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“**A**LL generalisations are incorrect and the epigram is the consummation of falsehood.” We read that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Metaphorically our sentence is a house, and to find whether it is able to stand or must fall let us examine the breadth and height of it. Let us furthermore begin at the beginning. The beginning of a house is the front door; the beginning of this sentence is the letter A. A front door combines the two; it makes a double union, the architectural sentence and the house of etymology. The sentence is up in the air and the house without foundation; the limit of caprice can make it no more insubstantial. As Humpty Dumpty said, it is a question of who is master. We are. We shall call the word “generalisation” a passage. Generalisations lead nowhere; the passage must be one of those dead-ends with storecupboards along the sides. “Incorrect” has the repetitive sound of a staircase; the word “epigram” comes in the second storey of the sentence; it must be a bedroom, for the tired mind glides into it like a carpet-slipper. “Falsehood” symbolises the disillusionment of the bathroom where one had expected to find soap. “The consummation of falsehood,” then, can be no other than the end of the soap, which is down the drain. And so now we are on ground level once more. We began at the beginning to go on to the end and then stop. We have; we stop at the end, and end at a stop. Rather abruptly perhaps.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

An appeal for subscriptions to a War Memorial Fund was issued by a Committee of Old Stoics in April 1946. The objects which the Committee had in view were stated as follows:—

1. The erection in the School Chapel of a Memorial Screen which will bear the names of those who gave their lives;
2. The provision of Bursaries at Stowe for their sons and of financial assistance for their daughters, as may be required;
3. The establishment of a permanent War Memorial Bursary to enable the sons of Old Stoics who require help to be educated at Stowe;
4. If funds allow, the erection at Stowe of an appropriate building which will be of practical and lasting value to the School.

In June 1946 a Trust Deed was executed by which the funds collected and to be collected were placed in the hands of three Trustees—Walter Edward Capel Cure, John Richard Craven Kenyon and John Fergusson Roxburgh. The accounts of the Fund as audited at 31st December, 1946, are shown below. All subscribers will in due course receive a copy of the accounts as at 31st December, 1947.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—14th February, 1942 to 31st December, 1946

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Printing, Stationery, Postage and Petty Expenses	126 18 3	By Subscriptions & Donations	12222 0 1
Stamp Duty on Covenants	13 9 5	Dividends and Interest	22 13 7
School Fees	33 6 8		
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital Account	12070 19 4		
	£12244 13 8		£12244 13 8

BALANCE SHEET—31st December, 1946.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		Investments at Cost—	
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	12070 19 4	£700 3% Defence Bonds	700 0 0
War Memorial Bursary Account	100 0 0	£1800 2½% Defence Bonds	1800 0 0
		£7000 2½% Savings Bonds - 1964/67	7010 18 6
			9510 18 6
		Cash in hands of Brokers for Purchase of Investments	2000 0 0
		Cash at Barclays Bank, Ltd.	660 0 10
	£12170 19 4		£12170 19 4

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, and certify them to be in accordance with the books and the information given us.

20 Wormwood Street,
London, E.C.2.
17th March, 1947.

COLLETT SMITH & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE MAJOR

Major Richard Haworth, D.S.O., M.V.O., joined the staff at Stowe in September 1923, the School's second term. He had been unable to come to us for the first term as he was then still a Company Officer at Sandhurst.

On arrival he found himself Housemaster of a new House, and, like other Housemasters in those days, he had to form his House out of some fifty-five new boys all aged thirteen and three "seniors" aged fifteen and sixteen. It is interesting to reflect that the Head of the House (then sixteen) is now a Lieutenant-Colonel, D.S.O., and has made a name for himself as a Polar explorer and that one of the new boys (then thirteen) is sending his own son to Stowe next term.

Chandos is the only House at Stowe which has never until now had a change of Housemaster, and what Major Haworth has made of it in these twenty-four years is known to everyone who knows the School. The House has always to a notable degree reflected the spirit and character of its Housemaster. But to try to describe the affection in which the Major is held by the past and present members of Chandos would be both hopeless and impertinent.

Other matters however may fitly be put on record. Stowe owes much more to Major Haworth than the creation of Chandos.

In 1924 he founded our J.T.C. (it was the O.T.C. in those days) and as a regular soldier he was particularly fitted for the task. He commanded the Contingent for ten years and brought it to a level of efficiency which surprised a succession of inspecting officers. After relinquishing his command he continued to serve the Contingent with characteristic devotion and with the distinction which seems inseparable from all he does.

The Shooting was always one of his particular interests, and both during his period of command and later he regularly took parties to Bicester and Bisley and coached on the miniature range at Stowe, where he presided week after week over his own Saturday spoon-shoots.

When the Home Guard was founded Major Haworth accepted a position of great responsibility in the County. While scarcely modifying his programme at Stowe, he undertook burdens which would have been too heavy from the start for any ordinary man and which in the end proved too heavy for him. When the doctors insisted on some reduction of labour he was obliged to accept their verdict. But before long the demand came for an officer to form a Naval Section of the J.T.C. and to take charge of it. No younger man was available, and Major Haworth volunteered to do the job. Here again he was supremely successful—and lest it should seem strange that a professional soldier should take so readily to water warfare, it must be recorded that Major Haworth is an accomplished yachtsman and the founder and father of the Stowe Sailing Club.

The Sailing Club could never have existed if Major Haworth's enthusiasm had not been at hand to inspire it, his experience to guide it and his generosity to supply its needs. What its fate will be after his departure it is difficult to foresee. In the meantime it has, during these last twenty years, provided numberless Stoics with a new skill, a new source of pleasure and many delightful hours on Eleven Acre.

In the early days of the School, Major Haworth was a Form-master. Later he concentrated on his work in Geography, and many a School Certificate candidate owes to his teaching not only a much needed Credit, but also a life-long interest in a fascinating subject.

For some years now Major Haworth has been Senior Master at Stowe, a position which came to him naturally, not only through seniority but also on account of the unique regard in which he has always been held here. With his departure, the School is losing a great figure as well as one of its principal creators. We who remain are losing something even more precious—an old and well-loved friend.

“ RATTERS ”

Cecil Ratcliffe also came to Stowe in its very early days, twenty-four years ago. He was never one to parade his many qualities and not all, even within the circle of those whom he taught, have easily penetrated the self-imposed veneer of a hard-bitten pedagogue to find beneath a warm character full of interest and sympathy, as ready to give praise as censure; an appreciation of beauty, moreover, especially in music (where he seeks it also as a performer), betrayed now and then by an unguarded exclamation.

His efficiency as a teacher of Mathematics to would-be holders of a School Certificate will be attested by many who owe their success to his efforts; for, apart from all who have been in his Sets, the number of those who, conscious of their inadequacy, would have their Extra Tuition from none but Ratters is indeed a large one. Perhaps not many know the full tale of patient hours that he has given to helping the backward.

But if he has trodden the quieter and less public paths, his wit has placed him among the best remembered of masters, and his essential kindness and generosity, however much he would seek to conceal them under a sometimes brusque exterior, have made the remembrance always affectionate. For Ratters will long be a legend.

No Old Stoic Dinner has ever seemed complete without the recounting of a new story about him. Most of these are too well known for repetition. But perhaps not all present Stoics know of the new boy, many years ago, who, anxiously looking for his Maths Set, put an enquiring head inside a classroom-door and asked ‘ Please sir, is this ‘ L ’ ? ’, to be met with the swift reply, ‘ Some people think so.’ And perhaps not all Old Stoics yet know the tale (no less libellous than most of its kind) of how this very term Ratters, returning from a Wedding Reception, was asked how he had fared. ‘ Had he been able properly to drink the usual toasts ? ’ ‘ Well, it was all right at the start; but I got drawn off into a long conversation with someone and couldn't get back. I found too late it was myself in a mirror.’

When Ratters has gone, Stowe will miss a notable character. Nor will life be quite the same to him, for Stowe (we know well) has a warm place in his heart.

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1947.

Prefects :—S. D. M. Robertson (B), Head of the School; A. C. B. Chancellor (C), Second Prefect; M. E. J. FitzGerald (G), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W), Prefect of Chapel; G. H. B. Carter (T), Prefect of Library; E. M. L. Latham (Q); D. S. Withers (G); M. D. T. Loup (T); J. D. Lloyd (B); G. P. Tobin (G); W. C. O. Munks (C); C. M. Mosselmans (C).

Cricket :—Captain, M. E. J. FitzGerald (G); Secretary, M. D. T. Loup (T).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain, C. M. Mosselmans (C); Secretary, J. W. A. Downing (T).

Swimming :—Captain, C. S. Edwards (Q); Secretary, D. G. A. Airey (Q).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—May 18th, The Rev. W. L. S. Fleming, Chaplain of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; May 25th, The Headmaster of Clifton; June 1st, The Rt. Rev. Stephen Neill, Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge; June 15th, The Ven. C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland.

Chapel Collections this term have been as follows :—May 11th, for The Pineapple, £29 5s. od.; June 8th, for the Buckingham Hospital, £27 16s. 3d.; July 13th, for The Royal Alexandra School, £25 os. od.

A War Memorial is shortly to be placed in the Chandos House Library. It will take the form of an Oak Panel on which will be inscribed the names of the 50 Chandosians who lost their lives in the recent war.

The Summer Exeat was from lunch-time on Friday, June 20th, until the evening of Monday, June 23rd. Only about ten boys remained at Stowe.

Major R. Haworth, Housemaster of Chandos since its opening, and Mr. C. W. G. Ratcliffe both retire at the end of this term. Their places on the staff will be taken by Mr. C. F. Deacon and Mr. R. E. Snell. Mr. B. S. Stephan is to be the new Housemaster of Chandos.

The birth is announced of a daughter to Mrs. A. B. Clifford, on March 22nd.

First and Second Fifteen matches against the Old Stoics have been arranged for Saturday, December 6th. Any Old Stoic who wishes to play should write to Mr. A. D. G. Matthews at Stowe.

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize for the best Prefect of the year has been awarded to E. C. Skepper (T).

The Bruxner-Randall Memorial Prize for the best Monitor of the year has been awarded to A. J. Struthers (C).

E. D. R. Campbell (G, 1946) has presented an additional stop for the Chapel organ. The stop is named Lieblich Gedacht and it has been fitted to the detached organ above the Queen's Stall.

On Thursday, June 26th, the Balliol Players gave an open-air performance of Aristophanes' 'The Clouds', setting up their stage behind the Pavilion. This was enjoyed, in ideal weather, by about fifty members of the Upper and Middle School.

At an examination for the Royal Navy (Special Entry) held in December 1946, D. H. Lorrimer (Q) was placed seventh among the successful candidates for the Executive Branch.

At the examination for entry to the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, held in December 1946, C. J. S. Wood (G) was among the successful candidates.

Recent 1st M.B. results have been as follows:—Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, R. A. Roxburgh (W), D. S. Withers (G); Pts. 2 and 3, P. V. Rycroft (C); Pts. 1 and 2, J. D. R. Whitley (W); Pt. 2, J. F. Marsden (W) and D. J. Wilkin (C); Pt. 4, J. D. Vernon (G).

D. P. Choyce, M.B., B.Ch. (C, 1935) is now an F.R.C.S. (Eng.); and J. M. S. Knott, M.D. (C, 1936) is now an M.R.C.P.

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

For Cross-Country:—D. G. A. Airey (C), I. B. Calkin (W), G. P. Tobin (G).

For Squash:—M. D. T. Loup (T).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XI.:—D. A. Connell (G), A. J. Struthers (C), A. T. V. B. Bik (C), (re-awarded); J. F. Conington (B), D. E. Conington (B), M. D. Cobham (G), R. M. Bartlett (T).

2nd XI.:—R. J. Roberts (C), S. B. Cunningham (T), S. B. Lloyd (C), C. H. Bradly (B), D. S. Withers (G), M. Birkett (T), O. B. Sayer (T), W. C. O. Munks (C).

3rd XI.:—O. B. Sayer (T), D. R. Stickland (B), P. G. Curtis (B), P. B. W. Pumfrey (C), R. A. Hird (C), W. R. G. Short (G), J. M. Shinner (B), A. D. Cathcart-Jones (W), T. R. Lambert (G).

Colts' Caps:—B. R. B. Paterson (W), R. D. Steed (C), R. Lush (C), J. G. E. Dixon (T), P. H. Molloy (C), C. C. McNeil (T), A. H. Salt (G).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded as follows:—

J. W. A. Downing (T) (re-awarded); N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G), J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W), G. W. Scott (C), R. N. Langley (G).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded as follows:—

P. G. Shinner (B), J. E. Constant (C), G. H. Rooke (C), J. D. F. Lockhart (C), B. A. Platt (C), G. D. Church (W).

THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the House of Commons on June 4th the Foreign Secretary was questioned about the previous education of the candidates who had been successful in the recent Foreign Service examinations. He replied that 14 had been at Winchester, 9 at Eton, 6 at Rugby, 5 at Stowe and 4 each at Oundle and Shrewsbury; four other schools could claim 3 successful candidates each, eight 2 each and forty-three 1 each.

The newspapers have drawn various conclusions from these figures, and in the press of one colour references to the Old School Tie have not been lacking. Perhaps the best comment was that made by Mr. Bevin himself, who is reported to have said that the results were in conformity with the present development of the educational system of the country.

STOWE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1947

S. M. N. J. R. A. CROSS (J. Assheton Cross, Esq., Summerhill School, Haywards Heath, Sussex).

R. J. V. ROBINSON (G. B. Coghlan, Esq., Seaford School, Collington, Bexhill-on-Sea).

C. D. MULLINEUX (Captain H. C. Lloyd, Woodlands School, Deganwy, N. Wales).

S. P. REES (R. W. Angus, Esq., Stouts Hill, Uley, Dursley, Glos.).

B. J. CALVERT (J. Hawks Thompson, Esq., Wynyard School, Park Lodge, Binfield, Berks).

J. S. YATES (J. A. Royds, Esq., Holmwood School, Formby, Lancs.).

P. R. CUTFORTH (C. Scott Malden, Esq., Windlesham House School, Highden, Washington).

P. J. LEVAY LAWRENCE (R. C. Hoyle, Esq., Connaught House, Watts House, Bishop's Lydeard).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1946-7

BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	M. Birkett (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	S. D. M. Robertson(B)
JUNIOR READING PRIZE :	J. R. J. Burnham (T)
PETERS BONE PRIZE :	T. R. Winsor (T)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZE FOR ENGLISH SPEECH—	
<i>Senior, 1st :</i>	J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W)
<i>2nd :</i>	Not awarded
<i>Junior :</i>	J. D. Nightingale (C)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	G. H. Rooke (C)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Translation) :	
	G. R. A. Miskin (W)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN— <i>Essay :</i>	D. L. E. Hughes (C)
<i>Prose :</i>	R. A. Hird (C) and S. B. Lloyd (C) equal
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	G. R. A. Miskin (W)
JOHN WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	
	N. N. Proddow (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES— <i>Junior :</i>	
	J. B. Makinson (B)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	M. D. T. Loup (T)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	No entry
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :	Not awarded
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	R. G. A. Pearce (B)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	M. H. Ewbank (C)
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	R. A. Roxburgh (W)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	C. A. Wauhope (C)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School) :	
(for 1946)	Lord Primrose (W)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	M. E. J. FitzGerald (C)

OLIM ALUMNI

The Back Grant of the Royal Geographical Society has been awarded to LIEUTENANT-COLONEL N. A. C. CROFT, D.S.O. (C, 1925) for his journeys in the Arctic, especially as Second-in-Command of the Oxford University Expedition to Spitsbergen, 1935-6, and in connection with Exercise Muskox, 1946.

The Seagrave Trophy for 1946 has been posthumously awarded to GEOFFREY DE HAVILLAND (C, 1927). The award has been made in recognition of "the courage, initiative and skill by which he worthily upheld British prestige before the world."

E. D. O'BRIEN (C, 1928) has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Conservative Party's new magazine '*Tory Challenge*'.

The Bronze Star (U.S.A.) has been awarded to SQUADRON-LEADER H. G. MORISON, R.A.F.V.R. (G, 1929).

P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) represented Great Britain in the Walker Cup.

D. R. BARBOUR (C, 1938) gained a First Class in the Second Part of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

M. B. SCHOLFIELD (T, 1939) has been appointed Captain of Golf at Cambridge.

O. G. TAYLOR (C, 1944) has become Stowe's first Wrangler.

W. T. D. DIXON (G, 1944) has been awarded a Half-Blue for Fencing at Cambridge.

M. J.-A. DAVIES (T, 1945) has been awarded an Exhibition for Natural Science at University College, Oxford.

BIRTHS

To the wife of L. A. P. ROBINSON (B, 1935), a son, on August 5th, 1945; to the wife of P. JUDE (G, 1938), a son, on April 2nd; to the wife of R. A. O. HENNIKER-MAJOR (B, 1935), a daughter, on March 26th; to the wife of LORD BANBURY (T, 1932), a daughter, on March 27th; to the wife of MAJOR J. G. THYNNE (C, 1934), a son, on April 5th; to the wife of G. D. INNES-LILLINGSTON (C, 1941), a daughter, on March 21st; to the wife of J. R. C. KENYON, M.C. (T, 1932), a son, on April 2nd; to the wife of MAJOR C. F. TRACY, M.C. (W, 1937), a daughter, on March 27th; to the wife of B. H. G. SPARROW (W, 1939), a son, on April 20th; to the wife of A. R. F. B. BRETT, M.B.E. (C, 1932), a daughter, on April 22nd; to the wife of G. P. SHELMEKDINE (G, 1938), a son, on April 4th; to the wife of LIEUTENANT C. R. P. ANSTEY (C, 1941), a daughter,

on April 27th ; to the wife of CAPTAIN C. D. DAVIDSON (T, 1938), a son on April 28th ; to the wife of J. W. CORNFORTH (G, 1942), a daughter, on April 25th ; to the wife of R. A. V. GASCOYNE-CECIL, D.F.C. (C, 1935), a daughter, on July 13th ; to the wife of A. ALLAN (W, 1937), a daughter, on March 10th ; to the wife of S. D. WILLIAMS (B, 1932), a daughter, on September 8th, 1946 ; to the wife of H. FORBES (B, 1932), a son, on May 18th ; to the wife of A. F. TRESFON (C, 1936), a daughter, on June 8th ; to the wife of R. M. PYM (B, 1937), a son, on May 25th ; to the wife of MAJOR E. N. ROLFE (B, 1939), a daughter, on June 16th ; to the wife of Dr. N. MACMANUS (C, 1935), a son, on May 14th ; to the wife of M. B. SCHOLFIELD (T, 1939), a daughter, on May 24th ; to the wife of THE HON. A. C. GEDDES, O.B.E., M.C. (T, 1928), twin daughters on May 3rd ; to the wife of J. A. R. FALCONAR (G, 1936), a daughter, on June 16th ; to the wife of M. J. POULTON (C, 1938), a son, on January 15th, 1945.

To the wife of MAJOR J. A. HUNTER, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C. (G, 1932), a daughter, on June 27th ; to the wife of S. BIRCH (W, 1938), a daughter, on September 1st, 1946 ; to the wife of MAJOR W. H. H. WILBERFORCE (C, 1931), a son, on March 13th ; to the wife of MAJOR M. E. FLETCHER, M.C. (C, 1936), a daughter, on June 29th ; to the wife of A. I. O. DAVIES (T, 1935), a son, on June 20th ; to the wife of C. E. SALAMON (G, 1931), a son, on June 19th.

To the wife of THE HON. G. D. E. RUSSELL (T, 1938), a son, on May 28th ; to the wife of J. M. GRICE (G, 1933), a daughter, on April 10th ; to the wife of MAJOR W. C. G. ROGERS, M.C. (C, 1933), a son, on July 4th ; to the wife of GROUP-CAPTAIN G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES (C, 1929), a son, on June 18th.

MARRIAGES

CAPTAIN P. R. H. HASTINGS (T, 1939) to Miss P. Bullock, on April 9th ; THE HON. G. C. S. P. BUTLER (C, 1925) to Miss Llewelyn Jones, on June 9th ; W. O. J. COKE (C, 1928) to Miss L. B. Owen, on May 7th ; A. R. W. S. CHANDOS-POLE (T, 1940) to Miss M. Anderson-Morshead, on April 29th ; P. D. BALLY (C, 1940) to Miss A. Job, on April 8th ; LIEUTENANT L. W. PIRIE, D.S.C., R.N. (G, 1935) to Miss P. Dutton, on April 3rd ; MAJOR D. E. M. EARLE (B, 1940), to Miss B. Shield, on April 8th ; MAJOR THE HON. D. PRITTE (G, 1931) to Miss P. Cary, on April 23rd ; MAJOR R. T. BASSET, M.C. (G, 1931), to Miss H. Nixon, on April 29th ; MAJOR A. D. HUNTER (G, 1934) to Miss A. Low, on August 16th ; D. L. VERE HODGE (G, 1942) to Miss W. Curry, on August 6th ; P. T. B. HARKER (C, 1936) to Mrs. P. Hankey, on July 25th ; J. F. SANDBERG (W, 1936), to Miss D. M. I. Hirst, on June 11th ; CAPTAIN J. C. BARTHOLOMEW (C, 1938) to the Hon. N. Long, on June 14th ; MAJOR J. R. HUNTER (G, 1936) to Miss J. Paton, on June 20th ; R. W. KENNON (G, 1940) to Miss J. Hughes, on June 28th ; R. W. VICK (C, 1935) to Miss J. Warren, on June 14th ; I. H. NICHOLSON (G, 1935) to Miss J. Boak, on June 12th ; CAPTAIN C. A. GOLDINGHAM (C, 1936) to Miss E. Lees, on July 29th ; T. H. BARCLAY (C, 1941) to Miss J. Ramsden, on June 23rd ; G. WACHMANN (G, 1942) to Miss K. L. Humphries, on December 7th, 1946 ; LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. A. L. MONTGOMERY-CAMPBELL (C, 1928) to Miss M. E. Shaw, on May 2nd.

DEATHS

LIEUTENANT C. J. MASSY (T, 1940), at the Military Hospital, Shaftesbury, on April 7th. MIDSHIPMAN J. S. B. GUBBINS (T, 1945), R.N.V.R., accidentally killed at sea in March.

GOLF

The match between the Masters and the Old Stoics was played at Tadmerton Heath on July 6th. The results were as follows :—

D. I. Brown and J. C. T. Uttley lost to J. P. Phillips (C, 1939) and D. P. Choyce (C, 1935) by 5 and 3 ; B. A. Barr and B. R. Miles lost to J. R. S. Peplow (C, 1936) and I. M. Martin (G, 1930) by 3 and 1 ; A. D. G. Matthews and W. H. Bradshaw beat K. J. S. Ritchie (T, 1938) and D. R. Blundell (G, 1942) by 3 and 1 ; C. W. Richards and J. P. Stephens (O.S., W, 1937) lost to S. Kilpatrick (C, 1933) and G. M. Wolfe (G, 1929) by 3 and 2 ; E. H. Boyd and R. E. J. Davis lost to T. Bailey (C, 1934) and J. D. Murray (C, 1928) by 5 and 4.

THE PRICE OF "THE STOIC"

For many years the price of a copy of *The Stoic* has been half-a-crown. Several years before the war it was decided to offer somewhat reduced rates to those who wished to take up long-term subscriptions, and in particular it was open to all Stoics, at the time of their leaving, to avail themselves of a special rate at which they were to receive *The Stoic* for five years on payment of the very modest sum of one guinea. It was hoped thereby so to increase the number of regular subscribers, which at the time was very small, that eventually it would be possible to sell *The Stoic* to everybody at a price not exceeding a florin. Then the war came ; and, although the number of subscribers increased considerably, the prospect of a reduction in price diminished. Since the war costs all round have gone up so greatly that the last few issues have been produced at a loss such as can no longer be carried. It has, therefore, been reluctantly decided that the price of a single copy should be raised to three shillings. It has been necessary, for the time being at any rate, to cancel altogether the special Leavers' Rate. The regular long-term rates, which are now available to Leavers as to others (always excepting current members of the school), have been revised and are as follows :—

For one year	...	...	...	...	...	9s. od. (postage 6d. extra).
For two years	...	...	...	...	...	18s. od. (postage 1/- extra).
For three years	...	...	...	...	...	25s. 6d. (postage 1/6 extra).
For five years	...	...	...	...	...	£2 (postage included).
For twelve years	...	...	...	...	...	£4 (postage included).

Subscriptions already current remain unchanged until they expire.

THE GRENVILLE MONUMENT

On May 3, 1747, two hundred years ago, Captain Thomas Grenville was killed, and it is in his memory that the Grenville pillar was erected. On the top there stands Heroic Poetry, a woman holding a scroll, upon which is written: Non nisi grandia canto—Heroic deeds alone my theme. Below there is inscribed a dedication in Latin which I have transcribed thus:

“To his nephew THOMAS GRENVILLE, who, captain of a ship of war, in the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Anson, in an engagement with the French, being wounded mortally in the thigh by a fragment of his shattered ship, expiring said: How much better it is to die, than to stand arraigned before a court martial. This Naval Column was erected by Richard, Viscount Cobham, as a monument to his applause and grief. From this animating example, learn, when honoured with command, what becomes an officer.”

It is impossible to improve upon a contemporary account of the action in which Captain Grenville lost his life.

Admiralty Office—May 16th.

Capt. Denis of His Majesty's ship the *Centurion*, arriv'd this day with an express from Vice-Admiral Anson, giving an account that on the 3rd inst. the squadron under his command being off Cape Finisterre which bore S.E. distant 24 leagues, fell in with the French fleet consisting of 38 ships, 9 of which shortened sail and were drawing into line of battle ahead, and the rest of the fleet, which appeared to be under their convoy, stretched to the westward with all the sail they could set. Mr. Anson form'd his fleet into a line, but observing by the motions of the enemy that their aim was to gain time, and endeavour to escape under favour of night, he made the signal for all the fleet to chase and engage the enemy without regard to line of Battle. The *Centurion*, Capt. Denis, having got up with the sternmost French ship about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, began to engage, upon which two of the enemy's largest ships bore down to her assistance. *Namur*, *Defiance* and *Windsor* being next headmost ships, soon enter'd the action and after having disabled most of the French ships in such a manner that the British ships astern must soon come up with them, they made sail ahead to prevent the van of the enemy from escaping as did also several ships of the fleet. The *Yarmouth* and *Devonshire*, having got up and engag'd the enemy, and the *Prince George*, Vice Adm. Anson, being near the *Invincible* (French) and going to fire into her, all the ships in the enemy's rear struck their colours between 6 and 7 o'clock, as did all those which were in line before night. Vice-Admiral Anson brought to at seven, having detached *Monmouth*, *Yarmouth* and *Nottingham* to pursue the convoy, who then bore W. by S. at 4 or 5 leagues distance so that there are the hopes of having a very good account of them. The *Falcon* sloop, which the Vice Admiral had sent after the convoy during the action with orders to make signals for the guidance of the other ships return'd to the fleet next day with the *Dartmouth*, Indiaman.

The loss on our side was not very considerable, except that of the Capt. Grenville, of the *Defiance*, who was an excellent officer, and whose death cannot sufficiently be lamented. Capt. Boscawen, of the *Namur*, was wounded in the shoulder with a musket ball, but is in a very fair way of recovery.

The success was complete, but “the joy of it” said Lord Littelton, “is pall'd to our family by the loss of poor Captain Grenville, one of the most promising young men of the Navy, and who, had he lived, would have been an honour not to his family alone, but to his country.”

In an historical chronicle of May 1747, it is recorded that “Admiral Anson attended on the King, when His Majesty was pleased to say: “Sir, you have done me great service; I thank you; and desire you to thank, in my name, all the officers and private men, for their bravery and conduct with which I am well pleased.” His Majesty conversed with him in his closet, and in public for a long time.”

The French fleet had suffered a severe defeat, and £300,000 in gold had been captured and carried triumphantly through the London streets. It was both a national and political success and accepted as such; rewards were heaped upon the victors. Anson was raised to the peerage and became Baron Anson of Soberton, in Hampshire; Warren, the second in command, was created a knight of the Bath. It was in 1748, when he had reached the age of 51, that Anson married Lady Elizabeth York, daughter of the Lord Chancellor. The marriage brought wealth as well as influence. Anson's public life was devoted to the reorganization of certain weak points brought to light by recent war. However, he is undoubtedly best known to posterity by his voyage round the world, mainly due to the tact and judgment he displayed in such trying circumstances. In June, 1761, he advanced to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet. He died suddenly in the following year, at his country house, Moor Park, in Herefordshire. The title died also, for his wife did not survive him. Therefore a large property passed into the family of his sister, from whom it is descended the present Earl of Lichfield.

It was only by the utmost ill fortune that Captain Grenville was taking part in the engagement in which he was killed. In 1746 he was appointed to the command of the *Defiance* in which in the Spring of the following year he was ordered on an independent cruise by the influence of his brother, who held a high position in the Admiralty. But much to his annoyance his ship was detained and attached to a squadron under Anson. And it was shortly afterwards that he encountered the French.

Captain Grenville, the seventh son of Richard Grenville, of Wootton Hall in Buckinghamshire, and the nephew of the second Earl Temple, was born on the 3rd April, 1716. He passed swiftly through the lower ranks of the Navy and in 1719 he was posted to the command of the *Romney* in which off the Cape of St. Vincent he had the good fortune to encounter and capture a French ship from Vera Cruz with an extremely valuable cargo. Later he was appointed to the *Falkland* and then to the *Defiance* in which he ended his short yet splendid career, which had the Fates allowed would have undoubtedly blossomed into a more brilliant flower of glory.

There is an account of his funeral from Gosport: “On the 22nd about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the corpse of the truly British Commander, Capt. Grenville, was landed in Stoke's Bay, where a hearse waited to receive it, to carry it to be buried in the vault belonging to the family: the corpse was attended by all the boats of the squadron at Spithead to which he belonged: his sword was drawn and laid across his coffin; and from the time of the boats pulling off from the ship's side to their landing, minute guns were fired by the whole squadron, who likewise hoisted the colours half mast high on the melancholy occasion. He was a gentleman of true courage and conduct, a humane and generous commander, never failing to reward merit where he found it: he was easy of access to the meanest sailor as to any of his officers (which is much out of fashion amongst many of our commanders) and never failed to reward or punish according to the merits of the case; his officers respected him; his sailors loved him and esteemed him as their father.”

In short,

He was, but words are wanting to say what:
Say all that's good and true and he was that.

C. S. ANSON.
(Grenville).

AN ARAB DINNER

The other day some of us went to an Arab dinner given by the Sheik. It was a very formal affair, everyone rising whenever the Sheik rose and all conversation proceeding in subdued voices.

We had coffee before dinner, served in very small cups without handles. The stuff is very bitter and they only give you a thimbleful of it. It is the practice if you don't want any more to waggle your cup furiously, while if you do want more you hold it perfectly still. It was remarkable to see many European cups waggling like anything while the Arabs looked on contemptuously holding theirs' still. About sixty people sat down to dinner, and when I say "sat down," I mean it, for we had to sit or squat or crouch or kneel on Persian Carpets laid on the floor. There were of course no eating irons, and since the left hand was made for unsavoury purposes the right hand only may be used for eating. This was rather difficult for me, as I am left-handed, and fairly early on I made the fatal gaffe; whereat an Arab on my right blushed scarlet, gave me a terrible look, and did not eat another morsel. The technique of eating rice, eggs, meat, peaches, pineapples, etc., with the right hand alone takes quite a bit of learning, and I fear that the beautiful Persian rugs of our host were liberally bespattered with a varied assortment of foods and spices by the time we rose! As each person files out of the room afterwards an attendant holds a richly carved silver salver under his hand, and pours scented water on to it from an elaborate jug. Another quaint custom, which should, I think, be introduced into English households, is the signal to go. Whenever the host feels that he has had enough of his guests he sends round servants with rose water and incense. The rosewater they pour into their hands, and the incense they fan into their beards, after which everyone departs in descending order of rank.

(From an Old Stoic in the Navy.)

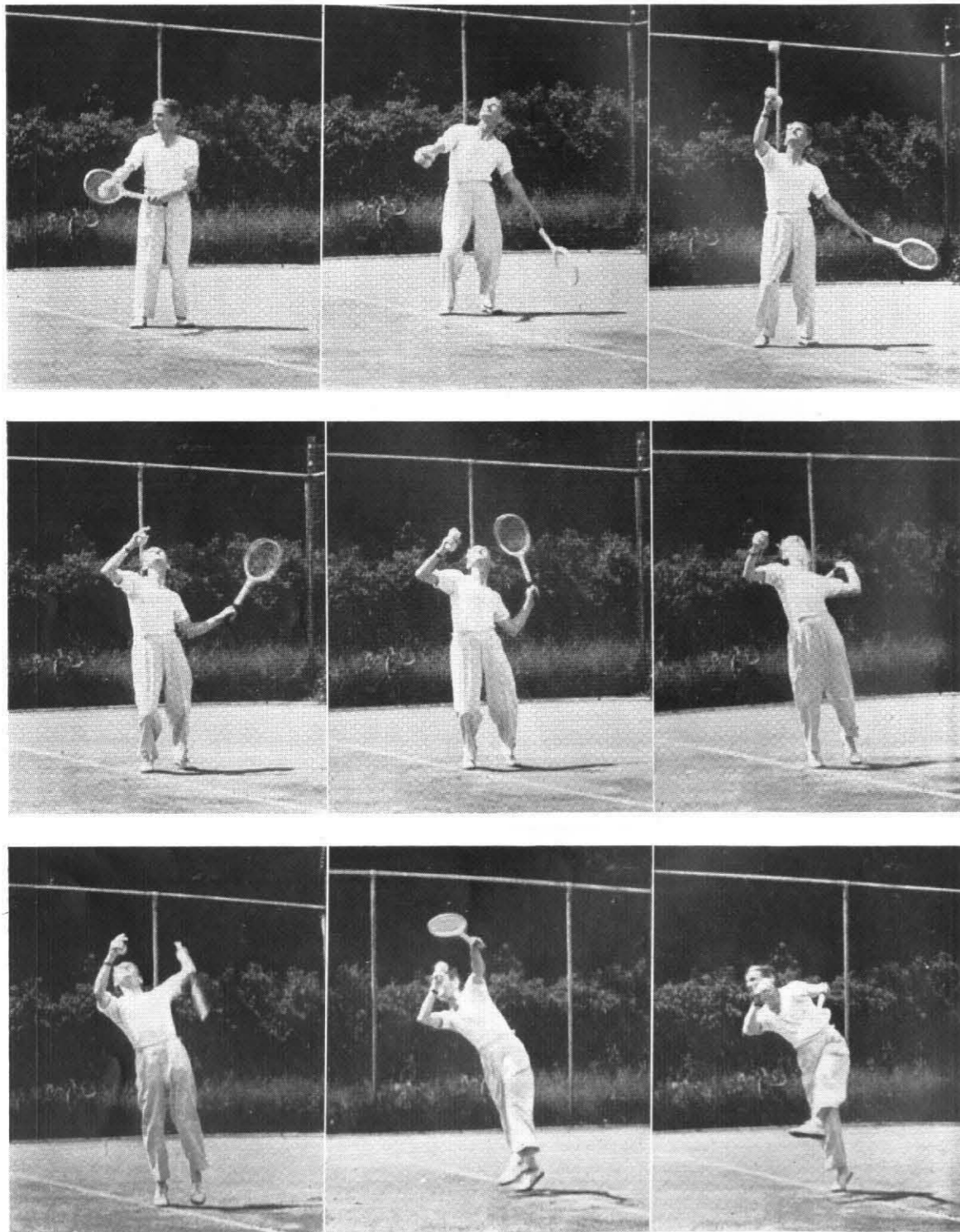
HELL AND ARCADIA

Hell is where men find it in the centre of their soul,
 And Arcadia a fleeting cloud, a mirage not a goal;
 You can see her air-spun visions in the sordid prison-cell,
 But Hell is where men find it, and Arcadia can be Hell.
 Arcadia is a desert or the stairway to the knife.
 But Hell is where men find it in the eyes of friend or wife.
 Hell is in the whiplash and Arcadia there too,
 For Hell is where men find it, and the question, where do you?
 It is there in cold black ripples in the puddles of the rain,
 And it moves behind the windows of a swiftly passing train,
 For Hell is where men find it in the centre of their soul
 And Arcadia a fleeting cloud, a mirage not a goal.

M.C.A.M.



PORTRAIT OF
 MAJOR RICHARD HAWORTH, D.S.O., M.V.O.
 BY H.R.W.



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ACTION SNAPSHOTS
R.E.L.

[A.T.R.F.]

MERIDIONALIA
OR RECOLLECTIONS OF A THREE-STRIPER

Make me an Under Officer, you say ?
 Nay, sirrah, too majestic is the post ;
 This relegation is, promotion not,
 To take three stripes away, return but one—
 What boots its colour ?—All I gain indeed—
 You in the centre rank, you there,—stand still—
 (They stretch my patience till it snaps)—a cap !
 What of my khaki beret ? It sufficed
 A six-month. Shall I yield it up unworn
 Or nearly so ? But wait ! Advantages,
 Though thinly do they flow, like jam at tea,
 Yet there are some, and goodly ones methinks.
 Enabled would I be to wear a tie,
 My collar open, and my blouse unhooked
 And march in line with my companion Lords.
 At General Inspections would I roar,
 A swagger would I perpetrate ; Platoons
 Would start and tremble 'neath my voice's lash.
 It is but two years since I took Part Two,
 A youth untried (Map Reading—Fair ; Drill—Good ;
 But Weapon Training—Weak), and how I shook
 And shivered as I faced those grim-lipped men.
 And then the thrill of my first stripe. I swore
 And limped and raged with my Recruit Platoon,
 Crossed muddy rivers seething on their way
 By thin frail bridges, toggle-ropes they're called—
 Inventions of the Devil—slippery,
 Swaying above the nettles. Oh ! to drop
 Jumped into sandpits (Medical all games !)
 And then two stripes—Part One again my lot
 This time instructing—Flannel—Pull-through—Gauze,
 This is the outer band, and this the bent—
 A heavy rigmarole. Nine things a man
 On sentry-go should know. And three
 Long terms and bitter did I give my best.
 And so, since now this offer you extend,
 I freely take it, and will serve with you . . .

S.B.L.

TURNIPS

"This thing looks quite realistic on the whole." I gave one last hack to the turnip I was hollowing out for the Hallowe'en festivities this evening, and then flung myself into an armchair, regarding my handiwork with satisfaction. Eileen looked up from her magazine and stared at the crudely-cut face on the table.

"Yes, not bad," she volunteered, "but you should have let the gardener do them all, you know. Now you'll have one completely different from the rest."

"Oh, well, nobody will notice it. They'll be too busy with everything else. You put a candle or something in them, don't you, to make them look more ghoulish?"

"That's right. There are some in these drawers," and she went over to look for them.

"They'll be here in about half-an-hour," I said, glancing at my watch, "I'm going up to change."

"We'll be seven to-night," I thought as I dragged myself up the softly carpeted stairs, "Is that lucky or unlucky? I can never remember." As I undressed I ticked the guests off in my mind. "There's Bill and Edna Anderson—they're all right. There's Jack and Rita Flather—they're very nice. Then there's that old fool Tom Harrison. What Eileen sees in him I don't know," I remarked to the bath water as I felt its temperature. "Him and his stories." With which remark I flung off my dressing-gown and plunged into the placid waters below.

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The guests arrived in a bunch at seven-thirty exactly. They were all neatly dressed except, of course, Tom, who was wearing his usual hunting tweed plus-fours. As I ushered them into the dining-room I could see that Eileen had made a good job of the turnips. There was mine, flickering away above the mantelpiece and I ridiculously derived satisfaction from the fact that it wasn't going to share our meal.

Dinner was a great success, even old Tom joining in the conversation, although his remarks were usually meant to frighten the company with his fantastic country legends. Afterwards we bit the bannock until there was no more bannock left to bite, dropped forks into a tub of floating apples until there were no more apples on which to drop forks, and generally, I think, enjoyed ourselves right up to the moment when we dropped into armchairs surrounded by the flickering turnip-faces. Old Tom glanced up at mine above him. "'S'n owld story 'tached ter them there turnups," he said succinctly.

"Oh yes," I said, slightly mollified towards him by the events of the evening.

"Yers," he said, "story runs that warnc' vry 'arloween noight the turnup 'eads choinge ploices with the 'uman 'eads 'f their creoiters."

Then followed a silence that only Tom knows how to bring about. After what must have been hours I broke it with a tremendous effort.

"Oh what nonsense. What a ridiculous story."

"'Taint," he said darkly, "yew mark moi werrds."

Relations were slightly strained from then on, until our guests took their departure at about midnight, and old Tom's voice was still ringing in my ears as I climbed sleepily into bed half an hour later.

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I was awakened in the morning by Eileen calling urgently about something from downstairs. I sprang out of bed, and hurriedly put on my slippers. A smell rather like that of the scarecrow at the bottom of the garden pervaded the room. Five minutes later she called again. But her call fell on deaf ears, for I was lying unconscious on the bed. I had just seen myself in the wardrobe mirror.

J.R.J.B.

MY END

The captain had moved me in to the position of short, rather too short, extra; which necessitated my placing myself at less than six yards from the very blade of the batsman. I am a poor fielder, and could scarce restrain an involuntary leap four yards to my rear at the approach of the next batsman. I disliked his face, spotty, a ruddy scar on one cheek, a smear of the luncheon custard on the other, and a supercilious stare, from wicked blue eyes. He wore an ostrich-coloured cap, bent furiously at an angle, which appalled me by its sinister import. He took guard, he looked me up and down meaningly, and placed his bat in readiness. I knew then that this was the end. I heard the swish of the ball, saw his upraised bat with the sticking plaster at the tip gleaming in the sun, his eyes and vile snub nose gazing hard, nay ruthlessly at me, at my whole body. I watched the bat connect with the scarlet circle, the hissing leather whirl sickeningly towards me. I could not escape it, for the Divine Decree had gone out: he shall join us in this way. And it was so. I entered the realm of infinite happiness peacefully, with no horrible wounds nor ghastly aching limbs to impede me, clad not in the ethereal white robes and shining halo beloved of our petty human minds, but in the immaculate flannels, perfect shirt and elegant honourable cap of a cricketer. What could be more blissful than this? Was not my death as it should be?

H.T.B.

LECTURES

On May 6th, S. J. Whitwell, M.C., His Majesty's Foreign Service, late of the Coldstream Guards and the Military Administration of Vienna, spoke to a number of members of the Upper School on "The Austrian Problem." He explained some of the great difficulties facing the Allied administration and answered many questions. His audience not only derived great benefit from his knowledge but was particularly pleased to welcome an Old Stoic.

On May 18th, J. Duncan Miller, Esq., the Chief Correspondent of *The Times* in the U.S.A., discussed with members of the Upper School many problems concerning Anglo-American co-operation.

On June 3rd, His Excellency The French Ambassador, Monsieur René Massigli, K.B.E., visited Stowe. He was entertained for tea by the Head of the School, and afterwards he spoke to the whole of the Upper School on "Problems of the Fourth Republic," followed by a discussion. In the evening he had an informal meeting with some of the senior boys.

On July 4th, General Lord Burnham, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., spoke to some members of the Upper School. Lord Burnham is the Director General of *The Daily Telegraph* and was during the war Director of Public Relations at the War Office and Senior Military Adviser to the Ministry of Information. He discussed many aspects of "The Press," and in particular explained the work of The Royal Commission.

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To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

It is with great pleasure that I write this term's letter about the activities of the "Pineapple."

In many of my previous letters I have harped upon the urgent necessity for adult assistance in running the Club, and at last some considerable improvements in this position are taking place.

Of Old Stoics, Patmore and Syrett have been joined by Reiche, Buckmaster, Mance, Sandwith and Cook ; by non-Stoics in the persons of Haslett, Cook and Frost.

As far as attendances are concerned, the Club is going through its normal summer depression—made worse by the too early application of Summer Time, the longer evenings coming a full month before we were able to get our Camping, Swimming and Cycling Groups into being. There is every evidence, however, that in September the normal large numbers will return indoors.

The resumption of visits by boys from Stowe on Friday evenings has been a great success, and I trust they will long continue and eventually produce Club helpers, as these visits used to do before the war.

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

CRICKET

1ST XI.

With one more match still to be played the record of the 1st XI this season is as follows :—Matches won 6 ; lost 5 ; drawn 2 ; abandoned 1 ; total 14.

Of the four schools played, Bedford, Radley and St. Edward's School (Oxford) were defeated, and the game against Oundle was lost rather unexpectedly. The match with Buckingham, which is always somewhat in the nature of a local Test Match, was won.

The side has shown a good keen spirit throughout the season and has been ably led by M. E. J. FitzGerald (♁) whose placing of the field has been excellent. He has had to depend almost entirely on two bowlers, who have worked nobly and rarely failed to dismiss the other side for a reasonable total. Up to date, M. D. Cobham (G) has taken 45 wickets for an average of 12.6 runs each, and D. A. Connell (G) 36 wickets for an average of 17.7 runs each. These two have really been the sheet anchors of the side.

The bowling has been backed up by excellent fielding in almost every match. There have very occasionally been times when the standard of ground fielding has not been all that could be desired, but very few catches indeed have been missed and some positively brilliant ones have been made by R. M. Bartlett (T) in the slips and at short leg. The wicket-keeping of A. T. V. B. Bik (C) has generally been sound, and he has taken the in-swinging bowling of Cobham on the leg side particularly well.

The Conington brothers have been the chief rungetters. J. F. Conington (B) was the more successful of the two at the beginning of the season, whereas D. E. Conington (B) has done better in the latter part. FitzGerald, A. J. Struthers (C), M. D. T. Loup (T), Bartlett and Connell have all made useful contributions at different times. Their actual figures appear in the averages. The batting of the side has been more painstaking than fluent, and it would be pleasant in future years to see the bad ball treated more harshly than has usually been the case this year.

The weakest feature of the side has been the calling and running between the wickets. This is a most important side of the game and must be

improved. This can best be done by watching the methods of good players.

Several members of the staff have devoted a great deal of time to cricket coaching, and their efforts have been rewarded by a steady improvement in the standard of play throughout the School. Stowe is very fortunate in having the services of such an able coach as Austin Matthews, who has been capably assisted this term by another Glamorgan player, Phil Clift. Lastly, it is extremely satisfactory to note the vast improvement in the spirit, organisation and standard of play in the leagues brought about by the enthusiasm of Mr. Chapman.

STOWE v. CRYPTICS.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 17th, the Cryptics winning by 1 wicket.

Stowe, 192 for 7 wickets declared (J. F. Conington 71 not out, D. A. Connell 24, R. M. Bartlett 20, A. T. V. B. Bik 22 not out; W. Holding 1 for 35, R. W. Skene 2 for 17, R. Eddison 2 for 26). The Cryptics, 195 for 10 wickets. (M. Turnbull 45, P. Remnant 35, F. Mennim 60; D. A. Connell 2 for 78, M. D. Cobham 6 for 47, J. F. Conington 2 for 29).

STOWE v. B.N.C., OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 21st, B.N.C. winning by 4 wickets.

Stowe, 94 (A. J. Struthers 35, J. F. Conington 16, M. D. T. Loup 17; Miskin 5 for 21). B.N.C., Oxford, 102 for 6 wickets. (Darling 23, Rumbold 40, Radcliffe 18 not out; M. D. Cobham 3 for 39).

STOWE v. BEDFORD

This match was played at Stowe on Saturday, May 24th, and resulted in a win for Stowe by 20 runs.

After some heavy rain during the night the wicket was very slow, and Bedford, on winning the toss, decided to put Stowe in to bat. The Bedford bowling was extremely steady and was backed up by keen fielding and wicket-keeping. Fleming, who took 6 wickets for 30, bowled medium paced off-breaks and kept a good length. More than one of his victims played forward without getting to the pitch of the ball to smother the break, and was bowled.

As a whole our batting was very correct but decidedly subdued, and more advantage should have been taken of the loose balls that were bowled.

After FitzGerald had been caught at the wicket without a run on the board, Struthers and J. Conington played quietly for several overs, and looked as if they were going to settle down, when Struthers was beaten by an off break. Loup came in and started off very confidently, but J. Conington shortly afterwards failed to get over a ball which popped, and gave a simple catch to silly mid-off. Three wickets had fallen for 19 runs. Loup was now joined by D. Conington, and the score was raised by some good batting to 43 before Loup lofted an off drive and was caught at deep mid-off. Connell, Bartlett and Rycroft all failed to smother off breaks from Fleming and were bowled,

and D. Conington was bowled by Farmer-Wright after making a most valuable 27 in very promising style. Lloyd, possibly taking warning from the disasters of others, played back to Fleming, but failed to connect and was out l.b.w. Cobham was stumped, and the innings closed for 88, which included only 2 extras. The situation did not look promising from a Stowe point of view, but the side were on their toes and determined to give nothing away.

Again the innings began with sensation. Moulton walked down the pitch to Cobham and was stumped by Bik. Pickett offered a difficult catch to Bartlett at silly mid-off, which he just failed to hold, and shortly afterwards was run out when J. Conington threw down the wicket from deep mid-off. Two wickets for 16. In raising the score to 25 Bedford lost two more wickets, and with the score at 30 three wickets fell. Seven for 30. Disbury, the seventh man out, was brilliantly caught by Bartlett at silly mid-off. Barnes was next bowled by Cobham, and Jones was very well held low down by J. Conington at short-leg. Fleming, who had fought gallantly, was now joined by Farmer-Wright, the last man, and 50 runs were still required to win. These two struggled on, and with the last ball before tea a chance of stumping was missed.

After tea the last pair stoutly carried on, and raised the score to within 20 of the Stowe total, when Rycroft snapped up a good catch at leg slip and finished the match.

Apart from two overs, Connell and Cobham bowled throughout, and both bowled steadily and well. Connell made the ball swing away, and brought back an occasional off break. Cobham made the ball swing in to the batsmen, and bowled to a leg trap. The Stowe fielding was good, and Bik did not give away a single bye.

STOWE.					BEDFORD.				
J. F. Conington, c Moulton, b Fleming	15				G. D. Moulton, st Bik, b Cobham	2			
M. E. J. FitzGerald, b Pickett	0				A. D. R. Dawes, b Connell	10			
A. J. Struthers, b Fleming	2				P. L. Pickett, run out	4			
M. D. T. Loup, c Pickett, b Jones	16				D. E. Disbury, c Bartlett, b Cobham	9			
D. E. Conington, b Farmer-Wright	27				R. D. Payne, b Cobham	1			
D. A. Connell, b Fleming	1				J. W. Fry, b Connell	3			
R. M. Bartlett, b Fleming	8				A. N. Jordan, b Connell	0			
P. V. Rycroft, b Fleming	3				G. McF. D. Fleming, not out	22			
S. B. Lloyd, lbw, b Fleming	8				R. E. Barnes, b Cobham	3			
A. T. V. B. Bik, not out	6				J. G. Jones, c J. Conington, b Connell	1			
M. D. Cobham, st Payne, b Fry	0				I. P. Farmer-Wright, c Rycroft, b Cobham	10			
Extras	2				Extras	3			
Total	88				Total	68			
		O.	M.	R.	W.				
Pickett	8	4	16	1	Connell	22	6	40	4
Disbury	6	5	2	0	Cobham	19	7	22	5
Farmer-Wright	14	6	26	1	Conington	2	1	3	0
Fleming	22	7	30	6					
Jones	4	1	10	1					
Fry	2	0	2	1					

STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 28th, Stowe winning by 6 wickets.

O.U. Authentics, 183 (B. A. Thomas 56, E. D. Flynn 31, R. E. Alton 55; D. A. Connell 4 for 50, M. D. Cobham 3 for 54).

Stowe, 184 for 4 wickets. (A. J. Struthers 75, J. F. Conington 75).

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 31st, Stowe winning by 4 wickets.

Buckingham, 183 (R. O. Fulks 53, B. R. Edrich 26, R. J. Longland 30, J. Whiting 20, W. A. Edrich 17 not out, G. Whiting 15; D. A. Connell 3 for 63, M. D. Cobham 4 for 53, M. D. T. Loup 2 for 26).

Stowe, 184 for 6 wkts. (M. E. J. FitzGerald 43 not out, M. D. T. Loup 36).

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 4th, the Free Foresters winning by 102 runs.

Free Foresters, 237 for 4 wkts. declared (A. M. Crawley 77, A. G. Powell 77, C. F. Deacon 43). Stowe, 135 (J. F. Conington 42, D. E. Conington 35; E. Cawston 3 for 31, W. H. Bradshaw 3 for 31).

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Thursday, June 5th, Oundle winning by four wickets.

This match was played on a cold and windy day, and play was interrupted once for a short time by rain.

Stowe had every chance of winning and certainly should never have been beaten, but chances were missed and the bowling was not accurate enough to prevent rapid scoring, and Hardy, profiting by Stowe's mistakes, played a very valuable innings which contained some beautiful strokes.

On winning the toss Oundle sent Stowe in to bat and J. Conington and Struthers opened very steadily, not appearing to be troubled in the least by any of the bowlers, until M. T. Swan, a slow leg-break bowler, was brought on. He was decidedly slow and his length uncertain, but he had a deceptive action, and Struthers was dismissed with his second ball, playing gently forward to a ball well short of a length. M. T. Swan continued to cause anxiety for a while, but our batsmen later found out how to play him and scored fairly freely off him. With 140 for 4 wickets on the board the position looked very satisfactory, and a final score of 190 seemed to give Stowe a good chance of a win or failing this a draw.

When Oundle had lost three wickets for 35 at tea, and had 156 to make to win with two hours left for play, Stowe were in a very strong position. However, Hardy and C. J. Swan made an excellent stand and raised the score to 139 before Swan was out. The Stowe wicket-keeper had the misfortune to drop Hardy off the first ball he received, and again later when he had scored about 50. Such misfortunes overtake any player from time to time, and Bik had kept very well previously. However, Hardy made the most of his good luck and proceeded to score at a good pace. He gave another difficult chance to the bowler, Mitchell, later on, which was almost held. Had this chance been accepted a draw would have been a likely result, as Oundle declared that their later batsmen could not have scored at any appreciable speed.

With four minutes to go Oundle made the winning run. It was a thrilling game, and Oundle are to be congratulated on their victory.

STOWE.	
A. J. Struthers, c and b M. T. Swan.....	16
J. F. Conington, st Denman, b M. T. Swan.....	29
M. D. T. Loup, c Gloag, b M. T. Swan.....	19
D. E. Conington, b Brooks.....	39
M. E. J. FitzGerald, lbw, b C. J. Swan.....	34
D. A. Connell, lbw, b C. J. Swan.....	21
R. M. Bartlett, b C. J. Swan.....	5
P. V. Rycroft, b C. J. Swan.....	11
A. T. V. B. Bik, b C. J. Swan.....	6
N. J. R. J. Mitchell, c Gloag, b Gordon.....	1
M. D. Cobham, not out.....	0
Extras.....	9
Total.....	190

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gordon.....	23	4	62	1
Halford.....	4	1	8	0
Swan, C. J.....	16	8	22	5
Swan, M. T.....	15	2	60	3*
Brooks.....	11	2	29	1

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I. S. Gloag, b Connell.....	9
J. A. Holroyd, run out.....	0
C. R. Clarke, c Loup, b Connell.....	12
M. J. Hardy, not out.....	98
C. J. Swan, c Loup, b Connell.....	44
C. M. Coleman-Smith, run out.....	8
M. T. Swan, b Mitchell.....	1
M. P. Brooks, not out.....	5
Gordon, Halford and Denman did not bat.	
Extras.....	14
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	191

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell.....	27	5	76	3
Cobham.....	19	4	63	0
Mitchell.....	12	1	38	1

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 7th, the M.C.C. winning by 6 wickets.

Stowe, 84 (J. F. Conington 19, D. A. Connell 12, R. M. Bartlett 27; M. H. Wrigley 3 for 18, D. H. Vaulkhard 2 for 26, P. R. Henley 3 for 11, R. K. Tebbs 2 for 19). M.C.C., 88 for 4 wkts. (G. D. Clive 18, D. H. Vaulkhard 58 not out; D. A. Connell 2 for 27, M. D. Cobham 2 for 18).

STOWE v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday June 11th, the match being drawn.

Trinity College, 189 (Johnson Gilbert 68, Tillard 60, Altham 32; M. D. Cobham 6 for 45, N. J. R. J. Mitchell 3 for 29). Stowe, 141 for 7 wkts. (A. J. Struthers 13, D. A. Connell 44, R. M. Bartlett 39 not out, A. T. V. B. Bik 12 not out; Altham 2 for 24, Tillard 4 for 35).

STOWE v. ETON RAMBLERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 14th, the match being abandoned owing to rain.

Eton Ramblers, 76 for 1 wkt. (P. G. Chappel 20, D. W. Lane 32 not out). Stowe did not bat.

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 18th, Stowe winning by nine wickets.

This match was played on a dull day, and rain, which was threatening throughout the game, and indeed was falling for part of the time, came down in a solid down-pour shortly after play had ceased.

Radley won the toss and decided to bat. The start of their innings was full of incident, four wickets falling for eight runs in the first four overs. After this, Lawrence and Andrews made a stand and took the score to 39 before Lawrence was bowled. Andrews was next out at the same total, and apart from Armstrong the remaining batsmen offered little resistance.

Connell bowled well, and the Stowe fielding was distinctly good. Bartlett, who has fielded consistently well close to the wicket, caught two brilliant slip catches, and another good catch at short leg.

The Radley innings ended with the first ball after lunch, and the Stowe innings began quietly but steadily. Struthers was bowled when the score had reached 14, and then J. Conington and Loup took the score to within 16 runs of victory, when play was interrupted by rain. On the resumption of play the runs were scored without the loss of any further wickets.

RADLEY.					STOWE.				
J. D. Hudson, lbw, b Connell				0	A. J. Struthers, b Cornwell				4
D. H. Andrews, c Mitchell, b Connell				11	J. F. Conington, not out				31
A. S. J. Riley, b Cobham				5	M. D. T. Loup, not out				29
M. J. D. Bower, c Bartlett, b Connell				1	D. E. Conington, M. E. J. FitzGerald,				
H. B. L. Brierly, st Bik, b Connell				2	D. A. Connell, R. M. Bartlett,				
D. R. W. Lawrence, b Mitchell				20	A. T. V. B. Bik, R. J. Roberts, N. J. R.				
J. W. Armstrong, c Bartlett, b Cobham				18	J. Mitchell and M. D. Cobham did				
A. E. F. Cornwell, c and b Connell				3	not bat.				
M. J. Yates, c Bartlett, b Connell				4					
R. H. Soames, not out				1					
C. R. T. Fletcher, lbw, b Cobham				4					
Extras				3	Extras				9
Total				72	Total (for 1-wkt.)				73
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell	15	3	37	6	Cornwell	13.3	3	32	1
Cobham	9	2	16	3	Fletcher	W 5	2	9	0
Mitchell	5	2	16	1	Bower	8	3	19	0
					Armstrong	1	0	4	0

STOWE v. THE MASTERS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 25th, the match being drawn.

Stowe, 158 for 6 wks. declared (A. J. Struthers 16, J. F. Conington 19, M. D. T. Loup 18, D. E. Conington 44 not out, D. A. Connell 24, P. V. Rycroft 36 not out).

The Masters, 131 for 6 wks. (P. Clift 21, A. B. E. Gibson 16, E. H. Boyd 16, D. I. Brown 26, A. D. G. Matthews 12, C. H. Bradley 18 not out, A. G. Archer 18 not out; R. J. Roberts 4 for 39).

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD

Played at Oxford on Saturday, June 28th, Stowe winning by 33 runs.

St. Edward's won the toss, and put Stowe in to bat on a wicket which had been watered two days previously and had then received a further wetting from a thunder-storm. The ball tended to keep low at first, but the wicket seemed to play easily enough.

With the score at 2, J. Conington was bowled by a good ball which pitched on his leg stump and hit the off. FitzGerald joined Struthers, and these two proceeded to bat well and showed marked improvement in their running between the wickets. When they had taken the score to 55, FitzGerald was caught at the wicket. D. Conington and Struthers took the score steadily along to 73 before Struthers was caught. Struthers played a very correct and useful innings. Bartlett came in with a very little over ten minutes to go before lunch and was immediately dismissed by a good in-swinging which straightened out and hit his off stump. Connell then came in and remained with D. Conington until lunch.

After the luncheon interval the Stowe batsmen were dismissed in quick succession by some decidedly good bowling by Backhouse and J. S. Smith. After having scored 102 for 5 wickets, 118 all out was a rather poor total.

St. Edward's started very slowly, and neither Cobham nor Connell appeared at all dangerous. However, it was not long before Oldland, a left-hander, suddenly gave Connell a catch in the slips, which he held. At tea the score was 12 for one wicket. After tea St. Edward's continued to bat steadily, but very slowly, and the score crept up to 60 for 3 wickets. J. S. Smith and Bartlett did not look as though they would ever get out when Smith nicked a ball to Rycroft in the slips, and he took the chance. Bartlett was out soon afterwards, and Stowe supporters breathed more easily. Wickets began to fall regularly, and apart from one dropped catch and a remarkable failure to run out one of the last pair nothing of note took place.

As has usually been the case this season, Cobham and Connell did practically all the bowling, and took all the wickets. Cobham did especially well, taking 8 wickets for 25 runs in 26 overs. This brought his total of wickets in 1st XI. matches this season to 43.

STOWE.					ST. EDWARD'S				
A. J. Struthers, c J. S. Smith, b Backhouse				32	H. C. Oldland, c Connell, b Cobham				6
J. F. Conington, b Backhouse				0	D. H. Bartlett, b Cobham				30
M. E. J. FitzGerald, c Perry, b J. S. Smith				28	P. H. Russell-Smith, lbw, b Connell				6
D. E. Conington, c Perry, b Backhouse				29	D. B. T. Lattey, c FitzGerald, b Cobham				5
R. M. Bartlett, b Backhouse				10	J. S. Smith, c Rycroft, b Connell				6
D. A. Connell, b Lattey				6	D. S. Smith, lbw, b Cobham				4
P. V. Rycroft, c Bartlett, b Backhouse				0	D. B. Bown, not out				11
C. H. Bradley, c Sweeny, b J. S. Smith				10	R. W. Perry, c Bartlett, b Cobham				2
A. T. V. B. Bik, not out				3	J. I. Lattey, c FitzGerald, b Cobham				0
R. J. Roberts, b J. S. Smith				0	C. R. H. Sweeny, c Bartlett, b Cobham				0
M. D. Cobham, c J. I. Lattey, b J. S. Smith				2	D. G. Backhouse, c Bik, b Cobham				1
Extras				8	Extras				14
Total				118	Total				85
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lattey	19	9	29	1	Connell	23	10	25	2
Backhouse	20	14	17	5	Cobham	25.5	12	25	8
Sweeny	14	3	46	0	Roberts	6	1	15	0
Bown	7	3	15	0	Conington, J. F.	3	0	6	0
Smith, J. S.	8.5	7	3	4					

STOWE v. OLD STOICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 5th, Stowe winning by 70 runs.

STOWE.				OLD STOICS.			
A. J. Struthers, c Arnold, b Le Bouvier	4			T. M. Pragnell, b Cobham	1		
J. F. Conington, c and b Bennett	22			N. C. S. Barling, c Bik, b Roberts	63		
M. E. J. FitzGerald, b Hancox	35			P. Sherrard, b Connell	1		
M. D. T. Loup, b Le Bouvier	57			J. M. Connell, c Mitchell, b Connell	0		
D. E. Conington, c Pragnell, b Lack	94			N. H. Bennett, c Cobham, b Connell	5		
D. A. Connell, not out	16			A. K. Higham, b Loup	48		
R. M. Bartlett, A. T. V. B. Bik, N. J. R. J. Mitchell, R. J. Roberts and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				J. P. Phillips, lbw, b Cobham	0		
				C. A. Hancox, b Roberts	15		
				E. M. Arnold, c Roberts, b Connell	11		
				J. D. Le Bouvier, not out	5		
				T. S. A. Lack, c Cobham, b Connell	9		
Extras	20			Extras	20		
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	248			Total	178		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Le Bouvier	16	6	41	2	Connell	14	2	30	5
Lack	5	4	1	20	1	17	6	45	2
Higham	13	0	52	0	Mitchell	6	1	19	0
Bennett	9	2	49	1	Roberts	8	0	32	2
Hancox	7	0	56	1	Loup	7	1	32	1
Phillips	2	0	10	0					

STOWE v. PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 12th, Stowe winning by 40 runs.

Stowe, 176 (R. M. Bartlett 37, M. E. J. FitzGerald 36).
Public School Wanderers, 136 (M. D. Cobham 4 for 42).

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI began the season with an adequate supply of bowlers but they found difficulty in scoring a hundred runs between them. This did not give the bowlers a chance even against poor sides, with the result that most of the initial matches were lost. The batting fortunately improved and the season finished off in a most satisfactory way with a substantial win over Radley and a comfortable win over Halton.

S. B. Cunningham (T) captained the side with much enthusiasm and through the example of his own keenness got the best out of those under him.

The bowlers in the side have been Cunningham, D. S. Withers (G), C. H. Bradly (B), P. V. Rycroft (C), S. B. Lloyd (C) and M. Birkett (T), while the following have made their thirties and forties:—Cunningham, Birkett, Rycroft, Bradly, D. R. Stickland (B), P. B. W. Pumfrey (C) and Lloyd. The fielding has been keen throughout, but it has been most apparent that the bowlers have no idea how to set their fields or how to bowl to their fields once they have set them.

May 17th. v. HARROW (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 43 (S. B. Cunningham 19).
Harrow, 93 for 3 wkts. (S. B. Lloyd 3 for 5).

May 21st.	v. OUNDLE (Home). Drawn. Stowe, 124 (O. B. Sayer 31, P. B. W. Pumfrey 31). Oundle, 95 for 5 wkts. (R. J. Roberts 2 for 16).
May 24th.	v. BLOXHAM (Home). Lost. Stowe, 58 (O. B. Sayer 26). Bloxham, 62 for 2 wkts.
May 28th.	v. BLETCHLEY (Home). Lost. Stowe, 70 (S. B. Cunningham, 33). Bletchley, 142 (N. J. R. J. Mitchell 5 for 40).
May 31st.	v. RUGBY (Home). Lost. Rugby, 171 for 7 wkts. declared (D. S. Withers 4 for 76). Stowe, 103 (I. B. Calkin 40).
June 4th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Lost. Stowe, 118 (M. Birkett 40). St. Edward's, 121 for 6 wkts. (S. B. Cunningham 2 for 24).
June 11th.	v. BUCKINGHAM (Home). Drawn. Buckingham, 180 for 9 wkts. declared (S. B. Cunningham 5 for 61). Stowe, 140 for 8 (S. B. Lloyd 51).
June 18th.	v. RADLEY (Away). Won. Radley, 125 (C. H. Bradly 4 for 5). Stowe, 126 for 4 wkts. (D. R. Stickland 35, P. V. Rycroft 34).
July 2nd.	v. HALTON (Home). Won. Stowe, 112 (S. B. Lloyd 31). Halton, 86 (S. B. Cunningham 6 for 25).
July 5th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home). Won. Stowe, 191 for 8 wkts. declared (P. V. Rycroft 57, W. C. O. Munks 38, S. B. Cunningham 26 not out; G. A. Griffin 2 for 9, A. C. L. Lewisohn 2 for 6). Old Stoics, 186 (A. Higham 90, P. M. Young 32, G. A. Griffin 32 not out; S. B. Cunningham 6 for 70).

3RD XI.

The 3rd XI have had a fair season, with victories over Bloxham, St. Edward's, Radley and Blakesley, the last two breathless finishes, and losses against Bedford and Harrow. W. R. G. Short (G), T. R. Lambert (G) and C. H. Bartlett (T) have been the most dangerous bowlers, with an occasional "sizzler" from G. L. D. Duckworth (C). For runs they have largely depended on R. A. Hird (C), J. M. Shinner (B) and H. T. Bowles (T). Shinner's slip fielding has been outstanding in a team whose fielding generally was too temperamental.

May 24th.	v. BLOXHAM (Away). Won. Bloxham, 103 (T. R. Lambert 6 for 25). Stowe, 104 for 3 wkts. (J. M. Shinner 35).
May 31st.	v. BEDFORD (Home). Lost. Bedford, 92 (W. R. G. Short 4 for 11). Stowe, 75 (R. A. Hird 22).

- June 4th. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Won.
Stowe, 87 (R. A. Hird 35).
St. Edward's, 72 (W. R. G. Short 4 for 21).
- June 18th. *v.* RADLEY (Away). Won.
Radley, 170 for 8 wkts. declared (W. R. G. Short 5 for 53).
Stowe, 172 (J. M. Shinner 62).
- June 28th. *v.* HARROW (Home). Lost.
Harrow, 168 (G. L. D. Duckworth 3 for 10).
Stowe, 114 (R. A. Hird 64).
- July 5th. *v.* BLAKESLEY (Away). Won.
Blakesley, 58 (W. R. G. Short 5 for 18, T. R. Lambert 5 for 24).
Stowe, 59.

COLTS' XI.

We had a fairly successful season. As many games were won as lost. The fault of the team lay in the lack of consistency in batting. Once Nos. 1 and 2 were gone anything could and did happen. The Radley game was thrown away by sheer bad batting and the St. Edward's one only saved by an heroic 9th wicket stand. The bowling was generally steady, particularly P. H. Molloy (C). The fielding could be good—it was not always so. F. J. Pearce (B) kept wicket well and captained the side adequately.

- May 17th. *v.* BERKHAMPSTEAD (Home). Won.
Berkhampstead, 44 (R. D. Steed 5 for 19).
Stowe, 46 for 3 wkts.
- May 24th. *v.* HARROW (Home). Won.
Stowe, 67.
Harrow, 57 (R. D. Steed 4 for 18).
- May 31st. *v.* RUGBY (Away). Lost.
Rugby, 153 for 9 wkts. (R. D. Steed 3 for 41, P. H. Molloy 3 for 44).
Stowe, 114 (R. Lush 42).
- June 5th. *v.* OUNDLE (Away). Drawn.
Stowe, 122 (I. C. McAllester 30).
Oundle, 116 for 6 wkts. (R. D. Steed 3 for 24).
- June 7th. *v.* BEDFORD (Home). Lost.
Bedford, 81 (R. D. Steed 3 for 15).
Stowe, 79 (F. J. Pearce 26).
- June 18th. *v.* RADLEY (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 106 (G. J. E. Dixon 22).
Radley, 108 for 6 wkts. (G. J. E. Dixon 5 for 32).
- July 2nd. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Drawn.
Stowe, 119 (P. H. Molloy 36 not out, A. H. Salt 33).
St. Edward's, 90 for 9 wkts. (P. H. Molloy 6 for 19).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts proved themselves to be a promising side and several interesting games were seen. It was obvious from the beginning that the batting had distinct possibilities, and we were not disappointed. C. C. Malden (C) and P. G. Dennison (C) proved a reliable opening pair, and the former soon established himself as the most consistent scorer in the side. Although H. R. Herrington (C) never succeeded in settling down, he is a fluent batsman and has a variety of scoring strokes which are bound to bring him runs sooner or later. C. H. Lezard (C) started off well with a good innings against Oundle but is very temperamental at present and rarely does himself justice at the crease. J. S. Yates (C) played an excellent innings against St. Edward's and possesses some wristy shots. O. T. Wall (C), G. R. T. Sorley (C) and R. H. V. Whitcombe (B) also showed promise, while M. J. Lloyd (C), unhappily incapacitated half-way through the term, gave every hope of being a sound attacking player.

Our bowling was far from convincing at the start and only Yates possessed any mastery over length and direction. Fortunately P. J. Harris (C) improved considerably and with Yates formed an aggressive combination which gave distinct satisfaction. Herrington also improved as a leg breaker while Lezard bowled steadily towards the end of the season.

The fielding was adequate with Wall, Lezard and Yates as the most agile performers. Unfortunately we were unable to find a reliable wicket-keeper, and consequently there was little finish to our efforts. Many catches were dropped behind the wicket, and potential run-outs failed to materialise. Nevertheless, with an improvement in this department, next year's Colts should have an interesting and successful season.

- May 21st. *v.* OUNDLE (Home). Drawn.
Stowe, 104 for 4 wkts. declared (C. H. Lezard 51 not out).
Oundle, 94 for 6 wkts. (J. S. Yates 3 for 9).
- May 24th. *v.* BLOXHAM (Away). Lost.
Stowe, 114 (C. C. Malden 22, H. J. Lloyd 20).
Bloxham, 116 for 7 wkts. (R. H. V. Whitcombe 2 for 8).
- May 31st. *v.* RUGBY (Away). Won.
Rugby, 74 (J. S. Yates 3 for 21).
Stowe, 75 (P. G. Dennison 14).
- June 7th. *v.* BEDFORD (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 65 (C. C. Malden 22).
Bedford, 66 (J. S. Yates 6 for 25).
- June 18th. *v.* RADLEY (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 119 for 6 wkts. declared (C. C. Malden 60).
Radley, 120 for 6 wkts.
- June 28th. *v.* HARROW (Home). Won.
Stowe, 137 (C. C. Malden 44).
Harrow, 43 (J. S. Yates 4 for 14, P. J. Harris 6 for 24).

July 2nd. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Drawn.

Stowe, 116 (J. S. Yates 34 not out).

St. Edward's, 81 for 9 wkts. (C. H. Lezard 4 for 4).

CRICKET LEAGUES

With the return of peace and more settled conditions, House Leagues have recovered some of their former status in the sporting life of the School. The standard of performance was perhaps not quite so high as in the immediate pre-war years, but keenness and enthusiasm were no less evident, and a spirit of friendly rivalry permeated the games, making winners magnanimous in victory and losers cheerful in defeat.

The basis of competition was that each House provided three teams and played a single-innings match against every other house. For an A League win, 12 points were awarded, whilst B and C received respectively 8 and 4. No restriction of age was imposed for any league, but in general C league sides were made up of junior boys. The success of this league bodes well for School cricket in the future.

From the beginning competition was keen, and it could be seen that Walpole and Cobham would contest the leadership. Bruce provided a challenge until the third round, but then fell some distance behind. Chief interest centred on Round 5, when Walpole and Cobham met, neither having, up to that point, lost a match. In A League, after a hard fight, Cobham were beaten by 20 runs, the Walpole batting being slightly superior. In B League, Walpole were unquestionably the better side; but in C, they were beaten by 10 runs, and so lost their unbeaten record. They managed, however, to win all their remaining matches, and emerged worthy winners of the championship, having lost only one C league match in twenty-one matches played.

Below the leaders, Bruce established a good lead over Temple, Chatham and Chandos, which was reduced to a very narrow margin in the last two rounds. They owed their final position more to the last-minute failure of their challengers than to their own success. Chatham were a little unlucky to be placed fifth, when a last-round win over Temple A League would have placed them comfortably third. Chandos owed much to their B League, and Grenville much to their Juniors, who gained them half of their 38 points and were beaten only by Cobham and Walpole. In the final analysis, Walpole won the A and B Leagues and Cobham were first in C.

The general standard of play was good, and particularly the bowling and fielding. There was a dearth of good slow bowling, though N. S. G. Hinde (W) shewed how dangerous it could be, even on a hard wicket. Among the faster bowlers, W. J. G. Brown (W), D. S. Paravicini (C) and H. Galton-Fenzi (C) were most consistently successful, though all were erratic in their length. The batting was technically poor, with the single exception of R. Hodgson, who, besides captaining Chatham, made 230 runs in seven innings, for an average of 39. A large number of batsmen could be relied on for ten to twenty runs, but the condition of the wicket was always more favourable to the batsman than to the bowler. The rate of scoring was high and reached almost two runs a minute in games between unequal opponents. Matches were played to a time-limit of 90 minutes each innings.



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THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE

[N.M.C.I.]



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RICHARD THE SECOND
July 4th & 5th

[R. & H. Chapman

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	A LEAGUE					B LEAGUE					C LEAGUE					TOTAL
	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.	
Walpole ...	7	7	0	0	84	7	7	0	0	56	7	6	0	1	24	164
Cobham ...	7	6	0	1	72	7	6	0	1	48	7	7	0	0	28	148
Bruce ...	7	2	2	3	36	7	3	0	4	24	7	4	1	2	18	78
Chandos ...	7	2	1	4	30	7	5	0	2	40	7	1	1	5	6	76
Chatham ...	7	3	1	3	42	7	3	0	4	24	7	1	1	5	6	72
Temple ...	7	4	0	3	48	7	1	0	6	8	7	0	0	7	0	56
Grafton ...	7	1	0	6	12	7	2	0	5	16	7	3	0	4	12	40
Grenville ...	7	1	0	6	12	7	1	0	6	8	7	4	1	2	18	38

1ST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	No. of Innings	Scored	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Average
J. F. Conington (B) ...	13	367	2	75	33.4
D. E. Conington (B) ...	12	289	1	94	26.3
A. T. V. B. Bik (C) ...	8	64	5	22*	21.3
M. D. T. Loup (T) ...	12	211	1	57	19.1
A. J. Struthers (C) ...	13	227	0	75	17.5
M. E. J. FitzGerald (C) ...	12	173	2	43*	17.3
D. A. Connell (G) ...	11	154	1	44	15.4
R. M. Bartlett (T) ...	10	131	1	39*	14.5
M. D. Cobham (G) ...	6	5	2	3	1.2
Also batted:					
P. V. Rycroft (C) ...	8	79	2	36*	13.2
N. J. R. J. Mitchell (W) ...	3	18	0	9	6.0
R. J. Roberts (C) ...	2	0	0	0	0.

* Not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. D. Cobham (G) ...	230	57	559	45	12.6
D. A. Connell (G) ...	237	39	639	36	17.7
D. E. Conington (B) ...	3	1	4	1	4.0
R. M. Bartlett (T) ...	10	2	24	2	12.0
J. F. Conington (B) ...	19	1	63	3	21.0
M. D. T. Loup (T) ...	48	6	217	3	72.3
Also bowled:					
R. J. Roberts (C) ...	30	3	122	6	20.3
N. J. R. J. Mitchell (W) ...	61	8	208	7	29.7

LAWN TENNIS

Last December, in reviewing the prospects for the 1947 season, it was remarked that there was "plenty of talent" in the School. Though this has been realised so far this summer, the average age of the oncoming players has been younger than expected and there is a consequent lack of experience among the members of the Ten.

Of last season's Colours, only two were left to hold the offices of Captain and Secretary (the latter revived after a lapse during the war years).

During the Trials at the beginning of term, it was soon apparent that while the 1st VI would choose itself, the selection of the "Ten" would be very difficult, rather because of the comfortable mediocrity of the performers than their equal brilliance. Eventually the Ten was made up of the following players, in addition to the Captain and Secretary: J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W), N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G), J. K. Binns (W), G. H. B. Carter (T), T. J. Greenley (W), R. N. Langley (G), R. G. A. Pearce (B), F. A. Ruhemann (C), G. W. Scott (C), J. K. H. Torrens (C).

The Fixture List in its final form was both varied and attractive, and it was fortunately possible to arrange the matches so that the more testing of them would come in July, to serve the gradual development of match practice up to the Public Schools' Wimbledon week and the Final of the Glanvill Cup. The results of matches so far played, with the complete fixture list, are given below.

1ST VI.

May 17th.	v. MR. NORTHOVER'S VI (Home).	Lost	4-5
May 24th.	v. HETEROGOGUES VI (Home).	Lost	4-5
May 28th.	v. ALDENHAM SCHOOL (Away).	Won	3-1
May 31st.	v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD (Away).	Won	5-4
June 5th.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL (Away). (2nd Round of Glanvill Cup.)	Won	5-4
June 7th.	v. ETON COLLEGE		(abandoned owing to rain).
June 14th.	v. MR. MELLOR'S VI		(abandoned owing to rain).
June 18th.	v. DOLLINGTON L.T.C.		(abandoned owing to rain).
June 28th.	v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON (Home).	Won	6-3
July 2nd.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL (Home).	Draw	4-4
July 9th.	v. MILL HILL SCHOOL (Away).	Won	6-0
July 12th.	v. MISS PARKINSON'S VI (Home).	Lost	3-5
July 16th.	v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL (Home).	Won	4-1
July 19th.	v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. (Home).		
July 28th.	Wimbledon Week.		
July 29th.	Wimbledon Week.		

2ND VI.

May 31st.	v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD (Away).	Won	4-2
June 18th.	v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL (Home).	Lost	4-5

The draw for the competition to be held on July 28th and 29th at Wimbledon is:—Mill Hill v. U.C.S.; Leighton Park v. Dauntsey's; Downside v. Stowe; Bryanston v. Wellingborough.

Each School enters a team of two Pairs and one Singles Player, so that each round will be decided on five matches. Play on the ensuing two days will follow a similar programme between Canford, K.C.S., Tonbridge, Rossall, Eton, Taunton, Aldenham and Felsted, and the winners of each section will meet in the Final. The arrangements for this year's Schools' Wimbledon week are much more ambitious than those of last year, and the competition will be much keener. Stowe will have to produce their best form to stand a reasonable chance of doing well. At present the record of the 1st VI is one which is full of promise as yet largely unfulfilled. There is lacking still the "killer" instinct which treats each shot and every point as critical, to be lost only after the supreme effort. Too often a Stowe pair has won the first set of a match only to lose the second (and even the third) through loss of concentration, determination and initiative.

It must be said, however, that in spite of such lapses, the VI have never given in, and once having recognized their error in taking things easily "for the odd game or two" (which magically becomes a set before the rot can be stopped) have pulled many a match round from a seemingly hopeless position.

In winning the second round Glanvill Cup match at Wellingborough, the VI gave their best performance of the season, so far. In the critical final set between the two third pairs, when the score was 5-6 and set and match point to Wellingborough, the impending defeat was averted and the set and the match won at 6-8. This was a remarkable achievement, especially in view of the closeness of all the matches and the tense atmosphere which consequently developed and increased throughout the afternoon. The scores for this match are given below, to record a particularly fine piece of team work and determination.

1st pair—C. M. Mosselmans (C) and A. R. Cunningham-Reid (G) beat Wellingborough 1st pair, 6-4, 6-3; beat 2nd pair, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; beat 3rd pair, 6-4, 6-3.
2nd pair—J. Asbury-Bailey (W) and G. W. Scott (C) lost to 1st pair, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6;
lost to 2nd pair, 4-6, 2-6; beat 3rd pair, 6-3, 6-3.
3rd pair—J. W. A. Downing (T) and R. N. Langley (G) drew with 1st pair, 5-7, 7-7;
lost to 2nd pair, 5-7, 3-6; beat 3rd pair, 6-4, 6-8, 8-6.

In games the margin in Stowe's favour was but 112 to 102 and it would have been considerably narrowed had there been time to finish the last match between the Stowe 3rd and Wellingborough 1st pairs.

Since Stowe received a bye in the First Round, the School is now in the Final of the Glanvill Cup for the third year. It will be a Quadrangular Final, in which Stowe is drawn to play first against U.C.S. at 11 a.m. on August 4th, at Queen's Club.

There has been an even greater interest taken in the game throughout the School than ever before. The number of entries for the Mornington Singles reached a record level of 168, while 36 pairs entered for the newly instituted Doubles Cup. This deluge and the age range of competitors entering for these two championships may call for future division into Senior and Junior branches of Open and Under 16, to be run parallel with the House Senior and Junior Leagues and Cup matches.

The immediate need throughout the School among the Tennis players is for a more intelligent study and appreciation of the fundamentals of stroke production and courtcraft. No opportunity should be missed by anyone, especially during the Summer vacation, to see the best class of competitive tennis. There are many tournaments

held during August and September, details of which can be obtained by application to any of the School Tennis officials and coaches.

In addition, numerous text books are now being published which can be of very great assistance in improving the standard of individual play. Lawn Tennis is the only game which is played by every nation in the world, and at present this country is passing through a very unhappy phase in International Physical Culture and Sport. It is therefore of importance that every individual with any interest in and aptitude for the game should strive to improve his prowess and so add his own small but significant quota to the general effort, and by raising the average standard of attainment provide the only satisfactory forcing ground for the champions we so badly need.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES, 1947

1ST XV.

Wed., Oct. 1.—Oxford Nomads	Away.
Sat., Oct. 4.—Richmond "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 11.—Rugby School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1.—London Scottish "A"	Home.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley College	Away.
Sat., Nov. 8.—Harlequins "A"	Home.
Tues., Nov. 11.—Oundle School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 22.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed., Nov. 26.—Oxford Greyhounds "A"	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Rosslyn Park "A"	Home.

2ND XV.

Wed., Oct. 8.—Berkhamsted School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 11.—Wasps "A"	Home.
Wed., Oct. 1.—Bloxham School 1st XV.	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 29.—Oundle School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 8.—R.G.S., High Wycombe, 1st XV.	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12.—Northampton Grammar School 1st XV.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 19.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Away.

3RD XV

Wed., Oct. 8.—Berkhamsted School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 15.—Bloxham School 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Magdalen College School, Oxford, 2nd XV.	Away.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Nov. 8.—R.G.S., High Wycombe, 2nd XV.	Away.
Wed., Nov. 12.—Northampton Grammar School 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 22.—Bedford School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29.—R.G.S., High Wycombe, 2nd XV.	Home.

COLTS' XV.

Sat., Oct. 4.—Berkhamsted School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 11.—Magdalen College School, Brackley, 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Magdalen College School, Brackley, 1st XV.	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley College	Away.
Tues., Nov. 11.—Oundle School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow School	Away.
Wed., Nov. 19.—Douai School	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 8.—Berkhamsted School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 15.—Bloxham School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 29.—Oundle School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley College	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 19.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Away.

SAILING CLUB

By means of a considerable amount of patching, five boats were made sufficiently 'sea-worthy' for the season.

The finalists in the competitions for the House Cup were G. W. Dawes (B) and J. H. Withinshaw (C).

The final was sailed on a very light day, with a fluky wind, and ended in a close finish, Dawes crossing the line some 20 seconds ahead of Withinshaw.

R.H.

J.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeant J. J. Asbury-Bailey (W).

To *Sergeant*: A/Sergeant S. D. M. Robertson (B), Corporals J. F. Wells (C), W. C. O. Munks (C), O. B. Sayer (T).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals J. K. H. Torrens (C), A. Caiger-Smith (T), C. A. Wauhope (C), N. N. Proddow (C), G. L. Duckworth (C), M. Morland (B), E. M. L. Latham (C), R. G. A. Pearce (B), A. B. Maxwell-Hyslop (C).

To *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets F. J. Hawkins (G), C. M. Hilton (W), D. H. Gaskell (C), C. H. Bradley (B), R. Hodgson (C), M. C. A. Mott (C), J. M. Shinner (B), I. S. Rutherford (W), R. G. Macmillan (C).

The results of the Empire Test were as follows:—

Number exercised, 234; No. of 1st class shots, 148; No. of 2nd class shots, 62; No. of 3rd class shots, 24.

Averages:—

1. Chandos ...	57.1	5. Grafton ...	53.24
2. Temple ...	56.7	6. Bruce ...	52.
3. Walpole ...	56.23	7. Cobham ...	50.48
4. Chatham ...	56.1	8. Grenville ...	49.28

The winner of the individual championship was Cadet G. W. Dawes (B).

On Monday, May 26th, the contingent was inspected by Brigadier L. F. R. Kenyon, D.S.O., representing the Director of Military Training. The inspecting Officer addressed the contingent after a ceremonial parade and also held a conference of Officers and N.C.O.'s after seeing the afternoon's training.

On Friday, June 27th, a Whole-Day Exercise was held in the area between Dadford and the "Green Man." In this exercise Stowe represented a fortified garrison, one Company of which was to break out through a minefield perimeter and cut the Towcester-Brackley road. This object was achieved by a complete Platoon and two smaller parties. In spite of a heavy thunderstorm an interesting engagement developed around Thatcham Ponds Farm, with considerable casualties on both sides.

War Certificate "A" examinations were held on July 7th and 8th. There were 13 candidates for Part I, of whom all were successful; and 78 for Part II, of whom 74 were awarded Certificate "A."

The best candidates were as follows:—Pt. II: J. P. de R. Richardson (T); Pt. I, P. Howell (G).

J.C.S.

I.C.E. SECTION VISITS DAGENHAM

The long awaited visit to the Ford Works at Dagenham materialised on Friday, June 27th. The Section left Stowe by bus at 7.45 a.m. and arrived at the factory about 10.30 a.m.

Ford starts with coal, limestone, and iron ore at one end, and sends out a stream of finished vehicles at the other; we accordingly started at the beginning.

We saw the coke ovens, where we were fortunate to arrive just as one of the ovens was being pushed; then the sintering plant where the mineral iron ore dust, together with the borings from the machine shops, is mixed and fused into a clinker by fierce flames of gas. The resulting product is then fed into the blast furnace, a vast erection some eighty feet in height which runs, without stopping, for many years. In the furnace the hot blast meeting the glowing coke produces much carbon monoxide which reduces the ore; the molten iron drops to the bottom of the well and the lighter slag floats on the top.

The tapping of the molten iron was the high-light of the visit. We saw about 100 tons tapped; the amazement with which we regarded the sight of white-hot iron pouring down channels into the great 75-ton collecting ladles was excelled only by the horror we felt at the sight of the workmen nonchalantly stepping over the swirling stream, when one slip would have meant death.

The liquid iron is then taken direct to a special plant where it is poured into 'pigs' which are rapidly cooled. These are later re-melted in electric furnaces where the special Ford steel is produced and cast into moulds in the foundry.

We were greatly impressed by the skill and endurance of the foundrymen. They fill up the moulds, on the move, with hardly a drop of alloy spilt; all the while working in (what was to us) unbearable heat. The foundry itself presented a sight which Dante could not have conceived in his most Infernal moments, with the men toiling, stripped to the waist, in almost Stygian gloom. Once the moulds are filled they are cooled in a tunnel and then broken open. The still red-hot castings then move along towards the machine shops. We saw cylinder blocks and tractor wheels being made in this way.

From the foundry we went to the assembly lines. A moving chain which seemed to run throughout the factory was adorned with hooks upon which were slung various parts of the engines. As they passed each workbench they were taken down, machined, gauged, tested, and sent on their way. At the end of the assembly line we therefore saw the finished engines, which were then conveyed to the running-in department. Each engine is submitted to a most exacting test before being sent to the final assembly line where it was quickly attached to its chassis. This assembly took place on a slowly moving belt. First the frame with both axles in position would appear. To this, at various stages, were added all the parts, and in less than no time the finished car, lorry, or tractor, was driven off the line straight down to the great wharf for export to the four corners of the world.

The last part of the visit was to the power house. To say we were vastly impressed would be an understatement. This immense hall was eerily quiet, and the effect produced on us, upon entering, by the rows of great dynamos and turbo-blowers was one of ferocious meekness.

The general impression we gained from our visit to the works was one of incredible efficiency: every man seemed to know his job perfectly, and all worked to a common end—the production of still more vehicles.

M.D.

SHOOTING

After having been kept off the range since Christmas, the team eagerly settled down to accustom themselves to the new Mossberg rifles and concentrated on .22 shooting, as an Open Range is out of the question at present owing to distance. Stowe did not therefore compete at Bisley this year.

The first match this term took place on Thursday, June 12th, against a team of Masters. The School won by 113 points out of a possible 1,000. The teams were:— The Masters: Major Haworth, D.S.O., Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kinvig, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Uttley, Mr. Watt, M.C. The School: J. F. Wells (C), J. E. Farr (B), G. P. Tobin (G) (Capt.), C. M. Hilton (W), R. S. Dove (W), Lord Primrose (W), M. R. D. Gayford (W), G. F. Appleton (G). Major McElwee, M.C., was range superintendent.

The second match took place on the following Sunday morning against a team of Police. The school won by 151 points. The team: J. F. Wells (C), J. E. Farr (B), G. P. Tobin (G) (Capt.), Lord Primrose (W), G. W. Dawes (B), C. M. Hilton (W), R. S. Dove (W), M. R. D. Gayford (W), I. B. Calkin (W), D. R. Stickland (B), J. N. Vinen (W), Q.M.S.I. Reynolds. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Wiener and Mr. Gibson shot for the Police.

A 'Possibles' competition open to all members of the J.T.C., the winner being the one who first completed 3 possibles at application, 2 possibles at snap, and 2 targets of 46 or over out of a possible 50 on rapid, was won by J. F. Wells (C). G. F. Appleton (G) was the first to reach the required standard, but not being old enough to join the J.T.C. was unable to claim the prize; he was, however, awarded a consolation prize.

On Monday, June 30th, a team of 8 members of the J.T.C. between the ages of 14 and 18 fired the preliminary round of the competition for the Major General W. M. Ozanne Shield. The team was: G. W. Dawes (B) (Capt.), J. E. Farr (B), C. M. Hilton (W), J. N. Vinen (W), C. P. R. Litchford (C), R. S. Dove (W), J. A. S. Eccles (G), J. M. Rigg (W). The score was 422 out of a possible 440. J. N. Vinen scored a possible.

Another match is being arranged with the Buckingham Police.

G.P.T.

SWIMMING 1947

The season has been quite successful. There were matches against Northampton Grammar School (Won), Oundle (Won), Berkhamsted School (Lost), Bloxham School (Won), Bedford Modern School (Lost), St. Edward's School, Oxford (Won). Against Rugby School, Stowe won an exciting match by 35 points to 26.

The team was this year up to the standard of other years, perhaps a trifle above it in sprint swimming. However, over longer distances, it is clear that the present generation of Stowe swimmers lacks stamina and determination.

The Swimming Sports events, and the Inter-House Relay and Water-Polo championships will be decided later in the term.

C.S.E.

MUSIC

Musical activities this term have been many and varied. The House Instrumental Competitions, postponed from last term, the visit of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, two School Concerts, Incidental Music for Richard II and for the Poetry reading, have all combined to keep us busy.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature has been the greatly improved standard of piano-playing during the last year. It was particularly evident in the Competitions for the Gilling-Lax and Piano prizes, and applies to all grades. There has also been a great improvement in the standard of string-playing, which was heard to great advantage in the Incidental Music to Richard II.

It is with great regret that we shall be saying goodbye to Mr. Geoghegan at the end of this term. He has been Bandmaster at Stowe since 1930 and is well-known to and beloved by many generations of Stoics. A great deal of his work has often passed unnoticed by members of the School generally, particularly his efforts with the Hobbies Orchestra on Tuesday nights. His unflinching good temper, often under the most trying conditions, coupled with his great patience, kindness and encouragement, have endeared him to all those who have come into contact with him. During the last few years an injury to his hand has greatly handicapped him, but his enthusiasm and energy have never wavered. It is with real regret that we wish him goodbye.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

On May 28th, a very enjoyable Violin and Piano Recital was given by Yfrah Neaman and Howard Ferguson. The programme included a Mozart Sonata, the Brahms D minor and the César Franck Violin Sonatas. The beautiful tone of the violinist was heard to the full in the Brahms Sonata and in the popular last movement of the César Franck.

On Wednesday, June 25th, the London Philharmonic Orchestra paid us another visit, with Carlo Zecchi as conductor and Kathleen Long as soloist. Undoubtedly the orchestra excelled itself in its playing of the great Schubert C major Symphony, though many of us wished that the conductor had not made the usual cuts in the last movement. Kathleen Long played the 4th Beethoven Piano Concerto with great charm and musical feeling, and we were surprised to learn afterwards that she had had no rehearsal with the orchestra beforehand. The playing of the Oberon overture was somewhat of a disappointment. The conductor took it at a somewhat slower pace than usual and the music seemed to lose its lightness and gaiety. On the whole it was a most successful concert and was attended by a large audience.

HOUSE INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION AND GILLING-LAX AND OTHER MUSIC PRIZES

These were held on Sunday, June 8th, and Dr. Henry Ley, lately Precentor of Eton, was the adjudicator. As usual, there was a great variety of programmes, some very well performed. Chatham were awarded the Cup, and Grenville, Temple and Grafton were highly commended.

Chatham undoubtedly deserved to win, and there was some very good playing indeed, particularly in the Boyce Sonata for two violins and piano.

Grenville produced a pleasing Trio for three recorders. To attempt the "Carnival des animaux" with the limited resources at its disposal showed great enterprise on the part of Bruce.

Chandos delighted everyone with its performance of Haydn's Toy Symphony. The strenuous efforts of their conductor, A. J. Struthers, did not always produce the results he wanted, but it was a praiseworthy performance though somewhat erratic in tempo.

A programme of the winning house, Chatham, is given below :—

1. Rondeau for Strings *Purcell arr. Coates*
Violins—A. H. HARPER, D. P. WELLS.
Viola—G. L. D. DUCKWORTH.
Cellos—R. J. RUHEMANN, J. A. P. RATHBONE.
2. Anitra's Dance and Hall of the Mountain King *Grieg*
 Arranged 2 pianos, 8 hands.
Pianists—G. L. D. DUCKWORTH, J. D. NIGHTINGALE.
 A. H. HARPER, R. A. HIRD.
3. Slow movement from Trumpet Concerto *Haydn*
Solo Trumpet—R. D. STEED.
Piano—J. D. NIGHTINGALE.
4. Largo and Fugue from Sonata for 2 Violins and Piano *Boyce*
Violins—A. H. HARPER, G. L. D. DUCKWORTH.
Piano—J. D. NIGHTINGALE.
5. Prelude in B minor, arr. 2 Pianos *César Franck*
 G. L. D. DUCKWORTH, R. A. HIRD.

GILLING-LAX AND OTHER PRIZES.

M. Harding (T) won the Gilling-Lax Senior Prize with an outstanding performance of Brahms' Variations on a theme of Handel.

The Junior Prize was won by P. G. Dennison (G).

M. Birkett (T) won the Senior Piano Prize with a very good performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto in C minor.

A. H. Harper (C) won the second prize with a musical performance of Grieg's "To the Spring."

Junior Piano Prize—R. Jameson (G).

String Prizes (presented by Mrs. Kinvig) :—

1st, C. M. Mosselmans (C).

2nd, J. A. Burrows-Watson (G).

Wind Prizes—Woodwind: R. G. P. Lloyd (G).

Brass: M. A. Reynolds (W).

Organ Prize—J. D. Nightingale (C).

Dr. Ley in his concluding remarks, which were interspersed with some amusing anecdotes, remarked on the high standard of the piano-playing. He advised Houses when entering for competitions not to attempt things too difficult, but to concentrate more on standard of performance.

After the evening service, Dr. Ley gave a short Organ Recital, which was much appreciated by the large number of boys who stayed behind to hear it.

THE ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has shown a marked improvement this term in every way and has tackled a variety of works as will be seen from the programmes of the concert. No less than three Concertos have been rehearsed. The Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 and the Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini demand a very high standard of playing, and the soloists have responded admirably.

We shall be very sorry to lose the following members of the Orchestra, who have done much to raise the standard of playing :—S. D. M. Robertson (B), I. B. Calkin (W), R. G. P. Lloyd (G), C. M. Mosselmans (C) and M. A. Reynolds (W).

SCHOOL CONCERT—JULY 9th.

PROGRAMME

1. Unfinished Symphony, First movement *Schubert*

THE ORCHESTRA

2. Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F *J. S. Bach*

Solo Violin—MRS. SILLAR.

Solo Flute—R. G. P. LLOYD (G).

Solo Oboe—I. B. CALKIN (W).

Solo Trumpet—M. BREDIN (B).

3. Two Choruses from Handel Operas

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

4. Piano Concerto in C Minor *Mozart*

Piano—M. BIRKETT (T)

5. Choral Selection from "Fledermaus" *Strauss*

CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA

SCHOOL CONCERT—JULY 26th.

1. Unfinished Symphony, Second Movement Schubert
2. Two Choruses from "Windsor Forest" Vaughan Williams
3. Horn Solo—Adagio from Horn Concerto Mozart
M. A. REYNOLDS (W)
4. Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini Rachmaninov
For Piano and Orchestra
Piano—M. E. HARDING (T)
5. Sonata for 2 Violins and Piano Boyce
Violins—A. H. HARPER (C).
G. L. D. DUCKWORTH (C).
Piano—J. D. NIGHTINGALE (C).
6. March to the Scaffold, from the Fantastic Symphony Berlioz
THE ORCHESTRA
7. Children's March: "O'er the hills and far away" Percy Grainger
For 2 Pianos and Orchestra.
Pianos—MISS RHONA PARKINSON.
MR. M. T. BURKE.

As these concerts had not taken place at the time of going to press, an account of them will appear in next term's *Stoic*.

RICHARD II

(Review by Mr. Beverley Baxter, M.P.)

As the dramatic critic of the *Evening Standard* I have to attend every important first night in the London theatre. This sounds pleasant enough, but it is difficult not to become jaded at times. A critic is like a gourmet who keeps his palate but is seldom hungry.

Therefore when I was invited to attend the Saturday evening performance of *Richard II* at Stowe, I cannot say that my heart beat faster despite my parental association with the School. *Richard II* has been performed three times in this theatrical year—by Donald Wolfitt, by the Old Vic Company and by the Stratford-on-Avon players. It seemed unlikely that the boys of Stowe would shed new light on the unhappy poet-king.

All of which is a preamble to a confession on my part. I thoroughly enjoyed the play at Stowe. When the three hours had ended I would gladly have sat through

another hour if the cast had cared to give encores after the new fashion set by the companies playing "Oklahoma" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

The most important part is of course the King, and S. D. M. Robertson (B) gave a rendition of this difficult part which had authority, pathos and dignity. He is like a young John Gielgud both in appearance and voice, and if he intends to take up the stage as a career he might go far. It would mean hard work and many disappointments because he will not always have Shakespeare's magic words to speak, but acting is obviously in his blood.

J. R. J. Burnham (T) moved and spoke well as the Duke of York despite a hat that was inclined to get in the way of his face. He broke the rhythm of the blank verse very effectively. M. Morland (B) had admirable diction for John of Gaunt and it was not his fault that he did not look as near death as is customary when making the great speech on England. P. G. Powers (C) was not as tempestuous as most actors who give us Bolingbroke, but he has the quality of integrity and, especially in the last scene, he showed us the essential decency behind the rebelliousness of the man who became Henry IV.

One of the best performances of the night was that of G. H. Rooke (C) as the Bishop of Carlisle. He has not many lines to speak but Rooke succeeded in conveying the granite courage of the character. And of the smaller parts I give high praise to R. A. Roxburgh (W) (I must get the initials right) for his Welsh captain, and to J. Lockwood (W) for his hilariously unfeminine Duchess of York.

I would like to enumerate other performers but I understand my space is limited. But it would be wrong not to call attention to the excellent lighting and scenic effects as well as the orchestra which gave us appropriate music to soothe our savage breasts.

It was not, and could not be, a professional performance, but to a remarkable degree the spirit and the cruel beauty of this exquisite play were maintained. Stowe has every reason to be proud of this production, and while praising all those who were on the stage or in the wings let us admit that we were a jolly good audience too.

In other words, this critic thoroughly enjoyed his busman's holiday.

THE LIBRARY

M. A. Welch (C) is the only new librarian this term.

A set of Thackeray's works has been presented by T. C. B. Potts (B) and *Rugby Football for Schools*, by J. T. Hankinson, has been presented by the author.

NATURAL HISTORY

All animals lose by radiation some of the heat which they generate in respiration. If they be warm-blooded, able to carry on efficiently only if a constant high internal temperature be maintained, this cooling may diminish their energy available for foraging. Even when external temperatures are moderate a small warm-blooded animal must eat more energy-giving food per unit of body weight than a large one, on account of its relatively large radiating surface; and must expend more energy in finding this food. The scales are tipped against our smallest resident birds during winters such as the last, when to the prolonged periods of intense cold was added the consequent increasing scarcity of food. In this vicious spiral the Goldcrests and Long-tailed Tits were brought to the verge of temporary extinction: Treecreepers, common last year, have scarcely been seen; and despite the absence here of frozen rain the comparatively large Green Woodpecker has suffered a serious decline. We may console ourselves with the remarkable apparent hardiness of the Nuthatch and of the Great, Blue and Marsh Tits; and with the knowledge that, unless it be reduced so that inbreeding becomes harmful, animal species can recuperate most efficiently when its numbers are low, and its predators, but above all its parasites, have been reduced by its own decline.

Summer resident birds are here in plenty, with the Willow Warbler especially numerous, and Yellow Wagtails in fair numbers for this comparatively scarce bird. Nightingales breed freely in the damper copses of the Buckingham neighbourhood, and when one was heard in the Grecian Valley we hoped for a breeding pair, but the inconstancy of its singing suggests that it failed to stay. Sand Martins are reduced to some thirty pairs in the Dadford sandpit; but the enlargement of the colony between Maids Morcote and the Stratford road may account for the pairs which have deserted this once popular site.

Our most exciting record is of the Common Tern, seen on the 11-acre lake by a visitor in April at a time when C. J. S. Marler (G) had found a score at Tring. Another stayed with us here for 24 hours on May 11-12th, and was seen by many members of the school. The Common Sandpiper came again, but only a single bird, so that hopes of a nest were raised less high than in 1946, when a pair made a prolonged stay in the spring.

Water Shrews have again been seen in the stream between the lakes. R. D. Shepherd (C) holds the distinction of being the first Stoic to raise a litter of the recently introduced Syrian rodent, the Golden Hamster, a very pleasant little pet devoid of offensive smell.

It has been a great year for the immigrant Humming-bird Hawk-moth. Six were seen together on the Nepeta in the Headmaster's garden; one laid her eggs, lightly gripping the food plant, yet hovering the while, on the Yellow Bedstraw outside the biology laboratory. An Elephant Hawk-moth was also seen for the first time in several years. Holly Blue butterflies were scarce this spring; but White Admirals and a Purple Hairstreak have been taken in the Stowe Ridings. The immigrant Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow have been seen.

Three species of Sorbus have flowered and promise fruit for the first time in our grounds. These are *S. intermedia*, the Swedish Whitebeam, in the Bourbon belt; and *S. scalaris* and *S. pekinensis* only recently planted between the shop and Chatham. If their seeds ripen as well as those of *S. hupehensis* it should be possible to distribute some seedlings by Christmas 1948. It is pleasant to see flower buds for the first time on the Catalpa near the chapel, for this will extend the flowering period of our trees.

N.A.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Officers of the Society remain unchanged and are: President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Vice-President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Secretary, S. D. M. Robertson (B); Treasurer, M. Morland (B); Librarian, R. G. A. Pearce (B); Member of the Committee, A. Caiger-Smith (T).

The 178th Meeting of the Society, after many postponements, was eventually held in the Library on Friday, June 13th. The Motion before the House was: "That this House believes that a woman's place is in the home."

G. H. ROOKE (C) proposed the motion. In a witty and well-constructed speech, he contrasted a lyrical picture of past conjugal bliss with a gaudy pastiche of gin-sinking moderns. The proposer quoted Tacitus in his attack on women and delighted in Roman laws which kept the feminine sex in their place, from which they should not have departed; he deplored the passing of the middle ages when a woman had only three choices; to marry, to enter a nunnery, or to die young. In fact the proposer believed that woman in her mad rush for emancipation and equality had gained nothing but had let loose the forces of family discord and strife.

J. F. PIM (B), in opposing the motion, waxed eloquent on the essential practicality of the modern woman. He spoke of the part she had played in war and was playing in peace and warned the House against the stagnant housewife whose whole being becomes engrossed in to-morrow's meals or doting on an already over-spoilt child. The opposer believed that women, like schoolmasters, should have outside interests if they were to avoid becoming introverts of the worst kind and if life was to be at all worth living.

J. D. LLOYD (B) spoke third. Although he did not deny that there had been many great women whose place had not been in the home, he held, however, that women should make it their objective in life to bring up a family.

THE HON. TREASURER (in the sudden absence of the Hon. Librarian) spoke fourth and amongst other things called upon the House to vote on his side "as a token of respect and thanks to that honourable band of matrons" who had so graciously attended the debate—"a symbol of their unselfishness in leaving the charms of domesticity."

The debate was often amusing although at times trivial, and the standard of speaking was raised by the presence of many matrons, who, although they could not be prevailed upon to speak or vote, added a definite *ton* to the evening.

On a division being taken there voted:

In the Upper House: For	10
Against	9
In the Lower House: For	13
Against	3

The following have been elected Members of the Society:—R. A. Hird (C), J. D. Nightingale (C) and J. Lockwood (W).

A closed debate will be held towards the end of July.

S.D.M.R.

THE NONSUCH POLL OF STOIC OPINION No. 2

The result of the second Nonsuch Poll was as follows. Figures are given as percentages. The total number of votes was 501.

	Yes.	No.	Undecided.
1. Are you afraid of death?	47	39	14
2. Would you like to be a millionaire?	51	46	3
3. Do you care at all for poetry?	77	21	2
4. Do you wish life was more dangerous?	24	73	3
5. Do you think Stowe discipline should be stricter?	12	84	4
7. Would you like to be Head of the School?	44	52	4
8. Do you come out well in your house photograph?	30	56	14
9. Would you prefer to live in another country than England?	52	43	5
10. Do you think make-up makes women more attractive?	65	28	7
11. Should we ration bread to feed other countries which are starving?	56	38	6
12. Are you going to grow a moustache?	23	66	11

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

M. Birkett (T) read a brilliant paper on French and English literary movements in the 19th century at the end of last term.

There has been one meeting this term when S. B. Lloyd (C) read a paper on the Knights of Saint John. As an aboriginal of Malta, the author was as informative as the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

C. S. Edwards (C) was elected a permanent guest.

M.M.

THE MUSIC CLUB

On June 12th, M. E. Harding (T) read a paper on "Piano Concertos."

An expedition went to Oxford on July 18th to listen to the London Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme which included Brahms' Symphony No. 1 and works by Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Delius.

S.D.M.R.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society has so far held two meetings this term. The first was on May 23rd when G. L. D. Duckworth (C) read a paper on "The History of Music." In what was one of the best papers the present members of the Society have heard, the progress of music was traced from the earliest times until the present day, with detailed accounts of the styles of various composers. The paper was illustrated with the aid of a piano, and when it was finished the society went to Dr. Huggins's room, where various records were played. The Society enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant evening, thanks to a well written and extremely interesting paper.

The second meeting was held on Thursday, June 12th, when I. V. de Wesselow (C) read a paper on "The Philosophy and Character of Adolf Hitler." The paper gave an interesting description of Hitler's mental state, giving the impression that he was on the verge of insanity throughout his life. The paper also threw light on his mistrust of his subordinates and his faith in quack doctors and astrologers. However, the psychological aspect of his character was given too much emphasis, whereas his philosophy was not described enough.

An informal meeting was held in the Art School on Wednesday, June 18th, when G. L. D. Duckworth and D. S. Salt (G) played various gramophone records that they had selected to illustrate the paper on music.

J.N.W.B.A.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

All efforts in the dramatic line this term have been centred around the Historians' production of Richard II. This performance the club is sponsoring, and while the majority of the actors come from the History Side, club members are looking after the lighting and sound. An expedition was arranged at the beginning of the term to see Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" at Northampton; those who went were also allowed to look over the theatre, which proved to be very interesting. It was, however, found with regret that the accustomed trip to Stratford was impossible owing to the inability to obtain a bus load of members. At last something in the way of a Club library has been started, thanks largely to the help of Miss Trengrouse, and is now available to all members in the Aurelian Room.

Next term's play has not been decided upon definitely yet, but it is hoped to produce a play fairly representative of the Club as a whole, and all potential actors, electricians, designers, etc., in the School will be greatly needed for it.

G.R.A.M.

THE VITRUVIANS

The first meeting of the term was held in the New Lecture Room on May 21st when Mr. Cadbury-Brown, A.R.I.B.A., gave a lecture on "Swiss Architecture." The lecture was both instructive and enjoyable, but only a few members turned up for it. Mr. Cadbury-Brown outlined the influence of foreign neighbours upon the Swiss style and emphasised the fact that each valley, isolated as it was, developed its own architecture. Later, a light-hearted, modern style appeared, which was original and simple and appears to have become universal there.

Later on in the term an expedition was arranged to Stratford-upon-Avon. Unfortunately admittance could not be gained to either the Church or the Memorial Theatre. We had to content ourselves with viewing the outside of the town and the inside of Shakespeare's birth-place—a well-proportioned half-timber house full of interest. One adventurer struck out to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, outside the town.

On June 6th the entries for the "Stowe Theatre" competition were judged in the Art School by Mr. J. M. Grice. The entries were of a high standard, and much work had obviously been put into them. The competition was won by A. A. Gale (C) with R. S. Dove (W) second.

The Committee this term was:—A. K. Thould (C), Secretary; G. P. Tobin (G), Treasurer; I. V. de Wesselow (C), Librarian; R. R. E. Chorley (G), Photographer; G. H. Rooke (C), Committee-man; G. L. D. Duckworth (C), co-opted member.

A.K.T.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We are very grateful for two most welcome donations to the funds which we received at the beginning of the term. With them we were able to purchase a lens for the enlarger, an electric glazing press and much other useful apparatus. This has helped us a lot.

It was decided to hold a print competition and exhibition this term and over sixty entries were received, many of which were of a high standard. The majority were exhibited with the Art School exhibition on July 19th. A number of the entries were enlarged here and much work has been done this term.

Owing to the School Certificate, only a few members were able to go to the Kodak works on July 2nd, but the visit was enjoyed immensely and we received an invitation to go individually whenever we liked. 87 per cent. of the goods they make at present go abroad. It was unfortunate that a bus breakdown curtailed the visit by an hour and resulted in our arriving home over three hours late.

A.T.R.F.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had fifteen members this term, but on two occasions has invited guests, once to a lecture and once to an expedition.

On Saturday, May 17th, the Rev. W. L. S. Fleming, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, gave an exceptionally interesting talk with slides on the Graham Land Expedition of 1931-4, of which he was the Geologist as well as Chaplain. At his invitation the Society went to see the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge on Wednesday, June 25th, and spent a very interesting and instructive afternoon there.

It is hoped to have a Society meeting before the end of term, when a paper will be read.

S.B.C.

THE "46" CLUB

The "46" Club met this term for the first time since last December, all meetings last term having been cancelled because of illness. During the meeting last December, Mr. Reynolds, who was then President, gave the chair to Mr. Llowarch, who thus became third President of the "46" Club. New members elected at this meeting were A. C. B. Chancellor (C), G. P. Tobin (G), G. M. Scarrott (C), M. H. Ewbank (C) and D. S. Withers (G).

The first meeting of this term took place on Thursday, May 15th, in Mr. Negus's room. The paper was read by R. G. A. Pearce (B) on the subject of "Science and Totalitarianism." The paper did much to show what would happen if Science were impeded by Red Tape, and how that many great scientific discoveries had been made by accident.

At the second meeting on Thursday, June 13th, J. D. Lloyd (B) read a paper on "Witchcraft." This contained some very good material but the arrangement was rather haphazard, and members gained rather a blurred picture of what would otherwise have been an excellent discourse. The paper included information on the history of witchcraft, laws passed by Parliament to prevent it, and some interesting facts about how modern superstitions such as the throwing of rice at a wedding have arisen from magical ritual or superstitions about such ritual. Practical witchcraft was tried after the paper but results were very discouraging.

The third and last meeting of the term took place on Thursday, July 3rd. Discussion included the election of M. H. Ewbank (C) as the new Secretary. The leavers this term were D. S. Withers (G), G. P. Tobin (G), J. V. R. Whitley (W), R. A. Woolf (G), A. C. B. Chancellor (C) and J. D. Vernon (G), the present Secretary.

The paper was read by R. A. Woolf (G) on "Wines and Spirits." The paper was well written and the facts well chosen. It gave first an account of the effects of alcohol on the human body, followed by a comprehensive account of the preparation of alcoholic drinks in their classes, Beer, Spirits and Wines. The discussion afterwards owed most of its vigour to this most interesting and informative paper.

J.D.V.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES

Before the war instruction in life saving used to be given and boys entered for the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society. During the war, owing to shortage of staff, it was not found possible to continue with this instruction. This term, however, a fresh start has been made by making Life Saving a Thursday extra. Thirty-five boys joined the class and many of them are now ready to enter for the Intermediate and Bronze Medallion examinations.

The Royal Life Saving Society has been most helpful and encouraging. Their under-secretary, Mr. Stanford, came down early in June to see the class at work and gave us very helpful criticism. The chief secretary, Capt. Biscoe, is coming to Stowe on July 23rd to examine some 24 boys who have entered for one or both of the above mentioned examinations. We hope the day will be fine and the water warm.

The value of such classes cannot be stressed too much. Any boy who has passed the Bronze Medallion test of the Society can be regarded as a competent life saver, and one never knows when it may be necessary to effect a rescue. Even if a person was unable to swim he could be of the greatest assistance in helping to restore an apparently drowned person by his knowledge of how to carry out artificial respiration. The ability to carry out the Schafer method is useful not only in cases of drowning, but also in asphyxia from electric shock or other causes.

Apart from this, however, training for such examinations makes a boy more of a 'waterman'; he gains greatly in confidence and soon begins to feel quite at home in the water and under the water. It is to be hoped that many more boys will offer to do this training next year when it may be possible to give instruction more frequently.

C.W-R.

TOC H AND THE NATIONAL SERVICEMAN

Most boys leaving school to-day go straight into one of the services. This means that they may very well find themselves attached to a unit in some part of the country where they have no friends and where at first, at any rate, they are likely to miss the small human friendly things, and above all the background of home, which counts for a great deal in the lives of most of us.

To remedy this Toc H has stepped in and offered a solution. Each Public School can now have a Toc H correspondent: it is the duty of this man to see all boys leaving school to join the services and to explain to them briefly what Toc H stands for and to give them, if they wish one, a Toc H Pass Card. This card, when presented to the appropriate authority in the unit to which the boy is posted, will enable him to receive hospitality from some home in the neighbourhood.

The scheme is an excellent one and every boy should take advantage of it. By so doing he does *not* become a *member* of Toc H, but he does know what Toc H stands for in a world where fair dealing, wide sympathies, humble service, and courageous living are so badly needed to-day.

C. WINDSOR, RICHARDS,
Toc H Correspondent-Stowe.



THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT STOWE
June 3rd

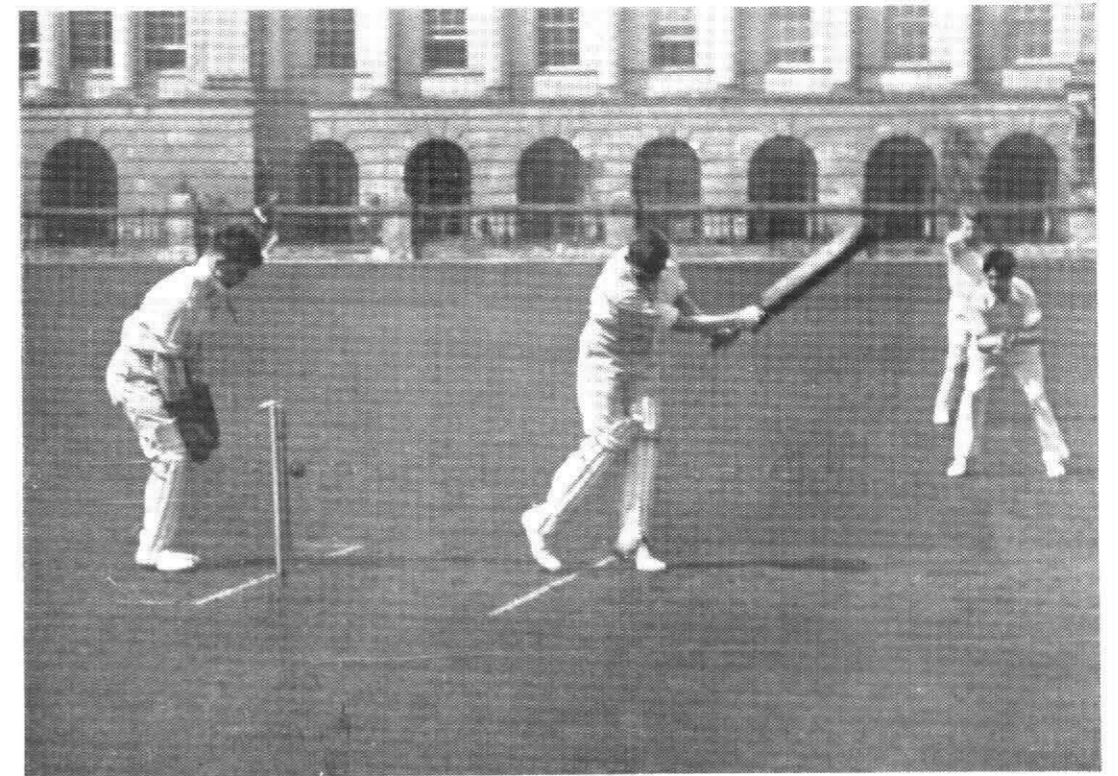


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