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THOUGHTS ON THE ANTE-LIBRARY TABLE

*“Masculine will only be
Things that you can touch or see.”*

IT is an age of waffle. Biro is scarcely put to paper except to give the world somebody's views on something—preferably the atom bomb. It is time, one feels, to write of the solid and the tangible; so let us take as subject the Ante-Library table, discovered to possess both these attributes when inadvertently walked into the other morning.

The Ante-Library table measures twelve feet by five feet seven inches, and thus covers an area of sixty-seven square feet. It is, that is to say, a substantial table; not one of your slender drawing-room ‘morceaux,’ treacherous tables that are easily turned, but a table fit to bring down one's fist on. Its legs are six and a quarter inches thick. Without it the Ante-Library would look a trifle silly. It is in any case an uneasy room, not sure whether it is a room or a passage and trying rather unsuccessfully to be both. In fact the only justification it can produce for itself is that it contains the Ante-Library table. The latter occupies that place so dear to the house agent—a central position. Hundreds pass and re-pass it every day. They give it no thought. But no matter; tables, it is well-known, care little for the public eye. Having done all, they are content to stand. This is in any case a rare enough achievement in the twentieth century, when man is forever risking his neck and his blood-pressure to save five minutes, for which, when saved, he has not the slightest use.

But there is more to the table than this. It renders the community this important service: it supplies an element of chance. Anyone who has left his books on it for ten minutes will testify to this. At 5 o'clock, perhaps, you deposit "Bones and Anatomical Structure"; at 5.4 the table is bare but for a handsomely bound "Handbook of English Coniferae." It is thus that a healthy general education is ensured and the dangers of overspecialization are combatted. But, more than this, in spite of the extreme hazardousness of the habit and all the arguments to the contrary, books in large quantities continue to be left on the Ante-Library table. The spirit of adventure, the willingness to take risks, is not dead.

It is a great table and almost worthy of the forming of an anti-Library Society to meet on it. Sitting on its broad rim one can watch the world go, or if the five-minute bell has rung, hurtle by. There could be no better vantage point from which to observe human nature. It is pleasant, too, to lean back pensively and contemplate the Ante-Library ceiling. It is not an impressive ceiling, not even a clean one, but it can be contemplated with equanimity. Here, if anywhere, one can let the imagination freely soar; while the friendly but firm pressure of sixty-seven square feet of polished wood beneath keeps one down to earth and at the same time about three feet above it. It is the place for thoughts. Not everyone has much use for thoughts. But for those who have this is where to have them.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in commemoration of the 266 Old Stoics who lost their lives in the war was held at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, on Wednesday, 10th July. It was largely attended. The service included hymns well-known to Stoics—"How bright these glorious spirits shine" sung to "Ballerna," "O valiant hearts" sung to "Ellers," and "Be still, my soul" sung to "Finlandia." The lesson (Wisdom iii, 1-9) was read by the Headmaster. The anthem was Brahms' "How Lovely is Thy dwelling place." The prayers were read by the Rev. H. B. Playford and the address was given by the Rev. K. H. Thorneycroft, Vicar of St. Mark's. The Organ Voluntary was played by Dr. Huggins.

" Moss "

Mr. William James Thomas died of a heart-attack on April 29th, 1946, at the age of forty-nine. He was buried beside Stowe Church on May 4th, being seen to his grave by everyone connected with Stowe who was here or could make the journey.

Moss was a Stowe institution. He came here when the school opened to be Manager of the Shop (and head groundsman, too, till the double burden became too heavy) and for twenty-three years he provided Stoics with games-gear, good things to eat and the counsels of a friend. Everyone who knew Stowe knew him—and knew him by the affectionate monosyllable which was his Stowe name from the first. He gave to the place an unmeasured devotion which carried him through many a difficult period and which was rewarded by the trust and regard of the generations of Stoics which succeeded each other at his counter.

Those of us who came to know him most intimately found in him not only the loyalty, patience and good humour which were apparent to everybody, but also an inner integrity and a natural generosity of feeling which warmed the heart.

Old Stoics regarded a visit to Moss as an important part of their pleasure in returning to the school, and those who had been long away were delighted by his quick recognition of them and by his inexhaustible memories. In the difficult business of fitting names to faces and personal histories to names he was without equal. He seemed to know everyone who came, however much he had changed, and was always ready with an appropriate greeting.

The whole Stowe community was his province and everyone who had been here was his friend. Everything that concerned the school concerned him. The school's success was his happiness, and when there were disappointments he felt them as his own. He was indeed a part of Stowe.

THE AVENUE

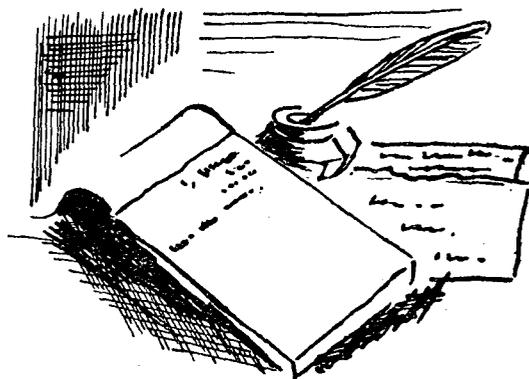
When the house and park of Stowe were bought by the Governors of what was to become Stowe School, it proved impossible to include in the purchase that part of the avenue known as the Straight Course, which runs due east from the Boycott Pavilions. During the war the trees, which were in any case already old and failing, were compulsorily felled, with the result that the whole area became very unsightly for a time. After prolonged negotiations the Straight Course has now been purchased from our neighbour and presented to the school. The donor is J. N. Buchanan, Esq., D.S.O., M.C., a Governor of Stowe, who has associated his gift with the names of his three sons :—

J. D. BUCHANAN (W, 1935), Lieutenant-Colonel, M.B.E., Grenadier Guards ;

A. G. BUCHANAN (W, 1937), Lieutenant, Grenadier Guards (killed in action in Libya, March 1943) ;

P. A. BUCHANAN (W, 1940), Captain, Grenadier Guards.

The work of clearing the ground for replanting has begun, but is still being retarded by lack of labour. It will be pushed on as rapidly as possible.



DECORATIONS

D.S.C.

LIEUTENANT D. H. BOOTH (B, 1930), R.N.V.R.

M.C.

MAJOR N. D. CLIVE (T, 1935), Middlesex Yeomanry.

CAPTAIN M. C. WATSON (T, 1936), 17th/21st Lancers.

MAJOR E. G. GILBERT (B, 1937), Royal Engineers.

LIEUTENANT E. P. HICKLING (C, 1941), Scots Guards.

M.B.E.

MAJOR C. R. INSTONE (C, 1926), R.A.C.

CAPTAIN C. G. MURRAY (C, 1927), Royal Artillery.

SQUADRON LEADER R. W. McDOWELL (G, 1929), R.A.F.

SQUADRON LEADER H. S. GRIFFITHS, D.F.C. (G, 1930), R.A.F.V.R.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT P. A. PENNANT-REA (G, 1930), R.A.F.

MAJOR A. R. F. B. BRETT (C, 1932), The Black Watch.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. W. TORRANCE (G, 1933), Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

MAJOR B. C. BRIANT (B, 1935), Intelligence Corps.

CAPTAIN R. B. McGRIGOR (W, 1937), R.A.M.C.

O.B.E.

LIEUT.-COLONEL D. M. BAKER (G, 1933), R.A.M.C.

LIEUT.-COLONEL N. G. ANNAN (T, 1935), Intelligence Corps.

BRONZE STAR (U.S.A.)

LIEUT.-COMMANDER G. M. WOLFE (G, 1929), R.N.

LIEUTENANT A. R. LITTON (G, 1930), Corps of Signals, U.S. Army.

LIEUTENANT J. D. R. HAYWARD (G, 1942), 27th Lancers.

CASUALTIES

KILLED

PRIVATE E. R. ALLEN (G, 1931), S.S.V.F. (P.O.W.).

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT E. A. HARDING (B, 1942), R.A.F.V.R., as a result of a flying accident on April 26th, 1946.

LIEUTENANT J. D. DAVIDSON (C, 1933), Hong Kong and Singapore Regiment (P.O.W.).

PILOT-OFFICER C. H. ROBINSON (G, 1935), R.A.F.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1946.

Prefects :—A. J. O. Ritchie (T), Head of the School ; G. P. Lewis (B), Second Prefect ; R. P. Marshall (C), Prefect of Chapel ; A. N. Griffith (B), Prefect of Library ; E. C. Skepper (T), Prefect of Gymnasium ; W. L. N. Brinson (C) ; J. O. Arnold (S) ; G. F. Armitage (W) ; R. M. Macnaughton (C) ; C. A. Hancox (G) ; G. J. Chibbett (C) ; J. B. More (C).

Cricket :—Captain, M. E. J. FitzGerald (S) ; Secretary, P. M. Young (C).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain, G. J. Chibbett (C).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—May 19th, The Rev. Canon Anthony Otter, Vicar of Lowdham, Notts ; May 26th, The Venerable K. C. H. Warner, Archdeacon of Lincoln ; June 2nd, The Rt. Rev. Alfred Rose, Bishop of Dover ; June 16th, The Ven. C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland ; July 7th, The Rev. Canon R. W. Howard, Master of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford ; July 14th, The Rev. T. Wingfield-Heale, O.B.E., Conduct of Eton.

Chapel Collections this term have been as follows :—May 12th, For the Pineapple, £28 2s. 3d. ; June 9th, for the Archbishops' "China Appeal," £26 1s. od. ; July 7th, for the Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa Training Ship, £26 10s. od. ; July 21st, for the Royal Cancer Hospital, £22 14s. 4d.

The Summer Exeat, which was instituted only a short while before the war, was revived this year after a lapse of seven years. It lasted from lunch-time on Friday, June 21st, until the evening of Monday, June 24th. About twenty members of the School remained and enjoyed the week-end at Stowe.

Mr. B. E. N. Fawcett, who joined the staff in 1937, and who during the war acted both as History Tutor (in the absence of Mr. McElwee) and as Master in charge of Cricket (in the absence of Mr. Cawston),

has been appointed to the Headmastership of Rishworth School, Yorkshire. He is to take up his appointment in September.

The birth is announced of twin daughters to Mrs. D. I. Brown, in January ; of a son to Mrs. A. J. Chapman, on March 18th ; of a son to Mrs. E. H. Boyd, on May 16th ; and of a son to Mrs. A. A. Negus, on June 8th.

The Rugby Football match between the First Fifteen and the Old Stoics will take place at Stowe on either Wednesday, November 27th, or Saturday, November 30th. A. D. Thomson will captain the Old Stoics. Anyone who wishes to play should write to him at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize for the best Prefect of the year has been awarded to A. J. O. Ritchie (T).

The Bruxner-Randall Memorial Prize for the best Monitor of the year has been awarded to M. D. K. Burns (B).

J. R. Plincke (T) has been awarded an Entrance Scholarship at the Architectural Association School of Architecture, London.

The following 1st M.B. results have been announced from Cambridge : Pt. I, W. L. N. Brinson (C) ; Pt. II, R. A. Roxburgh (W), J. D. R. Whitley (W), D. S. Withers (G) ; Pt. III, W. L. N. Brinson (C), J. D. Vernon (S).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows :—

1st XI. :—M. R. de B. Bate (W), W. L. N. Brinson (C), J. J. Crossley (G), re-awarded ; M. D. T. Loup (T), D. A. MacL. Connell (G), C. A. Hancox (G), A. J. Struthers (C), A. T. V. B. Bik (C).

2nd XI. :—A. J. O. Ritchie (T), M. D. J. McDiarmid (W), H. D. W. Rhodes (C), P. D. Haigh (C), N. J. R. J. Mitchell (W), P. V. Rycroft (C).

3rd XI. :—S. B. Cunningham (T), J. H. Bourdon Smith (S), M. Birkett (T), W. C. O. Munks (C), D. C. A. Lloyd (C), W. M. K. Nash (C), C. A. Wauhope (C), S. B. Lloyd (C).

Colts' Caps :—O. B. Sayer (T), D. E. Conington (B), J. F. Conington (B), re-awarded; C. H. Bradly (B), W. R. G. Short (G), F. J. Pearce (B), P. M. Dempster (B), J. M. Shinner (B), M. D. Cobham (G), T. R. Lambert (G), G. L. D. Duckworth (Q).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded as follows :—G. J. Chibbett (C), J. J. Crossley (G) (re-awarded); R. H. S. Harris (C), C. M. Mosselms (C), J. W. A. Downing (T), R. J. Broadley (W).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to R. W. Shirley (T), D. G. Airey (Q), O. Dansie (Q).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1945-46

BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	A. J. O. Ritchie (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	M. Birkett (T)
JUNIOR READING PRIZE :	H. T. Bowles (T)
PETERS BONE PRIZE :	M. Birkett (T)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZE FOR ENGLISH SPEECH— <i>Senior, 1st</i> :	Not awarded
<i>2nd</i> :	S. D. M. Robertson (B)
<i>Junior</i> :	G. R. A. Miskin (W)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	No Entry
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Translation) :	A. C. Eastgate (C)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN— <i>Essay</i> :	No Entry
<i>Prose</i> :	A. C. Eastgate (C)
PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	G. R. A. Miskin (W)
J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES— <i>Senior</i> :	G. L. E. Spier (G)
<i>Junior</i> :	M. Birkett (T)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	H. A. Chapple (C)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	Not awarded
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :	A. P. Clark (G)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	J. D. Lloyd (B)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	R. G. A. Pearce (B)
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	A. N. Griffith (B)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	J. O. Arnold (G)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School) :	Not yet awarded
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	G. P. Lewis (B)

STOWE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1946

- R. J. RUHEMANN (A. H. Richardson, Beaudesert Park, Minchinhampton, Glos.)
 S. E. DIGBY (Captain H. C. Lloyd, Woodlands, Deganwy, N. Wales).
 C. C. MALDEN (C. Scott Malden, Windlesham House School, Highden, Washington, Sussex).
 A. VINEN (A. A. Wallis, Ashdown House, Forest Row, Sussex).
 C. G. GREENLAW (H. R. M. Foster, Stubbington House School, Fareham, Hants.).
 P. MACD. SALT (J. F. Evans, Summer Fields, near Oxford).
 P. G. DENNISON (B. C. Gadney, Malsis Hall, Crosshills, near Keighley).
 M. C. CAIGER-SMITH (M. de Wharton Burr, Belmont School, Hassocks, Sussex).

OLIM ALUMNI

- D. R. BARBOUR (C, 1938) has been awarded a First Class in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos at Cambridge. He has also been elected to a Senior Scholarship at Trinity College.
- R. A. L. BLACK (G, 1938), has been awarded a First Class in Science in his Final Honours Examination at the University of London.
- J. B. DWIGHT (G, 1940) has been elected to a Caldwell Studentship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
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- P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) reached the last sixteen in the English Amateur Golf Championship.
- J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) reached the fifth round of the Amateur Golf Championship. He also qualified for the Open Championship.
- D. L. DONNE (G, 1943) has been awarded his Half-Blue for Swimming at Oxford.

MARRIAGES

A. M. C. DENNY (B, 1926) to Mrs. L. J. White-Thomson, on April 24th; C. R. P. ANSTEY (C, 1941) to Miss M. Cockburn, on March 29th; P. B. LUCAS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (G, 1934) to Miss J. D. Addison, on May 22nd; THE HON. E. R. B. STOPFORD (C, 1930) to Miss A. D. Henderson, on May 10th; G. D. INNES-LILLINGSTON (C, 1941) to Miss A. M. Green, on April 30th; R. W. McDOWELL (G, 1929) to Miss E. M. Stewart, on December 17th; A. V. FARNELL WATSON (W, 1940) to Baroness Vranyczany de Dobrinovich, on June 1st; C. H. G. KINAHAN (T, 1933) to Miss K. B. McClintock, on May 15th; THE HON. G. D. E. RUSSELL (T, 1938) to Miss S. M. S. Baillie, on July 20th; J. A. G. THWAITES (B, 1929) to Miss W. M. Gladwyn, on July 25th; C. J. D. RENNY (G, 1928) to Miss N. Moncrieff, on July 20th; REV. C. C. H. M. MORGAN (T, 1938) to Miss D. M. Oliver, on July 1st; R. A. O. HENNIKER-MAJOR (B, 1935) to Miss N. Stainton on June 22nd; E. LUXMOORE (B, 1933) to Miss D. J. Coote, on June 1st; M. LORIMER (G, 1930) to Miss J. M. Monteith, on May 8th, 1945; A. C. R. ALBERY (G, 1935) to Miss A. F. Naylor, on September 22nd, 1945; R. S. LLOYD (C, 1935) to Miss J. Geerdt, on March 22nd.

BIRTHS

To the wife of S. G. McCALLIN (C, 1927), a son, on May 10th; to the wife of J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER, M.P. (C, 1927), a daughter, on May 14th; to the wife of T. J. FIRBANK, M.C. (C, 1928), a daughter, on March 29th; to the wife of D. J. WATT (T, 1935), a son, on March 30th; to the wife of S. R. GALL-SCOTT (G, 1939), a son, on March 30th; to the wife of R. H. WHITE-SMITH (B, 1941), a son, on April 11th; to the wife of J. N. HUTCHINSON (C, 1932), a son, on May 3rd; to the wife of C. A. GILKINSON (C, 1930), a daughter, on May 8th; to the wife of C. B. PONSONBY (B, 1927), a daughter, on May 6th; to the wife of D. M. BAKER (G, 1933), a son, on June 10th; to the wife of J. H. BOURNE (C, 1935), a son, on March 22nd, 1945; to the wife of J. A. HAY (C, 1939), a daughter, on October 11th, 1945; to the wife of D. J. CATER (G, 1933), a daughter, on July 2nd; to the wife of I. R. GRAEME (T, 1931), a daughter, on December 17th, 1945; to the wife of N. I. BARTHOLOMEW (C, 1934), a daughter, on May 23rd; to the wife of P. F. WHITECOURT (B, 1934), a son, on May 4th; to the wife of J. M. ASHTON (C, 1933), a daughter, on May 10th; to the wife of C. R. C. WELD FORESTER, (C, 1935), a son, in April; to the wife of R. A. L. BLACK (G, 1938), a son, on July 3rd; to the wife of R. G. G. KENT (C, 1931), a son, on May 15th; to the wife of M. F. VILLIERS-STUART (T, 1930), a daughter, on July 18th.

DEATH

A. G. E. HOWARD (C, 1938), accidentally drowned on April 28th, 1946.

JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS NOTES

The following promotions and appointments have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants E. C. Skepper (T), R. H. S. Harris (C) and D. E. Granger (C).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals J. O. Arnold (G), G. J. Chibbett (C), A. P. Dewing (Q), H. A. Chapple (C), R. P. Marshall (C), G. L. E. Spier (G), C. H. Corfield (T), R. J. Broadley (W), T. F. Lloyd (C) and C. E. Taylor (B).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals A. C. Eastgate (C), G. P. Lewis (B), M. D. T. Loup (T), C. M. Mosselmans (C), J. R. Plincke (T), T. R. Winser (T), J. D. Lloyd (B), G. H. B. Carter (T) and A. B. S. Mackay (T).

To *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets J. B. More (C), J. B. Temperley (T), P. G. Waddilove (G), S. B. Lloyd (C), J. D. Vernon (G), M. St.C. Ruthven (B), R. N. B. Gubbins (T), P. Few-Brown (G), R. M. Bartlett (T), K. B. Smith (G), L. R. S. Marler (G), A. T. R. Fletcher (T) and M. R. de B. Bate (W).

The strength of the Corps this term is 355, but with the raising of the joining age for recruits to 15, we may expect a considerable fall in numbers during the coming year. It is to be hoped, however, that this will be more than compensated by the consequent speeding-up of the J.T.C. programme, which will mean that people will spend less time going over what is substantially the same syllabus. There is no doubt that the most valuable and important work done in the Corps is post-Certificate 'A,' and the quicker the actual Certificate work can be got through, the better. Our results in the examinations held this term were very good, especially in Part 1, in which we achieved a record by passing all our 50 candidates. In Part II, 34 out of 45 candidates were successful. Once again we have to thank the Coldstream Guards for sending us down a team of examiners and taking off our shoulders the burden of organising the examination. We are hoping that we shall also have cause to be grateful to them for supplying us with judges for the Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup on July 23rd.

The Annual Inspection was carried out on June 28th by Major-General G. H. A. MacMillan, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Director of Weapons and Development at the War Office. Apart from the ceremonial parade, he watched all the phases of a normal day's training and summed up his report with the judgment that the contingent was "clearly well-organized and enthusiastic."

This has been a very full term, with two whole-day exercises, on May 31st and July 2nd. Both took the bulk of the Corps out of the School grounds on mainly tactical training, with a certain amount of marching thrown in. On the second, in particular, there was some quite realistic fighting in a running battle which reached a spectacular and noisy climax at Lillingstone Dayrell after lunch. The weather could have been kinder on both days, since on the first we were washed right out in the middle of the afternoon and came home wet through, and on the second we were a good deal too hot. But there were some valuable lessons learnt on both, none the less.

On the second of these days the Technical Section went off on its own with Mr. Windsor-Richards to visit the Vauxhall Works at Luton, where they were most excellent-

ly entertained and spent a very instructive day. Our thanks are due to the staff of Vauxhall Motors Ltd., who took a great deal of trouble to make the expedition a success.

SHOOTING

The results of the Empire Test shooting were not quite so good this year as last, perhaps partly because the scoring system has been slightly tightened up. House averages were:—

1. Chandos	... 45.8	5. Cobham	... 42.3
2. Chatham	... 45.3	6. Grafton	... 41.1
3. Grenville	... 44.7	7. Temple	... 39.7
4. Walpole	... 43.38	8. Bruce	... 37.5

Highest possible score, 70.

The individual championship was won by Corporal G. P. Tobin (G) with 98 out of 110. Cadet I. B. Calkin (W) was 2nd with 92 and Cadet T. G. J. Peacock (G) 3rd with 88. Cadet G. W. Scott (C) won the Recruits' Shooting Test with a score of 73 out of 80.

PRIZES

Best Candidate for War Certificate 'A,' Part I, 'Individual':—Cadet R. G. Sparrow (W).

Best Candidate for War Certificate 'A,' Part II, 'Section Leader's':—Cadet O. B. Sayer (T).

NAVAL SECTION

Strength, 27.

Examinations Passed:—Cadet Petty Officer, 13; Cadet Leading Seaman, 8; Cadet Able Seaman, 6.

The Annual Inspection took place on July 9th. The Inspecting Officer was Commander C. E. Lovett, R.N. His report was an entirely satisfactory one.

R.H.

A.T.C.

PROMOTIONS.

To *Corporal*: Cadet D. C. A. Lloyd (C).

EXAMINATIONS.

Cadets A. P. Clark (G), D. R. Grossmark (C), P. V. Rycroft (C), N. F. Clive Smith (C), W. J. H. van Stirum (B) and F. D. A. Binns (W) were entered for Proficiency Pt. 1, Navigation and Calculations. They all passed.

Sergeant C. S. Churcher (C), Cadets C. S. Edwards (C), D. C. A. Lloyd (C), C. G. Hunter Dunn (T), C. L. I. Muntz (G), R. G. A. Pearce (B) were entered for Advanced Training Examinations in Engines, Principles of Flight and Meteorology. They all passed without difficulty.

ACTIVITIES.

On the first field-day held during the term, the Flight went to Silverstone Aerodrome where they were shown how to operate a "Gee" set, which they learned to do very quickly. They also were able to inspect two Spitfire IX's, two Hurricane IIB's and an Airspeed Oxford: other objects of interest were some .303 and .5 machine guns, various types of bombs, ranging from 500 lbs. to 12,000 lbs., and apparatus used by the Air Sea Rescue Service.

C.S.C.

THE ART SCHOOL

Lack of sunshine has provided members of the Art School with another excuse for their idleness, and it is surprising to note that pictures have been painted in spite of this. G. P. Lewis (B) was one of the few people to finish his landscapes, though the fact that most of them were done within several hundred yards of the Art School would disgrace him if this were not so. However, since he can do a better picture behind Chatham than most others can do anywhere, his choice is clearly sensible. J. R. Plincke (T) has shown great energy in landscape painting, and though a large amount of it was often expended in taking up a strange position, some seems to have been left for painting; for the results were good, certainly an improvement on his sea-scapes, which become dirtier as they attempt to be more expressive.

J. L. Hargrave (G) has started the only picture which is at all out of the ordinary this term. This is on a large canvas and represents a classical scene; it should be entertaining if it is finished; painting on it was begun in June.

A. Caiger-Smith (T) and G. P. Lewis (B) have gone further with portraits, and one of Major Haworth may be successful.

Alarming skill has been revealed in J. R. A. Kinnes (C) and D. C. Part (B), both of whom should be good and paint pleasant pictures once they have grown tired of the Art School still life objects.

D. B. Holt (B) has done some interesting oil paintings, but his readiness to question his motives does not stimulate production.

The exhibition at the end of last term was better and also bigger than for many years. Mr. Charles Brill, of Kingston Art School, said he was surprised at it when he judged it, and it appears that it was indeed better than one would have expected. Most of the watercolours were not better than usual, but the oils made up for several bad years in the past. They were unusually good.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—Headmaster's Prize, A. Caiger-Smith (T); 1st Arts Prize, O. G. Campion (W); 2nd Arts Prize, G. P. Lewis (B); 3rd Arts Prize, J. L. Hargrave (G); Millard Watercolour Prize, J. R. Plincke (T).

MUSIC SOCIETY

We were sorry to lose E. D. R. Campbell at the end of last term; he had been General Secretary for two terms. The following is the present constitution of the Committee:—President, Dr. L. P. Huggins; General Secretary, J. O. Arnold (G); House Secretaries: Bruce, G. P. Lewis; Temple, A. J. O. Ritchie; Grenville, G. L. E. Spier; Chandos, J. B. More; Cobham, C. M. Mosselmans; Chatham, T. F. Lloyd; Grafton, J. O. Arnold; Walpole, I. B. Calkin.

At a meeting of the House Secretaries held on Sunday, May 26th, it was agreed that the following alterations in the constitution should be made:

To help pay for the fees of visiting artists each member should pay a subscription of one shilling a term, for which he would receive a membership card entitling him to attend all the meetings.

That there should be no restriction on the membership of the Society as heretofore.

Any non-members or visitors who might wish to go to the concerts can do so on payment of one shilling at the door for each concert.

School Concerts although under the auspices of the Society would be open to the whole school without any charge being made.

This term has been one of the most successful we have had for quite a time. In addition to two Orchestral and Choral Society concerts and a poetry reading accompaniment, we have had the Entente String Quartet, Moiseiwitch and the Intimate Opera Company. There have been no Sunday popular concerts as there are plenty of other things to do on a Sunday evening in the summer term.

The first concert of the term was given by the Entente String Quartet on Wednesday, May 29th. It was held in the Art School in conjunction with Mrs. Watt who arranged the art side of the concert. The idea was an experiment to try and combine music with painting. Pictures painted by artists who lived during the period of the music were exhibited, and as the meeting was entirely informal people could go and look at the pictures in the intervals between the pieces and see whether they saw any connection.

The Quartet played:—Quartet in G Minor by Debussy (XIX century) and Quartet in C Major by Dittersdorf (XVIII century).

The definite outlines of the 18th century pictures corresponded well with the Dittersdorf quartet which was in style very like Mozart, and contrasted with the more vague atmosphere of the Debussy and the 19th century pictures. The Quartet (not on its first visit) played very expressively, especially in the melodious parts of the Debussy. The whole concert was a great success and was enjoyed by all, particularly those who brought cushions.

We have been led to expect famous pianists to come to Stowe recently, following Solomon's recital last term, and we were not to be disappointed when we were able to welcome Moiseiwitch on Wednesday, June 12th.

As there was every prospect of a large audience, and remembering the experience of the Solomon Concert last term, it was decided to resort to the gym. Even then

the estimates were exceeded and some people failed to secure seats. The programme was as follows:—

	I.	
Twelve Etudes, Op. 25	Chopin
	II.	
Etudes Symphoniques, Op. 13	Schumann
	III.	
Six Etudes	Liszt

This programme was entirely by Romanticists and some of the Bach fans were disappointed. This disappointment was, however, far outweighed by the brilliant playing. The sheer ease with which Moiseiwitch overcame the harder parts of the Chopin Studies and the lovely melodies in *Il Sospiro* and *La Campanella* of the Liszt was both sublime and fascinating. The Etudes Symphoniques by Schumann, though perhaps less well-known, were brilliantly portrayed in their very varied style. Moiseiwitch played three encores and even then the audience was very reluctant to let him go. Moiseiwitch left a memory which we shall not forget at Stowe for a long time.

Two days after the Exeat, on the 26th of June, we had another novelty in the form of the Intimate Opera Company. These operas were short and did not require any scenery, so that it was not such an undertaking as was at first suspected. Their requirements included a stage with curtains, a rustic garden chair, three antique chairs, and above all a piano in tune.

The Operas were presented by Frederick Woodhouse in association with Winifred Radford and Roy Ashton, accompanied very ably at the piano by Grace Shearer. The programme consisted of three short operas:—

1. "EVERY MAID HER OWN MISTRESS" By *Pergolesi* (1710-1736)
English version by Geoffrey Dunn.
2. "TRUE BLUE" (or *The Press Gang*)
Musical Interlude. The words and Music by *Henry Carey* (1685-1743). Arranged and produced by Geoffrey Dunn.
3. "JACQUES AND JACQUELINE"
An Opera by *Offenbach* (originally entitled "*Fritzchen and Lieschen*")
Libretto by Winifred Radford. Musical arrangement and production by Frederick Woodhouse.

During the first interval Frederick Woodhouse sang a very amusing little ditty about a mysterious Mistress Dolus who when invited to push her husband into a river fell in herself instead. The main feature behind the stories of the operas was the mistaken or unknown identity of one of the actors, particularly in the last opera where Frederick Woodhouse was most disappointed when he found he was in love with his sister. The singing was good, the words were amusing and appropriate, and the gestures and acting of Frederick Woodhouse received warm applause from a large audience. D. J. Corbett (G) was a very able and resourceful stage manager and A. de F. Mellor (B) managed the lighting.

As the Choral Society were practising two large scale works it was decided to have two Orchestral and Choral Society concerts. The first was held on July 3rd in Assembly. The programme was as follows:—

1. Overture: "The Marriage of Figaro" *Mozart*
2. Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, in G. 1st Movement ... *J. S. Bach*
For Solo Violin, Flutes and Strings.
Solo Violin—Miss Dorothy Churton.
Solo Flutes—G. L. E. Spier (G).
R. G. P. Lloyd (G).
3. Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra ... *César Franck*
Solo Piano—M. E. Harding (T).
4. Polovtsian Dances from the Opera "Prince Igor" ... *Borodin*
For Chorus and Orchestra.

The most notable achievement of the evening was the splendid piano-playing by M. E. Harding in the César Franck Variations, a seldom played work but very beautiful. The Prince Igor was the main item and its virile mood and savage syncopation were well brought out. The soloists, particularly the flautists in the Brandenburg Concerto, were outstanding.

On Sunday evening, July 14th, the Chamber Music Society and the Madrigal Society accompanied the Poetry Reading in the Temple of Ancient Virtue. The acoustic properties of the Temple were surprisingly good, and the music was heard to greatest advantage. It was particularly effective in Warlock's "Pieds-en-l'air" which was played to the accompaniment of muted strings and flute. Three choruses from Gluck's Orpheus, Gibbon's Madrigal "The Silver Swan," some incidental music by Henry Purcell, and the Statue music from "Orpheus" provided the remainder of the music.

On Wednesday, July 24th, the Choral Society and Orchestra gave its second concert. The chief attraction was Constant Lambert's Rio Grande. This surprising work with its mixture of romanticism and cacophonous syncopation is a very effective piece of music and its essential characteristics were well brought out by the Chorus and Orchestra. The percussion department, which is such an essential part of the work, was ably organized by J. B. More, and G. P. Lewis played the difficult Trumpet part with great effect. We should like to pay tribute to these two members of the orchestra, also to A. J. O. Ritchie who sang his farewell solo, for their unfailing support of the music in the school during the last four years. We shall miss them very much.

The difficult piano part of the Rio Grande was brilliantly played by Miss Rhona Parkinson, who has rejoined the Music Staff after six year's absence in H.M. Forces.

Other items which call for special mention were Saint-Saens's Carnival des Animaux, played with great 'verve' by the orchestra; the two piano parts with their humorous interludes were effectively played by Mr. Negus and Mr. Walker.

Percy Grainger's Handel in the Strand, a burlesque in the style of Handel with more than a suggestion of the Harmonious Blacksmith Variations, was ably rendered by Mr. Burke and Miss Parkinson. M. Birkett played two Chopin Nocturnes in his inimitable way, which proved very popular.



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The programme opened with an effective rendering by the Choral Society and Orchestra of Roger Quilter's setting of Rudyard Kipling's poem 'Non Nobis Domine,' first performed at the time of King George V's Jubilee in 1935.

It was a bold experiment to give two School Concerts within three weeks of each other with the added difficulties of School and Higher Certificate Examinations, Drill and P.T. Competitions, making the rehearsals difficult to fit in, but the results justified the experiment.

PROGRAMME

1. 'Non Nobis Domine' for Chorus and Orchestra *Roger Quilter*
2. New World Symphony, Last Movement *Dvorak*
3. Piano Solos—Nocturnes in G. minor and B major *Chopin*
M. Birkett (T)
4. Madrigal—The Silver Swan *Orlando Gibbons*
The Madrigal Society
5. Le Carnaval des Animaux *Saint-Saens*
Solo Cuckoo—J. B. More (C).
Solo Cello—Miss Edith Churton.
Solo Pianos—Mr. A. A. Negus, Mr. R. Walker.
6. Aria: "Honour and Arms" *Handel*
From the Oratorio "Samson"
Bass Solo—A. J. O. Ritchie (T).
7. Burlesque—Handel in the Strand *Percy Grainger*
Solo Pianos—Miss Rhona Parkinson, Mr. M. T. Burke.
8. "The Rio Grande," set for Chorus, Orchestra and Solo Pianoforte.
Poem by *Sacheverell Sitwell*. Music by *Constant Lambert*.
Solo Pianoforte—Miss Rhona Parkinson.

J.O.A.

THE MUSIC CLUB

This Club, which was revived at the end of last term, has held three meetings. The first was to hear a paper by the Secretary on "Bach." There was frequent lack of agreement between the Secretary and his audience, and small arguments frequently interrupted the reading of the paper. The Club was very grateful for the President's arbitration. The main disagreements occurred when the Secretary, discussing Bach's versatility, compared him to other composers, especially Handel, and alleged Bach's superiority in almost every field. His own criticisms of the composer were mainly levelled at his orchestration.

Mr. Negus very kindly consented towards the end of term to read a paper on Elgar's "Falstaff." The subject was not very congenial to many members of the Club who did not like the music to start with. No one, however, could have any quarrel with anything said, and his lucid programme notes helped some at any rate to a fuller

appreciation of the work. The discussion wandered, in spite of efforts to keep it on the subject, and the Club ended by talking about composers as interpreters of their own works.

There was also an expedition to Oxford on May 18th to see "Comus." The Club was surprised to find itself watching the whole masque with music by Handel and Lawes, instead of the dances by Arne. The performance, too, was not perfect, but was saved by the dancing of Mona Inglesby and the superb speaking of Anthony Eustrel.

The Secretary considers it worthy of comment that not one paper has so far been written out in full, but all have been delivered from notes, and hopes that this practice will continue.

G.L.E.S.

THE LIBRARY

For the Library, this term has sped by on oiled wheels. Mr. Saunders, now completely re-established in his functions as Librarian, has concentrated almost exclusively on perfecting essential routine. Most successful steps have been taken to raise the standard of new books, which had fallen so low during the war, and improvements have been made in those mysterious behind-the-scenes processes through which every book has to pass before it can be admitted to full Library status. We have been greatly helped by the accession of Miss Trengrouse, who has presided over Library Hours and done a great deal of other work with the most uncanny efficiency.

There have been no great drives this term. A Gallery Sale and a number of other delights, each calculated to turn the Library upside down, have been dexterously postponed until next term. On the other hand, we have made some provision for casual readers by a shelf of "half-hour books," which are read in the Library and changed every week. Great work has been done by Miss Trengrouse in rebinding tattered books and re-typing a somewhat tattered catalogue. One of the Librarians has even embarked on the enormous task of checking the card-index, a considerable proportion of whose 10,000 cards were made out a long time ago with more haste than discretion. Another task that looks far into the future for its completion is the cataloguing of the Gallery, and this has also just been begun. And then we have had our small annoyances—our glorious summer weather leaking through the roof into one of the cases, and, more-persistent, people appropriating magazines from the Aurelian Room. Altogether there has been a great deal of activity and very little dust. The Library, like most things, is recovering from the war.

The following, in addition to replacements, second copies, and odd volumes, are the new books bought this term:—

Adam Fox, *Plato for Pleasure*. P. O. Rave, *Griechische Tempel*. Richard Southern, *Proscenium and Sight Lines*. C. H. Ridge, *Stage Lighting*. Eric Shipton, *Nanda Devi*. E. Raymond, *Through Literature to Life*. Laurence Whistler, *Ode to the Sun, Who Live in Unity and In Time of Suspense*. Walter De la Mare, *The Burning Glass. Famous Plays of 1933*. Logan Pearsall Smith, *On Reading Shakespeare*. Adrian Bell, *Apple Acre*. C. S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*. W. Somerset Maugham, *Then and Now*. Angela Thirkell, *Miss Bunting*. Evelyne E. Rynd, *Mrs. Green*. Dorothy Whipple,

The Priory. Theodor Storm, *Gesammelte Werke*. Boileau, *Oeuvres Classiques*. Gautier, *Emaux et Camées*. Hugo, *La Légende des Siècles* and *Les Orientales*. Beaumarchais, *Théâtre Choisi*. Dumas (fils), *Le Fils Naturel*. Labiche and Martin, *Le Voyage de M. Perrichon*, etc. Rostand, *La Samaritaine* and *L'Aiglon*. de Musset, *Premières Poésies*. Hugo, *Les Feuilles d'Automne*, *Han d'Islande* and *Quatre-Vingt-Treize*. Mérimée, *Chronique du Règne de Charles IX*. Stendhal, *La Chartreuse de Parme*. Chateaubriand, *Mémoires d'Outre-tombe*. Vigny, *Servitude et Grandeur Militaires*. Voltaire, *Lettres Philosophiques*. L. P. Wilkinson, *Horace and His Lyric Poetry*. *Russian Short Stories*.

F. N. Maude, *Evolution of Modern Strategy*. Aldous Huxley, *Grey Eminence*. Viscount Samuel, *Memoirs*. Edmund Blunden, *Shelley*. R. Scott Stevenson, *Morell Mackenzie*. Robert Graves, *Count Belisarius*. Sir Thomas Beecham, *A Mingled Chime*. W. H. Hudson, *Far Away and Long Ago*. Eve Curie, *Madame Curie*. Harold Nicolson, *The Congress of Vienna*. Martin Wight, *The Development of the Legislative Council*. Sir R. Coupland, *The Indian Problem, 1833-1935*. Arthur Bryant, *Years of Victory and English Saga, 1840-1940*. A. J. P. Taylor, *The Course of German History*. Bentham's *Fragment on Government*. C. D. Forde, *Habitat, Economy, Society*. R. H. Dana, Jr., *Two Years Before the Mast*. R. P. Dobson, *China Cycle*. Willard Price, *Japan's Islands of Mystery*.

Gustave Flaubert, *Salammbô*. Hugo, *Les Châtiments*. Vigny, *Théâtre Complet*. Mérimée, *Carmen*. C. V. Wedgwood, *William the Silent*. Lucretius, *De Rerum Natura* (Munro's edition). C. Day Lewis, *Word Over All*. E. Goudge, *Green Dolphin Country*. James Stephens, *The Demi-Gods*. J. R. Ullman, *The White Tower*.

In addition, the following books have been presented:—

By Mrs. E. J. Lindgren, *The Study of Society*, edited by herself and three others. By A. C. Geddes (T, 1928), *Official History of the Russo-Japanese War (Naval and Military)*; and Cobbett's *History of the Protestant Reformation*.

H.A.C.



UPPER SCHOOL LECTURES

It was certainly appropriate that during the term which saw the national Victory Celebrations two men, both of whom had a great share in making final victory possible, had accepted invitations to talk to the Upper School.

The first visitor was The Rt. Hon. Sir James Grigg, P.C., who throughout the war was at the head of the War Office, first as Permanent Secretary and later as Secretary of State. Sir James came to Stowe on May 28th, and his talk was clearly divided into two parts. He first spoke about the history of the War Office in peace and war. He then turned into a one-man "Brains Trust" and answered, for well over an hour, questions on a great variety of subjects. He not only answered the questions, but elaborated them in a most amusing and penetrating way, and the audience found his store of knowledge and experience as thrilling as instructive.

The second guest was The Rt. Hon. The Lord Brabazon of Tara, P.C., M.C., who was both Minister of War Transport and Minister of Aircraft Production at various stages of the war. Lord Brabazon came to Stowe on June 17th and had chosen as his subject: "The past, present and future of military and civilian aviation." He illustrated his talk by many slides, and succeeded in making the subject most interesting even to those who normally find technical subjects uninspiring. After his lecture he answered many questions, and the House felt as delighted as honoured to have had one of the great pioneers of one of the most modern sciences talking to them.

P.F.W.

EXPEDITIONS

There were two visits this term organized by the "Modern Studies Side" (8a).

The members of the Side had been granted the privilege by Sir Harold Scott, First Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to spend a day at Scotland Yard and the expedition took place on June 5th. The party was shown for many hours the working of the Criminal Investigation Department. The organization of the Criminal Record Office was explained to them in great detail, they saw the actual work done by the Finger Print Bureau, and they spent a most interesting time at the Scotland Yard Museum where an Inspector explained to them how some of the most recent crime cases had been dealt with in practice.

The second visit took place on July 11th, when Sir Miles Thomas, D.F.C., Managing Director of the Nuffield Organization, had granted permission to visit the Nuffield Works. It would take too long to explain the many things the party saw and it is sufficient to state that they got a pretty good idea of the inside working of one of the greatest organizations in the world. At the end of the conducted tour round the works, the party was entertained by the Management to a most enjoyable tea-party.

P.F.W.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The 172nd Meeting of the Society took place on Wednesday, May 22nd. It was on the Motion, "That this House rejoices that the Age of Chivalry is dead."

The Librarian and Ex-Secretary (H. A. CHAPPLE (C)), who proposed, poured scorn on the current conception of the errant knight and deemed the present infinitely preferable to the Age of Chivalry.

M. F. TRIEFUS (W), opposing, was dragged by his slogan "Chivalry is Good for You" into the uttermost depths of tedium and the class war.

A. W. MURDOCH (T) treated the Society to a spell of clear thinking and reasoned argument, to which it is all too little accustomed.

J. L. WARNER (G) indulged in a period of nostalgia for the past and in a spate of "if onlys," dwelling happily on the chivalry of mediaeval warfare.

With the spirit of Mrs. Pankhurst seemingly poised on the Gallery above, the debate that followed was not quite as irrelevant as usual, for Maid Marion, Hermione Gingold and the atomic bomb all have some connexion with the motion, even if their relevance is not at first apparent.

In the Upper House the Motion was carried by 7 votes to 5 and in the Lower House by 16 votes to 10.

The 173rd Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, June 19th, was on the Motion, "That in the opinion of this House, this Country would be administered better by the M.C.C. than by His Majesty's present Government."

The proposer, M. MORLAND (B), started off the debate in his usual vitriolic style, cursing the lower middle classes who have tainted sport with their rapacity; abusing with equal venom the Labour intellectual and the Trades Unionist, against all of whom, according to the Proposer, the M.C.C. wages a bitter and persistent struggle.

The Ex-Secretary (G. P. LEWIS (B)), opposing, found the cricketer a likeable fellow, but lacked confidence in his capabilities as a diplomatist.

MR. R. E. J. DAVIS roundly attacked the officiousness of the present Socialist régime and saw in the M.C.C. the makings of a far better government, which would serve the community, rather than dictate to it.

J. F. PRIM (B) declaring that government by the M.C.C. meant an oligarchy of Yorkshiremen, delighted the Society with his witty analysis of the Laws of Cricket.

The ensuing debate was stolid in the extreme; the distemping of government offices being perhaps the question which engendered the most heat, though M. C. J. Whitby (G), quite irrelevantly, put in an eloquent plea for moral rearmament.

The Motion was lost in the Upper House by 14 votes to 13 and in the Lower House by 28 votes to 12.

There will also be a Closed Debate before the end of the term.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Junior Debating Society, now in its eighth term, has held regular meetings each week and a variety of topics has been discussed, including The Evacuation of Egypt, The National Health Bill, Whether Civil Aviation will take the place of Shipping, and

Vivisection. An outspoken debate on Voluntary Attendance at Chapel was attended by the Chaplain and resulted in a two-thirds majority for compulsion. In addition to ordinary debates, a Brains Trust has been held in which J. J. Wheatley (C) and C. B. Baxter (G) have expressed some interesting views.

Officers of the Society this term have been:—Vice-President, C. B. Baxter (G); Secretary, D. K. Helm (G) and Committee-man, J. M. N. Newton (C).

There has been an unusual number of good speeches, particularly from J. J. Wheatley (C), R. C. Thornton (W), M. Colston (G), J. M. N. Newton (C), G. C. M. G. de Chambure (W) and J. R. Perring (G). Occasional visitors from the Upper School have added to the interest of meetings.

D.K.H.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE SYMPOSIUM

With Mr. Stephan as the new President, the 61st Meeting was held in the Library on May 28th, when J. K. Hill (C) read a paper on "The South African Native Problem." He showed the conflict between the native and the white man, and also the difference of opinion between the Englishman and the Afrikander: the former is a negrophil and the latter a negrophobe. He pointed out the impossibility of giving the native equal rights, for by sheer weight of numbers he would swamp white interests. The whole paper was extremely clear and one of the best this Symposium has had.

At the 62nd Meeting, J. F. Pim (B) read a paper on "Ireland." The paper took the form of a brief sketch of Ireland's history from Saint Patrick to 1920. Pim explained why the Irish so hated the English and their differences in outlook: he also gave descriptions of some of the more important men in Irish History. If there was any fault with the paper, it was that the last half was rather too vague and loosely constructed. The discussion which followed was both profound and stimulating.

The third meeting this term was held in Dr. Huggins' Room on July 1st. J. B. More (C) was invited to read his amusing and interesting paper on "Jazz." He traced the development of Jazz, with the help of many well-selected gramophone records, from the first bands in New Orleans to the present-day commercialised jazz, which we know as "swing." It was this type of jazz which More so regretted and deplored. It was the first musical paper of the year and was greatly appreciated by most members of the Symposium; even the most hardened high-brows were captivated by Fats Waller's "Alligator Crawl."

Before the end of the term, J. D. R. Whitley (W) will be giving a paper on "Detective Stories."

The following are members of the Society:—S. D. M. Robertson (B) (Secretary), M. Birkett (T), A. Caiger-Smith (T), J. C. Harper (C), A. W. Murdoch (T), P. M. Gibbs (C), J. K. Hill (C), J. D. R. Whitley (W), M. C. J. Whitby (G) and J. F. Pim (B).

S.D.M.R.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Classical Society met on Thursday, July 20th; its first meeting for some considerable time. Mr. R. M. Hamer, who kindly lent his room, talked discursively to the Society on "Greece." His subject was mainly Modern Greece, of which he had considerable and varied experience during the war, but he spoke also of its past history in different ages. It was a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

It is hoped that during the coming year a gradual return may be made to more regular meetings until the pre-war level of about eight a year is reached.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

It is always difficult to get in the usual number of meetings during the summer term, but nevertheless we have so far had two. During the first E. M. L. Latham (C) read a paper upon the Balkans, which he exposed as an inflamed complexity of differences and Balkan history as a coloured pageant of music hall comedy set in a Shavian Ruritania. The second paper of the term was read by J. L. Warner (G) on Denmark and Sweden. This took the form of a personal narrative of a tour which he made last holidays.

We hope to have another meeting at the end of term with several short papers.

A.N.G.

THE CHESS CLUB

The Stowe Chess Club has continued to meet on most Tuesday evenings this term, although, as was to be expected during the summer term, attendance was somewhat reduced. There has unfortunately only been one match, away, against Bedford. Two other home matches had been arranged, against Aldenham and Bedford Modern, but they had to be cancelled at the last minute. The match against Bedford was won by Stowe, $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. On this occasion the team consisted of M. F. Triefus (W) (Capt.), A. C. Eastgate (C) (Secretary), R. A. Hird (C), J. C. Harper (C), V. S. Greig (C) and D. H. Lorrimer (C). Stowe won on the first, third and sixth boards and drew on the second. The general standard of the Club's play has improved considerably since last term, and it is hoped that next term there will be more matches to prove it.

M.F.T.

THE 46 CLUB

Up to the time of writing, the Club has held two meetings this term. At the first of these, on May 14th, C. G. Hunter Dunn (T) read an excellent paper on "Biological Time." The subsequent part of the meeting consisted mainly in running at high speed round Chapel Court.

The second meeting was held on June 11th, when M. P. M. Warburton (C) read a paper on "Drugs," which gave an idea of the "Beachcomber" or Heath Robinson methods used to prevent our dying of poison every time we take an aspirin.

It is hoped that C. S. Edwards (C) will read us a paper later in the term, after the Higher Certificate.

A. R. Bateman (C), J. D. R. Whitley (W) and P. M. Gibbs (C) have been elected members of the Club.

R.M.M.

THE XII CLUB

On Friday, May 24th, Mr. A. Macdonald read a paper on "Berlioz."

On Thursday, June 20th, Mr. T. H. White, an ex-President of the Club, read a paper on "Ireland."

G.P.L.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Last term's conversazione meeting was a great success, and it is hoped to hold another sometime next term. At this meeting D. I. Hird (C) was elected to the post of Hon. Secretary (constitutionally invalid) as opposed to R. H. Prestwich (G) the other candidate.

This term we saw a very good film entitled "Steam" which showed how the parts of a boiler were made and finally put together. The next meeting was an expedition to Little Barford Power Station by nineteen members of the Society and the President. We were shown round the whole station—from where the coal went in to where the electricity came out. Everything which it was possible to show to us was shown to us and explained very adequately by our five guides. The canteen food was excellent both in quality and quantity. It was a very interesting and enjoyable expedition. In the bus on the way back the election of the Hon. Secretary was unanimously declared valid. It is hoped that A. N. Griffith (B) will read a paper on "Plastic Surgery" sometime towards the end of the Higher Certificate.

During the term some members of the School have been using the telescope to view sun-spots.

D.L.H.

THE VITRUVIANS

At the end of last term, in perfect spring weather, thirty members of the Society visited Blenheim Palace. We were cordially received by Mr. John Betjeman, who had earlier in the term visited Stowe to give a talk on "Victorian Architecture," and his deputy, and were shown round the grounds. The show-piece was undoubtedly the 120-acre lake with its spurious island, but apart from this, the grounds did not come up to those at Stowe. After a most welcome and delectable tea in the depths of the Palace, we were shown round the building itself.

At a committee meeting held at the beginning of this term it was decided to try and reduce the membership slightly, as the attendance at meetings held during the previous term had been low compared with the total paper membership. This was successfully done, the membership being reduced from 71 to 65. We hope to reduce it to 60 next term.

At the 40th meeting of the Society, on May 22nd, Mr. David Goddard, A.R.I.B.A., A.A.Dipl., came down from the A.A. School of Architecture in London to give us a lantern lecture on "How a House is Built." His lecture was the sequel to one given by Mr. Gordon Brown last term on "The Architect and His Work." On June 15th an expedition to Oxford took place when several colleges and University buildings were visited. We are most grateful to A. A. D. M. Browne (C, 1941), to P. G. Henderson (W, 1941) and to E. D. R. Campbell (G, 1946) for so kindly showing us round. The rain mercifully spared us during the afternoon, but poured down as soon as the tour was over.

A fortnight later, S. D. M. Robertson (B), who obviously knew his subject, gave a very interesting and amusing talk on "Stowe." He traced the development of the house and gardens, from the 17th Century to the middle of the 19th. He showed the work of Bridgeman, Vanbrugh, Kent, Brown and the many other architects who have influenced the building and work here, and showed the principles on which each Architect worked. His talk was embellished with many anecdotes about the family, the architects and visitors at Stowe.

With the gradual return of films, several cameras, including the Vitruvian one, have been brought on expeditions and earlier in the term some ninety prints of photographs taken at Blenheim were ordered by members of the Society.

The Committee this term has consisted of the following:—President, The Headmaster; Vice-President, Mr. L. H. Reid; Secretary, D. H. W. Vey (B); Treasurer, G. L. E. Spier (G); Librarian, N. I. H. Wolfe (B); Committee-man, M. P. M. Warburton (C); Photographer, J. S. Taylor (T); and co-opted Member, S. D. M. Robertson (B). There has been a noticeable improvement in the attendance at meetings this term.

D.H.W.V.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

There was an expedition on July 3rd to see "Macbeth" at Stratford. Unfortunately half the members who went had to stand, but since most of them had spent the morning lolling about in boats on the river, it was no very great hardship. As members taking the Higher and School Certificates were not allowed to go, another expedition has been arranged for July 29th, to see "Love's Labour's Lost."

A Summer Concert was held at the Temple of Ancient Virtue, with the Music Society, on the evening of Sunday, July 14th. The strings, flutes and oboes of the orchestra and a virginal which Dr. Huggins produced from London, together with the Madrigal Society, played and sang music by Gluck, Purcell and Warlock. Lyrical and Pastoral Poetry was read, the chief readers being A. J. O. Ritchie (T), M. Birkett (T) and S. D. M. Robertson (B). The acoustics of Virtue were better than the Queen's Temple, and the music sounded particularly well.

The following plays have been read on Saturday evenings at Mr. Dams' house in Dadford: "Hassan," "The Importance of being Earnest," "A Midsummer-Night's Dream," and "The Flashing Stream" by Charles Morgan. "The Importance" was the most successful; "The Flashing Stream" depended too much on production to read really well.

S.D.M.R.



NATURAL HISTORY

At the end of the spring term a Shoveller drake and a Goldeneye duck were seen on the lakes, with Mallard, Teal, Widgeon, Tufted Duck and Pochard, bringing the bag of duck species observed in the winter of 1945/46 up to seven. May we hope for a Pintail next winter; for this species was seen in March on the Tring reservoirs during a pleasant visit to this our nearest noteworthy water bird sanctuary. The summer term opened with high hopes that we would have a family of Sandpipers; a pair stayed with us for more than a week and were often to be seen on the north bank at the upper end of the Eleven Acre Lake, where conditions resemble their typical riverside nesting haunts, and where they are said to have nested in 1941. Redshank are seldom seen here: so it is noteworthy that two flew over early on the morning of July 12th, though they did not alight.

The Sandmartin colony in the Dadford pit has fallen from peak numbers of some 300 pairs in 1944 to about 40 pairs this year; and the decline may continue unless further quarrying leads to the cutting of fresh vertical faces. On several occasions Whinchats were seen between the Stratford road and the river a little short of Thornborough, the first local record of this species, at any rate in recent years. We had a number of keen observers; but their enjoyment was marred by those who preferred empty shells to living birds. Nesting birds from Swans to Tree Creepers and Redstarts suffered the same fate; and we hope that depredations on such a scale may never be repeated. It is not fair on the birds.

Yellow Tail Moths have been bred in captivity from the overwintered caterpillars; and the fascinating story of the transfer of irritating protective hairs has thus been followed through. These hairs are carried by the well known rash-producing caterpillar, which pupates beside the cast larval skin within a grey silken cocoon. The male moth emerges straightway from chrysalis and cocoon; but not so the female. After casting her pupal coat she picks up the irritant hairs from her larval skin in her golden tail tuft, where these are ideally placed to be deposited on each batch of eggs which she lays. No predator could reach these eggs without being stung.

A remarkably large flight of the black diurnal Chimney Sweeper Moth was seen in June. Privet and Small Elephant Hawk Moths have been captured and released. Marbled White Butterflies have been seen in the Grecian Valley, where a fine glow-worm display was witnessed by late bedders when belated summer came to us early in July.

N.A.B.

SAILING CLUB

As four of the boats have now had 20 years of hard life they are, naturally, very much the worse for wear; in fact only two are in a "seaworthy" condition.

The 1946 series of races for the House Sailing Cup was won by J. S. Taylor (T), Lord Primrose (W) being the other finalist.

R.H.

BICYCLE RACE MEETING

"Lounging, racing or ragging on bicycles is forbidden."

Thus the Red Book. Accordingly, the prospect of a specially licensed bicycle gymkhana, fixed by the Nonsuch Club for June 9th, attracted plenty of entrants. No licence, however, could obviate the problem of danger. A day or two before, someone caused a certain amount of perturbation by breaking his leg during a trial run over the course, and it is even said that the forthcoming Gymkhana received the notice of a Housemasters' Conference. However,

*Expectata dies aderat nonamque serena
Auroram Phaethontis equi iam luce vehebant . . .*

The serenity of the light was a great piece of luck on this occasion, because we were in the midst of our rainy spell, and there had been thoughts of a postponement. At 2.15, before a good crowd of spectators and intending participants, pious Aeneas (in the shape of S. D. M. Robertson (B) and a megaphone) stood forth and opened the Games. The first two events were bumping-races, in which the competitors were ranged at equal intervals round the semi-circle of road on the North Front, and each man tried to touch the man in front of him with an umbrella or cricket stump. At first everyone took the corners too fast and came in dangerous proximity to the bowling-screens on one side and the East Colonnade on the other. At the very outset, G. P. Lewis (B), whose progress was somewhat impeded by the tendency of his umbrella to fly open at every opportunity, caused a spectacular crash in which he, J. J. Davis (T) and S. D. M. Robertson (B) piled up on one another, scattering the crowd to right and left before them. Other crashes followed, and the Head of School, not to be outdone, flew with reckless heroism into the North Front steps, a manoeuvre which rather spoilt the appearance of his legs. Needless to say, these early sacrifices inspired later competitors with a more healthy regard for their safety.

The central event of the afternoon was the series of races between Forms and Sides, starting from the Bike-shed end of the Sequoia Avenue. The field-telephone set up by D. E. Granger (C) and his assistants in the pouring rain of the previous day delivered a fine flowing commentary from the concealed part of the course round the bend to the Bourbon Bridge. The winning-post, in the Grecian Valley, was at the bottom of a steep hill, and all the finishes were made in fine style. The whole course from the North Front was covered in a little over two minutes—a very fine performance over unmetalled tracks. There was a competition for people less than five-feet-two in height, which involved hitting a rugger ball polo-wise with a hockey stick over a given distance. Here, as might have been anticipated, rugger balls, hockey sticks, and desperate competitors became fatally mixed up with the crowd; and as part of the course ran parallel with the North Front nets, there was no room for anyone to retreat, and a certain confusion resulted.

But the climax of the whole afternoon was the Point-to-Point Race. All the competitors, in number about fifty, had to go from the North Front, along the Sequoia Avenue, to the Bourbon Bridge. Thence they could make their way as they pleased to the Queen's Temple, the Doric Arch, and finally to the finishing-post at the South

Front steps. There was a good crash at the Queen's Temple, and the Earl of Bective (C) had to be withdrawn on a stretcher. Just beyond the Temple there was a choice of routes: either one might reach the Doric Arch by way of the Seasons' Fountain, or one might take the route past the Temple of Ancient Virtue. But for several competitors, the sudden and crucial choice was too much. Indecision seized their handle-bars and guided them gracefully straight ahead into a large nettle-bed. This very exacting race was well and easily won by T. Edmeston (B) in rather under 7½ minutes.

Winners were as follows:—

- Nonsuch Umbrella Stakes*—E. C. Skepper (T).
Royal and Ancient Gentlemen—G. J. Chibbett (C).
Red-Head Plate (Slow Race)—C. J. V. Gornall (G).
Lower School Handicaps—Shell B.: D. E. Bode (C).
Middle School Handicaps—Five A.: M. M. Duke (C).
Upper School Handicaps—Classicists: G. R. A. Miskin (W).
Midget Golfing Tournament—K. McC. Reynolds (G).
International Relay—Holland: F. W. de Meester (B), C. R. P. Meyjes (B), F. W. A. Craandyk (B).
Point-to-Point—T. Edmeston (B).

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

423a, EDGWARE ROAD,
 PADDINGTON,
 LONDON, W.2.
 July 1946.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

At long last we have entered into possession, sans boilers, of the new premises at 423a, Edgware Road, and magnificent blue and gold signs announce our being.

Membership, especially of juniors, is increasing and good use is being made of the hall, games room and canteen.

We are very much looking forward to the resumption of visits by parties from the School, and we hope in the near future to be able to arrange for their accommodation.

Help in running the Club is now even more urgently required, and boys leaving Stowe, who live in London, could be of the greatest assistance if they would spare an evening a week for the Club.

By the time the next *Stoic* is published, the Club will be firmly on its way to carrying in full its work and activities for the neighbourhoods of Paddington and Marylebone.

I am, Sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 C. F. JUPP (*Warden*).

CRICKET

At the time of writing the School have played eleven matches, with one more to follow against the Eton Ramblers. Of those played three have been won, two drawn and five lost, while the game against the M.C.C. was abandoned just before lunch after the visitors had batted for an hour and a half. This may not appear at first sight to be a very convincing record, but there is no doubt that towards the end of June they were a very improved side and one that was difficult to beat. The two main reasons for this were firstly the great fighting spirit that developed throughout the side, and secondly the tremendous improvement in FitzGerald's captaincy and handling of his bowlers. More will be said about these two factors later.

Of the four School matches played, Stowe beat Oundle, were beaten by Bedford and Radley and drew with St. Edward's. We were deservedly beaten by Bedford but might well have won all the other three since there was only one wicket in it at the finish in each case. In the Club matches the School beat the Buccaneers and Old Stoics, drew with the Free Foresters and lost to Buckingham, the Cryptics and Public School Wanderers.

What the side lacked was batting. If there had been one or two really sound rungetters to back up FitzGerald, Loup and, in the latter half of the season, Young, many of the lost matches would have been wins. The batting did improve as the season went on, but far too often, when scores of twenty or thirty were made by individual batsmen, wickets were thrown away. This is a natural result of war-time cricket, when scores of 100 to 150 were winning ones, but next year Club sides will be stronger, with players in better practice. Scores of 250 or more will be made and Schools have got to go in and get these runs as they did in the past.

Of the batsmen, FitzGerald was in a class by himself, but in the early days the responsibilities of captaining the side and knowing that if he got out there were few people to follow, who could be relied upon to get runs, told on his own batting. Nevertheless he made several very useful scores in these early matches and played two excellent innings against St. Edward's and the Public School Wanderers. Loup had a good season and was at his best in a crisis. Many times in the early part of the season he kept one end going, and he should make many runs next year. Bate has had an unlucky season, only getting runs once, when

it mattered, against Radley. Young, after a very poor start, suddenly found his form. His feet began to move and the runs came and no one, who was privileged to see it, is ever likely to forget his innings against Oundle. Connell and Struthers both had promising first seasons and next year, if they can learn the art of concentration, should do well. They both have courage in a nasty situation, but especially in the case of Struthers, an opening bat, it is fifties and hundreds that are wanted, not twenties. The running between the wickets has been excellent and it is only fair to add that the weather in the early matches was all against big scores.

No captain could have wished for a more varied and balanced attack than FitzGerald had at his disposal. Crossley was quite fast, Young and Connell were two very useful stock bowlers, Brinson a slow left-hander, Hancox a leg-breaker and Loup an off-spinner, who was only used on a few occasions. They all bowled well, but Crossley, Brinson and Hancox were the match winners. Crossley only had one real opportunity in School matches, owing to the very soft wickets, but how well he did bowl against Radley. It was, however, the two slow bowlers, Brinson and Hancox, who caused the most trouble to opponents, and it was noticeable how disconcerted the majority of batsmen in School matches became when they were bowling. Brinson bowled very accurately for long spells and could usually be relied upon to keep one end shut up as well as getting wickets. Hancox was erratic at times, as most slow leg-break bowlers are, but had a very successful season and in addition to being a brilliant fieldsman played several useful innings, easily the best of which was against Oundle. Connell should be a dangerous bowler next year, but he must keep the ball well up to the batsmen and not allow them to play back to him so much.

The fielding was on the whole good and at times very good, as in the matches against Radley and after lunch against the Public School Wanderers. Young was outstanding and his catching, either close to the wicket or in the deep, has been magnificent. Hancox and FitzGerald have also been excellent. Bik, coming into the side when North broke a finger, steadily improved as a wicket-keeper and by the end of the season was a very adequate stumper. FitzGerald captained the side well and latterly very well. He was obviously looking for the batsmen's weaknesses and used his bowlers in a very thoughtful manner. He was himself a good fighter, as many of his innings showed, and it was from him that the rest of the side achieved this priceless virtue. It was very noticeable against Oundle, Radley and after lunch against the Public School Wanderers, and it was this quality that made a very moderate batting side into a side that took a deal of beating.

Looking to the future, it is sounder batting that is needed plus the concentration to go on from twenty to fifty and even further. The bowling this year has been good in all the representative School elevens, and it has been the batting that has let us down.

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 18th. Match drawn.

FREE FORESTERS.					STOWE.					
E. Cawston, c and b Crossley	15				M. R. de B. Bate (W), b Stephens	4				
J. A. F. Binny, b Crossley	1				M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), c E. W. Dawson,					
G. T. Hollebone, b Young	20				b Awdry	24				
A. L. Awdry, c North, b Young	1				J. J. Crossley (G), b Cawston	2				
E. W. Dawson, b Young	1				D. A. Connell (G), b Cawston	3				
D. Stephens, st North, b Brinson	15				P. M. Young (C), b Cawston	0				
A. C. Dawson, b Brinson	7				M. D. K. Burns (B), not out	10				
T. P. Lawrence, b Connell	3				A. J. Struthers (C), not out	4				
B. E. N. Fawcett, not out	5				M. D. T. Loup (T), C. A. Hancox (G),					
A. D. Bonham-Carter, st North, b					D. R. North (W) and W. L. N.					
Brinson	5				Brinson (C) did not bat.					
W. E. Capel Cure did not bat.					Extras	3				
Total (9 wkts. dec.)	73				Total (5 wkts.)	50				
		O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley	9	2	18	2		Cawston	7	1	12	3
Young	11	0	32	3		Stephens	6	1	21	1
Connell	6	2	12	1		Awdry	2.4	1	9	1
Brinson	5.2	1	11	3		Binny	2	1	5	0

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 25th, Buckingham winning by 7 wickets.

STOWE.					BUCKINGHAM.					
M. R. de B. Bate (W), b Lillistone	2				A. P. Bell, c Young, b Brinson	21				
A. J. Struthers (C), b Bell	43				T. E. Busby, c Burns, b Hancox	100				
M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), b Bell	21				R. J. Longland, c Crossley, b Hancox	19				
M. D. T. Loup (T), b Lillistone	16				G. Cowell, st North, b Hancox	1				
P. M. Young (C), b Edrich	1				B. Edrich, b Connell	14				
M. D. K. Burns (B), c Cowell, b Edrich	8				R. Tompkins, c Crossley, b Hancox	11				
C. A. Hancox (G), c Busby, b Edrich	10				R. B. Saxby, lbw, b Connell	0				
D. A. Connell (G), not out	20				E. Bryant, st North, b Hancox	0				
J. J. Crossley (G), b Tompkins	2				E. Howkins, c FitzGerald, b Hancox	2				
W. L. N. Brinson (C), b Edrich	4				D. Coulson, b Hancox	3				
D. R. North (W), b Edrich	0				H. R. Lillistone, not out	1				
Extras	18				Extras	4				
Total	145				Total	176				
		O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Tompkins	12	3	24	1		Crossley	13	4	35	0
Lillistone	12	2	29	2		Young	8	2	27	0
Bryant	5	0	25	0		Brinson	13	2	41	1
Edrich	18.4	4	32	5		Connell	11	0	25	2
Bell	13	5	17	2		Hancox	13.2	1	44	7

STOWE v. CRYPTICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 1st, the Cryptics winning by 7 wickets.

STOWE.							
1st innings				2nd innings			
M. R. de B. Bate (W), c Swanton, b Pelham			0	not out			53
A. J. Struthers (C), c and b Pelham			4	c Holding, b Beck			6
M. D. T. Loup (T), hit wkt., b Swanton			10	not out			17
M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), c Castle, b Pelham			13				
M. D. K. Burns (B) hit wkt., b Swanton			4				
P. M. Young (C), b Swanton			0				
C. A. Hancox (G), st Castle, b Swanton			4				
D. A. Connell (G), b Breton			23				
J. J. Crossley (G), b Beagly			1				
W. L. N. Brinson (C), c Swanton, b Fawcus			1				
C. A. Wauhope (C), b Breton			1				
M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), not out			5				
				Extras			8
Total			66	Total (1 wkt.)			84

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Pelham	10	6	12	3	Holding	4	1	8	0
Eddison	8	0	17	0	Sich	4	1	18	0
Swanton	6	2	17	4	Breton	6	0	23	0
Beagly	4	1	12	1	Beck	4	0	18	1
Breton	2.3	2	0	2	Eddison	4	1	8	0
Fawcus	2	0	8	1	Pelham	2	1	1	0

CRYPTICS.

E. W. Swanton, c Hancox, b Young			1
G. E. Beck, c FitzGerald, b Brinson			14
C. L. D. Fawcus, b Connell			24
E. C. Beagly, c Young, b Brinson			48
R. J. Fawcus, not out			43
L. M. T. Castle, c Burns, b Hancox			11
M. Holding, not out			1
R. J. B. Eddison, A. N. Breton, R. Sich, A. G. Pelham, R. W. Skene did not bat.			
Extras			2
Total (5 wks. dec.)			144

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley	8	1	13	0
Young	10	3	23	1
Connell	8	2	17	1
Brinson	12	0	71	2
Hancox	4	0	18	1

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 8th. Match abandoned.

M.C.C.			
N. J. D. Moffat, b Crossley			2
J. Collinson, c Young, b Brinson			27
J. B. Marriott, not out			50
B. H. Belle, not out			11
Major P. C. Rushton, D. E. Young, D. G. Jeffrey, G. H. Beet, W. Harrington, A. Thompson and T. G. A. Miles did not bat.			
Extras			3
Total (2 wks.)			93

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley	5	1	14	1
Young	10	0	26	0
Brinson	11	1	22	1
Connell	6	1	12	0
Hancox	5	0	16	0

STOWE v. BEDFORD

This match was played at Bedford on Thursday, June 13th, and resulted in a win for Bedford by five wickets.

Bedford won the toss and put Stowe in to bat on an easy-paced wicket which had been covered during the heavy rain of the last few days. Before lunch only Loup and Connell faced the bowling with any confidence and the score at the interval was 90 for 8 wickets. This state of affairs can be put down to bad batting against bowling which was steady but never dangerous, FitzGerald alone being beaten by a very good slower ball from Disbury.

Throughout this collapse Loup batted courageously and although he was not timing the ball to perfection he was determined not to throw his wicket away. The only time that Stowe got on top of the bowling before lunch was for the short period that Loup and Connell were together. It was therefore a great disappointment when Loup was bowled just before lunch. He had played extremely well when wickets were tumbling at the other end. Crossley was soon out but Brinson played out time with Connell. Connell hit the ball hard from the moment he went in whenever the opportunity arose and lunch came with him not out 21, Brinson not out 1, and the total 90 for 8 wickets.

After lunch Brinson was out with the addition of one run, but then followed a very gallant last wicket stand, which added an invaluable 50 runs, during which Bik was quite content to keep his end up while Connell did the scoring. For the most part Connell was able to keep most of the bowling and towards the latter end of the stand Bik was seldom allowed to receive more than two balls an over. In spite of this Bik played one of the best shots of the innings—a straight drive for three. Connell played

better the longer he stayed and at the finish was playing very well indeed; he was content to play the good length ball, but anything short or over-pitched was hit hard. It was cricket at its best and both players deserve equal credit for a very fine performance. Connell was eventually bowled in attempting a big hit for 67 and Bik was left not out 5, the total being 141.

The Bedford fielding was good but deteriorated slightly during the last wicket stand. Disbury bowled steadily and his 6 wickets for 50 runs in 24 overs was a good performance.

Bedford soon lost a wicket, Loup making a good catch off a hard hit at cover point, but they did not lose another wicket before tea when the score was 47 for 1 wicket. Brinson had bowled well, and seeing that it was the slow bowler who had troubled the batsmen, it was hard to understand why Hancox had not yet had a bowl.

After tea Brinson and Hancox shared the bowling and at once the game took on a different complexion. Neither batsman, Disbury or Kemp, was comfortable and it was no surprise when Hancox clean bowled Kemp. The score was then 65 for 2 wickets, and off the next ball Farmer-Wright was badly missed at mid-on off Hancox. Stowe had missed their chance as Farmer-Wright then stayed to the end.

Brinson soon had Disbury stumped after he had played a good innings, but then the cricket became extremely dull for about three-quarters of an hour. FitzGerald changed his bowling frequently and Young got two wickets, the score becoming 105 for 5 wickets. Daughtry, a left-hander, then came in and played very well and the remaining runs were knocked off without further loss, Bedford thus winning by five wickets.

It was a disappointing match and the two main reasons for Stowe's defeat were bad batting and the fact that both slow bowlers were not on together twenty-five minutes before tea.

STOWE.					BEDFORD.				
M. R. de B. Bate (W), b Disbury.....	4				S. Y. Goudge, c Loup, b Young.....	1			
A. J. Struthers (C), lbw, b Disbury.....	5				B. E. Disbury, st Bik, b Brinson.....	37			
M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), b Disbury.....	7				Kemp, b Hancox.....	26			
M. D. T. Loup (T), b Fleming.....	28				Farmer-Wright (1), not out.....	44			
M. D. K. Burns (B), lbw, b Disbury.....	3				Dawes, c and b Young.....	12			
P. M. Young (C), lbw, b Disbury.....	11				Payne, b Young.....	2			
C. A. Hancox (G), c Meadows, b Disbury.....	5				Daughtry, not out.....	25			
D. A. Connell (G), b Farmer-Wright.....	67				Meadows, Pickett, Fleming and Farmer- Wright (2) did not bat.				
J. J. Crossley (G), lbw, b Fleming.....	0								
W. L. N. Brinson (C), c Payne, b Fleming.....	1								
A. T. V. B. Bik (C), not out.....	5								
Extras.....	5				Extras.....	7			
Total.....	141				Total (5 wkts.).....	154			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Disbury.....	24	2	50	6	Crossley.....	7	3	9	0
Pickett.....	10	2	28	0	Young.....	14	5	25	3
Fleming.....	20	2	55	3	Brinson.....	20	6	37	1
Farmer-Wright (2).....	1.3	0	3	1	Connell.....	11	1	39	0
					Hancox.....	12	1	37	1

STOWE v. BUCCANEERS.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 15th, Stowe winning by 2 wickets.

BUCCANEERS.				STOWE.					
R. E. Saunders, c Bik, b Young.....	8			M. R. de B. Bate (W), c Tebbs, b Smith.....	0				
G. W. Moore, b Connell.....	25			A. J. Struthers (C), c Capel Cure, b Tebbs.....	0				
W. J. Goldsmith, run out.....	8			M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), b Tebbs.....	23				
M. Fenez, b Brinson.....	8			M. D. T. Loup (T), c Moore, b Tebbs.....	2				
M. D. K. Burns (B), c Bik, b Connell.....	3			D. R. S. Kingan (T), lbw, b Gibson.....	23				
W. W. Smith, c Young, b Brinson.....	14			D. A. Connell (G), b Moore.....	15				
B. E. N. Fawcett, b Connell.....	3			P. M. Young (C), not out.....	15				
D. W. FitzGerald, st Bik, b Brinson.....	2			C. A. Hancox (G), st Capel Cure, b Tebbs.....	0				
R. K. Tebbs, c and b Brinson.....	1			J. J. Crossley (G), b Tebbs.....	0				
W. E. Capel Cure, not out.....	1			A. T. V. B. Bik (C), not out.....	1				
A. B. E. Gibson, lbw, b Brinson.....	4			W. L. N. Brinson (C), did not bat.					
Extras.....	2			Extras.....	3				
Total.....	79			Total (8 wkts.).....	82				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley.....	8	2	20	0	Smith.....	11	1	31	1
Young.....	9	3	11	1	Tebbs.....	14	2	28	5
Brinson.....	17	5	24	5	Gibson.....	6	2	9	1
Hancox.....	3	1	10	0	Moore.....	2	0	11	1
Connell.....	12	7	12	3					

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S.

This match was played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 26th, and after a most enjoyable and exciting game ended in a draw, very much in Stowe's favour since St. Edward's needed another 55 runs to win with only one wicket in hand.

After more heavy rain overnight, Stowe won the toss and batted, St. Edward's being handicapped by a wet ball. Loup and Struthers gave us an excellent start by putting on 37 runs for the first wicket. The first hour only produced 32 runs—slow going—but it must be remembered that the outfield was very slow and a boundary was a big hit. During this period the St. Edward's bowling was good, both Lattey and Kitchin keeping a good length, but they were fortunate in that several loose balls were not hit as they should have been.

Kitchin, the St. Edward's captain, then started bowling his off-spinners round the wicket and Stowe's troubles began. Struthers, after playing well, put one into short leg's hands and Loup, with the score at 58, played a lazy shot and was caught in the slips. Bate and Kingan were soon out, both clean bowled, and once again Connell came in to face a crisis and join FitzGerald who had looked quite safe. Connell knew nothing about the first few balls from Kitchin but was then presented with a few loose balls, which he duly hit, and this gave him the confidence he needed. Lunch came with the score 83 for 4 wickets, FitzGerald being not out 17 and Connell not out 13.

Only one over was bowled after lunch when heavy rain stopped play for an hour and twenty minutes. During this interval both captains agreed that play should go on till 7.30 instead of 7 p.m. in order to try and obtain a result.

On the resumption both batsmen forced the pace as much as they could against some very accurate bowling by Lattey. Connell was eventually caught at the wicket

for a very valuable 25 and Young joined FitzGerald. They added a further 34 runs in twenty minutes before tea which was taken with the score at 143 for 5 wickets.

This pair had ten minutes sensible but vigorous batting after tea and took the score to 170 when FitzGerald declared, leaving St. Edward's 2 hours and 20 minutes to get the runs.

FitzGerald had played an invaluable innings and his 60 not out was scored at quite a reasonable pace considering the number of interruptions. After tea, when he was going for the runs, he played particularly well, as did Young, and the pair had added 61 runs in their unbroken partnership. It was very encouraging to see Young getting runs and this innings was a prelude to his many good innings later in the term.

St. Edward's started confidently and on the easy wicket found no real difficulty with Crossley and Connell, who did, however, get several balls past the bat. Once again though, as soon as the slow bowlers came on wickets began to fall and from 25 for no wicket the score became 45 for three wickets. Brinson caught and bowled two and Bik stumped Livingstone, who looked a very good player, off Hancox. Kitchin, who came in first wicket down, was batting well and while he remained a Stowe victory did not appear probable.

FitzGerald was managing his bowling well: he tried many changes and possibly in desperation he put on Loup. It worked, as after several balls of very uneconomical length Kitchin was very well caught at mid-off by Brinson, and the score was 75 for 4 wickets and the time ten minutes to seven—40 minutes left and six wickets to get.

Everton, a left-hander, was then missed twice and this possibly proved fatal, not from the point of view of runs but of valuable time missed. Both catches should have been held. However, by five minutes past seven the total was 98 for 6 wickets and Stowe had a chance. By 7.25 it was 115 for 8, Hancox having come on again and Loup making an excellent catch in a "likely" spot on the leg side. Hancox was the man at this stage of the game, and perhaps if FitzGerald had brought him on earlier—say two overs—there might have been a different result. Tail-end batsmen in school sides usually dislike these slow spinners, however badly bowled, and Hancox was bowling badly today, but runs did not matter.

Crossley made a great effort to get these last two wickets in the one remaining over, but it was not until the last ball, when the danger was over, that Lattey let fly and was caught in the slips by Brinson, who thus made his fourth catch of the innings.

It was an excellent game full of interesting cricket, and if Stowe had held their catches they would probably have won.

STOWE.		ST. EDWARD'S.	
A. J. Struthers (C), c Lattey, b Kitchin	14	M. C. P. Livingstone, st Bik, b Hancox	16
M. D. T. Loup (T), c Lattey, b Kitchin	31	C. W. Hick, c and b Brinson	12
M. E. J. FitzGerald (S), not out	60	J. E. Kitchin, c Brinson, b Loup	26
M. R. de B. Bate (W), b Kitchin	4	W. Gaskell, c and b Brinson	9
D. R. S. Kingan (T), b Kitchin	0	M. J. Wood, b Connell	27
D. A. Connell (G), c Perry, b Lattey	25	J. G. Everton, c Crossley, b Young	7
P. M. Young (O), not out	29	R. W. Perry, b Brinson	4
C. A. Hancox (G), J. J. Crossley (G), A. T. V. B. Bik (C) and W. L. N. Brinson (O) did not bat.		C. J. Turner, not out	6
		M. J. C. Keen, c Loup, b Hancox	7
		J. I. Lattey, c Brinson, b Crossley	0
		D. J. Backhouse did not bat.	
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total (5 wkts. dec.)	170	Total (9 wkts.)	115

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lattey	10	10	14	1	Crossley	6	1	6	1
Backhouse	13	4	43	0	Connell	13	4	24	1
Kitchin	26	2	71	4	Brinson	19	3	32	3
Wood	5	0	35	0	Hancox	9	0	32	2
					Young	7	2	11	1
					Loup	3	1	9	1

STOWE v. OUNDLE.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 29, Stowe winning by one wicket.

There was not much pleasurable cricket in this match before lunch; the Oundle batting was unenterprising and the Stowe fielding poor. During this period the one thing that showed any class was FitzGerald's handling of the bowling. He quickly realized that his regular bowlers were being treated with far too much respect for anything ever to happen (Young had 6 runs hit off his first two overs and then bowled 8 consecutive maidens), switched to Brinson and Hancox, and relied chiefly on them for the rest of the game. It was this imaginative policy that persuaded Oundle to quicken their rate of scoring after lunch and therefore made a finish of some kind possible. Oundle scored their runs at well under a run a minute and even Blackburn who appeared to be hitting the ball well took an hour and a half over his 44. Hancox's final figures of 5 for 105 do not do him justice as he had no fewer than seven chances missed off his bowling: the Stowe fielding throughout was ragged and far below their usual standard.

The Oundle declaration was a good one, and left Stowe three hours, less the time taken for tea, to score the necessary 190 runs. From the start there was no doubt that they were going to try and win, and very great credit must be given to every batsman for his refusal to allow the idea of a draw to enter into the picture.

At tea-time, after 30 minutes' play, the score was 30 with both Loup and Struthers out—perhaps not a disastrous position yet, but certainly not a happy one. The quarter of an hour after tea really showed the temper of the Stowe team; they lost three more wickets, but they made 22 more runs while doing it. The score now was 52 for 5—very nearly disastrous and most certainly not happy at all. Then Young joined FitzGerald, and the rest of the match defies adequate description; but I am going a little too fast, for though FitzGerald batted with the greatest determination, he was out with the score 81 for 6, and if ever a match appeared lost, this one did. But Young had entirely different ideas and so had Hancox. This pair added 60 runs in 35 minutes, and most emphatically not by mere hitting. They both batted with stubborn defence against the good balls and achieved their remarkable success by dealing ruthlessly with anything loose and by excellent running between the wickets. This stand made a Stowe victory possible, but all the same when Hancox was out there were still 49 runs needed. First Crossley and then Bik defended dourly, refusing to be tempted, and content that in Young they had a magician who could do no wrong; of these last 49 runs Young made 46 off his own bat in half an hour. To add to the excitement, Stowe's 9th wicket fell with the scores level, but Brinson did not have to face the bowling, and the winning run was made with still a quarter of an hour to spare. Young's innings of 94 not out took him 95 minutes, yet contained only 8 boundaries; it must surely be classed among the best bits of batting done by a Stoic.

Oundle.	
Holroyd, c Bik, b Brinson.....	16
Muller, b Hancox.....	23
Clark, c Struthers, b Hancox.....	13
Potter, c Kingan, b Hancox.....	30
Gloag, lbw, b Crossley.....	20
Blackburn, c Loup, b Connell.....	44
Gutteridge, st Bik, b Hancox.....	7
Hardy, b Crossley.....	3
Jenkins, c Young, b Hancox.....	25
Lingwood, not out.....	4
Halford did not bat.	
Extras.....	4
Total (9 wkts. dec.).....	189

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley.....	11	2	20	2
Young.....	10	8	6	0
Connell.....	15	5	22	1
Brinson.....	18	6	32	1
Hancox.....	28.3	0	105	5

Stowe.	
A. J. Struthers (C), lbw, b Halford.....	10
M. D. T. Loup (T), b Gutteridge.....	9
M. E. J. FitzGerald (C), c Clark, b Jenkins.....	18
M. R. de B. Bate (W), b Halford.....	11
D. R. S. Kingan (T), run out.....	3
D. A. Connell (G), lbw, b Gutteridge.....	3
P. M. Young (C), not out.....	94
C. A. Hancox (G), c Potter, b Jenkins.....	32
J. J. Crossley (G), c Halford, b Jenkins.....	2
A. T. V. B. Bik (C), c Blackburn, b Jenkins.....	0
W. L. N. Brinson (C), not out.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total (9 wkts.).....	190

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Halford.....	17	1	62	2
Gutteridge.....	19	4	60	2
Lingwood.....	1	0	5	0
Jenkins.....	10	2	38	4
Hardy.....	4	0	17	0

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Tuesday, July 4th. This was another great match, and again—the third time in nine days—there was only one wicket in it at the finish, Radley winning with their last man in. As Young's batting had been the outstanding feature of the Oundle match, so was that of C. S. Cheshire, the Radley captain, in this one. Surely he is a player of real class and should go far; his was a beautiful innings, in which footwork played a great part, and it is hoped that members of the Stowe team watched this most important aspect of batting. Second only to Cheshire's innings was the Stowe fielding, which was very good indeed and reached its best when matters were going against them during the sixth and seventh wicket partnerships—a noteworthy achievement.

Stowe won the toss and batted on a good fastish wicket. Loup was soon out, caught at the wicket, but FitzGerald and Struthers took the score to 35 before Struthers, having played well, was out to a bad shot. Bate joined FitzGerald and at once appeared to see the ball well and hit it hard, being very severe on the leg side. With the score at 70, FitzGerald pulled a short one straight into deep square leg's hands—a pity as he was playing well, the Radley bowling did not look dangerous, and we hoped for a big score from him.

Kingan and Bate then added a very useful 42 runs, Bate doing nearly all the scoring. At 112 Kingan was caught at the wicket and four runs later Connell again put his leg in front of a straight one. Young came in and was quite happy from the start. Bate, who had played so well, now began to get a little reckless and was caught trying to hook—score 127 for 6. This was unnecessary as had he remained till lunch Stowe would have been in a good position. However, it was most satisfactory to see him getting runs again as he has been right out of form and luck. Bik played out the few minutes before lunch, which was taken at 132 for 6 wickets.

Bik was soon out after lunch, but Hancox came in and both he and Young looked in Oundle form. They found no difficulty with the bowling and had added 28 runs when Young paid the penalty for flicking just outside the off stump and was caught at the wicket. Crossley and Brinson failed and Hancox was left not out 32; the score was 169.

Stowe should have got more runs, as the wicket was easy and the Radley bowling not very convincing. Struthers, FitzGerald, Bate and Young all gave their wickets away when well set.

It was the first time this year, since the opening match, that our bowlers had had a hard wicket to bowl on and Crossley started off as if he were well aware of the fact. He was very definitely hostile, as all fast bowlers should be, and neither of the Radley opening batsmen was comfortable against him. At 23 he knocked back Bower's off stump and at 27 he repeated the dose on Gardiner. Enter Cheshire, and for a very long spell it was a case of his trying to get all the bowling he could and the Stowe bowlers trying to keep him quiet at the end of each over in order to have a go at the other batsman.

By tea three further wickets had fallen—one to Brinson and two to Hancox, who bowled very well today—and the score was 65 for 5 wickets.

Crossley came back refreshed after tea and again bowled really well. Hudson, who was now partnering Cheshire, must have wondered how his wicket remained undamaged on several occasions. However, the luck was not with Crossley and these two added 54 very valuable runs before Young bowled Hudson with the score at 102. Lawrence then joined Cheshire and a further 45 runs were added before Crossley got him caught at the wicket with the score at 147. Radley then needed 23 runs with three wickets in hand and Cheshire in complete control. It was very noticeable how easily he played Crossley and how difficult everybody else found him. It was during these last two partnerships that the Stowe fielding was so good, and later the climax came when Hancox, at 162, caught Cheshire, most brilliantly, at cover-point. He played forward to Crossley, possibly lifting his head a little, and Hancox had to dive full length at cover to reach the ball. His innings of 86 had been a really magnificent effort. The score was now 162 for eight wickets and one run later Crossley struck another great blow by having Cornwell caught by Young. Seven runs to make and the last man in—a four to leg off a most inopportune full toss, two byes and a single did it.

Stowe.	
M. D. T. Loup (T), c Wadham, b Cornwell.....	1
A. J. Struthers (C), b Hudson.....	11
M. E. J. FitzGerald (C), c Raynes, b Hudson.....	36
M. R. de B. Bate (W), c Lawrence, b Fletcher.....	54
D. R. S. Kingan (T), c Wadham, b Fletcher.....	8
D. A. Connell (G), lbw, b Fletcher.....	1
P. M. Young (C), c Wadham, b Hudson.....	33
A. T. V. B. Bik (C), lbw, b Raynes.....	0
C. A. Hancox (G), not out.....	12
J. J. Crossley (G), c Cornwell, b Hudson.....	1
W. L. N. Brinson (C), hit wkt., b Raynes.....	0
Extras.....	12
Total.....	169

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fletcher.....	14	4	30	3
Cornwell.....	8	1	35	1
Raynes.....	10.4	1	34	2
Hudson.....	12	1	28	4
Soames.....	3	0	15	0
Cheshire.....	4	0	15	0

Radley.	
G. P. Wadham, st Bik, b Brinson.....	16
M. J. D. Bower, b Crossley.....	8
P. D. R. Gardiner, b Crossley.....	1
C. S. Cheshire, c Hancox, b Crossley.....	86
F. G. Wells, b Hancox.....	2
R. H. Soames, c Bate, b Hancox.....	0
J. D. Hudson, b Young.....	17
D. R. W. Lawrence, c Bik, b Crossley.....	17
A. E. F. Cornwell, c Young, b Crossley.....	4
A. J. R. Raynes, not out.....	0
C. R. T. Fletcher, not out.....	5
Extras.....	14
Total (9 wkts.).....	170

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Crossley.....	16.4	6	32	5
Connell.....	7	1	17	0
Young.....	16	5	32	1
Brinson.....	13	2	52	1
Hancox.....	6	0	23	2

STOWE v. OLD STOICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 6th, Stowe winning by 7 wickets.

OLD STOICS.					STOWE.				
A. C. L. Lewisohn (C), c Bik, b Connell	41				M. D. T. Loup (T), b Connell	54			
I. H. Lewisohn (C), run out	5				A. J. Struthers (C), c Barling, b Dansie	36			
N. C. S. Barling (C), c Loup, b Crossley	23				P. M. Young (C), not out	45			
J. M. Connell (G), lbw, b Brinson	4				M. E. J. FitzGerald (C), c Arnold, b Connell	2			
H. A. S. Murray (C), run out	8				M. R. de B. Bate (W), not out	0			
G. E. G. Jackson (T), c and b Young	38				D. R. S. Kingan (T), D. A. Connell (G), C. A. Hancox (G), J. J. Crossley (G), A. T. V. B. Bik (C) and W. L. N. Brinson (C) did not bat.				
A. F. Cottier (C), c Loup, b Connell	9								
A. B. Robinson (C), c Bik, b Crossley	6								
E. M. Arnold (C), c Young, b Crossley	2								
G. A. Bakewell (C), c Crossley, b Brinson	3								
C. Dansie (C), not out	11								
Extras	4				Extras	19			
Total	154				Total (3 wkts.)	156			

OLD STOICS.					STOWE.				
Crossley	O.	M.	R.	W.	Dansie	O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell	13	0	50	3	Cottier	13	1	30	1
Young	7	1	24	2	Robinson	10	1	32	0
Brinson	11	3	24	1	A. C. Lewisohn	9	0	29	0
Hancox	8.2	1	25	2	Bakewell	2	0	6	0
	5	0	27	0	Murray	7	1	17	0
					Barling	2	1	4	0
					Connell	1	0	12	0
						2	0	7	2

STOWE v. PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS

Played at Stowe on July 13th, the Public School Wanderers winning by 46 runs.

P.S. WANDERERS.					STOWE.				
D. Davies, c Hancox, b Loup	78				M. D. T. Loup (T), lbw, b Renbold	5			
G. E. Beck, c Young, b Connell	19				A. J. Struthers (C), c Henderson, b Renbold	22			
A. P. Henderson, b Crossley	22				M. E. J. FitzGerald (C) st Nainby, b Beck	61			
J. E. C. Nicholl, b Loup	4				M. R. de B. Bate (W), run out	5			
D. R. D. Wright, c Bate, b Crossley	39				P. M. Young (C), lbw, b Peel	23			
J. Peel, st Bik, b Brinson	21				D. A. Connell (G), c Tatham, b Wood	2			
W. K. Wood, c Struthers, b Crossley	9				C. A. Hancox (G), b Henderson	38			
F. H. C. Tatham, c Hancox, b Connell	7				D. R. S. Kingan (T), c Renbold, b Beck	0			
J. L. Nainby, st Bik, b Hancox	9				J. J. Crossley (G), st Nainby, b Henderson	1			
D. Renbold, b Hancox	6				A. T. V. B. Bik (C), c Tatham, b Renbold	8			
C. Burton, not out	2				W. L. N. Brinson (C), not out	0			
Extras	3				Extras	8			
Total	219				Total	173			

P.S. WANDERERS.					STOWE.				
Crossley	O.	M.	R.	W.	Wood	O.	M.	R.	W.
Young	12	2	39	3	Renbold	12	1	31	1
Connell	8	1	38	0	Beck	13.2	3	38	3
Hancox	9	0	36	2	Wright	10	0	56	2
Brinson	9.4	0	44	2	Peel	2	0	6	0
Loup	5	0	36	1	Henderson	3	0	15	1
	9	1	23	2		5	0	19	2

STOWE v. ETON RAMBLERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 20th, the Eton Ramblers winning by 153 runs.

ETON RAMBLERS.					STOWE.				
J. A. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, c Bik, b Young	5				M. D. T. Loup (T), b Aubrey-Fletcher	13			
A. J. S. Cassavetti, c Struthers, b Crossley	5				A. J. Struthers (C), lbw, b Boyd	4			
R. H. R. Buckston, b Loup	13				M. E. J. FitzGerald (C), b Boyd	0			
G. S. Inledon-Webber, b Crossley	106				M. R. de B. Bate (W), c North, b Hodgson	10			
E. H. Boyd, c Bik, b Loup	2				P. M. Young (C), c Hodgson, b Trevor	18			
B. D. Barton, c Young, b Loup	0				D. A. Connell (G), b Hodgson	0			
R. St. L. Granville, run out	35				C. A. Hancox (G), c Hodgson, b Cassavetti	9			
B. Hodgson, c Hancox, b Crossley	52				D. R. S. Kingan (T), c Grenville, b Hodgson	9			
R. H. Montgomerie, not out	16				J. J. Crossley (G), b North	23			
S. Trevor, not out	3				A. T. V. B. Bik (C), not out	0			
G. M. North did not bat.					W. L. N. Brinson (C), b North	0			
Extras	3				Extra	1			
Total (8 wkts. dec.)	240				Total	87			

ETON RAMBLERS.					STOWE.				
Crossley	O.	M.	R.	W.	North	O.	M.	R.	W.
Young	14	2	47	3	Hodgson	8.4	4	11	2
Connell	7	0	24	1	Boyd	7	3	7	3
Brinson	12	4	37	0	Aubrey-Fletcher	7	1	19	2
Loup	10	0	50	0	Trevor	4	2	9	1
Hancox	9	1	29	3	Cassavetti	2	0	15	1
	8	0	50	0	Montgomerie	4	0	17	1
						4	2	8	0

2ND XI.

A fairly successful season was enjoyed. More matches were won than lost and, from the beginning, the team played as a team, and not as a series of individuals. Ritchie showed a real sense of captaincy and his handling of the bowling and the field was excellent at all times. Every opponent was attacked to the limit of the resources available.

The batting was patchy at times and few people cultivated the habit of making runs which is the hall mark of a successful batting side. Burns, Haigh and Bartlett were probably the most consistent, though Rycroft, McDiarmid, Kingan and Rhodes had their moments.

The bowling was good. A spearhead of Ritchie, Cunningham and Mitchell was generally good enough to deal with the opposition batting, though McDiarmid and Bartlett and S. B. Lloyd showed their use at some critical moments. The fielding was generally keen and excellent and the wicket-keeping adequate.

- May 18th. v. HARROW (Away). Drawn.
Stowe, 109 (R. M. Bartlett (T) 45).
Harrow, 83 for 9 (M. D. J. McDiarmid (W) 3 for 4).
- May 25th. v. BLOXHAM (Home). Won.
Stowe, 178 for 8 dec.ared (H. D. W. Rhodes (C) 41, M. D. J. McDiarmid (W) 57, P. D. Haigh (C) 35 not out).
Bloxham, 100 (M. D. J. McDiarmid (W) 4 for 17, N. J. R. J. Mitchell (W) 3 for 15).

- June 1st. *v.* RUGBY (Away). Lost.
Stowe, 84.
Rugby, 93 (A. J. O. Ritchie (T) 7 for 19).
- June 13th. *v.* BEDFORD (Home). Won.
Stowe, 109 for 8 (D. R. S. Kingan (T) 35).
Bedford, 70 (S. B. Cunningham (T) 6 for 34).
- June 29th. *v.* OUNDLE (Away). Lost.
Oundle, 211 for 6 declared.
Stowe, 122 (M. D. K. Burns (B) 46, P. D. Haigh (C) 34).
- July 4th. *v.* RADLEY (Home). Won.
Stowe, 130 for 9 (M. D. K. Burns (B) 45).
Radley, 67 (A. J. O. Ritchie (T) 4 for 4).
- July 13th. *v.* BLETCHLEY C.C. (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 135 (P. V. Rycroft (C) 34).
Bletchley, 143 (A. J. O. Ritchie (T) 4 for 34).

3rd XI.

This year the team has been full of bowling talent, but the batting has been unreliable. However, we have had many interesting and enjoyable matches, and towards the end of the season a marked all-round improvement was shown. Matches were won against Radley; lost against Buckingham 'A,' Bloxham 2nd, St. Edward's, Bedford and Harrow; and drawn with Blakesley.

COLTS.

Weak batting has been the Colts' trouble this season. If the first four in the batting order failed, a small score was inevitable. Unfortunately these four (C. H. Bradly (B), J. F. Conington (B), D. E. Conington (B) and O. B. Sayer (T)) never all made runs on the same day, and this has been the chief reason for four defeats in the four games against other Schools. Sayer captained the side very well indeed. He made good use of a varied selection of bowlers, of whom W. R. G. Short (Ⓢ) and P. M. Dempster (B) were the most successful, and he stood out as a first class fielder in a good fielding side.

The following matches have been played:—

- May 25th. *v.* HARROW (Away). Lost by 80 runs.
Harrow, 180 for 9 declared (W. R. G. Short (Ⓢ) 5 for 40).
Stowe, 100.
- June 1st. *v.* RUGBY (Home). Lost by 8 wickets.
Stowe, 63 (J. F. Conington (B) 32).
Rugby, 107 (R. A. Hird (C) 4 for 33, W. R. G. Short (Ⓢ) 3 for 18, O. B. Sayer (T) 2 for 16).

- June 13th. *v.* BEDFORD (Away). Lost by 1 wicket.
Stowe, 63.
Bedford, 66 for 9 (P. M. Dempster (B) 3 for 3, W. R. G. Short (Ⓢ) 2 for 16).
- June 29th. *v.* OUNDLE (Home). Lost by 37 runs.
Oundle, 157 (P. M. Dempster (B) 6 for 42).
Stowe, 120 (J. F. Conington (B) 48, P. M. Dempster (B) 19).

JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts won matches, both away, against Bedford and Harrow; but lost at home to Rugby.

1ST XI AVERAGES.

	BATTING		Most in Innings	Times Not out	Average
	No. of Innings	Runs			
P. M. Young (C)	11	269	94*	4	38.43
M. E. J. FitzGerald (Ⓢ)	11	265	61	1	26.50
D. A. MacL. Connell (G)	10	159	67	1	17.66
M. D. T. Loup (T)	10	169	54	0	16.90
C. A. Hancox (G)	8	110	38	1	15.71
A. J. Struthers (C)	11	153	43	1	15.30
M. R. de B. Bate (W)	11	94	54	1	9.40
D. R. S. Kingan (T)	6	43	23	0	7.16
A. T. V. B. Bik (C)	6	14	8	3	4.66
J. J. Crossley (G)	9	32	23	0	3.55
W. L. N. Brinson (C)	7	6	4	2	1.20

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. D. T. Loup (T)	21	3	61	6	10.16
J. J. Crossley (G)	122.4	26	303	20	15.15
D. A. Connell (G)	118	48	276	14	19.71
C. A. Hancox (G)	103.3	3	409	20	20.45
W. L. N. Brinson (C)	151.4	27	433	21	20.62
P. M. Young (C)	121	32	278	12	23.16

FIELDING

The following catches were made:—P. M. Young (C), 11; J. J. Crossley (G), 5; C. A. Hancox (G), 5; M. D. T. Loup (T), 5; W. L. N. Brinson (C), 5; A. J. Struthers (C), 3; M. R. de B. Bate (W), 2; M. E. J. FitzGerald (Ⓢ), 2; D. R. S. Kingan (T), 1. Wicket-keeping:—A. T. V. B. Bik (C), caught 8, stumped 7; D. R. North (C), caught 1, stumped 4.

LAWN TENNIS

The approach of the present season was awaited with quickening enthusiasm, for with the supply position easier, and with several Old Colours and members of the 1945 "Ten" available, prospects were distinctly favourable for an even better season than the last. Competition for places in the "Ten" and the First Six was expected to be keen, and so it has proved in practice.

Owing to an unavoidably late start in arranging fixtures, it was not possible to prepare an official match card for general circulation. However, those fixtures eventually played as arranged have been extremely enjoyable and at times have produced Tennis of a commendably high standard. The First Six so far have an unbeaten record in School matches, though many of them were very much closer than superficial scrutiny of the final scores might suggest.

This run of success, though marred by one "domestic" set-back, included a first round victory over Wellingborough in the Glanvill Cup, and has produced a state of restrained optimism among the players, who are preparing for the Bradfield Match on July 17th in a determined manner. The Six has been strengthened recently by the inclusion of two players from the Cricket XI, and it stands an excellent chance of progressing further in this competition.

Once again, after seven years, the All England Championships were held at Wimbledon. Through the arrangements of the P.S.L.T.A., a few tickets were available for some members of the Ten, and those fortunate to draw them saw some stirring matches. Even if the only lesson learned from the experts is that temperamental demonstrations are out of place on a tennis court or any other sporting arena, the time spent in visiting Wimbledon will not have been wasted.

Stowe has been invited, with fifteen other Schools, to send a VI to a Tennis Tournament organized by the P.S.L.T.A. under the auspices of the All England Club at Wimbledon from July 29th to August 3rd. The first match for the Stowe VI is against Dulwich on Wednesday, July 31st, and thereafter further representative matches are to be played against the P.S.O.B.L.T.C. and the All England Club. Entry to the grounds is by ticket only, and a limited number have been given to the School for the use of parents and relatives of players and senior boys.

The following is a summary of the matches played so far this term. All have been Doubles fixtures, each pair in the VI playing each opposing pair, though in many cases play ceased when one side had won five matches, each match being the best of three advantage sets.

May 25th.	v. Oriel College, Oxford (Away).	Won	5—1.
May 29th.	v. Wellingborough School (Home). (including the 1st Round of the Glanvill Cup.)	Won	7—1.
June 12th.	v. Mill Hill School (Home).	Won	5—3.
June 13th.	v. Mr. P. K. Bourne's VI. (Away).	Won	5—3.
July 10th.	v. K.C.S., Wimbledon (Home).	Won	7—1.
July 11th.	v. Wellingborough School (Away).	Won	6—3.
July 13th.	v. P.S.O.B.L.T.C. (Home).	Lost	1—5.

Fixtures arranged against Radley (away) and the Welsh Guards (home) were cancelled owing to adverse weather, and one against Bradfield remains to be played.

The following have represented the School in the First VI this term:—G. J. Chibbett (C), J. J. Crossley (G), R. H. S. Harris (C), C. M. Mosselmans (C), J. W. A. Downing (T), R. J. Broadley (W), R. W. Shirley (T), D. A. McL. Connell (G), J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W).

It is impracticable to give a detailed survey of the separate matches played, but a few general comments will serve to illustrate the good and bad aspects of the Tennis played this season.

At times, and notably in the match against the P.S.O.B.L.T.C., the VI have played Tennis of a very high standard, which has provided the often disappointingly small number of spectators with an exhibition well worth their attention. At times the team work, retrieving and anticipation of various pairs have been as good as anything seen previously at Stowe, though not always maintaining so consistent a standard as in the past. On the whole the ground strokes have been well produced, the lobbing fairly accurate but inclined to be short, and the volleys and smashing poor. It is not yet realized by the majority of players, both in School and House Matches, that the technique of Doubles is quite different from that of Singles; the former is based primarily on the use of the volley, lob and smash, whereas the latter is undoubtedly based on the ground strokes. Too often, one sees four players, nominally playing a Doubles match, but in fact giving the impression of playing two separate Singles simultaneously on the same Court. While Singles is entirely an individualist game, Doubles is a team event, requiring the highest possible degree of understanding and collaboration. To effect a general improvement in the standard of Doubles play, it will be necessary first to pay particular attention to the development of the team spirit to a much higher degree than at present, and secondly, to practise the volley and overhead shot until they are taken in preference to ground shots. Only this will enable the players to gain that dominating and aggressive position at the net, which is the *sine qua non* of good Doubles play. In order to encourage a more intensive and more intelligent study of Doubles, it is hoped that next season may see the introduction of an Open Doubles Championship, as a logical complement to the Mornington Singles.

In the Final of the House 'A' and 'B' Leagues, Chandos beat Temple; while in the Senior House Matches, after a semi-final of mild surprises, Temple meet Walpole in the Final. A fuller report on these Competitions and on the results of the Mornington Singles will be published next term.

RIFLE CLUB

The .22 Championship was won by G. P. Tobin (G) with a score of 98 out of a possible 110.

The following have won prizes at "Spoon" shoots during the term.

Class "A":—J. K. Hemsworth (W), J. E. Farr (B), J. E. Gamble (C), C. M. Hilton (W). Class "B":—J. D. Lloyd (B), J. K. H. Torrens (C), J. F. F. Le Poer Trench (C).

R.H.

SWIMMING 1946

General Bathing started very late this year because of medical difficulties, and even the Dolphins were unable to swim till just before the Exeat. Owing to this delay, three School matches had to be cancelled, but on June 29th a team of six was formed to meet Bedford Modern. The match was swum here and we were beaten badly—42-16. Four days later, however, we took a team to Bloxham, and won $40\frac{1}{2}$ — $33\frac{1}{2}$. We lost a few points on the diving, but our swimming was comparatively good. On July 6th, there was a very close match against Oundle which we lost by 2 points. If this was due to any particular event it would be the 100 yards breaststroke in which Oundle got both the first and second places with an extremely good time. We won the freestyle relay, however, R. W. Shirley (T) doing an outstandingly good finishing sprint. He was awarded School colours after the match. To finish up the season we were able to beat St. Edward's $36\frac{1}{2}$ — $27\frac{1}{2}$. Everybody swam well and the match ended with a most exciting eight-a-side medley relay.

For various reasons the School team was extraordinarily small and compact this year, and some people used to swim in about three events in every match. The standard of Diving in the team was just about the same as it was last year, but that of breast and backstroke was a little higher this year. Free-style swimming, however, was not so fast.

The regular members of the team were:—J. C. Harper (C) (Capt.), C. S. Edwards (C) (Hon. Secretary), R. W. Shirley (T), D. G. A. Airey (C), O. Dansie (C), P. G. Shinner (B). When able P. M. Young (C), W. L. N. Brinson (C) and M. M. T. Paxton (C) swam too.

In spite of the late start, the inter-house swimming sports and the Elkington relays are being swum as usual.

J.C.H.

GOLF

This term has seen a renaissance of Stowe golf—and what golf it is! Every evening a queue of hackers, hookers, slicers and socketers trudges wearily round the first three holes, swearing softly as it goes. From time to time, an extra venturesome slicer takes to the woods in the hope of finding his last remaining golf ball. This, however, has suffered one of two fates. Either it has been removed by an unscrupulous Stoic who has ambushed it as it rolled by, or else it has gone down a rabbit hole.

The more aristocratic golfers have been shattered by the habits and the style of the plebeian players. The conventional or Cotton swing has been replaced, in the case of beginners, by the Stowe swing. This consists in gripping the club firmly in both hands, right way or wrong way up depending on whether the player is right or left handed, looking in the air, hitting the ground violently, and turning rapidly to see where the ball should have gone.

Divots up to a foot long are removed at frequent intervals from the hitherto green and unsullied turf of the South Front. These divots are never replaced (except by the aristocrats): so that the Colts Nets are now an oasis in a blasted and torn wilderness where Stoics have driven to the first green. Their balls will have arrived there to alarm, strike, or otherwise dismay the match in front, who will have been subjected to a constant and unflagging cross-fire of golf balls from all angles and distances. Golf balls, it should be remembered, are hard.

It is now the most dangerous thing in Stowe life (not excluding IPT) to play golf on Saturday evenings. Those younger members of the School who are responsible for the non-existence of golf manners should learn them. Otherwise the next issue of *The Stoic* will contain one or more obituary notices.

Stowe golfers have played two matches this term. One against the Masters was lost 2—4 and that of the Masters against the Old Stoics was won 4—0 by the latter.

R.M.M.

THE RELAYS

The Relays took place on Tuesday, April 2nd, and although there were no outstanding performances in connection with times, excitement prevailed until the last moment, perhaps as never before.

Before the last race, the Composite Mile, was run, the position was that Chandos were leading with 26 points, followed by Walpole with 25, Temple with 22 and Cobham with 19. Of these only Cobham did well in the Composite, being second and thus getting 6 points to make their total 25. Walpole and Chandos fought hard for last place! Chandos eventually won this individual battle and so lost a point. Temple came in fourth, obtaining 4 points. The result was therefore Temple, Chandos and Walpole equal 1st with 26 points each, with Cobham very close behind with 25 points. Temple, having obtained more points in the Composite, were thus the ultimate winners.

The results were:—

	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.	Time.	
100 Yards	...	4	6	3	2	5	0	1	7	48.4 secs.
Hurdles	...	5	3	2	6	1	0	4	7	55.4 secs.
220 Yards	...	6	4	0	7	2	1	5	3	1 min. 42.7 secs.
Quarter Mile	...	4	7	0	6	5	2	3	1	3 mins. 55.1 secs.
Half Mile	...	0	2	1	5	6	4	3	7	9 mins. 26 secs.
Composite	...	2	4	7	0	6	5	3	1	4 mins. 5.2 secs.
Total Points	—	21	26	13	26	25	12	19	26	
Place	...	5	1	7	3	4	8	6	2	

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1946

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 5.—London Scottish	Home.
Sat., Oct. 19—Bedford	Away.
Thur., Oct. 24—Rugby	Away.
Wed., Oct. 30—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 2—Richmond	Home.
Wed., Nov. 6—Radley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 16—Harrow	Home.
Wed., Nov. 20—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Nov. 23—Rosslyn Park	Home.
Wed., Nov. 27 or Sat., Nov. 30—Old Stoics	Home.

2ND XV.

Wed., Oct. 9—Bloxham	Home.
Sat., Oct. 19—Bedford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 23—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 2—Grammar School, Northampton	Home.
Wed., Nov. 6—Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 13—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
Sat., Nov. 16—Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 23—Berkhamsted	Home.
Sat., Nov. 30—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.

3RD XV.

Wed., Oct. 9—Bloxham	Home.
Sat., Oct. 12—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 19—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
Wed., Oct. 23—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Nov. 2—Grammar School, Northampton	Away.
Wed., Nov. 20—St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 23—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
Wed., Nov. 27—Bloxham	Away.

COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 9—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Oct. 12—Rugby	Away.
Sat., Oct. 19—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 2—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 6—Radley	Home.
Wed., Nov. 13—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 16—Harrow	Home.
Sat., Nov. 23—Berkhamsted	Away.



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UPPER SCHOOL HANDICAP: A CLASSIC WIN



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CORNERING AT SPEED



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THE POINT-TO-POINT BICYCLE RACES

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 9—	Bloxham	Away.
Sat., Oct. 12—	Rugby	Home.
Sat., Oct. 19—	Bedford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 2—	St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 6—	Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 13—	Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 16—	Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 23—	Berkhamsted	Away.
Wed., Nov. 27—	Bloxham	Home.

“GEORGE AND THE ATOM”

It all began at Stowe on the last Monday of the Summer Term of 1942 amid the earnest whisperings of a practical chemistry set. An extremely small member of the Lower School, whom we will refer to as George, pushed his way through the little groups bent over bottles of acid, and with a face pale with excitement, breathed a few brief words into the ear of the master in charge.

After that, all was pandemonium; the chemistry class broke up, George was hustled off to the ‘San’ where he was guarded by a bevy of special nurses; a number of masters handed in their resignation and emigrated to New Zealand; while the friends of the absent George were told that he had developed a “strep throat.”

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, Stoics leaning out of the crammed buses as they approached the School, were astonished to find the whole place garrisoned by the military, who had occupied some of the classrooms, most of the Pavilion, and had invaded the inmost recesses of the ‘San.’

As for George, he was sent back to the ‘San’ immediately on arrival, from whence he would sally forth to the Chemistry ‘Labs’ whenever the rest of the school was in Chapel, accompanied by two riflemen and a Bren group and by at least three house-masters. Soldiers stamped up and down by the ‘San’ every morning and brewed their tea outside the “rabbit hutches,” while strange, spectacled, middle-aged gentlemen with trans-Atlantic accents, but with no experience of waiting at table, appeared, thinly disguised among the domestic staff; and the number of ‘lab’ assistants with Cambridge degrees increased alarmingly. The grotto also was put out of bounds, as it was considered unsafe, which it most certainly was when George and the scientific staff were working there every evening. The scaffolding, too, was just being put up in the Temple of Ancient Virtue, prior to turning it into a laboratory, when suddenly all work ceased in the grotto, and the scientific staff resumed their normal duties with every appearance of satisfaction. George was ostensibly expelled for keeping beer in his locker; the Army disappeared leaving a trail of wreckage behind it; the new ‘lab’ assistants gave notice, while all the American domestic staff vanished over-night in luxurious Packards with a couple of large packing cases.

George had triumphed: not he, but another atom was destined for explosion.

J.M.K.

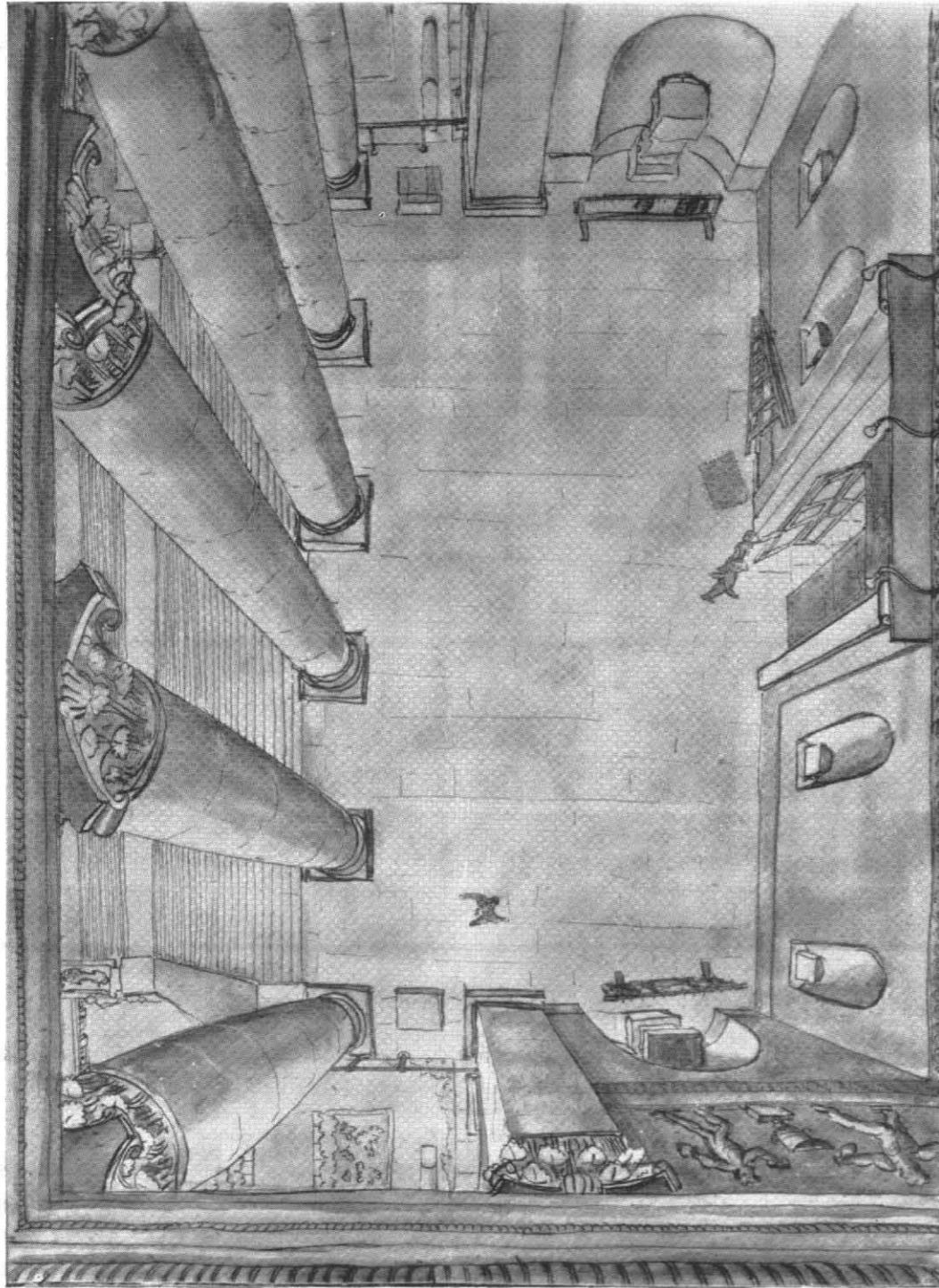


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SOUTH FRONT PORTICO AS SEEN BY J.R.P.

[R. & H. Chapman

FIGHT THE BATTLE FOR BREAD !

To those who are thinking of working on the land, in the W.L.A., in a farm labour camp, or because they are contemplating a 'safe' investment, I offer a few hints on the noble art of husbandry.

Choose a farm served by a passable motor road. . After one or two trips in a stubborn springless cart you will soon feel the rub. Count yourself very lucky if you have water and electricity laid on. Probably you will have to use paraffin lamps and stoves, both of which flare up, die down, smell, smoke, clog and perhaps explode intermittently; also you will never be able to keep a civilised servant. A fairly satisfactory water supply can be obtained by using a wind pump. Here the main troubles are the absence of wind in summer and the excess of it in winter. Both circumstances demand discomforting labour; in summer, with a bucket; in winter, with a spanner to turn the pump off.

If you are to be a dairy farmer, you will have to keep cows. You will have to milk cows. Either you are conscientious and get up before dawn to milk them yourself, or you are not, and employ a labourer to do it. If you are, remember (a) that only cows can be milked; (b) that there is no need to touch the cow's tail during the process; (c) to use a bucket.

If you have any ploughing or heavy field work to do, obtain a tractor. One horse can be temperamental; two are exasperating. The main idea is to cut a straight furrow, an operation which requires practice, especially over difficult terrain. If you are fertilising your fields, choose a calm day. The reason for this will be obvious after you have been enveloped once or twice in a following cloud of fertiliser.

The pig will always provide a profitable side line on any farm. He should be bought while he still looks fairly human (a few weeks old). He will soon bulge into his grotesque and familiar form, when his antics are truly fascinating in a revolting sort of way. Snort at him, and he will gambol up snorting hungrily. Throw him the day's slops, and he will chortle with glee. When he isn't eating, he scratches—tickles! When he's dead he makes excellent eating.

Whatever sort of farm you have, you cannot avoid pests. These fall into two categories, animal and human. The former can be shot or trapped (take care of spring-traps, they are dangerously unpredictable). Man traps are illegal. You will find that a bull or two cunningly concealed behind a bush will serve the same purpose. (Remember that a bull is liable to see red even in a funeral outfit). Geese also make efficient guardians. You will soon find they can do more than hiss.

But neither of the two animals will be effective against the most insidious type of plague: the representatives of the Local Agricultural Committee. These are usually town people with a flair for public speaking. They drive up in a baby Austin (thus avoiding your defences), call you in from your work, plague you with questionnaires, bad advice and pointless regulations. They will keep you supplied with forms to fill in; they will order you to plough your land; they will check your accounts, milk charts, crop yield, chicken food requirements; the number of men you employ, their pay, their insurance; your sanitation, hygiene, irrigation, fruit production, marketing profits, fertiliser consumption. If you object, they will deny you the permits, without which you cannot continue. If you comply, your farm will wither through neglect, and you will have to retire to a town for a rest.

J.K.H.

LAST MEDITATION

He must have known that it would be an impossibility to reach the ledge on the cliff below; but perhaps that is the reason why he made the attempt. Hugging the blocks of granite he crept along the rock face. Suddenly his foothold crumbled, sending a shower of pebbles into the water beneath. He clutched at the rootless grass, but slipped. He felt the whirling and the slow turning headfirst, and the angry sea below rushing up at him with froth upon its lips, waiting to swallow him up.

It seemed a lifetime before he reached the surface, and a lifetime it was. Memories of childhood crowded back on him: the copper pots red and gold on the glowing range; his old mother rocking quietly and humming as she sewed by the fire; the door thrown off its hinges, and his father standing in the lighted porch, shouting and swearing, drunk.

He could picture the village schoolroom now with its maps and its hard forms, and the gasometer outside the window.

He sank below the waves but rose again. He was sauntering soulless along the quayside, whilst the grey greasy water slid below; the great steel cranes leaning over him in ordered files, like tall slim girls. Again he entered the smoky bawdy atmosphere of the harbour coffee house at dawn, where a wisp of fog peeps round the door and hurries up the cobbled warehouse mews.

Once more he gained the surface, and more memories rushed back at him. He saw Her face grow small on the platform, they had waved at each other until they were out of sight; and then there were those blue envelopes addressed in her neat round hand lying upon the mess table.

Then there were those sympathetic demoiselles who would always laugh at his English ways. One day he was drinking tea in their poky little drawing room with the lace curtains and the geraniums in the window, and the next crawling through the blazing petrol as he tried to free himself from imprisonment in his burning tank; waking from a drugged sleep, surrounded by white-coated nurses, spotless and efficient, and all about shredded and spurting wounds, shattered and split.

And then Return. There was no face on the platform. The waters closed over his head for the third time.

"The ocean stirred, leaving no word."

A.N.G.

"JOURNEY'S END"

Cobham House made a bold choice when it decided to put on "Journey's End," a play the exceptional difficulties of which are widely known. However, the selection was fully justified when the actual performances came, on the 1st and 2nd of April, and proved to be fully as good as could be hoped.

The action of the play was very materially helped by the excellently designed and constructed set, painted with great skill by M. T. Goldsworthy. The fact that the scenery was built from nothing in less than four days speaks highly for the stage manager and his assistants.

D. J. D. Richardson's performance as Stanhope was excellent. He maintained a very high standard of acting throughout a very long and tiring part, and gave a forceful representation of a war-torn and embittered company officer driven to drink.

W. C. O. Munks made a very pleasing Osborne, the middle-aged schoolmaster whose sane presence preserves the balance of the play. His acting throughout was worthy of the highest praise. Raleigh was played by C. M. Mosselmans, who, good at his first entrance, seemed to fail to convince fully until the later part of the play. A. R. Bateman and R. D. Osner, as Trotter and Hibbert respectively, gave good performances: the latter had perhaps the hardest part in the play and he did it well. Of other parts, W. M. Higham as the youthful German prisoner, D. J. Wilkin as the soldier servant Mason, and M. C. A. Mott as the Sergeant-Major are worthy of special mention.

The production as a whole was excellent, the decor extremely convincing, and the sound effects loud. Cobham is to be congratulated on its presentation of this play.

D.I.H.

POEM

When roses' petals lose their colour,
 And lupins fold their flowerlets up,
 When falling dews caress the daisy,
 And fades the golden buttercup;
 When leaves on branches lose their shape,
 And whining bees no longer fly,
 When trees merge darkly into one,
 And clouds in stillness turn to sky,
 Then owls come out,
 And cats come out;
 None shall find out
 Their smooth ways to-night;
 Not when they hover,
 Nor when they falter,
 Nor in the shadows
 When they slink or take shelter.
 Emerald eyes glint through the darkness,
 And ruby eyes gaze through the gloom,
 And furry wings beat soundlessly,
 And silken paws pad silently,
 The velvet tail turns nervously,
 And shining claws wait patiently,
 While through the night the speckled woods
 Wait, and tremble with the beat and throb
 Of silent hunters who go out
 Upon their smooth soft ways.

A.C.S.

ARS SCORENDI

"I have made you Scorer for this match," said the Captain of the Dolts striding up with a formidable red book under his arm. "You must be very careful about Blots in this score-book because we have a Reputation to keep up, and as long as the score-book is spotless it doesn't matter if we win or lose our matches." And with that he strolled away, having carefully handed the red book over to me.

For the whole of the day before the Match, I scrounged. From one of my friends I borrowed a blue, half-chewed pencil, with a neat little rubber on the top. I found a small ruler in the Pound but had to throw it away as I discovered almost too late that some dainty gentleman from the Art School had cut little notches all down each edge and it was useless. I took a little scribbling pad in case the Captain wanted to work out the places for his fieldsmen in a technical and mathematical manner or some of the team wanted to throw paper darts in the bus. But there was one more burden in store for me. Just before the bus departed, the Captain approached me, bearing a large white sheet in his hands as carefully as though it were a new-born babe. "Hi, you," he shouted, "this is the score-sheet, which you must fill in in your neatest standardized hand-writing at the end of the match and pin it up on the board. It must be up before all the other teams, for that shows that we are keen, and pinned with four drawing-pins, with one in each corner. Remember, four, not two." "All right," I said resignedly, for by this time I was accustomed to the whims of cricketers. "But what if there aren't any!" "Good Heavens, Man, use your initiative," he said in a tone as though he were addressing third man from the bowler's end. And with that the bus moved off.

We got back at 8.30. It had been a hectic day for me. In the bus I had been heavily attacked for most of the journey by the score-book. A score-book is as objectionable and powerful as a certain type of bread-and-butter pudding. If you place it next to you upon the seat it is certain to lure a weighty member of the side to sit on it, with the resultant recriminations of that V.I.P. and a fresh crack across its glossy red surface. Then you stow it away in the rack above your head, but it is certain to jump out after a while and lie spread-eagled on the dirty floor of the bus, which does not improve its appearance to any appreciable extent. When, resignedly, you place it on your knees, it spends the rest of the journey in leaping and whirling around like a Morris dancer at a fair.

Surprisingly the Dolts won their match. I was terrific. My writing was faultless. I crossed all my t's and dotted all my i's and remembered all the initials of the whole team. I shaded in the crosses in the bowling analysis with just the correct amount of shading. I filled in the names of the umpires, and by an expert cook managed to bring all the runs to the same total at only the third attempt. The white score-sheet, a proud Emblem of our Victory, spotless, unblemished and uncreased, was a masterpiece of the scriptorial art. I pinned it up immediately on our return, correctly, with four pins, leaving one of the Headmaster's and two less important notices heeling over at a drunken angle. All was well, I had done my duty.

H.T.B.

THE "EVASION" OF AN OLD STOIC

The following extracts are re-printed, with permission, from "Escape and Liberation, 1940-5," by A. J. Evans (published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton). Squadron-Leader R. G. A. Barclay, D.F.C. (B, 1938) was subsequently killed in July 1942.

"Flight-Lieutenant Barclay was a fighter pilot and was shot down over France. Being too low to bale out he was forced to land in a ploughed field . . . He had hardly got into the undergrowth before he heard lorries and motor bicycles coming towards him. He turned his tunic inside out. It had white silk linings to the sleeves. He threw away his flying helmet, ruffled his hair and pulled his trousers down over his flying boots and then rolled himself in mud and leaves. It was not a very good disguise, but it was the best he could do in the time at his disposal. Collecting a big bundle of sticks, he cautiously approached the edge of the copse and peered through a thick hedge on to the road. Although he could hear cars and motor bicycles in the near neighbourhood, the road at that moment was clear. With some difficulty he pushed his way through the hedge, still carrying the bundle of sticks, but as he did so a lorry-load of German troops came round the corner. Leaning on one stick, with the bundle of firewood over his bent back, he stood still at the side of the road and watched them go by. They took no notice of him. A moment later Barclay seized the opportunity to cross the road and thus broke through the ring of encircling Germans. A few days later he found a warm welcome in a peasant's house . . .

"One day a small girl arrived with a civilian suit for him and instructions that he should catch a certain train for Paris. He was given his ticket. There appeared to be little risk, for he spoke French moderately well and everyone except the Germans was on his side. The biggest danger for Barclay lay in his appearance. He was a tall, fine-looking fellow, and even in French clothes could hardly avoid being conspicuous, for there were few healthy young men left in France in those days. As he stood on the platform waiting for his train a German officer with his batman came and stood a few yards away. This at first did not disturb Barclay in the least, but soon he noticed, out of the corner of his eye, the German looking at him repeatedly and suspiciously. Barclay did his best to appear unconcerned, but when suddenly the German turned to his batman and, indicating Barclay, whispered something, it was obvious that action had to be taken, and taken quickly—but what? He turned slowly and glanced round him. At that moment a group of old market women with baskets on their arms clattered noisily on to the platform. Without a moment's hesitation Barclay gave a cry of joy and rushed towards them. He threw his arms round the first old woman and whispered as he kissed her, "Aidez moi, je suis aviateur anglais." In a flash she not only grasped the situation, accepting the terrible risk, but acted as though she had been in the *Comédie Française* all her life. She went off into a spout of French—they all shook him by the hand—they all kissed him—they welcomed him home. The German recalled his batman (who had by then moved round behind Barclay) and got into his reserved carriage. Barclay got into a carriage with the old woman and was safe."

BOOK REVIEW

"SOUTH TO FREEDOM," by THE HON. T. C. F. PRITTE (G, 1932) AND
CAPT. W. E. EDWARDS. (*Hutchinson*—21/-)

This book is truly a marvellous text-book for "would-be" escapers. Terence Prittie, who wrote the first two-thirds of the book, in a very lucid if sometimes rather didactic style, was captured after the fall of Calais in 1940. Like all other prisoners, he suffers from initial disillusion and inertia. How much more easily can the prisoner escape in the first few hours of captivity than when he is securely lodged in his prison-camp; but very few take the opportunity! He stresses this most important point again and again. On the fourth day, Prittie escaped from the weary column of captives, and managed to reach the Channel coast, only to be caught by a mildly drunk sentry while trying to seize a fishing-boat. He speaks highly of the friendliness and courage of the many French farmers who supplied him with food and hid him from the Germans. Both authors had high regard for the sportsmanlike qualities of the German front-line troops, who throughout the war treated captive officers as gentlemen and expected them to attempt escapes as a matter of duty. Except for the unpleasant conscript non-combatant troops, the German Army shewed great courage and comradeship. There was mutual admiration between German fighting troops and British officers, who openly discussed war and politics. There was no thought of revenge in the book.

For the first few months Prittie was incarcerated at Laufen in Bavaria, living in despondent squalor almost at starvation point. Soon he was transferred to Luckenwalde, where he lived in comparative luxury; the camp was for dissatisfied Flemish nationalists and Irish officers, from whom the Propaganda Ministry hoped to wheedle an Irish Fifth Column Brigade for a future invasion of Eire, of course with no success. He was later moved to Warburg, a huge camp, which housed thousands of officers, whence he escaped dressed as a Prussian officer and later as a Swiss commissioner, after incredible feats of endurance in endless night marches and hazardous train journeys; through continual bad luck he never crossed the Swiss frontier, though reaching it many times. Then he was moved to Eichstatt, whence he again almost gained his freedom, disguised as a French prisoner departing from the dentist. Finally he went to Spangenberg Castle, a medieval fortress, where he remained until the war ended and met Bill Edwards, who continues with his dramatic escapes.

Edwards was an exponent of the tunnel method of escape, but after many heart-breaking failures he turned to the mere surprise method. He escaped from a military hospital as a Spanish industrial volunteer and was only caught a mile and a half from Switzerland. From Spangenberg he went by train all the way to Singen, only to be recaptured 200 yards from the frontier. Throughout his travels he never loses his love of history, going out of his way to visit castles, cathedrals, and palaces. Edwards' account reads more smoothly, as he keeps to straight narrative while Prittie tends to instruct and explain, but when he embarks onto his account of adventures Prittie is the more flowing and polished of the two. Yet the story never flags and one is enthralled until the Americans rescue the prisoners after four years of captivity.

The book is illustrated with excellent pencil sketches and photographs, as well as informative diagrams and maps. Although it lacks the buoyancy of Evans' *Escaping*

Club, it is a well-written and enlightening account of many captive years of endeavour in Nazi Germany. The authors sometimes write about the most demoralizing, unpleasant, and unsavoury affairs, but the book never degenerates into the sordid. The light-hearted and amusing distraction never fails to appear even in moments of direst anxiety.

M.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of *The Stoic*.

DEAR SIRS,

Judging by the number of entries in the ornithological observation book, one would imagine that a large percentage of the School were interested in bird life. This, however, is an unfortunate delusion.

We have been appalled at the depredations of these so-called "ornithologists" on the eggs of birds nesting in the grounds. We had hoped to see cygnets on the Octagon again this season (the first time for several years) but we were denied that pleasure as the Swan's nest was robbed of its entire contents by two unscrupulous marauders (a deed, in itself, punishable by law under the Wild Birds Protection Act). To mention another example, a Little Owl's clutch was methodically plundered. Nor did the song birds escape these ravages—all five eggs of a Garden Warbler, a very uncommon breeder at Stowe, were taken soon after they had been laid.

We would stress the fact that many people must know of these thefts; but when will public feeling be strong enough to prevent them?

H.W.H.

D.S.W.

LATE NEWS

The J.T.C. Drill Competition (Coldstream Cup) was won by Chandos.

The P.T. Competition was won by Chatham.

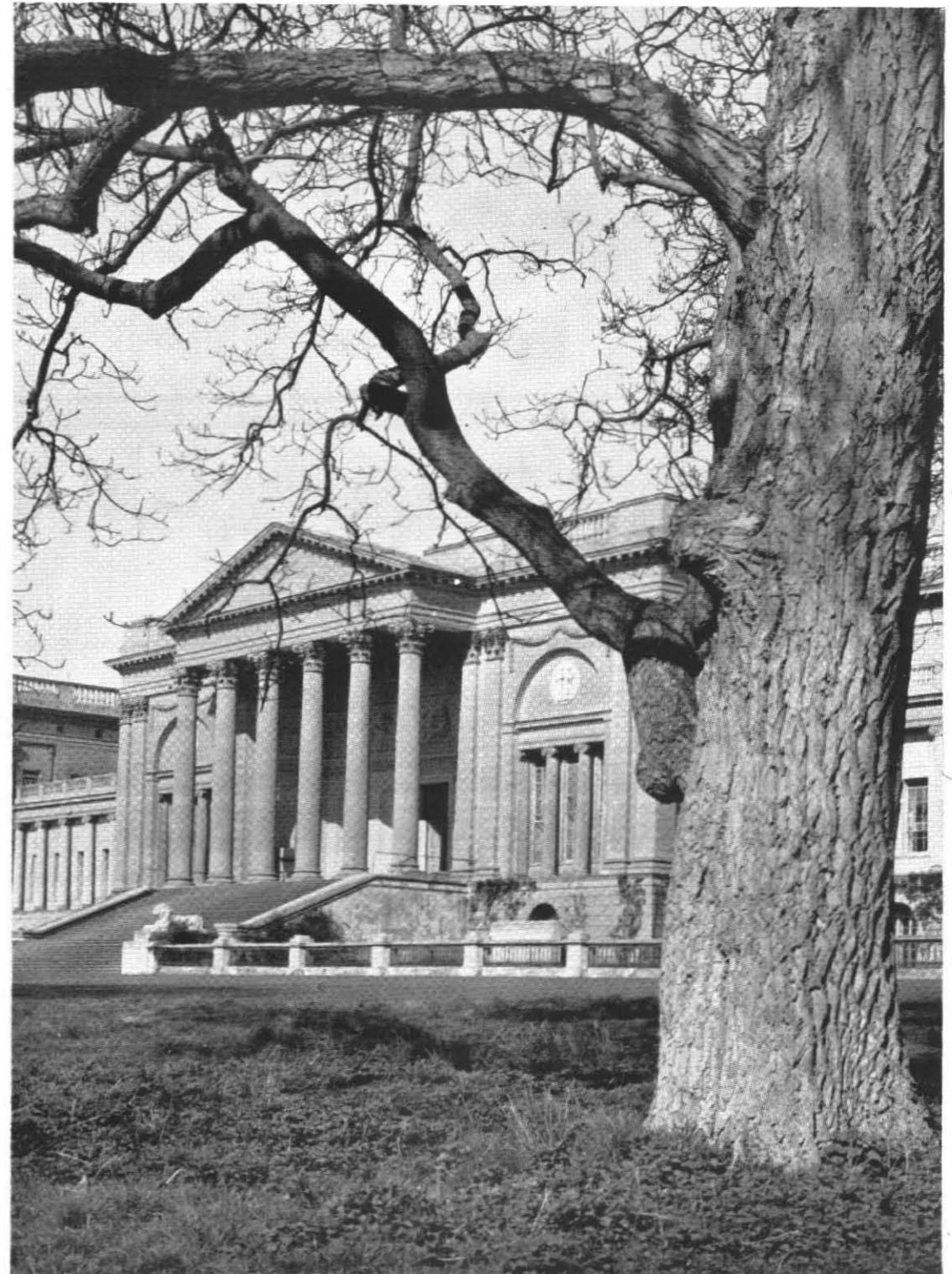


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