief history.

## DECORATIONS

The following awards have been made to Old Stoics, in addition to the one hundred and twenty already recorded.

### SECOND BAR TO D.S.O.

WING-COMMANDER G. L. CHESHIRE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (C, 1936), R.A.F., in April.

### D.S.O.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT W. E. M. EDDY (G, 1926), R.A.F.V.R., in June.

MAJOR F. A. H. LING (B, 1933), The Queen's Royal Regt., in May.

MAJOR E. C. ASHTON (C, 1935), R.A., in June.

### BAR TO D.S.C.

LIEUTENANT J. S. FILLEUL, D.S.C. (G, 1938), R.N., in June.

### D.S.C.

LIEUTENANT H. E. JOSSELYN (T, 1931), R.A.N.V.R., in June.

### BAR TO M.C.

CAPTAIN G. R. L. BARRON, M.C. (G, 1935), R.A., in June.

### M.C.

MAJOR S. L. A. CARTER (C, 1930), Sherwood Foresters, in June.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. D. NELSON-SMITH (C, 1932), Hampshire Regt., in March.

MAJOR A. A. HAWKER (C, 1933), R.A., in June.

MAJOR W. C. G. ROGERS (C, 1933), North Stafford Regiment, in June.

CAPTAIN G. R. L. BARRON (G, 1935), R.A.

CAPTAIN R. L. COKE (C, 1935), Scots Guards, in March.

LIEUTENANT P. F. BASSETT WILSON (C, 1937), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (att. Special Service Troops), in July.

CAPTAIN R. EVANS (G, 1938), K.S.L.I., in June.

CAPTAIN J. M. E. CLARKSON (G, 1939), 48th Highlanders of Canada, in May.

LIEUTENANT J. S. WINGATE (C, 1940), Queen's Bays, announced in March.

"Lieutenant Wingate was a Troop Commander in the attack on the San Salvo feature on the 3rd November, 1943. On arriving at the objective, his tank was hit by enemy anti-personnel shot and sustained superficial damage. Being unable to locate the gun, Lieutenant Wingate withdrew to a covered position, dismounted and made a reconnaissance on foot. He located a German Mark IV Special Tank and, bringing his own Tank forward again, engaged the enemy at a range of 300 yards, hitting it three times and setting it on fire. He made numerous reconnaissances during the day in order to bring his tank into fire positions from which to engage the enemy. This was made necessary by the fact that the area was dominated from the high ground on Vineyard Hill. When a counter-attack developed, he engaged 12 enemy tanks which were moving towards San Salvo Station, forcing them to withdraw. His own tank was hit again and rendered unbattleworthy. He immediately took over his Troop Corporal's tank and fought it until ordered to withdraw at last light. On receiving this order, although under heavy machine gun fire, he proceeded to tow his original tank back, but it was hit almost immediately by anti-personnel fire and caught fire. Whilst still under heavy fire he unshackled the tow rope from the burning tank and brought the other one back to his Squadron.

"Throughout the action, lasting from 05.30 hours until 18.30 hours, Lieutenant Wingate displayed complete disregard for his personal safety and it was largely due to the action of his Troop that the San Salvo ridge remained in our hands."

LIEUTENANT S. J. WHITWELL (C, 1940), Coldstream Guards, in June.

CAPTAIN R. C. HURLEY (C, 1941), R.B., in July.

### BAR TO D.F.C.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT P. WILBY, D.F.C. (T, 1939), R.C.A.F., in April.

### D.F.C.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT P. W. KEMMIS (C, 1935), R.A.F.V.R., in June.

### M.B.E.

LIEUTENANT I. A. THORPE (C, 1929), R.N.V.R., in June.

MAJOR H. D. H. BARTLETT (G, 1931), R.A., in June.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. A. HUNTER, M.C. (G, 1932), R.B., in March.

### C. de G.

MAJOR E. C. S. PRICE (C, 1928), R.A.

CAPTAIN J. P. FANE (B, 1939), Gloucestershire Regiment, in June 1940.

Citation for award of M.C. to

CAPTAIN (temporary Major) D. J. WARD (G, 1934), R.A. (*Stoic* No. 62). (Since killed in action).

"During the night attack on the Wadi Akarit on the 5/6th April, 1943, Major Ward accompanied Battalion Headquarters as Artillery Liaison Officer. He was accompanied by Forward Observation Officers from his Battery and the party, which moved on foot, carried with it a large quantity of heavy signal equipment.

"Throughout the night Major Ward, by his leadership and personal example, kept the party moving together over very mountainous country and under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. In leading his party, Major Ward showed complete indifference for his personal safety and set an example of endurance by sharing the loads of his men. He was thus able to maintain continuous communications with the guns and to call for supporting fire which enabled the infantry to capture a vital objective before first light.

"After the capture of the objective he went forward himself in daylight, under continuous fire and, personally established and organized two Observation Posts in the foremost infantry localities. During the day he repeatedly went forward with complete disregard for enemy fire to visit his forward Observation Posts, and satisfy himself that the situation was being carefully watched and that communications were working.

"Major Ward's ability at all times to bring down accurate artillery fire contributed largely to the success of the attack. Throughout the operation, Major Ward's courage, coolness and endurance were of the highest order, and were an inspiration to all about him.

## CASUALTIES

## KILLED

- MAJOR T. P. WARD (T, 1927), R.A.M.C., in April.
- MAJOR D. DE S. BARROW (C, 1929), The Queen's Royal Regiment, in June. (Died of wounds.)
- CAPTAIN M. J. C. WOOD (G, 1929), Intelligence Corps, in November 1943. (Presumed killed at Leros.)
- LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. R. G. RIPLEY (C, 1930), K.S.L.I., in July.
- SERGEANT R. H. S. CLOUSTON (G, 1930), R.A.S.C., in April.
- CAPTAIN E. C. SLADEN (B, 1931), K.A.R., in March.
- MAJOR J. A. F. W. BAMPFYLDE (G, 1931), Devonshire Regiment, in June.
- LIEUTENANT N. C. IRVINE (G, 1932), R.N.V.R., in May.
- CAPTAIN J. B. B. AIMERS (G, 1933), Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, in July.
- MAJOR R. L. V. PATTINSON (G, 1934), Welsh Guards, in February. (Previously reported P.O.W.)
- MAJOR M. J. L. A. JOHNSON (T, 1935), S.W.B., att. 15th Punjab Regiment, in May.
- LIEUTENANT J. S. RINTOUL (C, 1935), Sherwood Foresters, in March.
- CAPTAIN G. F. GETHIN (C, 1936), R.A. in April.
- SERGEANT-OBSERVER I. H. DICK (W, 1937), R.A.F.V.R., in May.
- FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT T. R. FOX (G, 1939), R.A.F.V.R., in September.
- LIEUTENANT M. J. CONRAN (B, 1939), K.O.Y.L.I., in April.
- LIEUTENANT J. M. THOMSON (C, 1939), R.A., in July.
- LIEUTENANT C. W. NEWTON (G, 1940), K.R.R.C., in May.
- FLYING-OFFICER D. J. WEBSTER (W, 1940), R.A.F.V.R., in August 1943 (presumed killed).
- LIEUTENANT ST. J. C. BALLY (C, 1941), R.B., in June.
- CAPTAIN F. M. FRANKENBURG (C, 1941), 4th Gurkha Rifles, in May.
- LIEUTENANT D. C. WALLACE (C, 1942), Black Watch, in July.

## PRISONER OF WAR

- CAPTAIN L. J. H. BURTON (C, 1932), R.A.M.C.
- LIEUTENANT A. B. OLIVEIRA (C, 1942), R.E., 6th Airborne Division, in June.

## MISSING

- LIEUTENANT A. P. DE PASS (C, 1941), R.B., in June.
- SUB-LIEUTENANT I. M. HORLEY (C, 1941), R.N.V.R. (Believed killed in July).

## NOT MISSING

- FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT W. E. M. EDDY, D.S.O. (G, 1926), R.A.F.V.R. (Previously reported Missing).

## OLIM ALUMNI

MAJOR N. G. ANNAN (T, 1935) has been elected into a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. Major Annan is at present in the army.

MR. J. S. B. BUTLER (G, 1941) was President of the Union at Cambridge during the Lent Term of 1944.

LIEUTENANT J. D. MILNE (C, 1942), Coldstream Guards, was awarded the Belt of Honour as the best Officer Cadet of the Brigade of Guards at Sandhurst in April.

MR. J. B. A. KESSLER (B, 1943) has been elected to an Exhibition for Natural Science at Trinity College, Cambridge.

## MARRIAGES

MR. R. F. REID (G, 1925) to Miss G. Clarke, on May 20th; MR. L. G. STRAUSS (T, 1926) to Miss A. Simeon, on July 20th; MR. E. A. EATON (C, 1927) to Miss M. J. Page, on June 16th; MAJOR J. P. McDONAGH (G, 1929) to Miss I. H. M. Robb, on June 6th; LIEUTENANT H. E. JOSSELYN (T, 1931) to Miss P. E. Mills, on May 6th; MAJOR D. P. E. HOLMES (G, 1932) to Miss Y. E. Daubeney, on May 6th; CAPTAIN C. J. HEYGATE (C, 1933) to Mrs. M. Heygate, on May 18th; LIEUTENANT G. R. GLENNY (C, 1936) to Miss M. P. Lancaster, on December 5th, 1942; FLYING OFFICER T. P. WALSH (T, 1937) to Miss C. M. MacLeod, on April 22nd; FLYING OFFICER M. I. MASSY (T, 1938) to Miss P. L. Sassoon, on May 18th; CAPTAIN C. E. B. THOMPSON (B, 1938) to Miss M. Roberts, on April 22nd; LIEUTENANT R. H. HAWKINS (C, 1941) to Miss E. Stafford, on April 12th.

## BIRTHS

To the wife of FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT A. J. BLAYNEY, A.F.C. (C, 1927), a son, on April 22nd; to the wife of SECOND-LIEUTENANT A. J. KITSON (C, 1927), a son, on May 8th; to the wife of MAJOR E. C. S. PRICE, C.deG. (C, 1928), a daughter, on June 2nd; to the wife of LIEUTENANT R. M. THWAITES (T, 1929), a daughter, on May 24th; to the wife of CAPTAIN M. J. GIBBON (G, 1929), a daughter, on July 5th; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. J. DAVIES, O.B.E. (B, 1930), a son, on July 4th; to the wife of MAJOR M. F. PARKER (C, 1930), a son, on June 2nd; to the wife of CAPTAIN J. D. RUSSELL-DAVIS (C, 1930), a daughter, on May 24th; to the wife of CAPTAIN H. E. HOPE (T, 1931), a son and a daughter, on May 24th; to the wife of WING-COMMANDER B. T. AIRMAN, D.F.C. (T, 1931), a son, on June 6th; to the wife of MR. R. A. ATTHILL (C, 1931), a son, on June 18th; to the wife of MAJOR H. A. L. CHAPPLE (C, 1932), a daughter, on December 17th, 1942.

To the wife of MR. S. J. V. SIMPSON (C, 1932), a son, on March 17th; to the wife of MR. M. R. A. CHANCE (T, 1932), a son, on May 4th; to the wife of MAJOR R. E. H. WARING (C, 1933), a daughter, on June 26th; to the wife of CAPTAIN S. J. SHERRARD (C, 1933), a son, on May 21st; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER J. E. MANSFIELD (G, 1934), a son, in August, 1941, and a daughter, in September, 1943; to the wife of LIEUTENANT G. R. GLENNY (C, 1936), a son, on April 20th; to the wife of CAPTAIN P. R. SPENCER (G, 1936), a son, on May 8th; to the wife of MR. H. E. VICKERS, M.B., B.Sc. (C, 1936), a son, on April 5th; to the wife of CAPTAIN C. A. W. DAWES, M.C. (B, 1938), a daughter, on July 3rd; to the wife of SUB-LIEUTENANT T. P. AUMONIER (T, 1938), a son, on May 25th; to the wife of LIEUTENANT A. J. F. FERGUSON (B, 1940), a son, on March 23rd.

## DEATHS

MR. J. H. D. WESTBY (C, 1927), in May; MR. J. F. HOPE (B, 1937), on April 21st.

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD STOICS IN THE FORCES

### ARRIVAL IN NORMANDY

I thought I had seen a lot of shipping in the Clyde before the war. But I had never seen anything approaching the multitude of ships collected off the beach. Our landing was lucky. We had been warned to expect a very wet one, and remembering Sicily we water-proofed our watches, wallets, cigarettes and matches in oiled silk. However, we got in further than we had been told we would and only had to wade up to our knees. We were pretty heavily laden. Besides our twenty-four hour ration-packs we carried a blanket and greatcoat rolled up in the form of a horse collar tied round our small packs. In addition, of course, we carried our arms and a pick and shovel each. When we got ashore we marched for about eight miles under a boiling hot sun. You can imagine how we felt at the end. The hot sun did not last. It is remarkable how soon the men learned to make a rainproof slit trench. Shelling is not very heavy, but we find that we are out of practice in judging what is going to come near us and what is going to pass over. However, it won't take long to remedy that.

### FILMS FOR THE WOPS

The Italian fleet lying outside Valletta Harbour was a grand sight. I first saw it when I was on watch in a gun director. We peered through our binoculars at the deck of a Wop battle-waggon, and saw the crew being entertained with an incredibly ancient film of Laurel and Hardy in the Army. Having been regaled for years on propaganda films and not knowing any English, they probably took the thing as a serious representation of life in the Allied Forces. Anyway they appeared to receive it in solemn silence.

### FIREWORKS

For several successive nights we were at action stations, and my gun's crew and I slept on camp beds around our ack-ack gun. Perhaps I should not say "slept," because the order "Stand-to" invariably followed the "Relax" within half an hour. The streams of red and green tracer and the white bursts that filled the sky night after night made the finest firework display I have ever seen. (The last one I saw, by the way, was at Stowe at the time of the Coronation, when I was one of the few who stayed behind.) Sometimes the red and green streams appeared to float upwards for a time, without a sound, leaving the night's stillness unbroken, and it was not till a number of seconds had passed that the popping and the cracks were heard. I enjoyed those nights. They were very different from the unpleasant hours I had spent in my first ship handling ammunition below decks.

### REFLECTIONS OF A RETURNING WARRIOR

On getting back to England from Italy I am rather shocked to find how little enthusiasm there is in the country for the fighting of the war. Most people seem to think that the war is already won, and that it is time for them to get into a favourable position for the post-war class struggle. I have come across very little sense of reality and still less of the spirit of service and self-sacrifice, except among those who have a tradition of service behind them. Frankly I feel rather in despair. A comfortable home for every man, feet up on the mantelpiece, and a wife to bring bedroom slippers—that's about as far as the "dynamism" of the Britisher goes. Russia, whatever we think of her, has got something that we should do well to study.

### REFLECTIONS OF A CADET

The Gods of the Army have decreed that the lowest form of military life shall be allowed no privacy and no leisure. My correspondence has suffered accordingly. It is said that man is an adaptable animal. If that is so, I am something more or something less than a man, because I have not yet adapted myself to military life and do not expect ever to do so. To get up before daylight, to be bullied about and yelled at (we have a stronger word for it here) for an hour, and then to undergo an alternation of inexpressibly dull lectures and violent physical exertion, does not suit me at all. And I have twenty-two weeks more to go through before I can hope for that

long pip which will change (or so I hope) my outlook so completely. However, if much remains to be endured, much has been endured already. I look back upon the six weeks at my pre-OCTU as one looks back upon the Cross-country:—it is grand now that it is over. As a pre-OCTU pre-cadet I underwent expiation for the sins I had committed at Oxford where I adopted the Epicurean philosophy universally followed there. I am now a Spartan in body, but in spirit I am still loyal to Athens.

The material now being trained as commissioned cannon fodder is divisible into two classes—those recently torn from the loving arms of Alma Mater, and those who have done well as N.C.O.'s in North Africa or Italy. The first lot have the necessary social qualifications and (thank goodness) a sense of humour. But they have not much idea of how to control a tough Squad. (Actually controlling a certain section of ——— House ought to have given me good practice for this!) The second lot are grand with the Platoon because their language is the same, though their intelligence is generally lower. But when little technical problems come along involving the sort of thing we learned on Side 4 at Stowe, they just cannot compete.

This town contains one of the most lovely Parish Churches I have ever seen. But this is the only thing that redeems it. Otherwise it consists of nothing but military outfitters and Victorian temperance hotels, where the nectar is orange squash and the ambrosia a beetroot hors d'oeuvres. There are also, of course, the usual establishments named "Regal," "Royal," "Ritz," "Super," and "Majestic." But the escapist entertainment provided there (though very necessary) is of the lowest possible standard.

### WITH THE FRENCH IN NORTH AFRICA

I have recently done an attachment to the Corps d'Afrique. They were a heterogeneous crowd, of very mixed political opinions, but they were by far the best soldiers and fighters—tacticians too—that I have ever seen. . . . These fine Moroccan warriors are somewhat akin to the Riffs. They are deeply religious and many of them wear the Mohammedan knot at the back of their heads. They are fierce fighters and regard heads as more desirable than prisoners. But they can be immensely loyal to a real leader of men. All the same they don't love discipline for itself. One of the Tabor leaders had the name La Bataille which was singularly appropriate in his case. . . . We also had two companies of the Foreign Legion, one commanded by a Spanish Admiral and one by a French doctor, or Toubib as they call it. The callousness with which they shot traitors and prisoners just outside my tent rather appalled me at first. But one can get used to anything! . . . I always love the French and feel that they are in many ways more civilized than the other nations, though their politics are, I must admit, a bit effete. While I was with the French, I was kissed on both cheeks by a General and given the Croix de Guerre because I had made a lucky mistake in my map-reading and taken a turning which ought to have been wrong, but which proved to be right.

### THE LITTLE VISITORS

My Commandos and I were temporarily living in bashas (grass and bamboo huts) in some jungle, when about 10 o'clock one morning a sentry came in to say a small party of Japs were coming looking for us. We shot out of our little camp and started looking for them, so as to show them round. Unfortunately they went the other way and we met them coming out. When we did spot them we got a really good whack at them, but owing to the fact that we were full of boiled rice and veg. and the Japs were probably starving they ran away faster than we could catch 'em! When we went back they'd left nearly everything intact and only stolen my stick and Agatha Christie's "Moving Finger" and most of the men's cigarette ration.

### NORTH AFRICAN COAST

I had to drive some distance yesterday to get off our birthday cable to you and as I had left it rather late I did a matter of eighty miles in eighty-five minutes. Naturally this made me think of you and of Dr. Bostock. The road was practically straight and one didn't have to take a foot off the accelerator except when some goats decided to stroll across.

The weather here is just like the best of an English summer and it goes on like this for weeks and weeks. The sunshine always makes me think of Stowe, though the scenery is not exactly comparable to that of north Buckinghamshire. For one thing we have the sea, which is a wonderful colour, though I never can understand why Homer called it "wine dark" unless the poor man's wine was very inferior stuff. On three sides of me at this moment cliffs go up sheer for three hundred feet and on the fourth side the sea goes right out to the horizon. All the same, I would rather be at Stowe in a snow storm.

## LIVESTOCK IN BURMA

My monkey has just leaped onto my shoulder. I now have a Nanny goat, two of her kids, a monkey, several chickens, even more mules and a few horses! The monkey is now going to sleep on my shoulder having just dropped a lump of biscuit down my neck. It's rather sweet and only a few weeks old. It lives on a mixture of tinned and goat's milk, oranges, biscuits, rice and BANANAS (in season)—it's not banana season now! Whoops! The monkey has evidently woken up—it's just jumped off my shoulder and taken a peppermint (which it is eating) out of the mouth (almost) of a brother officer!

## SHOT DOWN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Unfortunately all the emergency kit sank with the aircraft. So M. and his crew had neither food nor water in their dinghy. They lived in it for ten days all the same, though they could not have done so if there had not been heavy rain on the fifth day. They were ultimately picked up by an Italian hospital ship. They were in an Italian prison camp at the time of the armistice, and, with the help of some Italians, they got out of the camp at the back as the Germans came into it from the front. They were chased through the woods, but got away. M. then spent five weeks in the mountainous Italian country dressed as a dirty old shepherd. At last he managed to contact British troops.

## VESUVIUS

I had been slightly damaged in an air raid and, being prevented from working, had a chance to see something of the eruption. It was very strange and awful. On the third day I managed to make my way as far up as the Atrio del Cavallo, which is about five hundred feet above the Observatory. Two days later I watched the destruction of San Sebastiano. There was something appalling about the slow and implacable advance of the lava; its indifference seemed so frightful. The country to the south-west of the mountain took a terrible quantity of ash, but fortunately the fruit blossom had not come out and probably little permanent damage was done.

## PARACHUTIST

After enduring the agonies of a Commando Officers' Course in the wilds of Scotland, I found that I would have to wait a long time for a Commando job, and as I didn't want to stay on as an instructor, I went back to the regiment and applied for Paratroops. In due course I got what I wanted and went through the training, doing the necessary eight jumps. The jumping was rather a shattering experience and I don't in the least pretend that I like it even now. But it all boils down to mental discipline and will power; the rest is up to the parachute! I shall never regret coming to this Parachute Battalion. The fellows are the best I have met anywhere from the C.O. down.

## THE R.Ms.

The famous *esprit de corps* of the R.Ms. is certainly no myth. Everyone here takes for granted, as if it were a law of nature, that the Marines are just one grade above every other Corps and Regiment in the world. And, mind you, there is some justification for this arrogant assumption.

## LONDON NORTH-WEST

We stayed in London three weeks getting inoculated and clothed and marching round and round the area of the Zoo. We used to eat at the Zoo Restaurant, separated by only a paling from the goofing public who surveyed us with the same kind of dead-alive dismay as they did the apes. The sun shone, we ate the food, avoided work where possible, and went to the Ballet in the evening (thus distinguishing our University-educated selves from the rougher grist who worried along with a little vicarious eroticism at the Windmill).

## STRATFORD

There we did a four weeks' Disciplinary Course—to wit, a general physical battering about, which was largely ineffectual in my case. The town was quite attractive but it was terribly crowded and at every week-end the Land Army exploded upon it in a flurry of peroxide curls and corduroy behinds. The Memorial Theatre offered the rag-end of the Shakespeare season; the river offered punting (an art of which, like everyone else from Oxford or Cambridge, I regard myself as the supreme exponent); and a good Free House offered excellent beer. So we survived.

## BURMA

I have been out here just over eighteen months, and half of that time I have spent in and out of Burma. For the last three months we have been supplied solely by air, and I must say the supplies have been marvellously good, though I did have to fly out myself once to get smokes for the men. The Japs are a pest, but we are killing them off in a pretty big way. The Monsoon, which I used to learn about in Geography periods, has started properly now and it is making things pretty difficult for them, as they have to bring everything they need an immense way. Our lot has recently knocked out four of their tanks and twelve of their planes, which we think pretty good. We are glad to have left our previous location, which will now be an absolute hell—hot, steamy, thick with mosquitoes and full of malaria, dysentery, and other unattractive diseases.

## IN NORMANDY

In spite of the above address, I am in fact in France, and have been since the 6th. It certainly is a far cry from grey flannels in Buckingham to a battledress in Normandy.

I did not find being in action for the first time as strange as I had expected. That I think was partly due to a happy knack of mine of not properly taking in things I don't really want to see. I daresay some would suspect I lacked the power of observation!

We have of course had some hectic moments, but at present things aren't going at all badly. We have some kind of mess in a large chateau—quite a comfortable base from which to fight a war. Cheese and wine have spirited themselves here, due largely, I expect, to the indefatigable efforts of our batmen.

The inhabitants of this particular bit of country are exceptionally well-fed. Hitler or no Hitler, I don't suppose any of them have ever missed a meal, which is all to our good.

## IN NORMANDY

We always expected the first three or four days to be rather hectic and it is true that they were, but not in my opinion anywhere near as bad as they might easily have been. Life now is really very peaceful, except during periods of "hate" by one or the other side. We all live underground. We first of all dig slit trenches very quickly and then, according to the length of our stay, we improve them, until, as at the moment, they become veritable dugouts. Mine is now the acme of comfort, as I have a German officer's wooden bed which my batman looted from an ex-German headquarters close by. These German officers must have lived extremely comfortably, as even after all the bombing and shelling one can see that they denied themselves nothing. The place we are in now must have been a magnificent chateau with wonderful grounds before it was destroyed. Lately we have had very little bother, though he will persist in shelling us at odd times in the day. It is an amazing sight when this happens, for everyone literally dives into the trenches. It is these dives which cause more damage than all his shelling, for already the Intelligence Officer has chipped the bone of his elbow and the Signal Officer has acquired a large black-eye and a cut face.

One nearly always hears the shells coming, and so far luckily we have all dived in time! Our food is excellent and in addition my batman is an excellent scrounger. I live very well. Letters and papers have so far been very few and far between, but they should start coming through more regularly now. The few papers we have seen, though, have annoyed us intensely, as they are very inaccurate in nearly every detail. Actually the German has fought magnificently and his morale is extremely high. But according to the papers one would believe that our troops had fought with a dispirited enemy.

Naturally there has been a lot of damage done to the country-side, but in most cases the crops will be all right. It is the houses, cottages, and shacks that have suffered, and they are certainly very battered.

It is surprising the number of French who are still about the place. On "D" day I didn't land till 90 minutes after zero hour and by then they had had time to get over their initial fright. Flags soon began to appear and everyone who was living round about rushed into the main streets of the villages. They then began to give away roses and ended by throwing them, as the troops paraded, in their vehicles. This was too much, though, because they hit me in the face, and as I was on a motor-bike this nearly caused a major disaster.



## STOICA

*School Officials—Summer Term, 1944.*

*Prefects* :—P. J. S. Mackay (T), Head of the School; R. F. Wright (G), Second Prefect; D. V. Palmer (C), Prefect of Chapel; G. P. Lloyd (B), Prefect of Library; F. E. Kitson (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; A. W. Mosselmans (C); C. Dansie (C); I. H. Robinson (W); D. C. Low (G); M. S. Withers (G); P. R. Perceval (T); J. J. White (B).

*Cricket* :—Captain, C. Dansie (C); Secretary, I. H. Robinson (W).

*Lawn Tennis* :—Captain, E. D. Good (B).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—June 25th, the Venerable C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland; July 2nd, Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Headmaster of Uppingham; July 9th, the Very Reverend the Dean of Christ Church.

Collections in Chapel this term have included :—For the Pineapple, £17 13s. 6d.; for the British Red Cross, £28 11s. 4d.; for the Oxford Diocesan Fund, £20 3s. 3d.

Miss Kathleen Butler who joined the School at its foundation and has been House Matron of Bruce throughout its existence is retiring at the end of this term. All members and ex-members of Bruce unite in regretting the loss to their House of so old and valued a friend, and Miss Butler will not need to be told that she takes away with her from Stowe the affectionate good wishes of everyone who has known her here.

The wedding took place on July 22nd of Major R. L. Wakeford, A.E.C., to Miss M. A. Musson.

The birth is announced of a daughter to Mrs. P. K. Bourne on May 14th; of a daughter to Mrs. E. Cawston on July 2nd; and of a son to Mrs. A. J. Chapman on July 8th.

An annual prize for Economics has been founded in memory of the late Captain J. M. Mayne (C, 1936), R.A., who was killed in action in Italy in September 1943.

A challenge cup, to be awarded annually to the winner of the Pole Vault in the Sports, has been presented by Captain J. D. McKean (G, 1935) of the United States Army. When in the School, Captain McKean established the Pole Vault record, which still stands.

Tuesday, July 4th, was observed as a whole holiday to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the School's foundation.

G. C. NEALE (C) was in April elected to a Scholarship for History at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize has been awarded to C. S. Wallis-King (G), who was Head of the School from September, 1943, to April, 1944.

The Bruxner-Randall Memorial Prize has been awarded to J. V. Bartlett (T).

The following are recent Medical Examination results: Cambridge 1st M.B., Pt. III, I. H. Robinson (W). Oxford First Public Examination, Physics, J. A. R. Anson (G), E. D. R. Campbell (G), J. D. Granger (C); Chemistry, E. D. R. Campbell (G), J. D. Granger (C).

The following Representative Colours were awarded at the end of last term :—For Cross-Country, J. J. White (B), G. H. R. Jenkins (G), I. H. Robinson (W), R. C. B. Chancellor (C). For Fencing, C. Lyle (B). For Hockey, C. S. Wallis-King (G), R. D. C. Reynolds (B), N. C. S. Barling (G), P. R. Boys-Stones (G), E. D. Good (B), D. C. Low (G).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows :—

1st XI. :—I. H. Robinson (W), J. V. Bartlett (T), J. J. White (B), E. M. Arnold (G), C. G. Dealtry (B), B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), A. E. Cottier (C), G. C. Robinson (W), M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), P. R. Boys-Stones (G), P. M. Young (C).

2nd XI. :—J. V. Bartlett (T), B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), A. F. Cottier (C), P. R. Boys-Stones (G), G. C. Robinson (W), P. M. Young (C), M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), D. M. S. Baxter (W), G. D. E. Lutyens-Humfrey (C), H. A. S. Murray (C), J. R. Freeland (C), D. A. Illingworth (G), A. S. Wright (C), H. R. Marten (T), D. A. Turquand-Young (C), J. F. Chance (C).

3rd XI. :—J. V. Bartlett (T), B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), A. F. Cottier (C), G. C. Robinson (W), M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), D. M. S. Baxter (W), G. D. E. Lutyens-Humfrey (C), H. A. S. Murray (C), J. R. Freeland (C), D. A. Illingworth (G), H. R. Marten (T), J. F. Chance (C), P. D. Lloyd (T), D. A. Turquand-Young (C), M. J. A. Davies (T), R. C. B. Chancellor (C), D. Rhodes (C), M. R. G. Eyre (G), C. B. H. Gill (G), A. J. Rowntree (T).

*Colts' Caps* :—P. N. Briggs (C), M. R. deB. Bate (W), re-awarded; M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), M. D. T. Loup (T), F. A. D. Binns (W), W. L. N. Brinson (C), M. D. K. Burns (B), P. M. Young (C), M. D. J. McDiarmid (W), G. C. W. Gairdner (G), C. A. Hancox (G), R. M. Bartlett (T), D. R. S. Kingan (T).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded to E. D. Good (B), J. A. R. Anson (G), D. L. Pike (G) (re-awarded), K. W. Milligan (C).

## ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

READING PRIZES—Senior :

C. L. Brook (C)

Junior :

A. J. O. Ritchie (T)

PETERS BONE PRIZE :

P. A. Mulgan (G)

ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :

J. S. B. Gubbins (T)

BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity) :

Not awarded

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK—Prose :

P. A. Mulgan (G)

Translation :

C. A. Cooper (G)

QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES—Essay :

J. J. Davis (T)

Latin Prose :

C. A. Cooper (G)

PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :

A. W. B. Hayward (G)

J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES—Senior :

M. G. Manton (C)

Junior :

G. P. Lewis (B)

SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :

G. P. Lloyd (B)

HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE :

C. S. O'D. Scott (B)

H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :

R. F. Wright (G)

PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :

O. G. Taylor (C)

HEADMASTER'S ART PRIZE :

T. C. P. Whidborne (T)

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, 1944

D. J. M. CAMPION (F. Serille Phillips, Esq., Nevill Holt); C. H. BRADLY (R. J. O. Meyer, Esq., Millfield, Street); R. J. ROBERTS (C. H. T. Hayman, Esq., Brackley); D. L. E. HUGHES (F. Serille Phillips, Esq., Nevill Holt); J. B. MAKINSON (L. P. Dealtry, Esq., Glenridding); R. A. HIRD (The Rev. W. E. Sealy, East Grinstead); G. H. ROOKE (F. E. Chappell, Esq., Nr. Brackley); F. E. LESLIE (A. E. Lynam, Esq., Dragon School); O. B. SAYER (K. V. Beach, Esq., Bradford-on-Avon); F. A. RUHEMANN (A. Richardson, Esq., Minchinhampton).

## CRICKET

Your correspondent wishes without more ado to throw out his challenge to the many critics of the 1944 Eleven. In his opinion it was a good war-time school side. The fact that most of the important matches were lost of course militates against this opinion, but wherever this side played, by its fielding it invariably gave intense pleasure to the spectators, and in match after match it received fulsome (and, in the writer's opinion, well deserved) praise for its work in this department. In spite of what Oundle did to them, in Dansie, Cottier, Croom-Johnson and I. H. Robinson, Stowe possessed a formidable combination of bowlers, the first two being as consistent and dangerous an opening pair as a school could want. Arnold was a better wicket-keeper than any whom Stowe's opponents could produce, and the Arnold-Bartlett combination, with its succession of brilliant run-outs, virtually provided another effective bowler.

Why then were the match results as indifferent as, in fact, they were? Firstly because of the failure to discover a spin bowler who could keep a length, and secondly because the batting never really got going. There was a number of useful batsmen in the team, but only Bartlett made runs consistently, and the performances of the rest of them were undoubtedly affected adversely by failures early in the season which diminished their confidence. Technically, FitzGerald was the best batsman and he should make many runs in future seasons, while Young, another Colt who, like most batsmen of his age, is fallible against spin bowling, made a number of useful scores in the later matches. Dealtry, White, Boys-Stones and the Robinsons could all bat and bat well, but they never developed the confidence to make such big scores as they should have done, and there was a terrible tendency, except in the last few games, for the side to collapse if one or two of the earlier players (especially if it was Bartlett) were dismissed cheaply. The honourable exception was Cottier, who made a number of precious runs when they were needed by means of his own particular stroke—the old-fashioned ballooning cow-shot.

Inevitably one returns to the fielding, and it is by its fielding rather than its indifferent batting that those few people who watched this side regularly will remember it. Clean picking-up and hard accurate throwing-in such as this side regularly achieved are not to be seen for the mere asking. One recalls too some fine catches—Dealtry's three at short-leg against the Public School Wanderers, one by Bartlett at Bedford, another by G. C. Robinson at Radley, two more by Boys-Stones against Buckingham, and four beauties shared, if one's memory is correct, by Dansie and Young in that memorable match against St. Edward's.

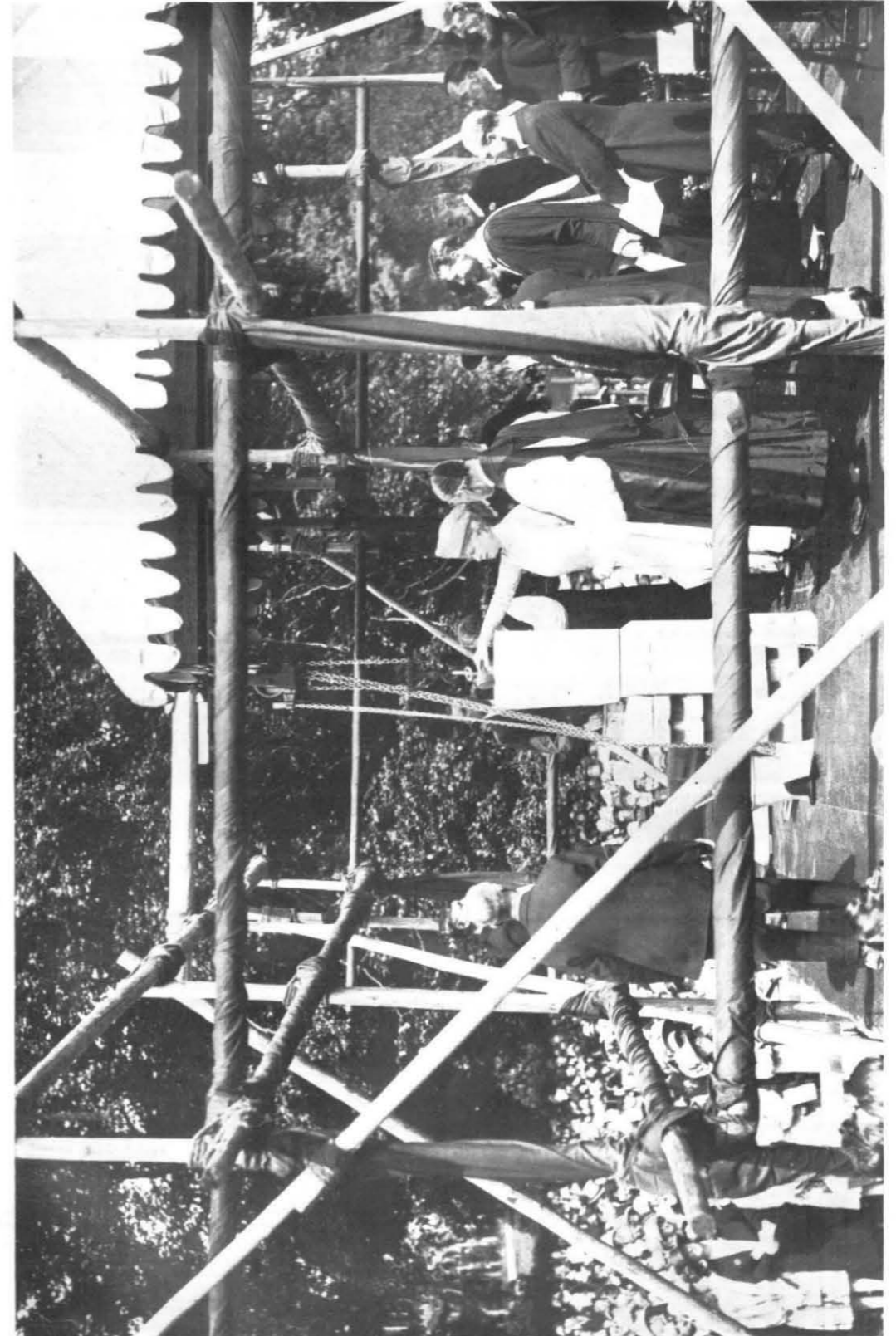
The Second Eleven, though well and truly beaten by Bloxham, had a good season otherwise, and the Colts won two handsome and decisive victories in the only two matches they had. When at full strength the Colts had a strong side, and—here is hope for the future—not only did they bowl and field well, but they made runs.

An account of this term's Cricket House Matches will appear in the next number.

## 1ST XI.

- v. CHRIST CHURCH AND BRASENOSE COLLEGE. Played at Stowe on May 13th. Won by 97 runs. Stowe, 136 (D. R. Turquand-Young (C) 30, J. J. White (B) 27; W. G. Cowell 4 for 29). Christchurch and Brasenose College, 39 (H. R. Marten (T) 2 for 2, C. Dansie (C) 2 for 7, I. H. Robinson (W) 3 for 11).
- v. R.A.F., WING. Played at Stowe on May 20th. Lost by 78 runs. R.A.F., 167 (L.A.C. Savage 51, F/O Greenwood 38). Stowe, 89 (J. V. Bartlett (T) 31; J.A.C. Carlone 3 for 11).
- v. BEDFORD. Played at Bedford on May 25th. Lost by 5 wickets.

Dansie won the toss on a morning when it looked as if no cricket would be possible. He very properly decided to bat and play began with commendable promptitude. White and Robinson looked comfortable enough against the Bedford opening bowlers, who had a wretched time with a wet and slippery ball, and it came as something of a surprise when White was caught at the wicket off Fowles with the total only 13. There followed a stand of 44 by Robinson and Bartlett. Both batted well, Bartlett's driving and some admirable running between the wickets being the features of the partnership. Dealtry then helped Bartlett to add 33 for the third wicket, and at lunch time Stowe had scored 94 for 3, Bartlett being not out 49.



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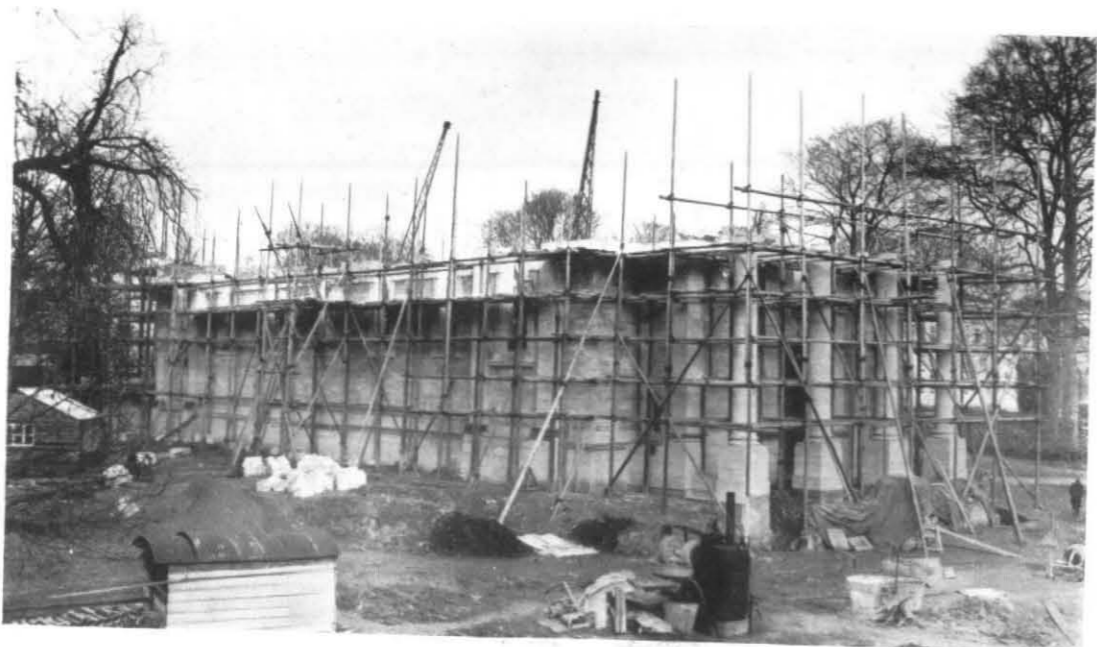


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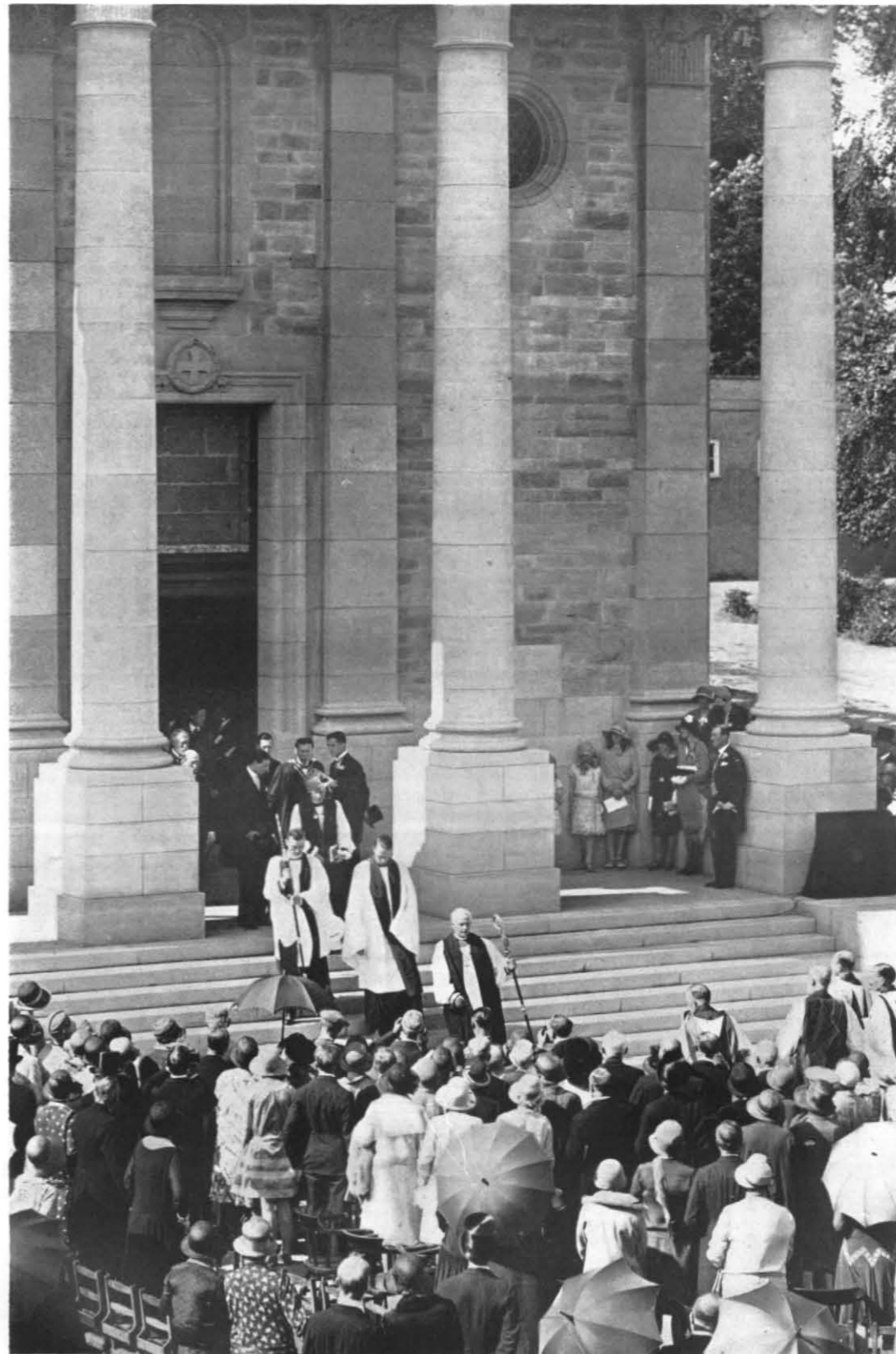


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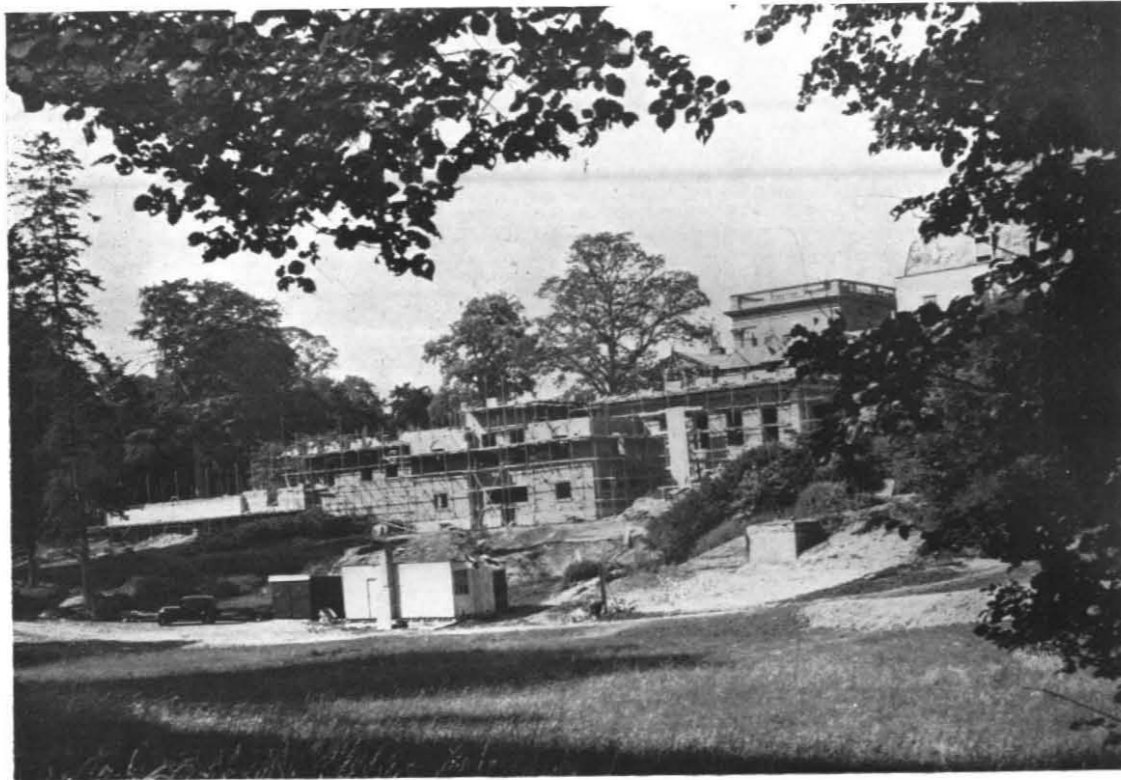


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WALPOLE HOUSE FROM THE GRECIAN VALLEY, JUNE 1934

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J. D. A. LANGLEY, WHILE STILL IN THE SCHOOL,  
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After lunch the weather was better, and for the rest of the day conditions were much more in favour of the bowlers than they had been in the morning. From the Stowe point of view this was disastrous, as Bartlett was bowled off his pads by the first ball after the interval, and the whole side was out for 112. Hill (6 for 17) had bowled very well, but after Bartlett's dismissal the batting was very feeble indeed.

Bedford thus had plenty of time to accomplish their not very formidable task, but they made a poor start and for a time it seemed as if Stowe might redeem their poor batting by good bowling and fielding. Dansie took three wickets in his first four overs—one of them fell to a remarkably fine catch by Bartlett who took a low hit in his left hand after making a lot of ground quickly. After that there followed a partnership which took the score to 82, when Marten bowled Paine, who had played a subdued but most useful innings. Shortly afterwards Knopp, whose excellent batting was responsible more than anything else for Bedford's victory, was missed at mid-on, and he went on batting until the score was 107, when Dansie had him l.b.w.

The Stowe bowling had been undistinguished. Dansie took four of the five wickets that fell, but both he and Robinson bowled too many short balls, of which Knopp was quick to take advantage. Cottier was very steady, but rarely looked dangerous, and the wicket was too slow for Marten. Apart from the dropped catch referred to, Stowe's fielding was admirable, Bartlett at cover being outstanding.

Stowe:—J. J. White (B), c Stephens, b Fowles, 8; I. H. Robinson (W), b Kerr, 23; J. V. Bartlett (T), b Fowles, 49; C. G. Dealtry (B), b Hill, 6; J. R. Freeland (C), b Hill, 4; P. R. Boys-Stones (S), c Stephens, b Fowles, 0; H. R. Marten (T), b Hill, 1; A. F. Cottier (C), b Hill, 4; E. M. Arnold (S), b Hill, 0; C. Dansie (C), not out, 4; D. M. S. Baxter (W), b Hill 5; extras, 8; total, 112.

Bacon 0 for 27; Fowles 3 for 37; Kerr 1 for 23; Hill 6 for 17.

Bedford:—L. C. Stephens, lbw, b Dansie, 0; D. N. L. Knopp, lbw, b Dansie, 75; G. S. S. Gilbert, c Bartlett, b Dansie, 0; P. J. Nicholas, b Dansie, 7; J. H. Paine, b Marten, 9; R. F. G. Meadows, not out, 10; R. F. Hill, not out, 2; extras, 10. Total, 113 for 5.

Dansie 4 for 58; Robinson 0 for 22; Cottier 0 for 9; Marten 1 for 14.

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'. Played at Merchant Taylors' on May 31st. Drawn.

This was a new fixture and it proved to be a most enjoyable one. The home captain won the toss and, much to the surprise and gratification of the Stowe side, put the latter in. Thus Stowe had first innings on a fast, if rather lively, wicket and should have made many runs. However, Robinson and Bartlett both got themselves out early, and when the total had reached 37, White, who had made his 22 runs very well, was bowled by Gibb. FitzGerald, making his first appearance in the Stowe side, thus had a nasty situation to face and faced it very well. Turquand-Young helped him to add 48 for the fourth wicket, and with Dealtry he added 39 for the fifth. FitzGerald's 70 (made out of 109) was a most valuable effort. His off-driving was particularly good and he made many of his runs by powerful hits to leg. He was out eventually in trying to force the pace at a time when runs were needed quickly. After his dismissal wickets were thrown away by batsmen who tried, commendably if ineffectively, to give Dansie an opportunity to declare. As it happened, when he came in at number 11 the total was only 147, and more runs were still needed. He and Marten had a most entertaining partnership, during the course of which 23 runs were added and Marten was nearly run off his feet.

When Merchant Taylors' went in the game seemed to go to sleep. Their opening batsmen were in no hurry and the Stowe bowling looked no more than steady. True, Marten took a wicket before tea, but by that time the game, which had to stop at 5.45, was as good as drawn. Afterwards Dansie tried, by means of a series of astonishingly rapid bowling changes, to achieve the impossible, and when the fourth wicket fell at 88 there seemed a remote chance that Stowe would win. By this time the weather had become sultry and oppressive, and the Stowe bowlers and fielders could not make the effort, with the result that the batting side had no difficulty in saving the game. Indeed, had there been an extra half hour available they would probably have won it.

Stowe:—J. J. White (B), b Gibb, 22; I. H. Robinson (W), c Brown, b Ellis, 7; J. V. Bartlett (T), c Roberts, b Ellis, 0; M. E. J. FitzGerald (S), c Parke, b Gilchrist, 70; D. R. Turquand-Young (C), c Hardcastle, b Ellis, 12; C. G. Dealtry (B), b Gilchrist, 8; A. F. Cottier (C), st Parke, b Gibb, 10; D. A. Illingworth (S), st Parke, b Weston, 4; E. M. Arnold (S), b Ellis, 2; H. R. Marten (T), lbw, b Mellors, 14; C. Dansie (C), not out, 12; extras, 9; total, 170.

Ellis 4 for 55; Weston 1 for 15; Gilchrist 2 for 15; Mellors 1 for 55; Gibb 2 for 21.

Merchant Taylors' :—G. W. Weston, b Dansie, 8 ; R. T. R. Jenkins, st Arnold, b Marten, 5 ; J. Roberts, c Arnold, b Cottier, 14 ; G. K. L. Johnson, b Robinson, 44 ; W. Brown, lbw, b Dansie, 17 ; J. D. Gilchrist not out, 25 ; extras, 29. Total, 142 for 5.

Dansie, 2 for 30 ; Robinson 1 for 6 ; Cottier 1 for 22 ; Marten 1 for 32 ; Bartlett 0 for 20 ; Dealtry 0 for 3.

v. R.A.F., BICESTER. Played at Stowe on June 3rd. Lost by an innings and 116 runs. R.A.F., 330 for 5 dec. (G. C. Warfield 115, F/Sgt. James 84 not out). Stowe, 114 (G. C. Warfield 2 for 8, F/Sgt. James 4 for 25) and 100 (P. R. Boys-Stones (C) 30 not out ; L.A.C. Walters 1 for 4, F/O Mount 3 for 15).

v. THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on June 7th. Won by 93 runs. Stowe, 257 (J. V. Bartlett (T) 55, A. F. Cottier (C) 44, C. G. Dealtry (B) 37). The Queen's College, 164 (H. Pullinger 48, K. Miles 39 ; C. Dansie (Q) 3 for 21).

v. AN ARMY XI. Played at Stowe on June 10th. Won by an innings and 23 runs. Stowe, 157 (J. V. Bartlett (T) 65 ; Bdr. Skelton 3 for 18). Army XI., 51 (I. H. Robinson (W) 2 for 6, C. Dansie (C) 2 for 8, J. V. Bartlett (T) 1 for 0) and 83 (Lt. Wall 44, Gnr. Nairn 34 ; B. B. Croom-Johnson (T) 7 for 25).

v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 15th. Lost by 12 runs.

This was a remarkable game. At one time it seemed that Radley, who won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket, must be dismissed for an absurdly small total. There were those who thought that Stowe would win before lunch. But in the end, thanks to a brave seventh wicket stand, some fatal overthrows, too many byes, and a disastrous bowling change when nine wickets were down, Stowe had to make 118 to win and, in spite of an abundance of time at their disposal and a wicket which favoured batsmen all day, they could make only 105.

Radley's fourth wicket fell in the seventh over with 14 runs scored (8 of them extras and 4 overthrows). Dansie and Cottier were bowling extraordinarily well and the batsmen made no pretence of being able to play them. The fifth wicket should have fallen at the same total, but Bartlett, of all people, dropped a sitter at cover, and this partnership added 6 valuable runs—for, as events were to prove, all runs, no matter how they were scraped together, were valuable on this occasion. The sixth wicket fell at 26, and then began the Radley recovery. Wheeler-Bennett (boldly) and Reid (rather more painfully) proceeded to tame the previously irrepressible Dansie and Cottier, and eventually they had to give way to the change bowlers. In their remarkable opening spell their figures were as follows—Dansie 10—5—12—3 ; Cottier 12—2—27—3. During this period the fielding had been impressive and two good catches were taken, one, by G. C. Robinson at short leg, being a most spectacular one-handed full-length effort.

Croom-Johnson proved less effective, though he bowled quite well and was eventually to break the stubborn seventh wicket partnership, but I. H. Robinson looked both lively and dangerous. With these two bowling the score crept up to 87 for 9 ten minutes before the luncheon interval. At this point your correspondent felt that a fast straight ball from anyone (preferably from Robinson, for he seemed the most likely to bowl it) would dispose of Radley's number 11. However, the tradition of putting on the "Chinese" bowlers at this juncture proved too strong and Loup and Bartlett duly bowled the players into lunch. Twenty more runs were added afterwards by Radley's courageous last pair before Cottier unloosed the necessary straight ball.

After their bad start Radley should not have been allowed to make so many runs, but even so there was no reason to suppose that Stowe would not win comfortably. However, in D. E. Mathews, Radley had a left-hander who kept a length and made the ball swing in. Nobody played him well, except I. H. Robinson, who kept his head while others panicked and stood hopelessly still, and Cottier, who thumped him cheerfully to the leg boundary two or three times. Wickets fell with a monotonous regularity throughout the innings, but it did seem, when Cottier was in, that Stowe might just scramble home. However his luck (and Cottier needs luck if he is to make runs his way) did not hold, and Dansie was left, as usual, not out and wondering why nobody else could bat properly. Mathews took 7 for 51—fine figures these—and his side had gained a very well-deserved victory by 12 runs.

Radley :—J. C. Wolton, b Cottier, 0 ; P. D. R. Gardiner, b Cottier, 0 ; M. C. Robinson, b Dansie, 5 ; G. S. Cheshire, lbw, b Cottier, 1 ; S. M. Boosey, c Cottier, b Dansie, 0 ; D. E. Mathews, c G. C. Robinson, b Dansie, 5 ; R. C. Wheeler-Bennett, c and b Croom-Johnson, 37 ; R. E. Reid, b I. H. Robinson, 17 ; D. Bennett, not out 31 ; R. H. Blackley, b I. H. Robinson, 0 ; R. M. O. de la Hey, b Cottier, 7 ; extras, 14. Total, 117.

Dansie 3 for 20 ; Cottier 4 for 40 ; Croom-Johnson 1 for 25 ; I. H. Robinson 2 for 20 ; Loup 0 for 4 ; Bartlett 0 for 4.

Stowe :—J. J. White (B), c Blackley, b Wheeler-Bennett, 15 ; I. H. Robinson (W), c de la Hey, b Blackley, 19 ; J. V. Bartlett (T), lbw, b Mathews, 1 ; M. E. J. FitzGerald (C), b Mathews, 10 ; C. G. Dealtry (B), b Mathews, 3 ; G. C. Robinson (W), b Mathews, 13 ; B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), c Mathews, b Blackley, 15 ; M. D. T. Loup (T), b Mathews, 3 ; A. F. Cottier (C), b Mathews, 19 ; E. M. Arnold (C), lbw, b Mathews, 1 ; C. Dansie (C) not out, 2 ; extras, 4 ; total, 105.

Wheeler-Bennett 1 for 20 ; Mathews 7 for 51 ; Blackley 2 for 30.

v. R.A.F., WING. Played at Stowe on June 21st. Drawn. R.A.F., 189 for 5 (P/O Bates 69, H. Pitchford 63 ; A. F. Cottier (C) 3 for 61). Stowe, 158 for 9 (J. V. Bartlett (T) 64 ; Sgt. Betts 1 for 3, H. Pitchford 4 for 49).

v. BUCKINGHAM. Played at Stowe on June 24th. Lost by 5 wickets. Stowe, 148 (P. M. Young (C) 35 ; A. P. Bell 3 for 29, R. Tompkins 5 for 43). Buckingham, 151 for 5 (R. Tompkins 54 not out, A. P. Bell 47).

v. ST. EDWARD'S. Played at Stowe on June 28th. Lost by 94 runs.

From the start of the day there was a strongish southerly wind, and rain which varied from a steady drizzle to a downpour which stopped play. In these circumstances, we were very lucky to get a game at all, and the standard of fielding and bowling was remarkably high.

St. Edward's won the toss, and of course decided to bat. Their opening pair was efficient, and when two sharp chances given by Hossell were not accepted it looked bad for us. These two blemishes in the field were to prove the last ; from then onwards our fielding was of a higher standard than any seen this term and would have done credit to any side on any day.

The opening partnership had put on 41 runs in half an hour when the Bartlett-Arnold combination treated us to one of their lovely bits of fielding and Hossell was well out. During the next hour and a half there were two interruptions because of rain, some bowling which was quite good in the circumstances, and some steady batting. Soon after 4 o'clock their score reached the hundred, and they had only three wickets down. Then Henderson, who had just hit Robinson for a six, tried to repeat the shot, mishit, and skied the ball high to extra-cover where Young took the catch as if it was a simple fine-day fielding-practice one ; a few minutes later, the same fielder repeated this feat, with an equally calm and made-to-look-easy catch at deep mid-wicket. A minute or two later still Fox skied a ball high over G. C. Robinson's head at short leg ; in the drizzle, Robinson turned and slipped, recovered himself from this and from his cap falling off, ran at full speed towards where the ball was falling, got there in time to catch it as it came down from behind him—as good a catch of its type as one will ever see. This was not the end of our catching successes, for at 4.30 Dansie held at the second attempt a hard mid-on drive. These encouraging pieces of fielding had made the score 136 for 7. Then followed one of those periods when nothing quite goes right for the fielding side, and the score was gradually taken to 165 before they were all out.

Throughout their innings our bowling had been commendably steady, and the out-fielding first class.

Womersley, opening for them at the school end, looked fast. He had Croom-Johnson missed in the slips off the second ball of his first over, and clean bowled I. H. Robinson with the sixth ball. Bartlett joined Croom-Johnson, and it looked as if this set-back might be retrieved ; the score was taken to 24 before the same bowler had Croom-Johnson caught at the wicket. Bartlett grew in confidence—and that was his undoing ; he had made 24 out of the 36 runs scored, and was beginning to see the ball properly, when he got intoxicated, as it were, by his success, and had not the self-control to prevent himself lifting his head and swinging blindly at what must have been almost a yorker.

From this moment, your reporter would prefer to stop reporting ; feeble batting, silly running, and general weakness caused a total collapse. The horrid fact must be admitted—from 51 for 4, the score was changed in a few minutes to 54 for 9. A bright last-wicket stand between Boys-Stones and Dansie relieved the gloom a little ; they added 17 before another silly bit of running brought the end, and we were beaten by 94 runs.

St. Edward's:—J. E. Kitchin, b Dansie, 16; C. H. Hossell, run out, 26; J. C. Woodcock, lbw, b I. H. Robinson, 14; D. J. Mackenzie, c Young, b Croom-Johnson, 28; D. Henderson, c Young, b I. H. Robinson, 32; R. D. Fox, c G. C. Robinson, b Croom-Johnson, 9; T. P. Salisbury, b Dansie, 15; M. T. D. Womersley, c Dansie, b Croom-Johnson, 3; T. J. Lowe, c Arnold, b Dansie, 3; I. F. Mackenzie, b Dansie, 6; C. S. Graham, not out, 5; extras, 8. Total, 165.

Dansie 4 for 44; Cottier 0 for 21; Croom-Johnson 3 for 45; I. H. Robinson 2 for 37.

Stowe:—B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), c Salisbury, b Womersley, 13; I. H. Robinson (W), b Womersley, 0; J. V. Bartlett (T), b Womersley, 24; P. M. Young (C), b Henderson, 0; C. G. Dealtry (B), c Salisbury, b Henderson, 6; M. E. J. FitzGerald (S), b Womersley, 1; A. F. Cottier (C), run out, 0; G. C. Robinson (W), c Salisbury, b Womersley, 0; P. R. Boys-Stones (S), not out, 14; E. M. Arnold (S), c Womersley, b Henderson, 2; C. Dansie (C), not out, 5; extras, 6. Total, 71.

Womersley 5 for 36; Henderson 3 for 29.

v. OUNDLE. Played at Stowe on July 1st. Lost by 9 wickets.

Though not comparable in vileness with the previous Wednesday, the day was a dreary one with occasional drizzles stopping play for short periods and more often making conditions unpleasant for players and spectators.

Dansie won the toss, and the newly constituted first pair, Croom-Johnson and FitzGerald, went to the wicket a few minutes after 11.30. When Croom-Johnson played over a swinging yorker and was bowled for 0 by the third ball of the match, we all poignantly remembered previous batting failures, and an atmosphere of gloom pervaded the ground. Bartlett joined FitzGerald and they both played with admirable restraint, making the bowling look what it was—quite steady, but not at all deadly. A quarter of an hour's play produced 14 runs, and then came the first break for rain. This did not last long, and when play continued Bartlett and FitzGerald soon forced the attacking silly mid-off and short-legs to retire to a more respectful distance. The score was taken to 45, and then FitzGerald jumped out to Milligan and was easily stumped. His had been an invaluable innings, and had helped to lay the foundations of a recovery from early mishap. I. H. Robinson joined Bartlett and played a passive part in another pleasant stand; he was bowled with the score standing at 64, of which Bartlett had made 43. Bartlett was playing his best innings of the term, and was unlucky to mishit a ball into deep gulley's hands when 3 short of his 50. Boys-Stones soon followed, and the score was only 82 for 5. From now onwards, the Stowe batsmen showed a power of recovery and persistence which, had it developed earlier in the term, might well have changed the results of our matches. Helped by mistakes in the field, Young and Robinson took the score gradually on, and it was not till it had reached 122 that Young was finally caught. Dealtry and G. C. Robinson provided an amusing contrast. Dealtry is always jumpy when he is starting: he danced up and down the wicket, waved his bat in curious fashion before and after hitting and missing the ball, was missed here and there, and made runs quite quickly. Robinson was entirely unmoved by Dealtry's gymnastics, the state of the game or the weather, sternly stopped all dangerous balls, refused for the most part to have anything to do with any other balls, but occasionally, still with the same apparent lack of interest, cracked one hard to the boundary; his 16 took him 45 minutes to make, and contributed largely to the deterioration in the Oundle fielding which took place during the latter part of our innings. Cottier did not last long, and lunch time came with the score 156 for 8, of which Dealtry had made 21 not out. After lunch Arnold defended strongly, and Dealtry had now settled down to steady batting; this pair took the score to 184 before Arnold was bowled. Dansie came in last and a bright little 10 minutes last wicket stand of 15 took place. Dansie always runs his runs fast, and in this short stand there were at least three apparent singles converted into 2's, at least two near-catches, and one almost run-out. Stowe's 199 had taken 195 minutes to make, and Dealtry's invaluable 48 not out just under an hour.

Oundle were left with about 3 hours to get the runs, and set about the task in a workman-like way. The first 50 minutes of their innings were, frankly, rather dull. Keen, though not spectacular fielding, and steady, though not dangerous, bowling, was met by efficient, though somewhat strokeless, batting. Nevertheless, the efficiency of the batting achieved its object, and by tea-time the score was 105 for no wickets, Clarke having just reached his 50, and Thornton being nearly there.

Soon after tea Cottier caught and bowled Thornton; the score was 115 for 1, of which Thornton had made 51 in 95 minutes. Taking into account another short break for rain, Oundle now had about 85 minutes to score the needed 85 runs, and our hope seemed to hinge on whether our bowlers could bowl defensively enough to force them to abandon their extremely safe and

competent batting. Cottier achieved this; his 20 overs for 29 runs was certainly a good piece of bowling. Unfortunately, however, there were always runs to be safely got at a reasonable pace at the other end, and the score crept inexorably and mercilessly on. The end came just before 6.0 and full credit must be given to batsmen, who, batting second against a tolerable score, showed such complete mastery and experienced restraint against an attack which, though never very frightening, was equally never ragged or loose. Our fielding, while not reaching the superlative merits it had against St. Edward's, was good throughout, G. C. Robinson and Dansie being perhaps the best of a very good lot.

Stowe:—B. B. Croom-Johnson (T), b Salt, 0; M. E. J. FitzGerald (S), st Cowie, b Milligan, 18; J. V. Bartlett (T), c Andrews, b Salt, 47; I. H. Robinson (W), b Andrews, 3; P. R. Boys-Stones (S), lbw, b Salt, 13; G. C. Robinson (W), c Peckett, b Milligan, 16; P. M. Young (C), b Milligan, 26; C. G. Dealtry (B), not out 48; A. F. Cottier (C), b Franklin, 8; E. M. Arnold (S), b Bowman, 7; C. Dansie (C), c Andrews, b Milligan, 7; extras, 6. Total, 199.

Salt 3 for 37; Bowman 1 for 38; Milligan 4 for 67; Andrews 1 for 15; Clarke 0 for 18; Franklin 1 for 18.

Oundle:—G. N. Thornton, c and b Cottier, 51; D. H. Clarke, not out, 92; R. A. E. Franklin, not out, 50; extras, 7. Total, 200 for 1.

Dansie 0 for 46; Cottier 1 for 29; Croom-Johnson 0 for 75; I. H. Robinson 0 for 23; Dealtry 0 for 20.

v. PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS. Played at Stowe on July 8th. Drawn (12-a-side). Stowe, 139 (P. M. Young (C) 46; V. Buckingham 4 for 29). P.S.W., 70 for 9 (G. D. E. Lutyens-Humfrey (C) 4 for 21, A. F. Cottier (C) 3 for 21).

#### AN "A" XI.

July 12th. v. AN R.A.O.C. XI. Home. Won by 33 runs. Stowe, 127 for 9 wkts. dec. R.A.O.C., 94 (B. B. Croom-Johnson (T) 5 for 19).

#### 2ND XI.

May 20th. v. R.A.F., WING. Home. Won by 18 runs. Stowe, 149 (J. R. Freeland (C) 46, M. D. Rutherford (C) 40). R.A.F., 131 (D.M.S. Baxter (W) 5 for 30).

May 31st. v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' 2ND XI. Away. Drawn. Stowe, 200 (P. R. Boys-Stones (S) 65, G. C. Robinson (W) 37). Merchant Taylors', 161 for 8 wkts. (G. D. E. Lutyens-Humfrey (C) 3 for 23).

June 3rd. v. MR. E. H. BOYD'S XI. Home. Won by 2 wkts. Mr. Boyd's XI, 160 (W. E. Capel Cure 65; D. R. Turquand-Young (C) 4 for 10). Stowe, 163 for 8 wkts. (D. R. Turquand-Young (C) 67; A. B. E. Gibson 5 for 55).

June 10th. v. AN R.A.F. XI. Home. Stowe, 172. R.A.F., 129 for 9 wkts. (D. M. S. Baxter (W) 4 for 43).

June 21st. v. BLOXHAM 1ST XI. Away. Lost by 166 runs. Bloxham, 204 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe, 38 and 37 for 1 wkt.

July 8th. v. RADLEY 2ND XI. Home. Won by 1 wkt. Radley, 62 (M. D. T. Loup (T) 4 for 18, D. M. S. Baxter (W) 3 for 9). Stowe, 64 for 9 wkts.

#### COLTS

May 13th. v. 2ND XI. Home. Drawn. Colts, 129 for 6 dec. (M. D. T. Loup (T) 52). 2nd XI, 110 for 4 (J. R. Freeland (C) 50 not out).

May 25th. v. BEDFORD. Away. Won by 174 runs. Stowe, 244 for 6 dec. (M. E. J. FitzGerald (S) 111 not out). Bedford, 70 (M. D. J. McDiarmid (W) 4 for 30, F. D. A. Binns (W) 4 for 27).

June 7th. v. 2ND XI. Home. Drawn. 2nd XI, 243 for 7 dec. (D. A. Illingworth (S) 76, G. C. Robinson (W) 65). Colts, 135 for 6.

June 15th. v. RADLEY. Away. Won by 65 runs. Stowe, 174 for 6 wkts. (P. M. Young (C) 70 not out). Radley, 109 (W. L. N. Brinson (C) 5 for 41, R. M. Bartlett (T) 4 for 43).

## LAWN TENNIS

The season has been a successful one and the team has probably been better than any we have had in the last three or four years. All matches have so far been won except that against the Masters, in which the combination of Mr. Boyd and Mr. Lucas was bound to be too strong.

The team has been greatly strengthened by J. A. R. Anson (G), who is the best player we have had for some time. E. D. Good (B), the captain, has combined well with him to make an effective first pair. D. L. Pike (G), also from last year's team, has played in the second pair with K. W. Milligan (C) and they have generally done very well. Milligan is most promising, never gives up trying and should be very good next year, when there is more power behind his shots. Competition for the third pair has been very keen. At the time of writing it looks as if C. L. Brook (C) and J. A. Walters (C) will gain the places, but F. B. Maxwell (C) and J. M. S. Mansfield (W) run them very close, often playing the better tennis. Others, notably C. A. Vandervell (B), R. C. Taylor (T) and W. T. D. Dixon (G) are not far behind. Owing to the new arrangements for Cricket House matches the first ten tennis players have not been allowed to play cricket for their House. It was later found that eight was a more suitable number on whom to impose the cricket ban.

In School matches we beat Wellingborough 7—1 and Eastbourne 5—4. We have entered for the Glanvill Cup tournament for Public Schools due to take place in London on the first day of the holidays, but at present it seems doubtful if it will take place.

Grenville beat Grafton 4—1 in the final of the House Matches; Bruce beat Chatham in the Leagues.

Other results :—

1ST VI. v. R.A.F., WING	Won, 7—2.
1ST VI. v. MASTERS	Lost, 4—5.
1ST VI. v. R.A.F., BICESTER	Won, 6—3.
1ST VI. v. R.A.F., WING (return)	Won, 7—2.
1ST VI. v. an R.A.F. VI.	Won, 6—3.
"A" TEAM v. WEST HEATH (Girls' School)	Won, 5—1.
2ND VI. v. R.A.F., WING	Won, 6—1.

## FENCING

There has only been one match this term, so we have been concentrating our efforts on building up a team for next term, when H. W. Henry (G) will be the only member left of the present team. There is much promise in A. S. Hubbard (T) and I. Scott-Elliott (W), and though they lack experience in match-play there is no reason why they should not make themselves the basis of a strong team.

There was a four-foil match against R.A.F., Bicester, on March 5th. The team was : C. Lyle (B), R. D. C. Reynolds (B), W. T. D. Dixon (G) and H. W. Henry (G). Except for their captain, the R.A.F. team lacked experience, and, having once mastered their formidable attacks, we won fairly easily 11—5.

We had a return match this term on June 10th, the team being the same, less Reynolds who had unfortunately left. Again their lack of practice put them at a disadvantage, and we won 6—3. H. W. Henry (G) was awarded a chevron.

Bruce again beat Grenville after a close fight in the final of the House Matches last term. The individual cups for foil and sabre were won by Lyle; Dixon won the épée; and Henry won the junior foil.

There has been more keenness shown and consequently more matches won this season than in any since 1938. We hope this may continue, and that next term may yield even more fruitful results.

W.T.D.D.

## ATHLETICS

We were fortunate this year in having excellent weather throughout the heats and good conditions on Sports Day. From the start it appeared that either Bruce or Walpole was likely to win, and these two seemed fairly evenly matched, but Walpole gained a decisive lead and in the end won easily. The Robinson brothers, who were both many-sided, performed extremely well. The sprint races, both of which were close, were won by R. H. M. Pease (G) from C. A. Vandervell (B). G. P. Lloyd (B), who performed in several events with some success, won the 440 comfortably. But perhaps the most outstanding single victory was D. L. Pike's (G) high jump of 5' 4½".

M. R. S. J. Mackey (C) proved to be the best sprinter in the Under 16 class, whilst J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W), running against people a year older than himself, did well to win both the Half-Mile and Three-Quarter Mile in this class. R. W. Shirley's (T) long jump, beating that of the open winner, was noteworthy. In the Under 15 class, D. S. Withers (G) was undoubtedly the best all-round performer.

Colours were awarded to :—G. P. Lloyd (B), R. H. M. Pease (G), D. L. Pike (G), I. H. Robinson (W) and G. C. Robinson (W).

## OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, R. H. M. Pease (G); 2, C. A. Vandervell (B); 3, G. P. Lloyd (B). Time, 11.1 secs.
220 Yards.—1, R. H. M. Pease (G); 2, C. A. Vandervell (B); 3, B. K. T. Barton (C). Time, 24.5 secs.
440 Yards.—1, G. P. Lloyd (B); 2, C. A. Vandervell (B); 3, R. C. S. Norton (C). Time, 55.2 secs.
880 Yards.—1, J. A. Walters (C); 2, I. H. Robinson (W); 3, C. Dansie (C). Time, 2 mins. 12.1 secs.
One Mile.—1, I. H. Robinson (W); 2, J. J. White (B); 3, J. A. Walters (C). Time, 4 mins. 57 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles.—1, G. C. Robinson (W); 2, J. M. Bryan (T); 3, G. P. Lloyd (B). Time, 18.6 secs.
Long Jump.—1, G. C. Robinson (W); 2, R. H. M. Pease (G); 3, G. P. Lloyd (B). Distance, 18 ft. 5½ ins.
High Jump.—1, D. L. Pike (G); 2, G. P. Lloyd (B); 3, G. C. Robinson (W). Height, 5 ft. 4½ ins.
Putting the Weight.—I. H. Robinson (W). Distance, 29 ft.
Throwing the Discus.—P. H. Guest (B). Distance, 94 ft. 7 ins.
Throwing the Javelin.—I. H. Robinson (W). Distance, 117 ft.
Pole Vault.—G. C. Robinson (W). Height, 8 ft. 6 ins.

## UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—M. R. S. J. Mackey (C). Time, 12.5 secs.
220 Yards.—M. R. S. J. Mackey (C). Time, 26.1 secs.
440 Yards.—M. R. S. J. Mackey (C). Time, 55.2 secs.
880 Yards.—J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W). Time, 2 mins 24.9 secs.
Three-Quarter Mile.—J. J. Asbury-Bailey. Time, 3 mins. 45.7 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles.—P. B. Buchanan (W). Time, 19.1 secs.
Long Jump.—R. W. Shirley (T). Distance, 18 ft. 6½ ins.
High Jump.—F. D. A. Binns (W). Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.
Putting the Weight.—P. M. Young (C). Distance, 37 ft. 2 ins.



## UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—D. S. Withers (G). Time, 13.1 secs.  
 220 Yards.—D. S. Withers (G). Time, 28.7 secs.  
 880 Yards.—R. A. Roxburgh (W). Time, 2 mins. 30.4 secs.  
 75 Yards Hurdles.—D. S. Withers (G). Time, 12.2 secs.  
 Long Jump.—L. R. S. Marler (G). Distance, 14 ft. 4½ ins.  
 High Jump.—A. C. B. Chancellor (C). Height, 4 ft. 1 in.

House points were as follows:—

1, Walpole, 114; 2, Bruce, 87; 3, Grenville, 78½; 4, Chatham, 55; 5, Chandos, 41; 6, Temple, 25½; 7, Grafton, 23½; 8, Cobham, 7½.

## THE RELAYS

The Relays, like the Sports, were a competition chiefly between Bruce and Walpole, the victors on this occasion being Bruce. The general standard was quite high, and several of the races were contested very keenly. The Half-mile, in which, perhaps, the best time was done, was won very easily by Walpole, the Robinsons both running in this. The only other item worthy of note was G. P. Lloyd's (B) unexpected victory in the Mile.

The results were:—

		Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
100 Yards	49.7 secs.	6	7	3	0	1	2	4	5
Hurdles	58.2 secs.	6	2	5	1	4	3	0	7
220 Yards	1 min. 49.2 secs.	6	3	5	2	4	1	7	0
440 Yards	4 mins. 2.2 secs.	7	0	2	5	1	4	3	6
Half-Mile	9 mins. 14.4 secs.	2	0	3	1	5	6	4	7
Composite Mile	4 mins. 7.4 secs.	7	4	5	0	3	6	1	2
Points		34	16	23	9	18	22	19	27
Place		1	7	3	8	6	4	5	2

## THE LIBRARY

Of the many books added this term the majority were from the library of the late Mr. Gilling-Lax. Some books of documentary value (including the published Grenville Correspondence, the Wraxall Memoirs, and an almost complete set of the Gentleman's Magazine) were bought at the sale of the late Admiral Purefoy's library at Shalstone Manor; other books have been presented by Sir R. Croom-Johnson, Mrs. Fleischmann, The Headmaster, Major Belcher, Mr. Playford and N. C. Davison (G, 1944).

Representatives of Stowe Library were enabled to see over H.M. the King's Library at Windsor Castle through the kindness of Sir Owen Morshead, the Librarian of the Castle.

C.L.B.

## JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeant D. V. Palmer (C).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals P. J. Foord (G), A. J. Macmillan (C), C. G. Dealtry (B), M. G. Manton (C), P. J. S. Mackay (T).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals D. E. Watson (G), A. G. R. Atkins (G), P. R. Perceval (T), I. H. Robinson (W), J. E. H. Russell (B), J. S. B. Gubbins (T), G. P. Lloyd (B), J. V. Bartlett (T), M. J. A. Davies (T), H. A. S. Murray (C) and Cadets C. B. S. Dawson (C), G. P. Wright (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets A. M. Western (C), J. V. Nicholl (G), R. J. Havard (C), J. R. Freeland (C), P. H. Guest (B), J. J. White (B), A. M. Cathcart (T), J. M. Lewis (T), R. K. Kurk (G), A. P. T. Wykeham-Fiennes (C), A. G. Maclean (T), C. B. H. Gill (G), G. D. E. Lutyens-Humfrey (C), P. D. Lloyd (T), J. A. R. Anson (G), K. L. Farrar (G), R. C. B. Chancellor (C), N. J. Philon (C), J. D. Granger (C), D. C. Bakirgian (C).

A total of 67 Recruits, of whom 9 started training at a more advanced level, raised the strength of the Contingent this term to 370 cadets. Results of the March Certificate "A" examinations were that 55 out of 77 candidates passed the "Individual" and 16 out of 25 the "Section Leader's" tests.

## PRIZES

Best candidate for War Certificate "A" (Individual), March 1944:—A. J. O. Ritchie (T).  
 Best candidate for War Certificate "A" (Section Leader's), March 1944:—J. M. Lewis (T).

## TRAINING

## NAVAL SECTION

The Naval Section came into being, as a definite unit, on May 3rd, with a strength of 51 cadets.

The Section continues to be an integral part of the J.T.C. Contingent in all matters except that of training.

Leading Seaman A. J. Roberts was appointed Instructor, with the rating of Chief Petty Officer. He met with a tragic end by accidental drowning in the Lake on May 23rd.

Since then, apart from the visit of a Naval Officer from the Naval Centre, Oxford, once a week, training has been in the hands of the cadet leaders of the four squads, into which the Section has been organized. They are:—M. G. Manton (C), J. S. B. Gubbins (T), C. B. S. Dawson (C) and G. P. Wright (C). The training of the Section has been based on the syllabus for advancement to Cadet A.B. An examination will be held this term.

## GENERAL

The syllabus of the N.C.O.'s Class, originally for Weapon Training, has been extended to include Map Reading and the I.C. Engine.

Two whole-day exercises were held in June. These mostly took place in the School grounds, but the Survey Section and the Recruits went farther afield. The work was varied both as regards the type of training attempted at each stage and also each platoon's programme during the day. We were lucky with the weather, and arrangements worked smoothly, a good performance being put up by cadets and directing staff alike. The fact that the first day happened to be "D Day" heightened the military atmosphere considerably, and much was expected of the Signallers.

On June 13th Major Hutton talked to the Contingent on the Burma Campaign. It was a most interesting account of his personal experience; he soon put his audience into the picture and vividly described this type of fighting against a background of life in the jungle.

Apart from the weekly training of Home Guard recruits, there was a Saturday in May when the Platoon acted as Saboteurs during a company operational exercise. The night was full of profitable incidents; sandwiches and an early hot breakfast satisfied hunger; and the march back from Buckingham went well.

## A.T.C. NOTES

Immediately after the end of the Easter Term a small party of cadets and two officers went into camp at the parent R.A.F. Station. The weather was unfavourable but all members of the party had some flying during the first two days. The remainder of the time was spent in visiting various sections of the Station and attending lectures with practical work on Armament, Airmanship, Navigation and Meteorology, and receiving instruction on the Link Trainers, Bombing Teacher and Signals. The highlight of an instructive week was undoubtedly a lecture devoted to Intelligence work which concluded with a mock briefing for a raid on Stuttgart, given by the Intelligence Officer who had made all the arrangements for the Camp.

As a result of the Advanced Training Examination held in February, two cadets completed this part of their training by passing in Navigation and Meteorology and one took, and passed in, all subjects. Five cadets took papers in Recognition, Law and Discipline, Hygiene, Principles of Flight and Engines, and passed. In the examination held in June, the results of which are awaited, these cadets and two others took the remaining papers in Navigation and Meteorology, while seven were entered in Recognition, Hygiene, Principles of Flight and Engines.

On the dates chosen by the J.T.C. for Whole-Day Training, arrangements were made for A.T.C. Cadets to visit various R.A.F. Stations. The sudden arrival of D-Day interfered to some extent with the plans for the first day but on the second occasion no less than thirty cadets had some flying and there are now very few in the unit who have not been airborne.

Eleven N.C.Os. and Leading Cadets have been acting as Instructors for Preliminary Phase and Proficiency Part I during the term.

Leading Cadets M. R. G. Eyre (G) and D. B. Morgan-Grenville (W) have been accepted for an N.C.O's. course during August.

*Flight-Sergeant*: R. F. Wright (G).

*Sergeants*: A. W. Mosselms (C), F. B. Maxwell (C), A. J. Wells (C).

*Corporals*: P. Morris-Johnson (G), C. Lyle (B), P. G. Shepherd (C), B. A. Stewart (B), M. S. Withers (G).

## CEDRUS LIBANI VAR. ?

A curious Cedar grows at the top end of the Grecian Valley on the right-hand side approaching the Bourbon Field. It resembles a giant specimen of the dwarf artificially-stunted Japanese trees one used to be able to buy in pots; its height is between 55 and 60 feet, the horizontal span of its branches is about 65 feet in one direction and 45 feet in the other, and the circumference of its bole (before it starts to fork, which it does very low down) is about 12 feet.

Mr. F. R. S. Balfour of Dawyck and Mr. A. Bruce Jackson of Kew are of the opinion that the tree is unique in habit, and that it would probably come true from cuttings or grafts. On the other hand, Mr. H. G. Hillier, of Winchester, considers that the tree assumed its picturesque form either because a combination of local factors such as soil and exposure inhibited its normal development or because when it was young its terminal shoots were repeatedly eaten off by animals. He thinks, therefore, that trees raised from this specimen would not show the characteristic habit of the parent tree.

We are anxious to experiment under as widely different conditions as we can, and should be grateful for help. If anyone is interested and would write to Mr. W. E. Capel Cure, we would arrange to send twigs for cuttings in the autumn or for grafting at any time asked for.

Photographs of the tree appear on another page of this issue.

## POETRY

## SUMMER SONNET

The distance quivers in a haze of heat.  
Shy sycamores slope swiftly to the air,  
And grassy fields shine greenly to the glare  
Of dappled sunlight playing on the feet  
Of graceful beeches. Here, from this white seat,  
Let us enjoy the hour of beauty rare;  
Where flowering hedges cross the barley fair,  
And poppies show red faces through the wheat.  
How snug the straw-thatched cottage rests below  
And nestles to the slope its white-washed walls;  
How sweet the tinkling sound when waters flow  
Busily onward over mossy falls.  
See where in sheltered nook the foxgloves grow:  
There, 'neath the oak tree, where the blackbird calls.

J.V.B.

## LONDON 1940

We lie in the darkness and listen to the bombers that fly overhead.  
From spinning-wheels in heaven hums a noise to awaken the dead.  
Restless, round the galaxy, go insects in busy swarms.  
Then tumbles a load into brickwork and cringing human forms.

We know the sickening whistle of dynamite and steel  
For which this carcase's weakness has an intense appeal.  
The house bows down to the blast and shudders like one in pain.  
That was not meant for us, so we wait till it whistles again.

But we can smile in the darkness, beleaguered, because we know  
There are things far worse, and more subtle, than ever the death-rolls show.  
It is not the Gestapo's weapon that is brandished in German hands.  
Spite all, we have still the spirit they have broken in other lands.

NORDAHL GRIEG (Trans. E.H.G.-H.)

## COWCAVIARE

One day I passed a large green field, and in the midst thereof I saw a cow, a large flappy brown cow with ears like toadstools and a tail as long as a Gymnasium rope, with a back-splice in the end. The cow wore battledress with brass buttons and was smoking a hookah. It was singing "Jerusalem the Golden," in a falsetto voice. (I was not amazed. Cows can do anything. My buttons are compressed cow and my shoes are the cow's outside. I drink liquid cow at breakfast and eat solid cow at lunch. My chair is held together by boiled cow).

The cow waved a desultory gold-plated diamond-studded hoof in the air, and declared in a voice as smooth as margarine and as rich as Lyle's Golden Syrup, "Hail, conqueror! Peace be upon thee, great Sheikh of the desert! My armies are returning from the conquest of Samarkand, city of the East. They are bringing me gold and vanadium ore, and buttons and other haberdashery. They bring me bananas and camel-hair coats." The cow faded away, and in its place appeared a half-full cup of best Stowe milk. My chair was disintegrating, my shoes in pieces and my buttons broken. We had pork for lunch.

R.M.M.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

There have been two debates this term, in which marked enthusiasm amply compensated for some lack of the niceties of debating skill.

The Officers for this term were :—President, Mr. J. M. Todd ; Secretary, A. G. H. Melly (C) ; Treasurer, G. P. Lloyd (B) ; Librarian, C. L. Brook (C) ; ex-Secretary, G. C. Neale (C).

On June 7th a full house assembled in the Library for the 158th meeting of the Society to debate the motion "That this House do intend to hand in its resignation from the J. T. Corps on the first day of peace."

G. P. LLOYD (B), as a good debater should, sought for and with icy satisfaction held up for the House's inspection several alleged botches in the military machine.

MR. A. G. ARCHER gave a reasoned and serious turn to a debate which might otherwise have been somewhat flippant, but his most startling contribution was an assertion of the fun to be found in "belly-crawling."

G. C. NEALE (C) made the most brilliantly amusing speech of the evening. Using his powers of satire to the full he built up his own whimsical conception of an organization which displays its pale violet notices above a famous signature.

A. J. MACMILLAN (C) spoke clearly and distinctly. His speech, like Mr. Archer's, swayed to his side many of the thinking section of the House, and also perhaps those who were hoping for promotions at half-term (a point which was driven home by a later speaker).

A brisk and echoing debate ensued, the greatest good humour being shown on both sides. The motion was won in the Upper House by 9 votes to 8, and lost in the Lower House by 42 votes to 24.

The 159th meeting of the Society was held on July 5th, the motion being "That this House thinks that if the School will not watch its matches voluntarily it should be made to watch them."

A. W. B. HAYWARD (G) proposed the motion, mixing baroque oratory with the sentiments of the "There's nothing like a good tub after a hard game of rugger" school.

C. S. O'D. SCOTT (B) opposed the motion with a speech which was a dazzling example of deliberately perverted logic. He was very funny, and an education in himself.

C. H. BLAMEY (C) delighted the House with a speech in his own inimitable manner. The House greatly appreciated his marked school spirit.

A. W. MOSSELMANS (C) spoke fourth, finding the speeches on the other side somewhat hypocritical.

The rest of the debate was curate's-eggish. The motion was lost in the Upper House by 4 votes, and in the Lower House by 19 votes.

The following have been elected members of the Society during the term :—F. E. Kitson (C), A. W. Murdoch (T), J. A. C. Forbes-Semphill (C), A. W. B. Hayward (G), J. M. Bryan (T), M. G. A. Manley (C), N. J. Philon (C), A. J. Macmillan (C), J. E. H. Russell (B), N. A. H. Ker (G).

A.G.H.M.

## MUSIC

We have had one concert this term, a piano recital by Louis Kentner on June 28th. The programme included a Schubert Sonata, all four Chopin Ballades, and the Brahms Variations on a theme of Paganini. It was an inspiring performance by a master of technique.

The Orchestra is playing Beethoven's 1st Symphony, Overture to Egmont, "Praeludium," by Jarnefelt, and the March from "Things to Come," by Bliss. This last work is an interesting departure from our usual line of country, but enthusiasm about it is confined mainly to the brass and percussion sections. Attendances have been poor on the whole this term, and it is to be feared that illness and cricket cannot account for all of this ; however, it is expected that the Orchestra will give a concert towards the end of the term.

The Choral Society is doing "Blest Pair of Sirens," by Parry, with the Orchestra, and some Plantation Songs.

The J.T.C. Band gave a concert recently, in which they more than maintained the very creditable standard of ensemble playing which they set last term, although still hindered by the same difficulties in the way of rehearsals.

The House Music Competitions were held near the end of last term and were judged by Dr. Leslie Russell, the Musical Adviser to the County of Bucks. The results were as follows :—

*Singing*—1st, Chandos ; 2nd, Temple ; 3rd, Grafton.

*Instrumental*—1st, Grenville ; 2nd, Bruce ; 3rd equal, Chandos and Walpole.

*Solo Piano*—Advanced Grade: B. K. T. Barton (C) and O. G. Taylor (C) (equal) ; Middle Grade: A. G. Maclean (C) ; First Year, M. Birkett (T). *Strings*: A. S. Hubbard (T). *Woodwind*: G. L. E. Spier (G). *Brass*: A. W. Mosselmans (C).

## "MEN IN SHADOW"

It was a new departure for the Dramatic Club to undertake a play devoid of intellectual pretensions. There was no name like Shaw or Shakespeare to compel appreciation, no poetry or philosophizing to substitute for acting, and precious little wit to fob off incapacity or to flatter an audience. The play was suffused with that most difficult stage-emotion, courage: in so far as it was anything of the sort it was a heavily biassed study of that quality, raising no issues, concerned simply to advertise. In the background loomed the inevitable panegyric clichés on Democracy.

Obviously it was not to be judged along those lines. Obviously it was intended as an exciting topical story and no more. Since it did not point a moral it must tell a tale: since it could not be clever it must needs convince. The entire burden thus fell upon the actors and their actions, upon the production as such. Most successfully was this realized in the setting of the play, the most effective seen here for a long time. It could concentrate on pure realism, whereas in most Stowe productions a crookedly compromised formalism has been employed. The only fault was the view, through a window, of the sky, which remained a bright emerald green throughout. In other respects the production was snappy and efficient: the carpentry and C. L. Brook (C), who was also producer, seemed miraculously tough, the latter also very agile as he leapt from floor to ceiling. His portrayal of Lew, the central figure of the play, was extremely polished and clever but just a shade too restrained: he was, after all, the hero, and there was a danger of this losing its significance beside the very powerful acting of R. E. S. McKibbin (C), as Mordan, a pilot with both legs broken, who maintained a high and admirably consistent intensity of feeling from floor-level—an extraordinary feat. A. G. H. Melly (C) was as convincing as possible in the badly-written cockney part of Kenny. S. D. M. Robertson (B), as Polly, had perhaps the most difficult part of all, and sounded very hollow in his perpetual heartiness: Melly and he were at their best when being funny.

R. J. Havard's (C) Moy seemed very adequately French, and M. G. Manton's (C) Ernshaw was cleverly accurate in a slightly too correct German conception of English bonhomie. C. H. Blamey (C) was, like Melly, handicapped by a feeble Cockney part; his Commando Soldier seemed, however, solid. W. C. O. Munks (C) as Chérie was a trifle wooden, but very dignified. A German Soldier was played with great gusto, relish and probable accuracy by A. W. Mosselmans (C) but his telling confidence was insufficiently echoed by the other Germans, C. M. Mosselmans (C) and W. M. Browne (C), who nevertheless managed to look Teutonic. Finally, particular mention must be made of the acting of Brook and McKibbin in the last scene, which succeeded in maintaining an effective state of tension right to the end.

As a whole this production was in every respect of a very high standard. Yet the fundamental difficulty of being sincere in the slang of another existing and fighting community, and especially where courage is concerned, is surely insurmountable by the amateur. Brook and Mr. Dams, the actors, and those behind the scenes, achieved a great measure of success: they were not assisted by material whose sole requirements were slickness and professionalism, by a play which set out to tell a story and at the end left the situation almost exactly as before, except for killing off a minor character or two. If it was intended as a psychological study it was singularly shallow. But if it has achieved nothing else, it should prove an exceedingly good stimulant to the abilities of the Dramatic Club.

G.C.N.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

95, FRAMPTON STREET,  
LONDON, N.W.8.

July 1944.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

Attendance continues to be excellent. The result of the Hobbies Section particularly shows great improvement, more care being taken with the finish of the work. It is a class open to all boys who have learned their Arts and Crafts under the instructor, and includes carpentry, lino-cuts, fretwork, drawing, painting and engraving. Boot-repairing also shows up well.

Camps have been most successful, and a large cycling club helps this along. Each weekend sees parties go off to Hurley, Cookham, East Grinstead and Sevenoaks. It has been arranged to have a week's camp in August.

Several 16-year-old members are taking full training courses with the N.A.B.C., and it is hoped that these fellows may be able at 18 to take an active part in our Club's post-war planning.

The loss of Mr. French's help in March, much regretted by us all, has left me single-handed in running the Club. But I am still able to give advice and vocational guidance to many boys. At present we have a record number attending Evening Classes—a good sign. Others at 16 years plus pass on to the various Pre-service Units, and it is sad to state that all our really good boxers are in the A.T.C.; although they never fail to visit us and retain membership of the Club.

Many Old Boys have been doing well in the war, and my post-bag frequently contains interesting letters from some of the 200 serving.

A Youth Festival has taken place in the Borough of St. Marylebone recently and, as usual, we have plenty of work to exhibit. Shortly there will be a swimming and athletic meeting of interest to many of our lads. The younger element is proving of good stuff.

The whole Club studied with great interest the coming of age of Stowe as a school. Through the medium of this letter we wish to offer our congratulations and sincere gratitude to all the staff, boys and Old Stoics who have made our Club possible. We hope to be able to renew personal associations in the very near future.

Our best wishes once again to the School.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. CREWDSON (*Warden*).

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### ART SCHOOL

This term an exhibition is to be held, and from what has been done already it is not too much to expect it to be of a reasonably high standard.

G. C. Neale (C) has done but two oils so far, but his sense of exquisite colour, his feeling for design and the rather bitter humour running right through his works make these two by themselves a great deal more valuable than a score of pictures by most other people.

T. C. P. Whidborne (T) has developed an entirely individual style of his own which links most successfully a remarkable feeling for unity and balance with an almost lyrical range of colour.

A. G. H. Melly (C) is at his best when he is at his most literary. The pictures he painted in the holidays, for instance, of three Victorian interiors are far preferable to the two slightly depressing still-lives done so far this term. Perhaps his most successful work has been three decorative door-panels painted on glass.

J. V. Owen (T) has continued to paint those gouaches of ships and landscapes which are so excellent as to need no embellishing.

O. Campion (W) shows great promise for the near future, while G. P. Lewis (B) has proved himself a water-colourist of considerable ability.

A.G.H.M.

### THE SYMPOSIUM

Three meetings have been held this term and there is to be one more in a week or so. I. B. Church (W) early in the term read a clear and logical paper on 20th Century Science. The arguments of the scientist for scientific thought were particularly well expressed.

Three weeks later J. J. Davis (T) treated the Society to a violent anti-communist harangue which was as picturesque in its choice of phrase as in its acid, if theatrical, content.

Lastly, T. C. P. Whidborne (T) read to the Society his fluent and admirable paper on the Pre-Raphaelites, after which some of the brotherhood's more Gothic works were circulated among the members of the Society.

A.G.H.M.

### THE DRAMATIC CLUB

The Club has chosen plays written in the inter-war period to read during this term. *Bill of Divorcement*, by Clemence Dane, *R.U.R.*, by Karel Capek, and *Journey's End*, by R. C. Sheriff, have been read so far this term. It is hoped to read *Conquering Hero*, by Allan Monkhouse, and *Murder in The Cathedral*, by T. S. Eliot, before the end of term.

J.D.-S.

### THE XII CLUB

So far there have been two meetings this term. On June 2nd, the Secretary (C) read a paper called "The Poetry of Eliot." On June 16th, D. V. Palmer (C) read a paper on Wellington. Later on, D. L. Pike (G) will be heard on Garibaldi.

G.C.N.

### THE VITRUVIANS

The term's activity has consisted of a simple but vivid talk by Mr. Todd on "Bridges"; a poorly attended expedition to Aynho; and a lecture on "Pre-fabricated Houses" by G. L. E. Spier (G). Another expedition to Sulgrave Manor was arranged but could not take place.

A.G.R.A.

## THE MICROPLOTS

Work has proceeded on the microplots during the term. The pea crop will be harvested before the end of July, but the yield will not come up to expectation. All seeds were washed in a mixture of red lead and paraffin as a precaution against attacks by birds and mice, but some of the plots suffered severely nevertheless. The appearance of the crop during the early part of the term showed such a marked gradient from north to south that a rough estimate of certain features was made, in order to see if there were any correlation between gradient and manures. Each plot was marked out of 5 for number of plants, number of flowers, general development, colour and disease, by five members of the Agricultural side working independently. Except for disease, which was almost non-existent, the marks for the plots bore out the impression of a gradient. When compared with the arrangement of the manures it was found that Birmingham sludge was clearly the least effective of all the other manures, including the control with no manures at all, and that dung was the most effective. The final results will be seen when the crop has been harvested and the weights compared. As a result of these preliminary biological observations soil tests have been started, and already there seems to be some difference between the soils in the plots, though the tests have not proceeded very far.

The main crop of potatoes (Majestic) on the other set of microplots has shown signs of blight, but has now been sprayed with Bordeaux mixture, and will be twice more before the end of the term.

Twenty-five marrow plants have been planted on some spare plots; also some leeks and a small quantity of Mushroom spawn.

The six microplots in front of the laboratories are now running smoothly as a miniature garden, except that peas and broad beans failed almost completely despite the use of red lead and coverings of thread. Report has it that the failure of some strains of peas is a common occurrence this year.

B.A.B.

## LATE NEWS

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES : Grafton beat Chatham in the Final.

J.T.C. DRILL COMPETITION : The Coldstream Cup was won by Grafton, Chatham being second.

P.T. COMPETITION : The winners were Temple.

SWIMMING RELAYS : The Elkington Cup was won by Chatham.

LAWN TENNIS : The Mornington Singles Cup was won by K. W. Milligan (C), who beat C. L. Brook (C), 6-3, 9-7.



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IN THE MARQUEE

[A.C.R.]



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BEFORE PLANTING A CEDAR  
VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, JULY 1ST 1938

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J.F.R.

