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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

THE first number of *The Stoic* opened with a leading article which set forth the aspirations of the new school and the responsibilities of its first members. The writer of that article has re-read it after twenty-five years with regret, thankfulness and sorrow. We have indeed many things to regret—mistakes, failures, weaknesses, missed opportunities—and the heavier the responsibility that one bears for these things the deeper one's regret must be. We have also much cause to be thankful—thankful for all that the devoted efforts of Stoics and Stowe masters have been allowed to achieve in a quarter of a century, and thankful for the simple fact that after what has passed since 1939 the school is still strong and prosperous. The sorrow must be shared by everyone who knew Stowe before the war, for by May 1945 we had lost more than one in eight of all who had then passed through the school. Though such sorrow cannot be relieved by pride, for it is in its essence personal, yet we are right to be proud of the contribution which our small community made to victory, and when we think of the school as a school we must not forget that its Service List records not only a casualty rate of terrible severity but also the award of two V.Cs. and an immense array of D.S.Os., M.Cs. and D.F.Cs.

But whatever feelings we have about the past, it is with the future that our thoughts must now be concerned. And our thoughts must first of all be practical. There is much to do. Our standards of achievement in work and games fell during the War, and though they are rising again they are not rising fast enough: there is not the old tingle in the air—the old tingle of effort and achievement. When are we going to get back to such University Scholarship lists as those of 1938 and 1939? When are we going to repeat some of our great Rugger and Cricket Seasons of the past? Results may not be important in themselves but they are important as evidence. What is achieved at the top indicates what is

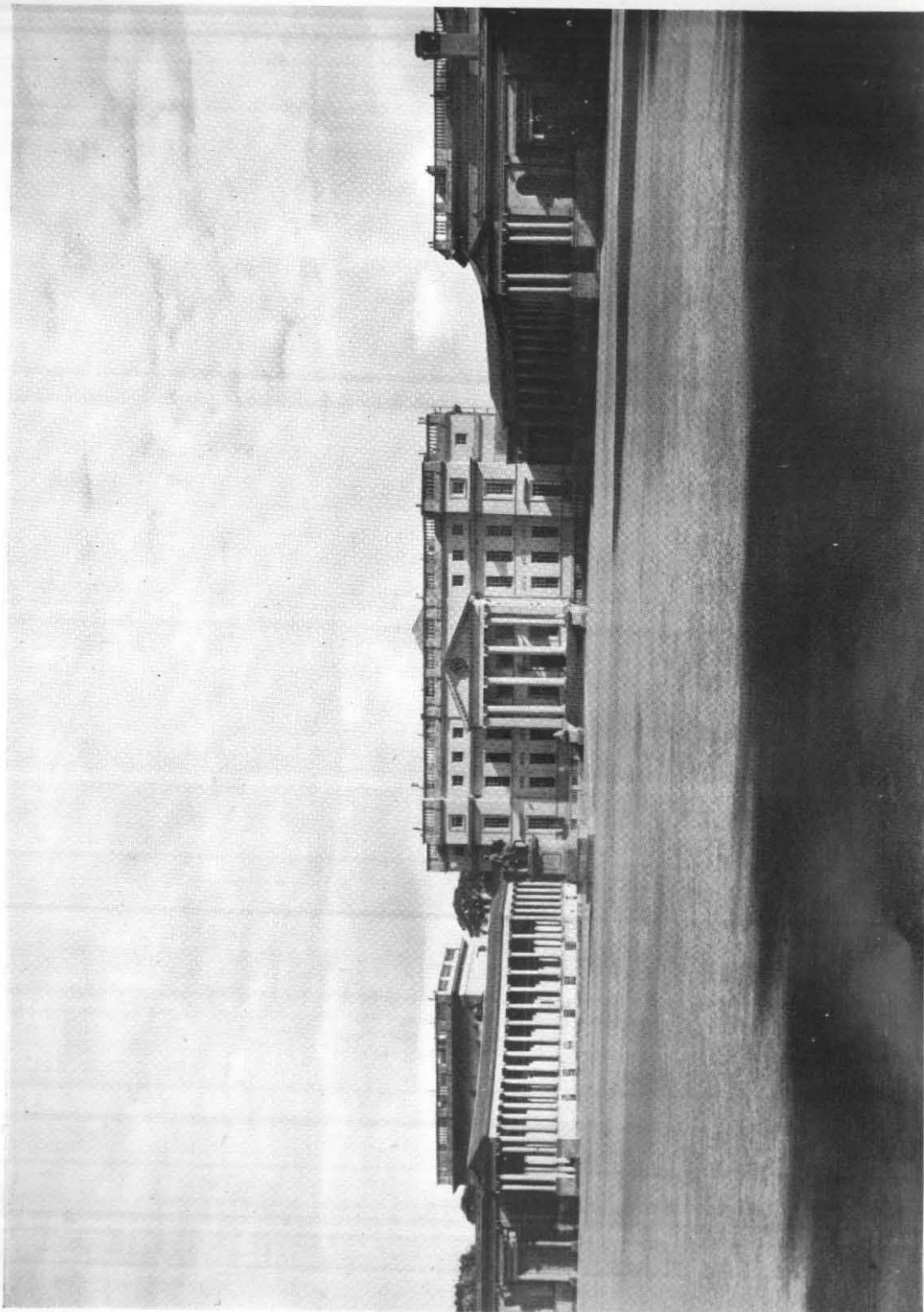


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THE NORTH FRONT

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being done down below. There is reason to believe that good work is being done down below, and results at the top are to be expected soon. But they have not come yet. We have to remember that—and we have to remember that the character we claim for the school and the qualities we claim for its typical product would be useless if the school were shown to be inefficient and its product ineffectual.

But though the practical issue must come first, our thoughts may range beyond it. They could hardly fail to do so at such a time. The country has before it a period of change and uncertainty, with incalculable possibilities of good and evil. The school therefore has before it a period of unexampled opportunity. We must produce men suited to such a period and worthy of it—men who have not only the courage and the integrity which dangerous times require, but the imagination, the adaptability and the power of clear-thinking which alone make leadership possible amid a swirl of change. And if such men are to be true Stoics they must add to these things the love of man and the knowledge of beauty which keep life humane and civilised in prosperity and adversity alike. Our circumstances and what is best in our young tradition should enable us to produce such men. Our prayer must be that in the next twenty-five years we shall produce them.

J.F.R.

THANKSGIVING DAY ADDRESS

At the Service of Thanksgiving held in Chapel on Saturday, July 10th, Canon Raven, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, gave the address, as follows. His text is taken from II Timothy, IV, 7.

“I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT; I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE; I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH” . . . or as we might perhaps more truly translate it, “I have played a great game; I have run the race and stayed the course; I have kept what was entrusted to me.” So, looking back over a somewhat similar period to that of the life of this School, did the Apostle write. And remembering, as some of us do very vividly, the emotion with which the proposal to found the great School

of Stowe was received, we also on this day can perhaps dare to pass some such verdict on the time that has passed—“played a great game; stayed the course to the end; kept that which was entrusted to us in the beginning.”

Having watched, as I have done at the University, generation after generation of Stoics coming up and fulfilling the promise of their school-days in one or other of the manifold activities of life—in public service, in intellectual distinction, in athletic prowess—can we, can I, say honestly that you have kept the faith?—because that is what matters if we are to render thanks truly and sincerely. Thanksgiving involves dedication; we must give thanks “not only with our lips but in our lives.” And if we are to dedicate ourselves we must first be truly honest as to what dedication involves. And I suppose the obvious way to prepare ourselves to use this day rightly, is to ask and try to answer a perfectly simple question. I would put it not in the form “How far has this great School fulfilled the high purposes for which twenty-five years ago it was founded?” but rather “How far does this great School conform to the example of the greatest of all Schools—the School of the Disciples of Jesus whose record is written in the New Testament?”

I am sure it is a sound principle for us who are concerned with education to go back over and over again to that model and masterpiece of teaching by Him, who in the days of his flesh was called the Teacher, to go back to that School which transformed the raw material of peasants and fisher-folk in Galilee—not very promising educational material either—into a fellowship that turned the world upside down. The aim of every School and every University must surely be the aim which Jesus proclaimed and fulfilled, that man might have life and have it abundantly. The secret of power for life is surely to be found in the records of that teaching ministry by which the Christian Church was initiated.

That which is entrusted to us in this place is the same abiding responsibility—to enable human beings to obtain life and obtain it abundantly; and to achieve the power which Jesus promised and which in fact was manifested to the world uniquely as the end-product of His teaching, when on the day of Pentecost His scholars were welded into a society which transformed history.

How was it done? I suppose that fullness of life involves three essential conditions. The first is increased and increasing sensitiveness, the constant expansion of the range of your response, so that you can more and more appreciate the wonder and the beauty of the world in which you live, of the men and women in the world and of the God to whom that beauty testifies.

Certainly the first of the methods of Jesus, the first effort and intention of His teaching, was to make people come alive—make them able to respond. He takes out of the wealth of His material any rag of incident, any simple story—men catching fish, women baking bread, farmers sowing and reaping. We are inclined to make His parables into rather dull allegories, but the primary purpose of them was to make men wake up to the wonder of the world and of the simplest things of life. I expect you have already discovered something of what I mean. Certainly I got my first sense of wonder on a summer day in my first summer term at Uppingham, in front of a very ordinary bit of woodland and hillside, where the land sloped down to a brook and rose again, beyond it, to melt into a blue shimmering distance. For some unknown reason the place was full of a glory that has not passed. It was a moment which I can recall now—the whole scent and sight of it. Your business is to go on increasing the range of your response. Many of you nowadays can do so in fields where I as a boy could not move so freely—in great literature, poetry, music, nature. To make men come alive emotionally, Jesus *stabbed* them awake by the infinite versatility of His material and the way in which He handled it.

Next there comes the question of the *meaning* of things. Supposing that we are aware of the wonder of the world, what *sense* do we make out of it? Has it got an intelligible significance? Our minds must get to work, because if men are first artists, they are thinkers also, and the two cannot ever be divorced if we are to be human at all. So having brought men to awareness, Christ then begins to challenge them to understand the truth. Sight comes first; then a knowledge of what you have seen and the ability to pass judgment upon it. The insight which enables you to see it as a coherent and a comprehensible scheme—that is the second phase of education. We have concentrated upon it so much in our systems of education—and often to the exclusion of all else—that it is hardly necessary to stress it. But remember, at the two critical moments of His earthly career Jesus made a demand for clear thought. At the culmination of His ministry in Galilee He brings His disciples up against a concrete question: “Whom say ye that I am?”—an issue on which He requires of them an intellectual verdict.

And again, at the end of the last day of His public ministry, the Great Day of Questions, as we call it, in the Temple at Jerusalem, when all else had been said, again He challenges them to an intellectual verdict: “What think ye of the Christ? Whose Son is He?” That is in keeping with the stress upon truth which the Fourth Evangelist, the most complete interpreter of Christ, has given us.

Then beyond the awakening of emotion and of intelligence, beyond it and along with it, is its effect upon the moral will. How are we to express in our practical conduct that which we have seen and understood? Nothing is more amazing, I think, in the whole teaching-method of Jesus than the way in which practical service is from the very start combined with emotional and intellectual awakening. Men have got to find an outlet in “the doing of the work” for the thing which they have seen and understood, and some of us know only too well that unless such practical outlet is discovered and employed vision fades and understanding turns bitter. We, living in this world of activity, have got to translate contemplation and scholarship into action before it turns rotten upon us. And in the earliest days before these Disciples of His had learned even the rudiments of what we know as the Christian faith, Jesus was sending them out by two and two to go and test what they had known by sharing it and putting it to use in service.

Those three things then are the essential conditions of any decent education:—emotional awareness, some measure of intellectual understanding, some measure of practical and consistent conduct.

But there is more to it than that. If the teaching method of Jesus had been confined to instruction in what we call the absolute values—beauty, truth and goodness—I think His influence would have failed. That which gave it its permanence, its power of perpetual renewal and its ability to transform the very stuff and substance of our lives was the fact that these values were by Him *embodied*, that men and women did not merely hear about beauty or see beauty: they did not merely receive teaching about God and truth; they did not merely go out with a sense of duty to perform certain appropriate actions: they made a friend. They found one in Him. Beauty and truth and goodness came to them in Him and instead of the thing being impersonal and abstract it became personal and intimate. You and I know, if we know anything at all, that it is when quality comes to us in life, it is when the heroic comes in a person, it is when we love that we are transformed. That love of God which our Lord renews and will ever renew, His teaching, His way, Himself—by those must your standard be set.

By the extent to which this School is a faithful follower of His School, by the extent to which you learn here the lessons which He embodied and imparted centuries ago—by that you will be judged, by that you are now judging yourselves. Because He is not only Master, but Friend and present Lord, it is by His standards that you must judge whether you and this School together can dare to say, “We have played the game; we have kept the Faith.”

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1948.

Prefects:—J. D. Lloyd (B), Head of the School; F. G. Everard (G), Second Prefect; H. F. Cotton (C), Prefect of Chapel; D. A. MacL. Connell (G); P. M. Gibbs (C); M. Birkett (T), Prefect of Library; S. B. Lloyd (C); A. F. Barton (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; D. H. Gaskell (C); O. B. Sayer (T); P. M. Dempster (B); G. R. A. Miskin (W).

Cricket:—Captain, D. A. MacL. Connell (G); Secretary, D. E. Conington (B).

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

Swimming:—Captain, B. A. Platt (C); Secretary, G. H. Rooke (C).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 30th, The Rev. J. O. Cobham, Principal of Queen's College, Birmingham; Sunday, June 13th, The Ven. C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland; Sunday, June 27th, The Rev. Canon W. F. Cotton, Rector of Crayke, Yorks; Saturday, July 10th, The Rev. Canon C. E. Raven, D.D., Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University; Sunday, July 18th, The Rev. W. L. S. Fleming, Dean and Chaplain of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Chapel Collections this term have been as follows:—May 9th, for The Pineapple, £24 7s. 1d.; June 6th, for The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Help Society, £23 12s. 10d.; July 11th, for the Wireless for the Blind Fund, £31 5s. 3d.

On Saturday, July 10th, Old Stoic Day, a Thanksgiving Service was held to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the School. An account of the address delivered by Canon Raven will be found on page 102.

At a meeting of the Friends of Stowe, held in the Library on the morning of July 10th, Lord Buckmaster, Chairman of the Trust, handed over to the Chairman of the Governors a portrait of the Headmaster

by Mr. James Gunn. This will be reproduced in *The Stoic* at a later date.

Performances of "Twelfth Night" were given in the Gymnasium by the Historians on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th. A review appears in this issue.

The Summer Exeat this year lasted from the morning of Friday, June 18th, until the evening of Monday, June 21st.

On Wednesday, June 30th, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Halifax, K.G., O.M., lectured to the Upper School on Anglo-American Relations.

The School having completed the first quarter-century of its existence on May 11th of this year, it has been thought of interest to publish in this issue of *The Stoic* certain pictures to illustrate stages in Stowe's growth. Three photographs illustrate the first term; and a few re-prints illustrate the tenth and fifteenth anniversaries. Other outstanding events in the School's history have already been illustrated in the issue of July 1944.

The decennial photograph of the whole school and staff was taken, beneath the East Colonnade, on Friday, July 2nd. The dittophany of a few audacious spirits has lost none of its popularity as a legend.

The School is indebted to Lady Connor for a gift of cakes to adorn its twenty-fifth birthday on May 11th, and for a further similar gift which graced the tea-table on Old Stoic Day.

On the afternoon of July 1st, as he walked down the Grecian Valley, there descended and settled at the feet of the Head of the Geography Department a medium-sized balloon. It bore the inscription "Rugby School Meteorological Society: 1.7.1948. Finder please return." A singularly odd coincidence of place and person, when you come to think of it.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Watt, Mr. J. M. Todd, Mr. P. F. Wiener and Mr. N. C. Fischer leave Stowe at the end of this term. Mr. and Mrs. Watt are returning to Canada; Mr. Todd takes up his appointment as Headmaster of Newcastle-under-Lyme High School.

Readers of the *Times* correspondence on tulip-trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), including Mr. Capel Cure's letter in the issue of June 16th, will be interested in the photograph of a sprig with flowers reproduced in the latter pages of this number.

The special cover of this issue was designed by D. B. Holt (B).

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize for the best Prefect of the year has been awarded to J. D. Lloyd (B).

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

The new officers of the Old Stoic Golfing Society are:—Hon. Secretary of the Society, D. R. Foster, D.S.O., D.F.C. (C, 1938), c/o Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Ltd., 52, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1; Match Secretary, C. R. T. Cunningham (C, 1939), c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Recent Cambridge 1st M.B. results have been as follows:—Parts 1 and 3, J. F. Marsden (W); Pts. 1, 2 and 3, D. J. Wilkin (C), G. G. Carmichael (T); Parts 1, 3 and 4, D. Read (T); Pt. 2, A. T. W. Innes (T), J. F. F. Le Poer Trench (C). Oxford Preliminary:—Physics and Chemistry Preliminary, D. A. MacL. Connell (G).

At a meeting of the Games Committee on March 28th Representative Colours were awarded for Athletics to:—J. D. Lloyd (B); and for Cross-Country to:—R. J. P. Corry (C), J. H. Withinshaw (C), F. G. Everard (G), W. J. G. Brown (W).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XI.:—J. F. Conington (B), M. D. Cobham (G), (re-awarded); C. H. Bradly (B), O. B. Sayer (T), W. R. G. Short (G), F. J. Pearce (B), C. C. McNeil (T).

2nd XI.:—M. J. Young (T), G. J. E. Dixon (T), P. H. Molloy (C), G. T. Beer (G), J. A. v. B. Bik (C), R. D. Steed (C), G. L. D. Duckworth (C).

3rd XI.:—I. C. McAllester (T), G. T. Laing (B), F. J. Hawkins (G), N. B. Budd (T), H. T. Bowles (T), M. V. Benthall (G).

Colts' Caps:—C. C. Malden (G), O. T. Wall (C), H. R. Herrington (C), B. C. Harris (C), J. S. Yates (C).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been re-awarded to:—N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G), R. N. Langley (G); and awarded to D. R. Stickland (B), T. J. Greenly (W).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded as follows:—G. H. Rooke (C), P. G. Shinner (B), G. D. Church (W), J. D. F. Lockhart (C) (re-awarded); J. D. P. Currie (G), M. Doyle (C), D. G. J. Gordon-Dean (W), P. G. Powers (C), E. H. Trimmingham (W).

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1948

C. L. MANTON (Mr. J. Boyce, Wellesley House, Broadstairs).

J. R. WARDEN (Mr. B. S. Farnfield, Bickley Hall, Kent).

D. C. DU B. DEW (Mr. J. H. Appleton, Glengorse, Battle).

T. J. LEA (Mr. G. Ashton, Abberley Hall, Worcestershire).

C. F. M. COX (Rev. F. G. Ridgeway, St. Peter's Court, Broadstairs).

R. A. BOLTON (Mr. K. E. Tarling, Yarlet Hall, Stafford).

K. A. HENDERSON (Captain H. C. Lloyd, Woodlands, Deganwy).

R. K. MIDDLEMAS (Mr. T. E. Hardwick, The Red House, Moor Monkton, Yorkshire).

J. A. THOMSON (Mr. F. Serille-Phillips, Nevill Holt, Market Harborough).

B. S. WESSELY (Mr. J. Shewell-Cooper, Caldicott, Farnham Royal).

UNIVERSITY AWARD

P. B. E. GIBSON (B) was, in March, awarded an Exhibition for History at Keble College, Oxford.

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1947-8

BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	J. R. J. Burnham (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	M. Birkett (T)
EDWARD HARDING MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR READING (Junior) :	B. J. Calvert (G)
PETERS BONE PRIZE :	Not Awarded
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH—	
<i>Senior</i> :	S. B. Lloyd (C)
<i>Junior</i> :	P. S. Findlay (C)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	Not Awarded
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Prose) :	R. A. Hird (C)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN (Translation) :	S. B. Lloyd (C)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	R. A. Hird (C)
JOHN WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	M. Birkett (T)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	P. M. Rossiter (C)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	P. B. E. Gibson (B)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	Not Awarded
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY (Middle School) :	
(for 1947) :	M. C. A. Mott (C)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :	J. C. Turner (G)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	Not Awarded
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	Not Awarded
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	J. C. Turner (G)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	P. M. Gibbs (C)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School) :	
(for 1947) :	K. McC. Reynolds (G)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	Not Awarded

GENIUS LOCI

That's the Old Stoic that I mean,
 The one we saw by George's statue,
 Who looked no more than seventeen
 And waved a greeting at you.
 Do you remember how we sat
 And listened to his idle chat,
 And wondered who he was, and when
 He left, and what the school was then?

His memory was most profound,
 His knowledge ripe but never musty ;
 Comparing Archer's latest hound
 With Huggins' earliest Rusty ;
 Recalling Hamer's winter coat,
Ephemeris, and Heckstall's boat,
 The bombs that damaged Capel's trees,
 Ratters' first term, and Moss's teas.

In vain your memory called for aid :
 His youth, his very sameness mocked you.
 You saw him last—on King's Parade ?
 Or was it at the OCTU ?
 Some name like Allen, Wood, or Lloyd ?
 Initials ? House ? The mind's a void.
 The boy who wore the purple suit ?
 The boy who played the second flute ?

He might be A—, of classic bent,
 Who wrote Greek verses for his pleasure ;
 Or B—, to whom the classics meant
 The Derby and the Leger ;
 Or C—, who had a tandem bike ;
 Or D—, who caught the monstrous pike ;
 Or— Why go on ? You cannot say.
 He's someone older far than they.

He saw the Roman scouts go past
 Exploring where the trackway pointed :
 He saw the Roundhead spurring fast
 Against the Lord's Anointed :
 He worked for squires and dukes and comtes,
 Knew Pope's and Horace Walpole's haunts,
 Put on the Bucks Militia tunic
 For Waterloo, and dug for Munich.

He is the one who brings you luck,
 The household god, the *genius ipse* ;
 A friendly troll, a modern Puck,
 A local Scholar-Gipsy ;
 As fresh and ancient as the moon,
 Deathless as grass. This afternoon
 I saw him walking into school
 Still dewy from the bathing-pool.

J.C.S.

MR. AND MRS. WATT

Fourteen years make up a long time in the life of a school. When Mr. and Mrs. Watt came to Stowe in September 1934, the youngest boys they have been teaching this term were in their cradles, and, while this youngest generation of Stoics was growing up, three others have come and gone, and it is most true to say that the vast majority of these two thousand or so boys knew the Watts well, and very many of them very well indeed.

There was from the first an atmosphere of friendliness and humanity to be found in the Art School, which attracted to it all types of boy, and not by any means merely the artistically-minded. Mr. and Mrs. Watt had that direct approach to things, that blessed freedom from shyness, and that wide knowledge of the world, which all great teachers possess, qualities which are not so easily found in combination.

And yet one can imagine no place where they are more essential than in the Art Department of a school, where the very young must be taught that art means more than the laborious reproduction of a piece of very still life ; where the real artist must be prevented from degenerating into the unreal aesthete ; and where the frank but friendly Philistine must be shown that there are countries of the mind into which even he may find a way.

All these problems the Watts surmounted triumphantly. If there was any spark of talent in the young and professedly inartistic, it was nursed into something of a flame : if any of the really promising artists showed signs of becoming too Bohemian in opinions, dress or manner, he was never allowed to go uncriticised : and the fact that Mr. Watt had been a successful professional portrait-painter, and Mrs. Watt a very experienced commercial-artist meant that they could meet any Philistine on his own ground with a knowledge of the world and its ways which would frequently surprise him.

All this being so, it is quite clear that much really fine work was bound to be produced in the Art School. Many first-class exhibitions give ample evidence of that. Not so immediately apparent, but equally important, was the fact that the Art School itself developed such character as to make it for many boys the best-loved and most stimulating part of Stowe.

But the work the Watts did was not merely confined to the Art School with all that that comprised in the way of drawing, painting, wood-cuts, lino-cuts, modelling, lettering, illumination, book-binding, and the running of the Puppet Theatre which formed a notable part of the building. No school play was ever produced without their skilled assistance behind the scenes, and any House could count itself very fortunate if it could prevail upon them to lend a hand with its private productions. The problems of scenery, costumes and make-up simply melted away at their approach, and everything they touched seemed to rise promptly to a most satisfyingly high level of technical excellence.

Robin Watt had served with unusual distinction in the First World War, and his experience as a fighting-soldier was of great assistance over a number of years to the O.T.C., J.T.C. and the Home Guard. Whether as colleague or commanding-officer, his quiet manner, and gentle, slightly cynical, sense of humour, in which there was no trace of bitterness, made him a grand man to be with on each and every occasion.

Dodie, as she was universally called, possessed a sanity and a wisdom which made her a most treasured and sought-after adviser on all sorts of problems both technical and personal.

It is indeed sad that the school should have to set their loss against the celebration of its first quarter-century, but the tremendous volume of work the Watts did for Stowe will remain as a fitting memorial long after they have crossed the Atlantic to their new life. They carry with them the good wishes of thousands, and we who remain will always remember not only what they did, but what they were.

OLIM ALUMNI

C. F. CULLIS, D. Phil. (W, 1941), of Trinity College, Oxford, has been elected to a University Fellowship in Chemistry.

J. S. HOLLINGS (T, 1941), of St. John's College, Cambridge, gained a First Class in the second part of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos and has been awarded the Ricardo Prize in Thermodynamics.

I. A. P. RUMSEY (G, 1942), of Christ Church, Oxford, has been awarded a First Class in the Final School of Geology.

BIRTHS

To the wife of LIEUT.-COMMANDER K. A. CRADOCK-HARTOPP, M.B.E., R.N. (C, 1935), a daughter, on April 2nd; to the wife of C. A. ASHCROFT (C, 1938), a son, on April 19th; to the wife of R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (C, 1937), a son, on April 24th; to the wife of MAJOR G. G. FOWKE (C, 1932), a daughter, on March 20th; to the wife of H. M. BALFOUR (G, 1931), a son, on April 28th; to the wife of R. W. VICK (C, 1935), a son, on April 12th; to the wife of A. G. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1929), a daughter, on March 24th; to the wife of D. T. WESTON (C, 1940), a son, on May 8th; to the wife of D. M. BAKER (G, 1933), a son, on April 30th; to the wife of E. LUXMOORE (B, 1933), a son, on April 5th; to the wife of J. W. FRAZER (T, 1935), a son, on May 22nd; to the wife of L. A. PIRIE (G, 1935), a daughter, on May 5th; to the wife of V. D. BURTON (C, 1940), a son, on May 4th; to the wife of D. N. DAVIES (B, 1939), a son, on May 20th; to the wife of J. S. DURLACHER (C, 1930), a son, on April 27th; to the wife of P. I. R. MACLAREN (C, 1936), a son, on December 10th, 1947; to the wife of MAJOR THE LORD DUNALLEY (C, 1931), a son, on May 30th; to the wife of J. M. ASHBY (B, 1931), a son, on June 5th; to the wife of K. G. RICE (C, 1936), a daughter, on June 5th; to the wife of MAJOR F. A. H. LING, D.S.O. (B, 1933), a daughter, on June 4th; to the wife of H. D. SECCOMBE (C, 1934), a daughter, on June 8th; to the wife of R. O. M. WILLIAMS (G, 1935), a daughter, on June 2nd, 1947; to the wife of R. G. J. NASH (C, 1928), a son, on December 31st, 1947; to the wife of the REV. C. C. H. M. MORGAN (T, 1938), a son, on March 24th; to the wife of R. S. DARBY (C, 1936), a daughter, on December 12th, 1947.

MARRIAGES

R. S. DARBY (C, 1936) to Miss M. Bosanquet, on February 26th, 1947; MAJOR D. R. ENGLISH (B, 1930) to Mrs. Simmonds, on September 20th, 1947; R. A. SIMPSON (C, 1934) to Miss C. A. Humbert, on May 15th; P. I. R. MACLAREN (C, 1936) to Miss M. S. de Hamel, on March 1st, 1947; CAPTAIN J. D. BLOIS (B, 1933) to Miss E. Maxwell, on April 28th; G. W. PIRIE (G, 1937) to Miss M. L. Newman, on May 22nd; E. M. NETTLEFOLD (B, 1939) to Miss A. Lowndes, on June 2nd; P. A. G. ACKE (C, 1944) to Miss D. Elton, on February 10th; J. A. CUTFORTH (C, 1938) to Miss J. W. Fowkes, on June 12th; W. L. THYNE (T, 1932) to Miss D. Ames, on May 22nd; H. D. SEC-

COMBE (C, 1934) to Mrs. P. C. McC. Banister, on July 24th, 1947; MAJOR H. R. HOLDEN, M.C. (C, 1934) to Miss E. Percy Herbert, on May 15th; J. L. ROLLESTON (C, 1938) to Miss C. E. Fetherston-Dilke, on May 1st; G. K. HORNER (C, 1943) to Miss S. M. Wolstenholme, on April 24th; C. R. C. W. FORESTER (C, 1935) to Miss V. de Winton Wills, on April 15th; P. E. R. ENGLISH (B, 1937) to Miss P. Napier, on June 2nd; DR. M. S. ADAMS (B, 1939) to Miss A. Fullerton, on May 1st.

DEATH

J. W. PEARCE (C, 1928) died on October 3rd, 1947.

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To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

Having been connected with the old "Pineapple" for many years before the war, it is with great pleasure that as Warden of the Club I now write my first letter to you. With the experience of those previous years as a background I can now work to widen the scope of the Club activities in premises which, although not perfect, are a great improvement upon the old ones.

The boys do appreciate all that is being done for them, and by the time this letter is in print they will be busy painting and decorating the canteen in an effort to brighten their Club.

The library is one of the things calling for attention, and we should be very grateful for any gifts of books and bookshelves.

The senior table tennis team has recently won the Paddington Challenge Cup. The Mayor of Paddington was present at the Finals and later presented the Cup to the winning team. Each member of the team received a silver medal.

The boys are doing exceptionally well at cricket this season, and so far the senior team has not lost a match. There are now three teams playing, which speaks well for the membership of the Club at this time of the year when there are so many counter-attractions.

A visit to the Club by Stoics and Old Stoics living in London would give them a clearer idea of the good work which is being done.

Our thanks are due to all who made our visit to Stowe on June 6th a day to be well remembered.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE (*Warden*).

(Mr. C. F. Jupp, Warden of the Club since 1944 and responsible for much important post-war development, has to our great regret felt obliged to resign on the grounds of ill-health resulting from a war-disability.)

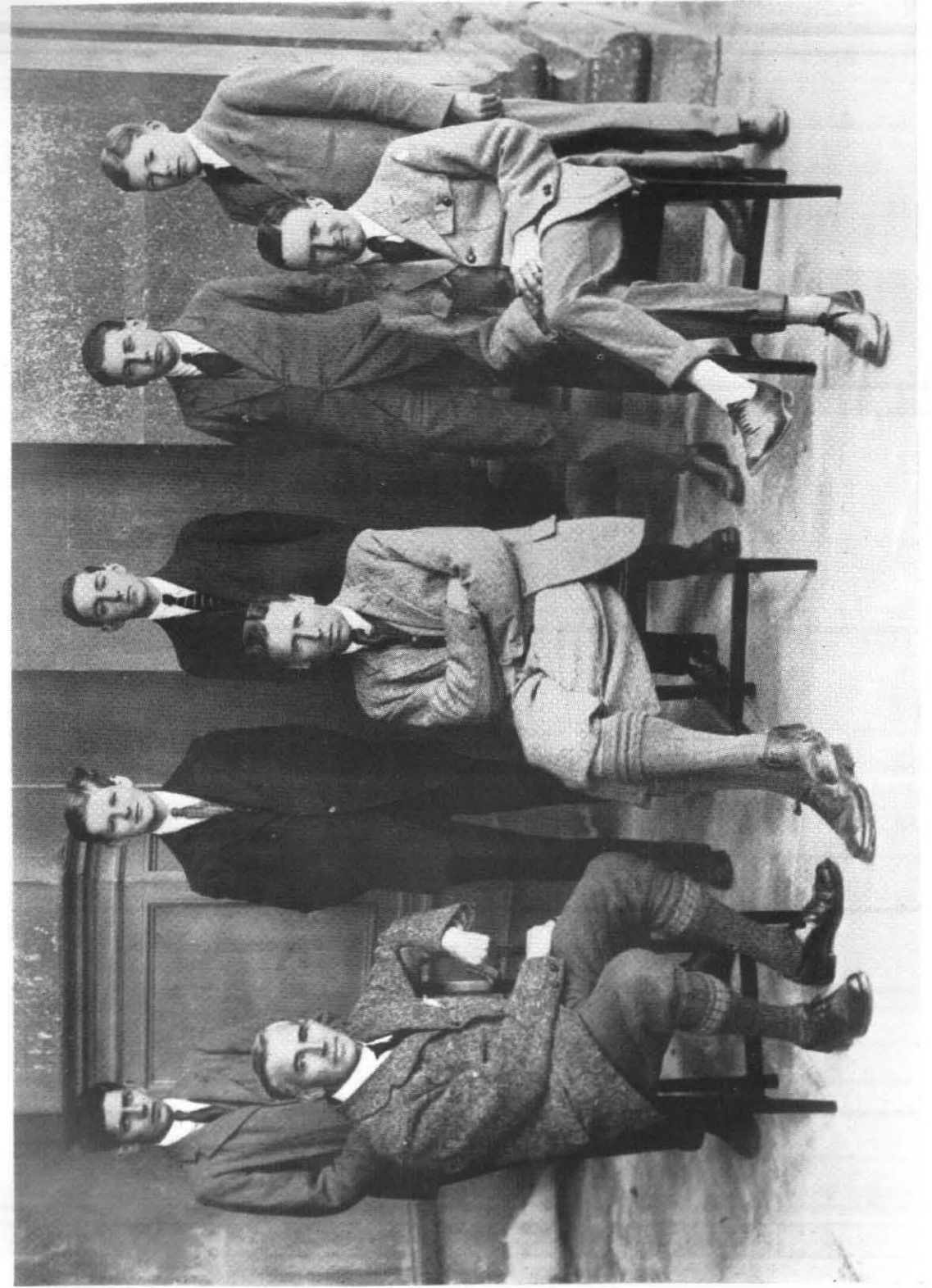
THE DANCE OF DEATH

Why bother to learn to dance? Dances are purgatory anyhow, so why people make it worse by having to remember to take the right steps to the right tunes I cannot conceive. All dances are equally melancholy affairs, and lack of proficiency, coupled with well-intentioned clumsiness, can only make for the enlivenment of otherwise monotonous evenings. The beginning is always enough to damp my ardour, even when I am at my most zealous. For when the swingtette of three depressing men in black sailor trousers, soi-disant gaucho-blouses and red silk sashes strikes up the tune, no matter whether it be a foxtrot, a waltz, or a quickstep, I dance the same step for all three—the one I use for Sir Roger at the end, only executed with less brio, verve, and élan. I drink the last half-inch of tepid beer, and turn to the female beside me, who is shivering under the icy blast that sweeps across the room and licks around her fashionably naked shoulders: "May I have the honour?" I ask, and smile sickly, like the dentist does when he says it won't hurt. "Oh, I say!" she answers, and then we are on the floor, I holding her well at arms' length; her right hand is very clammy. "I fear I don't dance," I remark encouragingly, "so it is at your own peril." She looks pained and surprised, and says, "But don't you learn it at school?" "No," and I tread on her foot, quickly adding, "You can see I don't, can't you?" She giggles slightly, and continues: "But where are you at school?" "Stowe." "Oh yes, I know, Stow-on-the-Wold—a lovely place," she says. "No, I am at *the* Stowe: three miles from Buckingham," I edge in sourly. (Sometimes I say I am at Stowe-three-miles-from-Buckingham-and-not-Stow-on-the-Wold in the first case, but that always seems to elicit the rather bitter rejoinder, of "I know quite well," so I only say it rarely now, and when I am off my guard.) A slight pause; then: "You don't do too badly though." "Don't I just!" and I tread again harder this time, and have to apologise. "Not at all—it was really my fault," she says, just as they always do, to heap coals of fire, no doubt. Then I decide to concentrate. Left, right, left, right, turn, turn quick to get out of the closing gap between two other couples, left, right . . . Two of the band stop, and the violinist shuts his rheumy eyes, languorously draws the bow across the strings once, and bows. We clap hard, mainly because the ordeal is over. "Thanks very much." "Not at all. I must teach you to dance properly some day," she says. "Oh," and I try to sound encouraging, grateful, and politely refusing in the one word, for so many of them have promised to teach me to dance properly, but luckily always add 'some day' at the end.

Now as I see it, were I to learn I would be at a considerable disadvantage, for not only would valuable time be wasted, but I would lose my opening conversational gambit besides. And in any case, a good tread on the feet now and then is good for females—it makes them realise their inferiorities, which is decidedly salutary for them. Clumsiness saves you the trouble of having to dance with the same female twice. If you can't dance, you don't have to be a wall-flower, but rather have a pleasing variety of partners, dropping each one as she begins to get too down-trodden. Added to this, you have a valuable outlet for the sadistic impulses of your lower nature.

So why bother to learn?

G.H.R.



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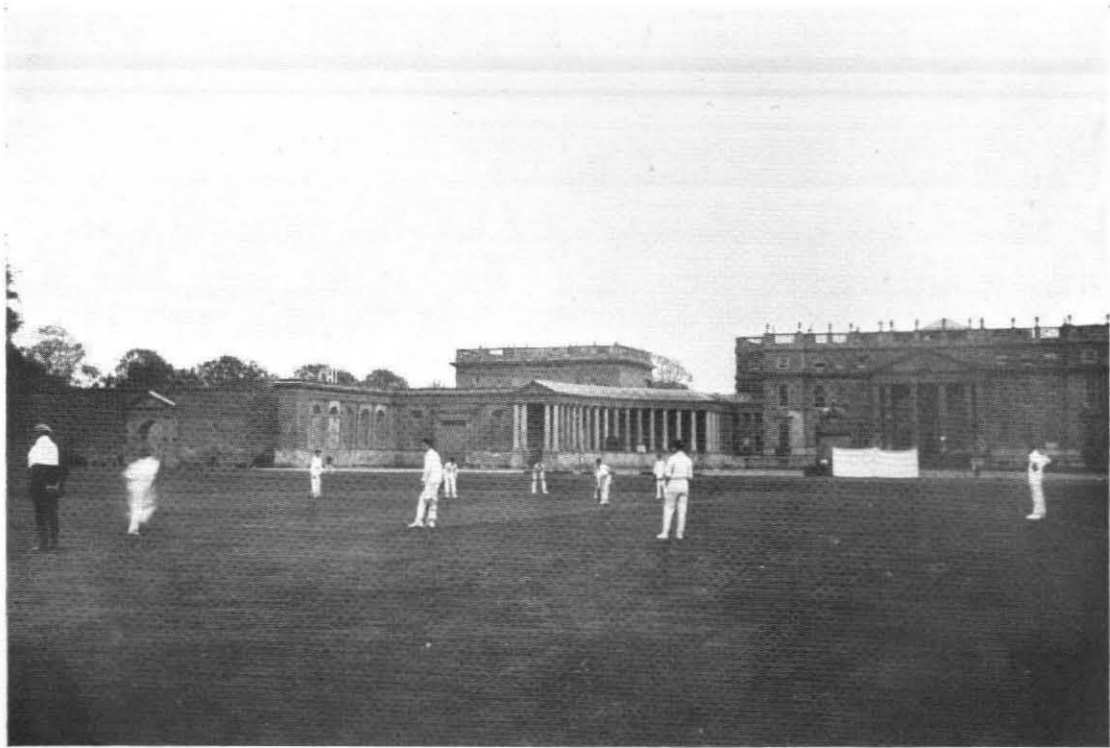
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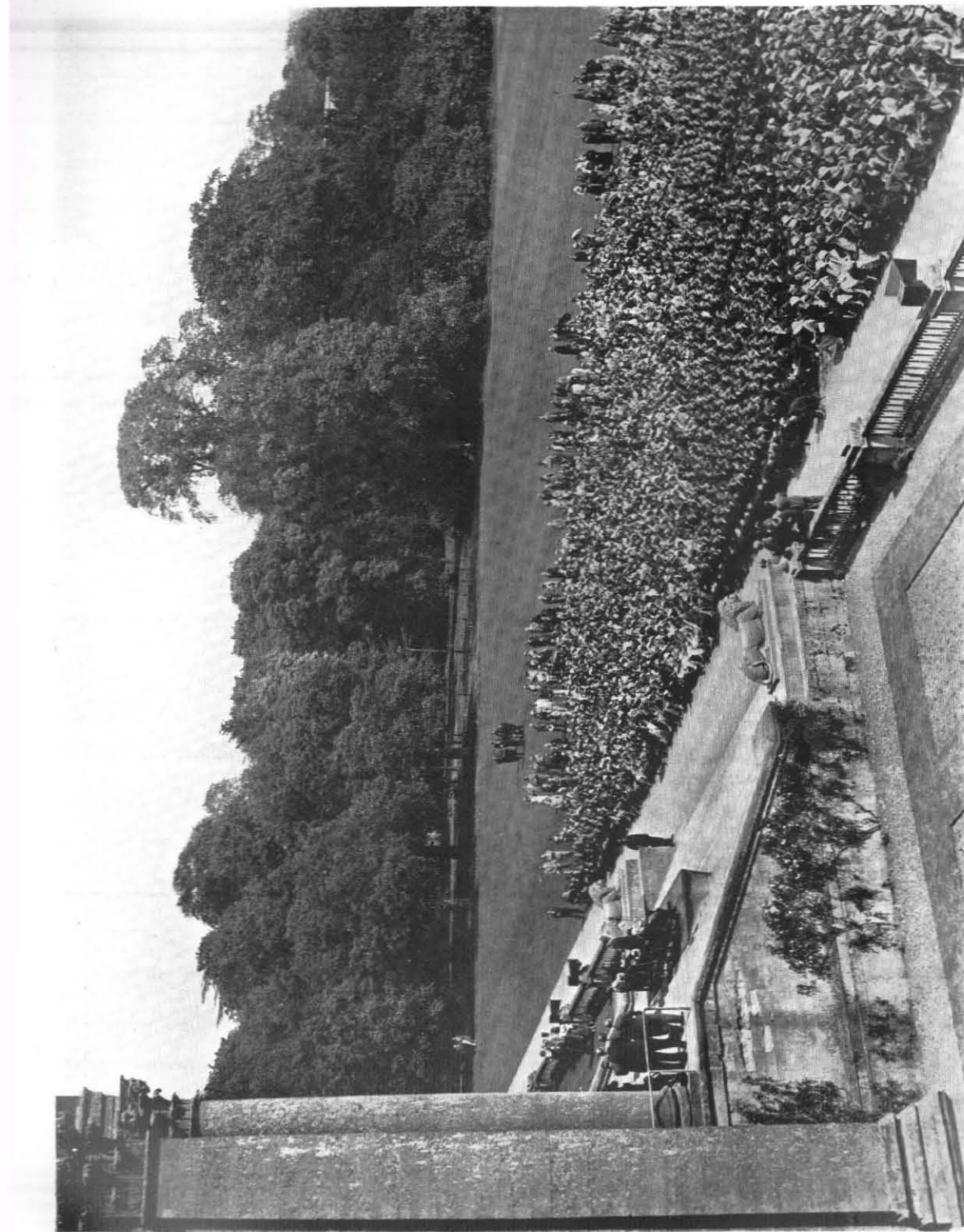
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THE FIRST HOUSEMATCH
MAY 26TH, 1923
(Bruce beat Temple by 5 wkts)



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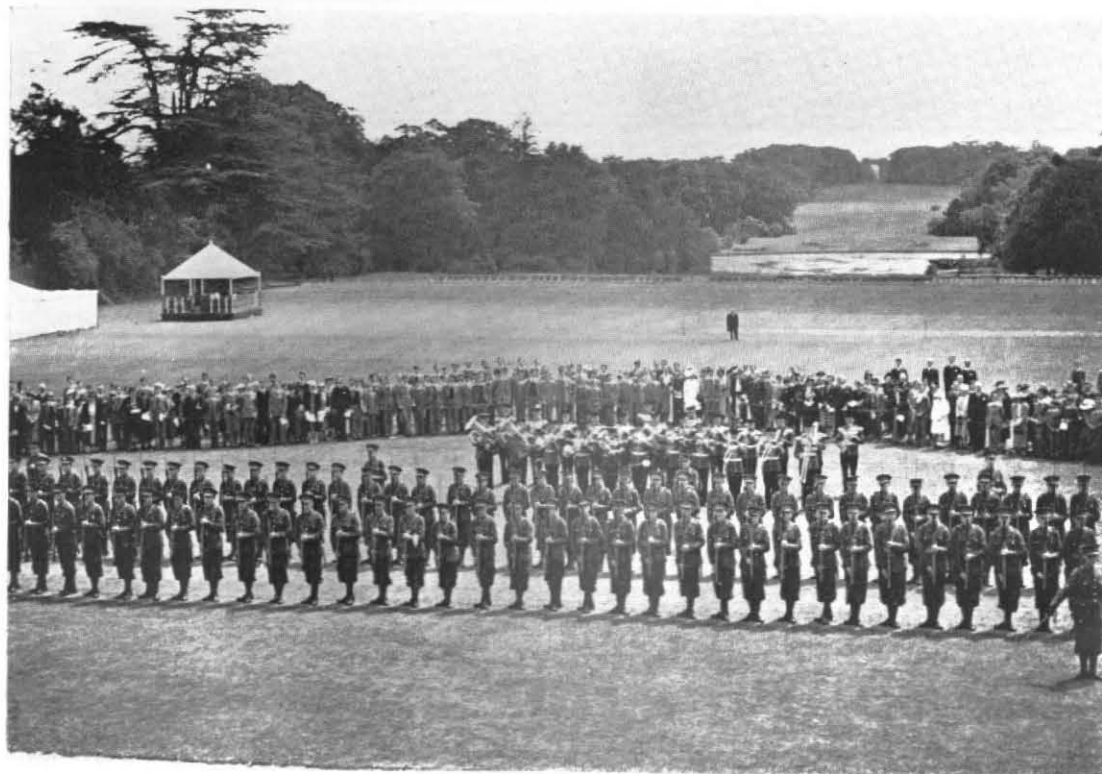
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PRESENTATION IN THE MARQUEE

[A.C.R.



THE GUARD OF HONOUR
VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
JULY 1ST, 1938 (FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY)

AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER

The massive portals and pillars seemed to be hemming me in as I took a deep breath and, timing my start to a nicety, staggered forward. The crowd was going mad; they were chanting a wild dirge and their voices rose in a crescendo as I started my nightmarish journey down the space they had made for me in the throng.

Could it be for me that they were shouting? It seemed impossible, and yet they were all staring at me and I could see them looking out of the corners of their eyes as I passed. I knew only too well what they were thinking! On both sides stood a row of black figures ominously clad in dark gowns and hoods, as if standing in judgement upon me. They seemed to smile superciliously at each other as I rounded the final corner with ever-slowing steps; my feet felt like lead and my face turned an ashen grey.

I smiled nervously at the waiting official in front, but he gazed sadly back and it was obvious that he was not going to enjoy the next few minutes any more than I was. As the roars rose to a last awful climax, I reached the first step to my doom, and my fate was sealed. Suddenly the tumultuous noise ended, and in a dead silence I mounted the steps one by one.

I looked round about me and paled at the sight of the vast mob—rows of upturned faces all gazing at *me*. I opened my mouth—and shut it quickly. I struggled desperately for breath and ventured to open my mouth once again. All at once my mind cleared, all fear left me, and in a moment of recklessness I drew myself up to my full height, took a deep breath and plunged: "The First Lesson is taken from . . ."

G.L.D.D.
M.D.

WHAT WAY YOU WILL

It was my insatiable desire to see my own name in print that drove me to copy the example of those two brilliant authors Mr. Doyd and Mr. Lempster and write an article for the *Woebic*. Even though my best friend would never describe me as being literary-minded, I had deluded myself into thinking that my task was as simple as falling off a toggle-bridge or breaking a leg in the sand-pit.

My first step towards fame as an author took the form of a *magnum opus* built up from the witty remarks heard on an Instructors Parade (very few of these), some slightly better ones from the Temple play, together with a few masterpieces of my own. Glowing with the phosphorescence of success I beetled along to the Editor's study and with a self-satisfied smirk presented the Great Man with the fruits of my labours.

"Hullo," I purred, "like to read this through and tell me what to do next?"

After reading the first dozen lines his grunted reply was simply, "Take it away and make it funny."

To say this came as a shock would be a miracle of understatement, but this was nothing compared to my feelings when he remained adamant in spite of my offer to clean his Corps kit.

It was sometime after this setback that it dawned on me that there are two ways of setting about writing anything; the first is to write down your inspiration the moment it arrives, no matter where you are or what you are doing. (I have found this method very successful, though inclined to be dangerous when fielding close to the bat.) Moreover I have always felt that my career as an author would have been assured if only I had not lost my two best articles written by means of this formula. My first, written in frogs' blood on dogfish skin, was pronounced as quite palatable by the Bi-Labs. cat (which later served as a remarkably good subject for a dissection of the cranial nerves). My second effort written in tooth-paste on the side of the bath can only be described as a washout. Formula No. 2 for attaining success as an author involves sitting down in some really quiet comfortable spot and waiting for an idea to turn up (which reminds me, I must work off those Lates sometime), although, I personally have always found it rather difficult to find anywhere quiet enough: in the house-room one is disturbed by the wrestling championships, in the house-library by the dancing class and in the School Library by the budding politicians.

Despite the energetic application of my formula and the liberal distribution of baksheesh, my work in this particular literary sphere was in vain, and so it was with anxious haste that I set my talents to writing reports for the various societies as the term began to draw to a close. After trying the Snail Watchers, the Knitting Club, the Lamarckists and even the Tiddly Wink Club I at last met with success with an article reporting the activities of the Simplipotium, which went something like this:—

"At the first meeting held this term Spindley read a paper on 'The Legs of Elizabethan Tables.' It was a pity that most of the other members were also reading papers on the tables, as he had obviously had a lot of trouble getting someone else to write it for him. The large attendance, though gratifying, was explained by the fact that the majority of the society thought the paper was on 'The Legs of Elizabethan Grables.' At the next meeting M. D. Oyle delivered an all-embracing lecture on 'Boxing.' He maintained throughout that the right hay-maker was the answer to the straight left. In a heated discussion after the lecture we saw that his theory was as correct in practice as it was on paper. The attendance was again good owing to a hint dropped by the President that there might be sugar in the coffee. This term is remarkable in that it is the first time that the statement of accounts by the Hon. Treasurer has withstood more than a superficial examination: we must congratulate McGrabbit on this magnificent performance."

Well, there it is, the result of six months labour. Watch for it in the next edition of the *Woebic*, and if it is not there you can expect a brace of new editors in the near future.

D.C.W.

TO A CUCKOO FOUND IN CLASSROOM 10

By the Inmates

Up in the cobwebs something stirred,
An uninvited guest!
O cuckoo, shall I call thee bird
Or but a blundering pest?
Lay thy intrusive eggs elsewhere,
For everyone is cuckoo here.

THE THINGS OF PEACE

The thrushes singing in the evening hours
When summer reigns alone. The sudden scent of flowers.
The fresh, crisp coolness of the sudden showers
On a hot, dusty street.

The old men strolling at the end of day:
A Spaniard singing a soft southern lay:
A mighty chestnut in the month of May,
Standing in chocolate shade.

A book and I beside a sunlit stream
With happy, gentle friend. A fragile dream
Caught by great music . . . Come Sleep, for in thy mantle seem
To lie these things of peace.

Come, thou great comforter. With thy mighty wings
Cover the wretched. And, as a noble flings
His largesse, so cast thou down the golden rings
Of dreams, and in dreams—Peace.

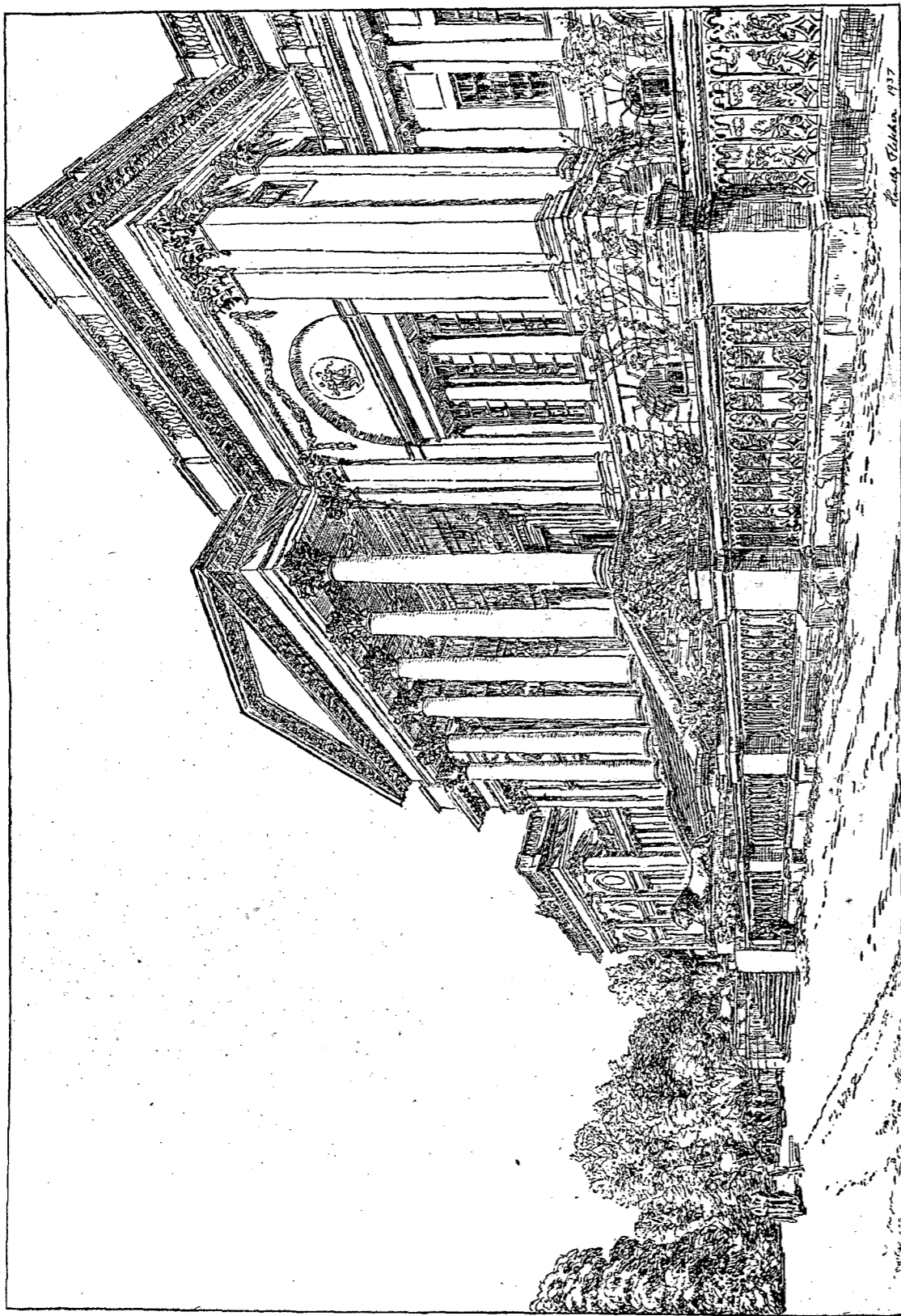
P.M.D.

AFTER READING 'THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER'

Shadows, crepuscular, bat-ridden,
Creep stealthily upon the house;
Lights, ghostly, phosphorescent,
Waver behind the shattered frames;
Wind howling, soul-lost,
Round the stark grey stacks;
Fungi, purple, scarlet,
Grapple to the mouldering stones;
Trees, birdless, bare, decaying,
Swirl about the foetid tarn,
Grey miasma, stinking, sickening
Rises from the crumbling walls;
Lost souls keening, mournful, eerie,
Over the death of a famous line.

Cataclysmic blast of thunder,
Wind-calls rising to a shriek,
Jet of flame like flash of lightning,
And, with a low, earth-quaking rumble
House and reflection rush together,
As the castle slips into the tarn.

P.B.E.G.



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THE SOUTH FRONT

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[Hanslip Fletcher

REVIEW

“TWELFTH NIGHT,” PRESENTED BY THE HISTORIANS,
JULY 9th and 10th.

Comparison with previous productions tends to be invidious, and as I did not see *Twelfth Night* in 1940 I shall not refer to it; but it must be said that this year's performance was in general well up to the standard that one expects from the Historians, and in some particulars, notably in the underplot, as good as anything that I have seen at Stowe. *Twelfth Night* was a good choice for other reasons than those suggested in the programme. It is a play abounding in headaches for the producer; but the uniquely exasperating quality of the Gym stage induces ingenuity, and the opportunity was admirably seized. The settings were a delight to the eye both in proportion and detail; they were flexible and symbolic without losing solidity; and one was never distracted into wondering what was behind that wall, or where that doorway might lead. The lighting was effective, though the addition of an area flood to the apron stage would have been an advantage; and the discarding of the footlights gave space and brightness to the whole.

In consequence the complications of the plot were always clear, and the admirable diction gave the audience no excuse for lack of interest. The teamwork of Sir Toby (J. R. J. Burnham (T)), Sir Andrew (B. F. Brindley (G)), Malvolio (G. H. Rooke (C)), Feste (C. Graham-Bonnalie (T)), and Maria (D. B. Holt (B)) was superlative, and their few faults—an occasional crossing of cues, an occasional poaching on another's lines by comic business—were all due to exuberance. Here was God's plenty, and one could forgive any departure from a mere printed text. In contrast the major plot suffered from some blurring of outline. This is a play of pride and prejudice; Orsino's determination to woo Olivia, Olivia's determination not to be wooed, must each be broken down by Viola. The acting of Olivia (J. Lockwood (W)) was nearly very good indeed, but her nervous gestures distracted from the tortured pride which she had to express in her later scenes with Viola (J. M. N. Newton (C)). In general, too few of the actors knew how to sit or stand still, and the gestures were too frequent and too fussy. Orsino (P. G. Powers (C)) spoke his lines delightfully but could have been much more flamboyant and fantastic, much more the Duke. Viola in particular was lifeless. She was handicapped by her first entrance, where she looked so much like Elizabeth Siddal that one wondered whether Rossetti and Swinburne would not shortly appear, rescued from the jaws of death by yet another sea-captain; but when she assumes her disguise Viola should be self-assured, almost pert, and should certainly enjoy herself. The Viola in this production did not.

Of the smaller parts Sebastian (C. H. Bradly (B)) and Antonio (J. D. Nightingale (C)) were good, the former seeming to regard his queer situation as just another of those things that happen to a sightseer in a strange city. Fabian (C. S. Anson (G))

stepped very efficiently into the ranks of the comics when Aguecheek became pre-occupied by his duel, and kept the ball in play as well as any of the more important characters. The Officers were perhaps a trifle uncouth, and the interpretation of the Priest's part was a lapse of taste which I am sure the producers, when they come to think about it, will regret as much as did some of the audience. This kind of guying is a mistake; as Hamlet says, though it makes the unskilful laugh, it cannot but make the judicious grieve. However that may be, it gave the death-blow to the final scene, which was already imperilled by the woodenness of Viola. Certainly Olivia, blind though she was to Toby and his followers, would never have tolerated such a priest in her household. I noticed that he cut the last two lines of his speech; but perhaps his journey towards the grave did not bear thinking on.

Such cavillings, however, fade to insignificance when one remembers the characters in the underplot and their superb grasp of what they were trying to do. They had the authentic stamp of the Shakespearean comic, and would be equally at home in Shallow's orchard or Prospero's island or Dogberry's courtroom. Sir Toby resisted the temptation to be a whimsical proto-Falstaff and was pure Renaissance Man, consisting of every one of the four elements, and untrammelled by anything except the birdcage affair that he wore on his head. Sir Andrew was, as he should be, hopeless, but not serious; a delightful character, whose money anyone in the world would be glad to spend for him. Malvolio was a little too pleased with himself at the beginning, with the result that, when he found the letter and believed that his pipe-dreams were coming true, he was unable to rise to the full crescendo of rapture that was demanded of him; but his futile dignity in his dealings with Sir Toby and the others was exactly right. Special praise must go to Feste the Jester for his performance, and in this he was very well supported by the music, which was always at hand when needed and always pleasant. There are so many tiresomely bad Fools that one thinks twice before going to see this play. It is an appallingly difficult rôle, and even with an audience as unexact as Sir Andrew the polysyllabic humour can fall very flat. What was so good in this reading of the part was the conviction that jesting was Feste's profession; it was just a job to him, and a job which he was likely to lose as soon as the Malvolio affair came to light,—but he couldn't care less. He would jest for you if you wished it, of course; but you really must not expect him to be amused at his own jokes,—at any rate not unless paid for overtime.

The Historians hope that this play will be their last in the Gym. I hope that they will keep an open mind in the matter. Though no-one disputes that on the whole they obtain better results at the Queen's Temple, many of the finer points in this production would have been lost in the open air.

J.C.S.

MUSIC

It has been a good term for music, culminating in two School Concerts. An account of the first one, given on July 7th, is written below. The second concert, on July 21st, will include a performance of Edward German's *Merrie England* by the Madrigal Society together with orchestral items and solos.

We shall be very sorry to lose M. Birkett (T), S. B. Lloyd (C) and A. de F. Mellor (B) at the end of this term. M. Birkett, the present Secretary of the Music Society, has performed no less than four Piano Concertos during the last two years. S. B. Lloyd, the Secretary of the Music Club, has performed feats of valour on the Tympani in the orchestra. A. de F. Mellor has given much valuable help in the orchestra and in a variety of other ways. Mr. J. M. Todd, who has been an indefatigable supporter of the Choral Society for over fifteen years, will also be much missed.

The J.T.C. Band acquitted themselves well at the annual Inspection. They will be giving a concert on July 25th.

CONCERT BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA. WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th.

PROGRAMME

Te Deum	Stanford
Symphony No. 5, in C minor	Beethoven
Overture and Choral Fantasia from "The Mastersingers"	Wagner
<i>Tenor Solo</i> —ALFRED HEPWORTH.		
Songs—ALFRED HEPWORTH		
Jamaican Street Song and Rumba	Arthur Benjamin

Stanford's *Te Deum* from the Service in B flat was sung in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the School. Beethoven's fifth symphony received a very creditable performance, the last movement being particularly well played. There were not sufficient String players to make the Trio in the third movement really effective. The wood-wind players distinguished themselves in the slow movement. The Overture and Choral Fantasia from the *Mastersingers* proved the most popular item of the programme. The impressive brass passages in the overture suited the orchestra well, and the choral society sang their choruses with real enthusiasm, the trebles reaching top C with ease in the last chorus. The greatest moment, however, was Alfred Hepworth's singing of the Prize Song. He has a very pleasing tenor voice and received a well-deserved encore. His songs were also very pleasing.

The Orchestra concluded the programme with a spirited performance of Arthur Benjamin's *Jamaican Street song and Rumba*, the *Rumba* receiving an encore.

CONCERT BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th.

PROGRAMME

1. Overture : Egmont *Beethoven*
2. The Peasant Cantata *J. S. Bach, arr. Diack*
3. "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from "Solomon" *Handel*
For Strings and Oboes.
Oboe 1—H. T. BOWLES (T)
Oboe 2—MR. WEBB
4. Piano Concerto in D Minor *Mozart*
Allegro—Romanze—Rondo
Solo Piano—M. BIRKETT (T)
5. Russian Folk-song Suite *Liadov*
6. Concerto for Violin, Cello, and String Orchestra *Telemann*
Allegro—Largo—Allegro
Solo Violin—DOROTHY CHURTON
Solo Cello—EDITH CHURTON
7. Oboe Concerto in G minor *Handel*
Solo Oboe—H. T. BOWLES (T)
8. Finale from Overture "William Tell" *Rossini*

The Solo parts in the Peasant Cantata were well sung by J. F. Pim (B) and C. Graham-Bonnalie (T). The "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" was effectively played by the Strings with H. T. Bowles (T) and Mr. Webb playing the Oboe parts. H. T. Bowles also gave a brilliant performance of Handel's Oboe Concerto in G. minor.

M. Birkett (T) gave us his best performance yet in the Mozart Piano Concerto in D minor and he was well supported by the orchestra. Our two String teachers, Dorothy and Edith Churton, played the solo parts in Telemann's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Strings. It was a delightful performance.

The finale from the William Tell Overture, in which the brass players distinguished themselves, concluded an interesting and varied programme.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS. SUNDAY, MARCH 28th.

The Singing Cup was won by Bruce with a very effective male voice setting of "You Gentlemen of England." Grafton and Walpole tied for second place.

The House Instrumental Programme Cup was won by Chatham for the second year running: Grenville was second. Chatham's programme was very varied and the performance of Tannhauser's March, arranged for four pianists, had a well-deserved success. Grenville's playing of recorders was very pleasing. They had very bad luck in losing their two best pianists, the Jameson brothers, owing to illness.

The Senior Gilling-Lax Prize was won by H. T. Bowles (T), the second prize by J. D. Nightingale (C) and the Junior Prize by J. R. Melvin (C).

The Senior Piano Prize was won by M. J. Kelton (W), second prize by P. G. Denison (C), and the Junior Prize by J. R. Melvin (C).

Organ Prize—J. D. Nightingale (C).

Wind Prizes—H. T. Bowles (T) (Oboe).

R. D. Steed (C) (Trumpet).

String Prizes—1st, G. L. D. Duckworth (C) (violin).

2nd, R. J. Ruhemann (C) (cello).

Dr. J. A. Westrup, Professor of Music at Oxford, was the adjudicator.

L.P.H.

RECITAL BY HEDDLE NASH (Tenor). JUNE 16th.

Heddle Nash's recital gave us an extremely varied programme, ranging from "Tannhausers' Pilgrimage" to "Sally in our Alley." Mr. Nash's voice was versatile enough for many but not quite all of the changes of mood, pitch and power. He started with some operatic airs by Handel, which he sang with power and verve though often lacking the breadth and dignity and sometimes the full, rich tone necessary for Handel's bigger songs. His singing of Mozart's "O mio tesoro" from "Don Giovanni" seemed to lack all flavour of Mozart and to lose the flow of melody through insufficient breath control. As in the later operatic excerpts we missed the fuller support of an orchestra. But in Handel's "Silent Worship" Mr. Nash was really at his best. He sang this song with consummate mastery and ease of style. It would have been well worth hearing Mr. Nash for that song alone.

The group of lieder suited his voice well also. The best of the group was the Delius. His settings of two poems by Shelley were beautifully sung with a fine sense of the delicate and subtle rhythms. He was hampered a little by the accompanist here, who, although otherwise very competent, made little of the difficult piano part. It was a pity that Mr. Nash used such an inferior English translation of Goethe's "Heidenröslein" in Schubert's lovely setting, though, as in the Liszt and the other Schubert, he sang it charmingly and easily.

The least successful group was certainly the operatic. "Tannhauser's Pilgrimage" lacked the weight necessary both of voice and of accompaniment. "Che Gelida Manina" and "Vesti la Giubba" also felt the lack of an orchestral background, and though Mr. Nash sang them with great verve and style, nevertheless we felt his voice to be quite inadequate for such music.

He came at last really into his own in the group of English songs at the end. His singing of such beautiful pieces as "Linden Lea," "It was a Lover and his Lass" and Peter Warlock's matchless setting of "Passing By" was a great delight and it is doubtful if there is another singer in England who could surpass the great polish and charm with which he sang the English songs.

In spite of shortcomings in a few of the songs, which was almost inevitable from the wide scope of the programme, we are grateful to Mr. Nash for all the charm and sparkle of his singing and, in general, for a delightful evening.

M.B.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Members of the Society have proved themselves this term more than able to deal with almost any frivolous motion that might arise out of the mysterious unknown of a closed debate, but have not on the whole been equal to making serious speeches of real depth. Despite this, however, it has been a fruitful, if sparsely attended gathering that has assembled in the Library on certain conspicuous Wednesdays.

The 187th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2nd. The Motion before the House was that "This House thinks the world is entering another dark age."

I. V. DE WESSELOW (C), proposing the motion, boomed that the world was doomed. After touching on such topics as the Bolshevik bear, the South African Elections, and the poor deluded products of two World Wars, he told the Hon. Opposer to give up the unequal fight and remain seated.

Nothing daunted by this flood of invective, G. H. ROOKE (C), opposing, stated that there could be no-one present who had not heard of the Great Twattilo (which remark the Hon. Opposer seemed to think proved his point beyond all manner of doubt). Jazz was not decadent. "So," he ended, "get that into your heads."

M. DOYLE (C), speaking third, mentioned Mr. Llowarch at lunch and affirmed that the Gasworks Reserves were held in higher esteem by the Gasworkers than their country.

J. D. NIGHTINGALE (C), speaking fourth, said that we were in no danger of losing Freedom from Fear.

There voted : In the Upper House :	For the Motion	9
	Against	10
In the Lower House :	For the Motion	27
	Against	16

There was one abstention.

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House, but carried in the Lower House.

The 188th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23rd. The Motion before the House was "That this House has a higher opinion of Knaves than of Fools."

Mr. J. C. SAUNDERS, proposing the Motion, maintained that the fool might be so busy splitting hairs that he did not realise he had gone bald, and that the bookie with whom the beggar had deposited his shirt was a happier man than the beggar.

Mr. C. WINDSOR-RICHARDS, opposing, looked down at himself with great approval as he said that Shakespeare was fond of fat men. The House would not approve of someone who pushed aside the women and children when the boat was sinking, if they were the women and children. After taking the House through a course of insulin, chloroform and radium, the Hon. Opposer told the House they were positively radiating happiness.

THE HON. TREASURER, speaking third, affirmed that knaves turned Conservative, whereas fools turned Labour. The Duke of Wellington, like the Hon. Treasurer, liked a speech to go on for six minutes.

THE HON. SECRETARY, speaking fourth, said that fools, not knowing they were doing wrong, had committed no moral sin. The House was presented with the pleasant prospect of being with a fool on a Wedding Night, and a joker or fool was more likely to win one money than a knave or jack.

There voted : In the Upper House :	For the Motion	10
	Against	8
In the Lower House :	For the Motion	18
	Against.	14

The Motion was therefore carried in both Houses.

Members elected this term were:—S. E. Digby (W), R. D. Shepherd (C), R. Jameson (G), P. S. Findlay (C), B. J. B. Pike (C) and J. M. N. Newton (C).

Officers of the Society this term were:—J. R. J. Burnham (T) (Secretary); A. K. Thould (C) (Ex-Secretary); J. F. Marsden (W) (Treasurer); G. L. D. Duckworth (C) (Librarian); and I. V. de Wesselow (C) (Committee-man).

J.R.J.B.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society this term has so far only heard two papers, but it is to be hoped that four will be read before the end of term. The 85th meeting of the Society was held on May 31st at which A. H. Salt (G) read a paper on "Wild-fowling." His theme was that of the beauty of nature as seen by the Wild-fowler, and in the course of the paper he told the society of the appearance and habits of various fowl, and gave a number of tips on the weather and other factors. The paper was well written and enlivened by many interspersed reminiscences. The conversation ranged widely over the field of nature and blood-sports.

On June 10th, C. P. R. Litchford (C) read a highly instructive paper on "Microscopical Research in Bacteriological and Metallurgical Fields." The Society was relieved to discover that the paper was less formidable than was to be expected; and he dealt with the discovery of the causes of several diseases, and also with the use of the microscope in the examination of the structure of metals. The Society found safe ground on vivisection and drugs, but eventually drifted to the more seismic slopes of relativity. The paper itself was excellent and easily understood.

J. N. Vinen (W) and F. J. Pearce (B) will read papers later this term. At the first meeting, the Society welcomed a new member, an unusual occurrence, owing to the departure of last term's secretary to the service of English agriculture.

T.M.I.

THE EPHEMERALS

Only two meetings have been held this term up to the exact. The 7th meeting was held on May 28th, when O. B. Sayer (T) read a paper entitled "Nelson and Lady Hamilton." After a brief account of life in the Navy in the days of Nelson, the Society heard how the great friendship grew up between the Admiral and Lady Hamilton. Sayer believed that Sir William Hamilton was justified in not revealing the scandal that would have wrecked Nelson's career. After discussion on this subject the meeting developed into a debate on films and the making thereof. Sayer's paper was well arranged and was enjoyed by all.

The 8th meeting was held on June 11th, when M. Doyle (C) read a paper on "The Noble Art." Doyle traced the development of boxing from its beginning, and yet managed to avoid making it a tedious list of wins and losses. He contrasted the English upright method of boxing with the American "bobbin' and wavin'" and gave a few tips about the future of English boxing. During the ensuing discussion the Ephemerals showed quite clearly that deep down inside every one of them there is a very blood-thirsty streak. Doyle was bombarded with questions, but despite attempts to catch him out he knew all the answers. The paper was one of the best the Society has heard to date.

It is hoped to hold two more meetings this term, one of which will see B. F. Brindley (G) speaking on "Twentieth Century Manners."

G.L.D.D.

THE TOXOPHILITES

Only one meeting has been held so far this term. It is hoped that Mr. Todd will read a paper on "The scientific study of the Bible" before he leaves us. F. A. Ruhemann (C) has also promised to read us a paper on "The Impressionists" before the end of term. The only meeting held before half-term was on May 27th, when Mr. R. Walker talked to the Society on "Tops." From behind a maze of machines large and small, Mr. Walker revised a large amount of the Higher Cert. Mechanics syllabus. We heard why tops spin, why cats always land on their feet when dropped upside down, how a torpedo gyroscope works, why the Secretary always falls into the ditch when cornering on a motor bicycle and why the President loses so many golf balls due to slicing. Ruhemann and Reynolds then attempted to disprove Mr. Walker's proof of the last. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Walker for his very interesting paper, the Toxophilites adjourned at about 10 p.m.

G.L.D.D.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

On May 19th, the Society accepted the kind invitation of Mr. Wilson to pay a visit to the Raleigh Cycle Works at Nottingham, of which he is the Managing Director. Here they spent a most interesting and enjoyable day being shown the vast number of processes which go into the manufacture of the modern bicycle.

On June 3rd, R. R. E. Chorley (S) read a most knowledgeable paper on "Mountaineering in the Alps," which he illustrated with the aid of the epidiascope. He began by describing the general structure of the Alps and then sketched the history of Alpine mountaineering, after which he answered a large number of questions concerning the technique of the mountaineer.

It is hoped that the Rev. W. L. S. Fleming will be able to give the Society another of his excellent talks on "Polar Exploration" when he visits Stowe on July 17th.

I.V.deW.

THE MUSIC CLUB

There have been two meetings so far this term. The first comprised an expedition to Oxford on Saturday, June 5th, to hear the Sadlers Wells production of "La Bohème," which was as vivid as it was tuneful, even if English was the medium of expression.

The second meeting was held on Friday, July 2nd, when the President, Dr. Huggins, read an admirable paper on "Orchestration," backed by a well-chosen number of examples.

S.B.L.

THE RADIO CLUB

The summer term is the close season for radio club activities. We had to be content with last term's achievements when, besides having many meetings, we managed to construct an acoustic analogy of a radar set—to the astonishment of everyone concerned—which was demonstrated in the Science Society's conversazione.

Still, we had several informal meetings, and towards the end of term the Secretary lectured on "Short Wave Aerials."

Next term we hope to get a closed circuit transmitter into operation.

J.M.O.

W.J.M.G.

THE XII CLUB

New members:—F. A. Ruhemann (C). Honorary Permanent Guest: P. B. E. Gibson (B).

Two meetings have been held this term at Vancouver Lodge. At the first Colonel R. H. W. S. Hastings (T, 1933) came as a guest to read the club a paper on Wilfred Owen and Edward Thomas. What a model paper it was! Scholarly, informative, reserved, but showing such a complete understanding of the subject as has not delighted the club for years. The second paper, that of P. M. Gibbs (C), was very different. He spoke on "Good and Evil" and was very far from reserved, or informative, and showed very little understanding of the subject. This is perhaps an unfair comparison, for Gibbs at least stimulated the Society to indignation by his intellectual arrogance and touched in a convincingly simple way many extremely complex problems. It was hardly Gibbs' fault that what he stimulated the Club into was more bad taste than anything else.

We hope to have two further meetings this term: firstly for Mr. Kennard to read us another guest paper, this time on "Fire-arms," and secondly for the Vice-President, Major McElwee, to read a paper on "A Battle." Both of these are certain to be informative and interesting, if not controversial, since the speakers will have something of a monopoly in knowledge of their subjects.

M.B.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The main event of the term has been our exhibition, which was held in the Art School during the week beginning July 10th. Mr. E. Ginger, A.R.P.S., judged the prints. There has been a marked improvement in the standard of photography since we held our exhibition a year ago and some very original pictures were exhibited.

A few members have taken up bird photography this term and they have been fairly successful. Some good pictures may be expected in the next term or two and it is encouraging to note that a few bird enthusiasts are taking up photography.

Unfortunately the dark-room is still in a poor state and we are in need of new equipment, especially an enlarger; but our financial position prevents such necessary purchases.

The Society was refounded two years ago and has done much to encourage photography; but our main regret is that we have a very limited membership owing to the lack of dark-room facilities and many keen photographers do not get a fair chance.

M.R.D.G.

NATURAL HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 1947 TO JUNE 1948.

Last year remained notable for the invasion of Clouded Yellow Butterflies till near its close. I saw my last on October 20th, drifting down towards the Octagon with the falling golden beech leaves. P. S. Ashton (O), who was then still at his preparatory school in Dorset, tells me that fresh specimens were to be seen for a month longer near the south coast. When he came here he saw a Red Admiral on February 29th, and several entomologists, who saw this butterfly on the wing about that time, wrote to *The Times* about it, raising the question whether such specimens could be successful hibernators rather than immigrants. It would seem that no final answer was given; but it may well be that a mild winter such as that of 1947-48 does allow some to survive on this side of the Channel.

In May 1948 there appeared large numbers of Wood White Butterflies. Mr. Hart Dyke saw a female lay several eggs; but the resulting caterpillars did not survive to pupation. A freshly emerged female Eyed Hawk Moth was found by J. M. Lunn (C) and successfully mated by placing her in a room with windows opened at night so as to give easier entry than exit. From the eggs which she laid a fine brood of caterpillars is now feeding up on apple leaves; and it has been interesting to watch the alteration of head form which makes the larva change its appearance so radically at an early moult. Two Lime Hawk Moths were seen in May; and these provide the first records of this lovely species for many years.

Mr. Tucker spent the spring term with us as a student teacher; and taught us how to catch and ring full-grown birds with a view to tracing their survival and future movements. Provided that the traps are visited frequently such ringing is preferable to the ringing of nestlings, which may perish through leaving the nest prematurely if not tackled on precisely the right day. He and his disciples marked three Great Tits, two Blue Tits, one Chaffinch and one Hedge Sparrow between March 10th and 30th; and the last named of these birds was found dead near Walpole early in May. We are further indebted to Mr. Tucker for introducing us to the Northampton Sewage Farm. By these shallow waters, one fine Sunday near the end of the spring term, a party of Stowe boys and masters saw between them Mallard, Teal, Shoveler and Garganey, the Black-headed Gulls which nest there, Black-tailed Godwits, Dunlin, Ruffs, Redshank, Greenshank and Ringed Plover, a notable bag.

At Stowe itself this spring we witnessed the return of some of the birds which had been wiped out locally by the rigours of the winter of 1946-47. Small flocks of Long-tailed Tits appeared in February, and on March 14th E. S. M. Cameron (C) and Ashton saw one carrying nesting material. Tree-Creepers are back in fair numbers. The laugh of the Green Woodpecker is not yet heard, but the spotted species worked on their drumming boards and seem to be re-established. Of the smallest sufferer, the Goldcrest, I still have heard no report.

It was an early spring; and J. K. Hirst (G), who must be congratulated on winning a prize in the R.S.P.B. Essay Competition for his disquisition on leaf warblers, reported a Reed Warbler on March 21, a full fortnight in advance of the previous record for the whole country. Willow Warblers and Blackcaps seem to be less numerous than usual, while Whitethroats and Garden Warblers are commoner than in recent years. Sand Martins have now abandoned the Dadford pit, but have returned to nest in the pit behind the Worthies.

A final paragraph may be devoted to a rare visitor and a possible colonist. M. D. Cobham (G) saw and painted a Gadwell drake which alighted on the Eleven Acre in the last week of February. This appears to be the fifth record of this surface-feeding duck in this county. In the second week in June, C. J. S. Marler (G) was out riding, and saw a bird which he identified as a Black Redstart on the basis of his knowledge of this species on the continent. The cock and hen, or both, were subsequently seen by J. K. Hirst (G), by D. M. Lilley (G) and by J. M. Harrop (C), whom we regard as no mean expert on the Redstart; and they were seen with Redstarts of both sexes for comparison. It would seem to be possible and even probable that they bred here—we may know definitely before this article is in print. A bird which would appear to have set out to invade these islands through the bombed sites of London should find the temples and mouldering ha-has of Stowe to its liking. It might well establish itself here if we resolve to give it a fair chance.

N.A.B.

J.T.C. NOTES

This has been another successful term, in which the weather has given the J.T.C. markedly preferential treatment. The sun shone for all three of our important occasions and there has been very little wet-weather parading altogether.

The Annual Inspection was carried out on June 1st by Colonel D. Russell Morgan, D.S.O., M.C., and followed what has now become a well established pattern. The standard of drill and marching was, by J.T.C. standards, high and the Inspecting Officer seemed pleased by all that he saw. His address to the whole Corps after the March Past was more interesting and of more practical value than such addresses sometimes are, since Colonel Morgan commands the Officer Cadet School at Mons Barracks, Aldershot, and was able to tell Cadets of the sort of future they might expect if they became candidates for Commissions during their period of National Service and of what would be expected of them.

For the two whole-day exercises most of the Corps was involved in some lively battles—the first in and around Lillingstone Dayrell and the second in the area of the disused aerodrome at Silverstone. The Signal Section provided quite effective communications for both these affairs, while the I.C.E. Section, having functioned as ordinary soldiers for the first, went off to Coventry for the second, where they were royally entertained by the Standard Motor Company and spent a most interesting day. They not only saw the whole of the Standard Works, but were also given an opportunity of watching the production of the Ferguson Tractor.

One of the most notable features of the term has been the revival of the Signal Section under the stimulus of Mr. Osborne, who has nobly consented to run it in a civilian capacity, since their Lordships of the Admiralty will not allow him to join the Corps officially. Cpl. Maxtone-Graham and Cadets Wright and Roddick went on a Signal course to Colchester during last holidays and Cpl. Glover attended another at Catterick. The Colchester lot were given the opportunity to take the examination for "Classified Signaller" and were all successful, Maxtone-Graham and Wright also qualifying as "Instructors." As a consequence it has been possible to train another dozen cadets for the same examination this term and they have already taken it, though results are not yet known.

The strength of the Corps is 340, of whom 40 are recruits who joined this term. Certificate 'A' results were excellent, all seven candidates of the small Part I contingent being successful, while only four out of the forty-six candidates for Part II failed.

The Shooting for the Empire Test has been completed, but the results have not yet been analysed. It appears, however, that they promise to be rather above average. The individual competition still remains to be held. The Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup came off on July 13th. It was won by Chatham.

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

To *Senior Under-Officer*: J. D. Lloyd (B).

To *Under-Officer*: P. B. E. Gibson (B).

To *Sergeant*: M. Doyle (C), C. J. Guise (T), A. K. Thould (C), A. deF. Mellor (B), I. V. de Wesselow (C), F. A. Ruhemann (C).



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THE GRAFTON ARCHWAY
(BY LEONI)

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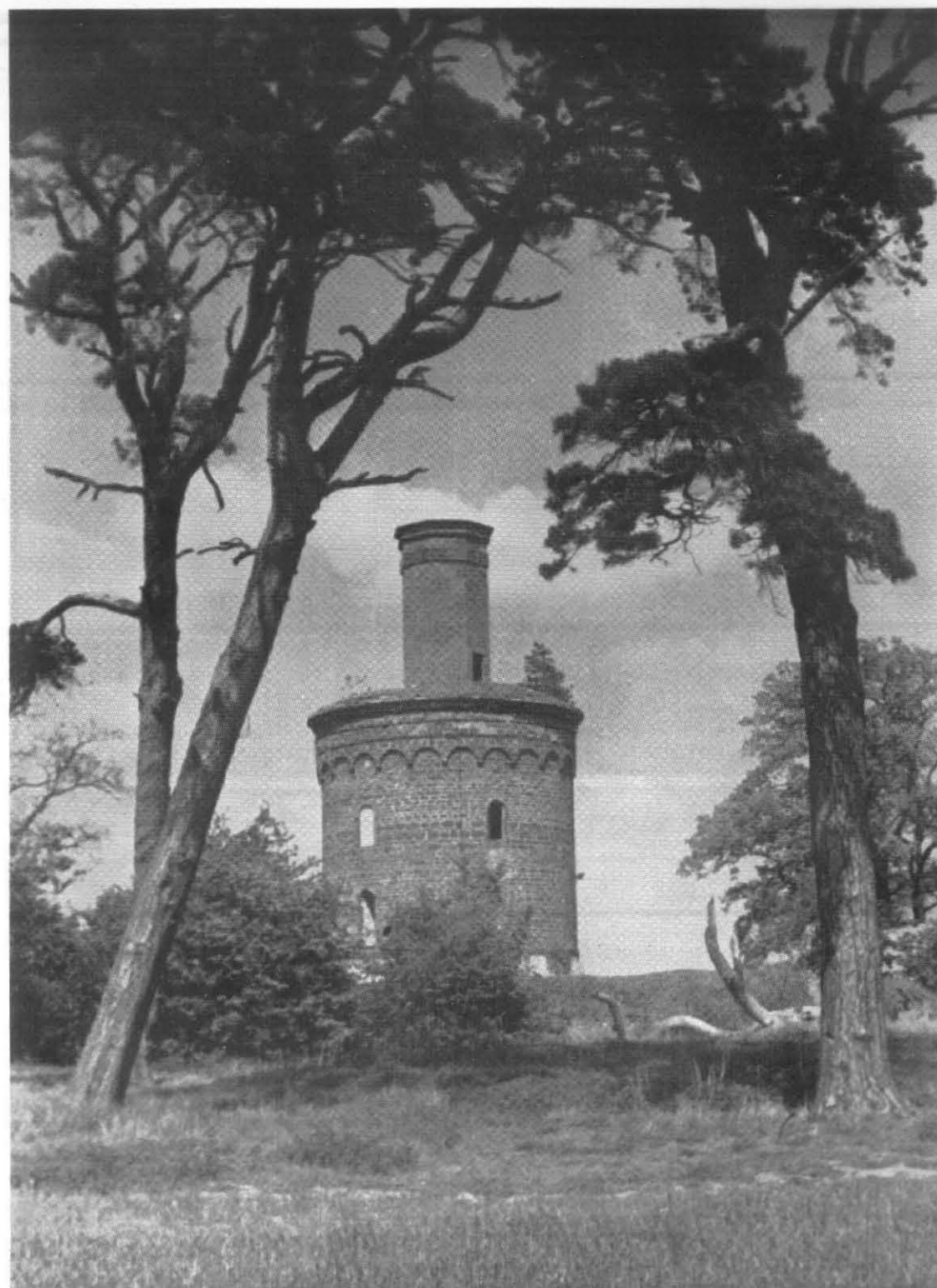


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THE BOURBON TOWER

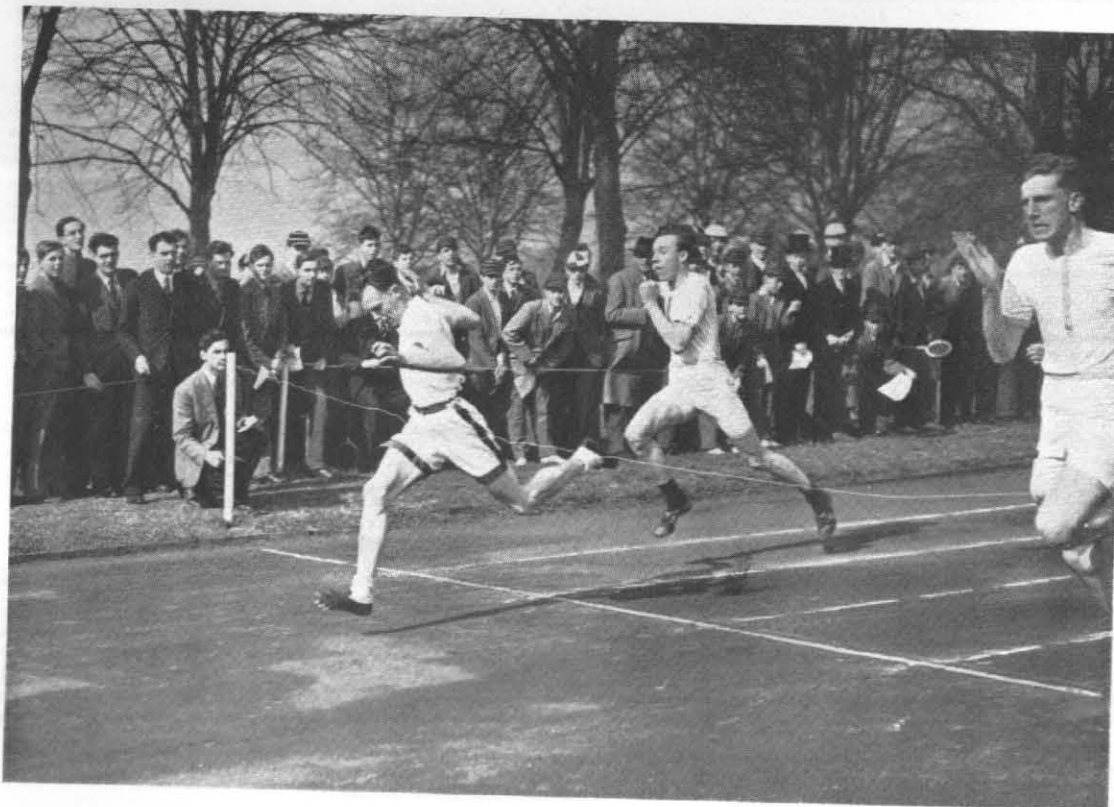
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STOWE v. ETON
MARCH 25TH, 1948
J. D. LLOYD (B) WINNING THE HUNDRED YARDS

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To *Corporal*: M. H. Ewbank (C), G. R. A. Miskin (W), D. G. J. Gordon-Dean (W), B. E. Smith (G), T. J. Greenley (W), R. R. Glover (G), P. P. Patten (C), R. G. Bennett (W), R. J. Roberts (C), B. A. Platt (C), R. M. Maxtone-Graham (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: Cadets R. G. Sparrow (W), D. I. R. Jenkins (G), J. D. Irlam (W), B. J. R. Hodge (T), R. E. Wadsworth (W), H. F. Cotton (C), C. P. R. Litchford (C), T. M. Irvine (T), D. S. Paravicini (C), W. R. G. Short (G), D. J. Martin-Thomson (G), D. J. Corbett (G).

SHOOTING

The *Country Life* competition was shot on March 18th. We were unfortunate in that J. N. Vinen (W) and G. F. Appleton (G) were absent through illness and in that E. H. Trimmingham (W) had been away until the day of the shoot and had not had the necessary practice. The team was as follows:—R. H. F. Cox (T), R. S. Dove (W), M. R. D. Gayford (W), J. B. Makinson (B), J. M. Rigg (W), R. G. Sparrow (W), D. R. Stickland (B), E. H. Trimmingham (W). The score was 645 out of a possible 872, and Stowe was 86th out of 92 schools.

The .22 rifle very kindly presented by Major R. Haworth to the boy with the highest aggregate in the "Ozanne" and *Country Life* competitions was won by J. M. Rigg (W) with 129 points out of 140. R. H. F. Cox (T) was second with 127.

The following shot in a postal match against St. Paul's School on March 11th:—G. F. Appleton (G), R. H. F. Cox (T), R. S. Dove (W), M. R. D. Gayford (W), J. B. Makinson (B), C. F. N. Hope (C), J. M. Rigg (W), D. R. Stickland (B). Stowe won by 19 points, with a score of 574 out of a possible 680.

On March 30th a Walpole v. "The Rest" match was fired. The Walpole VI were:—R. S. Dove, M. R. D. Gayford, J. K. Hemsworth, J. M. Rigg, R. G. Sparrow and E. H. Trimmingham and "The Rest" team:—Mr. J. C. Saunders, D. R. Stickland (B), C. P. R. Litchford (C), J. B. Makinson (B), R. D. Shepherd (C), J. A. S. Eccles (G). The scores were 589 and 592 out of 716 respectively, "The Rest" thus beating Walpole by three points.

A Possibles Prize was offered this term, under the same conditions as last term, and was won on June 10th by R. H. F. Cox (T).

A match against the Masters was fired on June 17th. The School team was as follows:—G. F. Appleton (G), R. H. F. Cox (B), R. S. Dove (W), M. R. D. Gayford (W), C. F. N. Hope (C), J. M. Rigg (W), R. D. Shepherd (C), J. N. Vinen (W). The Masters were represented by:—H. R. Watt, M.C., J. C. Saunders, A. B. E. Gibson, D. I. Brown, J. Griffiths, D.F.C., A. A. Dams, M. M. Maynard, J. C. T. Uttley. The Masters scored 519 out of a possible 680 and the School 596.

Owing to the distance to the nearest open range, it has again been impossible to do any .303 shooting, and the School did not therefore enter for the Ashburton. Some .303 shooting, and possibly an inter-school match, are promised for Camp this August.

R.S.D.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1948-49

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 2.—Wasps "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 16.—BEDFORD	Away.
Wed., Oct. 20.—Harlequins "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 23.—RUGBY	Away.
Wed., Oct. 27.—ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30.—London Scottish "A" XV.	Home.
Wed., Nov. 3.—RADLEY	Home.
Sat., Nov. 6.—Richmond "A" XV.	Home.
Wed., Nov. 10.—OUNDLE	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13.—HARROW	Home.
Wed., Nov. 17.—Oxford University Greyhounds "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 27.—CHELTENHAM	Away.
Sat., Dec. 4.—Rosslyn Park "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 11.—Old Stoics	Home.

2ND XV.

Wed., Oct. 6.—Bloxham 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 16.—Bedford	Home.
Tues., Oct. 26.—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 3.—Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 6.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe 1st XV.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 13.—Harrow	Away.
Wed., Nov. 17.—Northampton Grammar School 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Abingdon School 1st XV.	Away.
Wed., Nov. 24.—Berkhamsted	Home.
Sat., Nov. 27.—University College School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 11.—Old Oxford Citizens	Home.

3RD XV.

Wed., Oct. 6.—Bloxham 2nd XV.	Away.
Sat., Oct. 9.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe 2nd XV.	Away.
Wed., Oct. 13.—Berkhamsted	Away.
Sat., Oct. 23.—Magdalen College School, Oxford 2nd XV.	Away.
Wed., Oct. 27.—Wellingborough Grammar School 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 30.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 3.—Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 6.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13.—Harrow	Away.
Wed., Nov. 17.—Abingdon School 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Bedford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 27.—Northampton Grammar School 2nd XV.	Away.

4TH XV.

Sat., Oct. 9.—Banbury Grammar School 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 10.—Kettering Grammar School 1st XV.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Bedford	Away.

COLTS XV.

Wed., Oct. 6.—Magdalen College School, Brackley 1st XV.	Home.
Wed., Oct. 13.—Berkhamsted	Away.
Sat., Oct. 16.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 3.—Radley	Home.
Wed., Nov. 10.—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13.—Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Rugby	Away.
Wed., Nov. 24.—Douai	Away.
Sat., Nov. 27.—University College School	Away.
Wed., Dec. 8.—Northampton Grammar School	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS XV.

Sat., Oct. 9.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 13.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Oct. 16.—Bedford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 20.—Bloxham	Away.
Tues., Oct. 26.—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 3.—Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 10.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Rugby	Home.
Wed., Nov. 24.—Berkhamsted	Home.
Sat., Nov. 27.—University College School	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS 2ND XV.

Sat., Oct. 9.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
Sat., Nov. 6.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Home.

UNDER FOURTEEN XV.

Wed., Oct. 13.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Wed., Oct. 20.—Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 20.—Bloxham	Away.
Wed., Nov. 17.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 20.—Bedford	Home.
Sat., Dec. 4.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Away.

CRICKET

The results of 1st XI matches are as follows:—Won, 6; Lost, 3; Drawn 2; No play, 2.

The match against the Authentics was completely washed out by rain, and the match against Oundle was scratched owing to mumps at Oundle. The side is to be congratulated on the number of victories won and on the small total of its defeats.

The weather has not been as kind as it was last year, and the majority of matches have been played on a soft pitch and in somewhat wintry conditions. This has not made it at all easy for players to develop stroke play, and batting has been the side's weakness. C. H. Bradley (B) has gone in No. 1 in every match, and has proved a very steady and reliable player. He has not made any big scores, but has contributed 20's pretty regularly, and made one 50. J. F. Conington (B) began the season as an opening bat, as he had gone in first with success last season, but he did not strike form, and so was put down to No. 5 where he did better. He has played some valuable innings, particularly one against St. Edward's, and has attractive strokes, but just has not got the runs one expected he would this season.

No. 3 was a difficult place to fill and the captain, D. A. MacL. Connell (G) decided to fill the vacancy himself, as there seemed to be no other better candidate, and he has met with very fair success. He has determinedly restrained himself from making a favourite golf shot, which got him out several times last year, and has made himself into a useful bat. He has a good off drive, but is too frequently tempted to have a flick at the ball outside the off stump.

D. E. Conington (B) is the best striker of the ball and has made some valuable runs, notably against Bedford, but he too has not struck his real form or made the large scores expected from him.

O. B. Sayer (T) has improved considerably this year and has batted at No. 5, 6 or 7. He plays the ball on the on side well and has a pleasing style.

F. J. Pearce (B) has decided possibilities as a batsman and with perseverance can make himself into that invaluable member of a side, the batsman-wicket-keeper. He has good strokes, but is too impetuous at present.

W. R. G. Short (G) and C. C. McNeil (T) have been mainly successful as bowlers, but both are capable of developing into useful batsmen. Short must first curb his fierce desire to strike the ball out of sight and cultivate the habit of hitting it along the ground. McNeil has improved during the season and with more confidence should make runs next year.

R. J. Roberts (C) and M. D. Cobham (G) both have their own methods with the bat. Roberts, it must be said, is considerably the more successful of the two, even if less orthodox.

G. J. E. Dixon (T) could not find any form with the bat at the beginning of the season, but after making 70 for the 2nd XI returned to the side a changed man, and played two confident innings, going in first. He did not make very many runs, but remained at the wicket and played correctly, which augurs well for next year.

The side's strength has been in its bowling and fielding, which has given a great deal of pleasure and has called forth deserved praise from visiting teams.

The mainstay of the bowling has been M. D. Cobham (G), who did so well last year. He has grown stronger and at first tended to bowl rather faster, which did not suit his late inswing. After seeing Loxton bowl at Northampton, he tried to bowl even faster, but wiser counsels prevailed and he returned to his old style with striking success against Bedford and the Adastrians, and has finished the season bowling better than ever before.

Connell was a better bowler last year than he has been this, but he has had the added responsibility of captaincy and of run-getting. All the same he has opened the bowling with Cobham in most of the matches and has taken many wickets.

Late in the season Short gained greater control of length and direction and developed into a very useful fast bowler, bowling with great effect against St. Edward's and Bedford.

McNeil as a slow off-spinner has great possibilities, but must put in a vast amount of hard practice to acquire real control of length and steadiness. He has bowled well at times and taken a number of wickets.

Both Dixon and Roberts bowl leg-breaks. It is unusual to have two bowlers of this type in a side, but Roberts has not been required as a bowler. Dixon has not bowled very much, partly because the side has not had enough runs on the board to afford the captain the luxury of

trying a slow bowler, and partly because the other bowlers have generally done what was necessary. But there is no doubt that he can become a good bowler with hard practice and will probably have greater opportunities next year. In clean bowling the Bedford captain, who is an excellent bat, he struck a great blow for his side.

For a side to appear neat and efficient in the field a good wicket-keeper is essential, and the side has been fortunate in having in Pearce a very capable wicket-keeper who has kept soundly and without flourish.

Connell has captained the side in a competent manner and has made the best use of his bowlers. His setting of the field has at times been open to criticism, but he has never at any time taken exception to criticism, and has asked for, and made full use of, the advice he has received. Off the field he has taken pains to see that visitors have been well looked after, and the courtesy of the Stowe team has frequently been very favourably commented on by visiting players.

Connell, Bradly and Sayer will not be available next year, but the remaining eight members of this year's side are expected to be at Stowe, and with the will to win and serious practice should make a good side.

STOWE v. CRYPTICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 15th. Stowe won by 4 wickets.

Cryptics, 160 (L. M. T. Castle 47, C. E. Salamon 22, R. W. Skene 25 not out, A. G. Pelham 19, R. Lucas 15; D. A. Connell 5 for 58, C. C. McNeil 2 for 40, S. B. Lloyd 1 for 23, M. D. Cobham 2 for 22).

Stowe, 205 for 8 wickets (C. H. Bradly 20, J. F. Conington 24, D. E. Conington 67, D. A. Connell 12, O. B. Sayer 34 not out, C. C. McNeil 12; A. G. Pelham 2 for 43, R. W. Skene 3 for 51, N. H. Bennett 2 for 42, C. E. Salamon 1 for 11).

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 22nd. Stowe lost by 72 runs.

Free Foresters, 227 for 9 wickets declared (A. M. Crawley 29, C. L. Weir 22, W. G. Keighley 27, J. T. Coombes 31, P. Moran 17, R. J. Northcote-Green 13, M. Ricketts 38 not out, W. H. Bradshaw 26, E. Cawston 11 not out; D. A. Connell 2 for 45, M. D. Cobham 5 for 77, C. C. McNeil 1 for 37, G. J. E. Dixon 1 for 11).

Stowe, 155 (C. H. Bradly 28, D. E. Conington 16, D. A. Connell 10, O. B. Sayer 30, F. J. Pearce 33 not out; W. H. Bradshaw 1 for 18, W. G. Keighley 1 for 21, R. J. Northcote-Green 1 for 34, M. Ricketts 4 for 6, J. T. Coombes 1 for 30).

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 29th. Drawn. Rain considerably shortened the hours of play.

Buckingham, 189 for 4 wickets declared (T. E. Busby 100 not out, A. P. Bell 60; M. D. Cobham 1 for 56, C. C. McNeil 2 for 69).

Stowe, 146 for 2 wickets (C. H. Bradly 59 not out, J. F. Conington 37, D. A. Connell 17, D. E. Conington 21 not out; A. P. Bell 2 for 23).

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 5th. Drawn.

M.C.C., 212 for 4 wickets declared (W. G. Keighley 107 not out, D. J. Maw 39, E. H. Hart 40, H. L. Leedham-Green 16; D. A. Connell 1 for 35, M. D. Cobham 2 for 84, C. C. McNeil 1 for 69).

Stowe, 94 for 9 wickets (J. F. Conington 11, D. A. Connell 29, D. E. Conington 29, O. B. Sayer 10; R. H. Routledge 1 for 22, W. R. Watkins 5 for 7, H. L. Leedham-Green 3 for 48).

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Tuesday, June 8th. Radley won by 69 runs.

Stowe won the toss and decided to field in order to have the opportunity of getting accustomed to the new surroundings and of settling down after the bus journey.

The wicket was considerably faster than wickets had been at Stowe and there was every prospect of it becoming easier as the day continued.

Rumour had it that Radley's batting was not particularly strong, apart from M. J. D. Bower, who had made a double century against St. Edward's, Oxford, and a ninety in a previous match, and so it proved. Radley made 164 of which Bower's share was 111 not out.

Connell opened the bowling and took a wicket with his second ball. He took another in his fourth over and another in his sixth. With Cobham bowling steadily at the other end Stowe were doing well. Bower was batting soundly, but was being kept subdued, and had given a not very difficult chance to first slip off Connell's bowling. Later on, when his individual score was in the twenties, he drove a ball from McNeil hard and directly over mid-off's head. The fielder got both hands to the ball but failed to hold it. Radley wickets continued to fall regularly and seven were down for 93 runs. It was at this point that Stowe lost their hold on the game, and the Radley score was taken to 155 before the 8th wicket fell. For a few overs the bowling became ragged and Bower took full advantage of this, scoring very fast. After two hours and 49 minutes the Radley innings was brought to a close by a smart catch in the slips by McNeil off Short's bowling.

Bower batted admirably and the Stowe bowling and fielding was on the whole good. After Connell had taken the first three wickets, Cobham took 5 for 48, and both McNeil and Short bowled well. Connell's placing of the field was sound, and the whole team worked well together.

Stowe had high hopes of winning when they began their innings, but when the three mainstays of the batting, the two Coningtons and Connell, were all out leg before wicket, each for single figures, the prospect did not look so hopeful. Bradly was batting very steadily, and Sayer was still to come, but Sayer had the misfortune to get a good one first ball and 5 wickets were down for 59. Young, next man in, playing in his first match for the School, was faced with a very grim situation, and showed great determination in staying there and adding a valuable 13 runs. Bradly was sixth man out after making a good 30. Short and Pearce failed, and after a brief stand by McNeil and Cobham the innings closed for 95 runs.

The Radley bowling was steady and J. W. R. Armstrong finished with the good figures of 6 for 30.

RADLEY.

D. Lloyd, b Connell	0
M. J. D. Bower, not out	111
H. B. L. Brierly, b Connell	0
D. H. Andrews, b Connell	5
M. J. Yates, c Connell, b McNeil	13
A. S. J. Riley, c McNeil, b Cobham	20
P. C. Alexander, c McNeil, b Cobham	0
A. J. Finch, c Short, b Cobham	1
D. B. Reid, c Pearce, b Cobham	8
J. W. R. Armstrong, b Cobham	0
R. M. Sorsbie, c McNeil, b Short	0
Extras	6
Total	164

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell	18	3	63	3
Cobham	25	6	48	5
McNeil	4	1	12	1
Short	11.4	3	22	1
Dixon	4	1	13	0

STOWE.

C. H. Bradly, b Armstrong	30
J. F. Conington, lbw, b Armstrong	4
D. A. Connell, lbw, b Armstrong	8
D. E. Conington, lbw, b Sorsbie	6
G. J. E. Dixon, b Armstrong	5
O. B. Sayer, b Armstrong	0
M. J. Young, c Riley, b Armstrong	13
W. R. G. Short, b Finch	0
F. J. Pearce, lbw, b Finch	0
C. C. McNeil, c Reid, b Bower	8
M. D. Cobham, not out	5
Extras	16
Total	95

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sorsbie	13	3	20	1
Armstrong	17	7	30	6
Bower	9	3	17	1
Finch	6	1	12	2

STOWE v. ETON RAMBLERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 12th. Stowe won by 85 runs.
 Stowe, 204 (D. A. Connell 64, D. E. Conington 32, J. F. Conington 44, O. B. Sayer 16; B. J. Hodgson 4 for 33, J. Sweet 1 for 42, P. Chappell 5 for 42.)
 Eton Ramblers, 119 (M. A. Keeling 17, D. Strachan 15, E. H. Spooner 12, A. Wigan 12, P. Chappell 28, B. J. Hodgson 13, J. Bickersteth 14; M. D. Cobham 4 for 36, M. J. Young 1 for 20, C. C. McNeil 4 for 29, R. J. Roberts 1 for 14).

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 26th. Stowe won by 30 runs.
 St. Edward's won the toss and put Stowe in to bat on a perfect wicket. After the two Coningtons' form in a house match a few days previously, when each made a century, there was every prospect of a big score, but shocks came thick and fast. Bradly and Young opened the innings for Stowe to the bowling of Powell and Bown and with the score at 6 Bradly was extremely well caught in the slips after being missed at short leg off the previous ball. Connell was clean bowled and Young out l.b.w. with the score still at 6. One felt that this was bound to stop, and that D. E. Conington would be the one to stop it; but he too was bowled for 0, and the score-board read 10 for 4 wickets. If St. Edward's had been able to keep up the pressure Stowe might well have been routed, but their bowlers suddenly started to send down a succession of loose balls and J. F. Conington and Sayer managed to take advantage of the majority of them and sent the score along at a good pace. Just when Conington looked like making a big score he was caught at the wicket, making the score 66 for 5 wickets. Sayer was next out at 76 for a very valuable 20. Roberts, who had come in after J. Conington was out, played a most gallant innings in his own peculiar style and eventually remained not out with 13 to his credit. Pearce, Short and McNeil visited the wicket more as a formality than anything else, though all are quite capable of making some runs if only they will employ concentration and restraint. Cobham played one of his longer innings, and delighted the spectators by hitting a four. Three figures could have been achieved, but Cobham ran one run short, and so the innings closed for 99.

In spite of this uninspiring display of batting, the Stowe side were confident of victory and assured the "Master in Charge of Cricket" that he need have no fears regarding the eventual result.

They proved as good as their word, but in a somewhat unexpected manner. Connell secured an early wicket, but was not bowling at all well, and Cobham did not seem to worry the batsmen much: it looked as if something drastic would have to be done. This was brought about by Short, who relieved Connell and proceeded to take wickets with his second, third, ninth and fourteenth deliveries, and a further two wickets later on to make his total for the match 6 wickets for 12 runs. He also made an excellent catch in the slips off Connell's bowling. With the St. Edward's score at 69 for 9 wickets, Powell hit an extremely lofty drive over mid-on to J. Conington standing near the Cobham Arch nets. He slightly misjudged the flight of the ball, struck it high up and behind his head with one hand, grabbed it a second time and lost it, and finally caught it just above the ground. So ended a thrilling match. Stowe's fielding was as clean and efficient as it generally is and Pearce kept wicket well. Short bowled distinctly fast and in a really hostile manner.

STOWE.

C. H. Bradly, c Shortt, b Powell	6
M. J. Young, lbw, b Bown	0
D. A. Connell, b Powell	0
D. E. Conington, b Powell	0
J. F. Conington, c Russel-Smith, b Sweeny	41
O. B. Sayer, lbw, b Smith (J. S.)	20
R. J. Roberts, not out	13
F. J. Pearce, c Russel-Smith, b Smith (J. S.)	2
W. R. G. Short, b Smith (J. S.)	0
C. C. McNeil, b Powell	2
M. D. Cobham, c and b Gardiner	6
Extras	9
Total	99

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Powell	10	4	19	4
Bown	6	2	11	1
Sweeny	7	0	17	1
Lathey	2	0	22	0
Smith	7	0	15	3
Gardiner	2	0	6	1

ST. EDWARD'S.

T. E. S. White, lbw, b Connell	2
D. S. Gilbert-Smith, b Short	13
D. P. Bown, b Short	16
P. R. Shortt, c McNeil, b Short	0
D. B. T. Lathey, b Short	1
P. H. Russel-Smith, c Short, b Connell	16
D. Gardiner, b Short	3
A. Brockman, b Cobham	5
C. R. H. Sweeny, b Short	5
J. S. Smith, not out	3
S. P. Powell, c Conington (J.), b Cobham	1
Extras	4
Total	69

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell	12	7	16	2
Cobham	16.4	3	37	2
Short	9	4	12	6

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 30th. Bradfield won by 4 wickets.

On winning the toss Bradfield decided to field first, and Stowe batted on a slow wicket, which did not help the bowlers, apart from an occasional ball that popped.

C. H. Bradly and G. J. E. Dixon began confidently and took the score along at a fair pace with Bradly doing most of the scoring. At 29 Dixon was caught at the wicket and D. A. Connell joined Bradly. Bradly, however, was soon out, having made a useful 21 runs. Connell and D. E. Conington took the score from 32 to 67 before Conington had the misfortune to be caught by the wicket-keeper standing up on the leg side. He looked like making runs, and is undoubtedly a good fast scorer once he

gets going. Connell remained at the wicket for over an hour, but he never looked any more comfortable, and was next man out, bowled for a much needed 28. Neither J. F. Conington nor O. B. Sayer put a stop to the landslide which had started, and the score, which had read 85 for 4, was now 86 for 6 wickets. R. J. Roberts began to improve the situation, but his innings was cut short by the most erratic behaviour of F. J. Pearce, who struck the ball, called "Wait" in a loud voice, and then dashed down the wicket without any further instructions. Roberts, dumbfounded, waited for Pearce to come within a few yards of him, and then proceeded to the other end. Pearce accompanied him for a few strides, and then resumed his original course. As a result of this manoeuvre Roberts was run out by a considerable margin. Pearce proceeded to make amends by batting really well, and scored 22 in fluent style, but eventually reached gently forward and was caught in the gully. W. R. G. Short was caught at the wicket and M. D. Cobham dragged a ball into his wicket, leaving C. C. McNeil not out 1. A total of 122, after being 85 for 4 wickets, was rather slight, and was undoubtedly the result of feeble batting rather than of brilliant bowling. The Bradfield bowlers kept a steady length, and gave very little away, but should not have been able to do so much damage on an easy wicket.

However, St. Edward's had been dismissed for 69 and perhaps W. R. G. Short might again produce the form he displayed then. A wicket fell for no runs, two wickets for 22, and three for 66. Stowe had scored 67 for 3 wickets and there was still hope, but D. Cooper and H. W. Joynt batted well and took the score to 96 before Joynt was out. With 96 on the board for 4 wickets, there could be little hope of avoiding defeat, unless the downpour which threatened came to Stowe's aid. It did not, but two more wickets were obtained, and 6 wickets were down for 106. J. V. Dubuisson and R. W. J. Langlands then batted steadily on until the Stowe total was passed.

† Short did not manage to produce the real hostility which he showed in the previous match, and none of Stowe's bowlers appeared to have any penetrative power. It was well within the bounds of possibility for the bowlers to have saved the day, but the real fault lay in Stowe's irresolute batting.

STOWE.	
C. H. Bradly, c Burton b Dubuisson.....	21
G. J. E. Dixon, c Garfield, b Dubuisson.....	5
D. A. Connell, b Lee.....	28
D. E. Conington, c Garfield, b Parkinson.....	17
J. F. Conington, c Joynt, b Burton.....	6
O. B. Sayer, b Burton.....	0
R. J. Roberts, run out.....	11
F. J. Pearce, c Ronaldson, b Lee.....	22
W. R. G. Short, c Garfield, b Joynt.....	3
C. C. McNeil, not out.....	1
M. D. Cobham, b Lee.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total.....	122

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burton.....	8	1	18	2
Joynt.....	7	0	18	1
Cooper.....	13	4	27	0
Dubuisson.....	8	0	14	2
Parkinson.....	11	4	17	1
Lec.....	6.3	1	20	3

BRADFIELD.	
C. J. Lec, b Connell.....	0
D. J. Ronaldson, b Cobham.....	18
D. Cooper, c Conington (J.), b Cobham.....	29
A. P. C. Parkinson, b McNeil.....	26
H. W. Joynt, c Bradly, b McNeil.....	23
J. V. Dubuisson, not out.....	17
M. E. Taylor, lbw, b McNeil.....	3
R. W. J. Langlands, not out.....	5
J. G. A. Clezy, D. J. Burton and J. S. Garfield did not bat.	
Extras.....	2
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	123

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell.....	7	3	14	1
Cobham.....	23	8	52	2
Short.....	4	1	14	0
McNeil.....	14	0	41	3

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, July 3rd. Stowe won by 5 wickets.

After some unconvincing batting against Radley, St. Edward's and Bradfield, and defeat at the hands of Radley and Bradfield, the feelings of most of those connected with Stowe cricket were aptly expressed by one of the team, who said that if we lost to Bedford we should have had a bad season, but that if we won we could count it as a moderately successful one.

There was a distinct feeling of determination in the air, and the Stowe side showed on this occasion the form that we have known them to be capable of, but which they have often failed to produce. Bedford had not lost an inter-school match, and had decisively beaten Tonbridge, Haileybury and Oundle.

On winning the toss Stowe sent Bedford in to bat on a fast wicket, and got down to attack straight away. D. A. Connell opened his bowling with W. R. G. Short, who bowled fast and accurately, but who was inclined to bowl too wide of the off stump. M. D. Cobham, at the other end, kept a very steady length, and made the ball swing in late.

Short clean bowled J. A. Spooner for 0 with only 2 runs on the board, and the Bedford captain, B. E. Disbury, who plays for a minor county, came in next, and started to bat confidently, but his partner W. K. Pool was bowled by Cobham when the score was only 6. A. D. R. Dawes followed and soon gave Short an easy catch in Cobham's leg trap. The score was now 6 for 3 wickets, and the Stowe side was very much on its toes. Cobham next bowled G. D. Moulton with a really good ball which turned from leg, and D. A. Connell rested Short, coming on to bowl himself. He soon had R. D. Payne caught and bowled, and the score then read 43 for 5 wickets. G. J. E. Dixon was now brought on in place of Cobham to bowl his slow leg breaks. He immediately struck a length, and beat the bat on several occasions. The field as set for Dixon did not quite satisfy the experts, but this was of little consequence when he beat and bowled Disbury with a well pitched up ball to which the batsman played back defensively. J. W. Fry was batting well, but F. A. Pinguet failed to stay with him, being well caught at short leg by J. Conington off Short's bowling. A. N. Jordan, who used to go in first earlier in the season, now came in, and started to bat steadily. But wickets continued to fall, and J. W. Fry was next very well caught in the slips by C. C. McNeil off Short's bowling. P. A. Mounfield was decidedly uncomfortable against Cobham, and after surviving several appeals for l.b.w. was eventually out in this way.

Play was stopped for lunch with the score at 103 for 9 wickets. Apart from one or two slips caused by an uneven surface, Stowe's fielding had been excellent, and F. J. Pearce kept wicket soundly, if not quite as neatly as usual.

After lunch the Bedford innings was brought to a close at 110 by an excellent catch at short leg by J. Conington, who dived to take a ball cocked up by A. N. Jordan off a delivery from Short which rose up rather sharply.

110 is not a large score, but cricket is a funny game, and sides have often found such a score beyond their grasp. Stowe's supporters would breathe a good deal more easily when the last run had been obtained.

C. H. Bradly and G. J. E. Dixon started the innings confidently enough, and both played some attractive shots. After six overs the Bedford captain brought on J. A. Spooner, who bowls slow off breaks, taking only two or three paces run up. He met with immediate success, getting Dixon l.b.w. with his first ball, when the score stood at 15. D. A. Connell came in and made two good shots for 3 and 4 before hitting out

at a ball very wide of his off stump, which he might well have left alone so early in his innings, and was very well caught by A. N. Jordan in the gully. D. E. Conington now joined Bradley and they took the score along steadily to 53, before Bradley was well stumped by R. D. Payne. D. E. Conington was now joined by his brother J. F. Conington in a very tense atmosphere, which was suddenly disturbed by the shouts of joy raised by large numbers of small Bedford boys on receipt of the news that Bedford had beaten Radley at Henley and thus won the Princess Elizabeth Cup for the third time in succession.

J. F. Conington made several attractive shots before being brilliantly caught and bowled by J. W. Fry. O. B. Sayer joined D. E. Conington with the score at 67 for 4 wickets, and it was still anyone's match. These two, however, laid a solid foundation for victory, and were even compelled to continue batting in the nets during the tea interval, which arrived at 4.0 p.m. F. J. Pearce, R. J. Roberts and C. C. McNeil were also all getting warmed up at the nets in case of need.

After tea D. E. Conington really started attacking the bowling, and with the aid of a little fortune brought the score along at a great pace. O. B. Sayer, who had played a number of pleasant strokes, particularly on the leg side, was bowled by B. E. Disbury when 21 runs were still required, and F. J. Pearce joined D. E. Conington. Pearce did all that was required of him, and Conington did most of the scoring. Just before the Bedford total was passed Conington reached his individual 50.

BEDFORD.					STOWE.				
J. A. Spooner, b Short				0	C. H. Bradley, st Payne, b Fry				20
W. K. Pool, b Cobham				3	G. J. E. Dixon, lbw, b Spooner				6
B. E. Disbury, b Dixon				30	D. A. Connell, c Jordan, b Mounfield				7
A. D. R. Dawes, c Short, b Cobham				0	D. E. Conington, not out				51
G. D. Moulton, b Cobham				7	J. F. Conington, c and b Fry				7
R. D. Payne, c and b Connell				12	O. B. Sayer, b Disbury				11
J. W. Fry, c McNeil, b Short				26	F. J. Pearce, not out				5
F. A. Pinguet, c Conington, b Short				0	R. J. Roberts, C. C. McNeil, W. R. G. Short and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				
A. N. Jordan, c Conington, b Short				16					
P. A. Mounfield, lbw, b Cobham				6					
R. L. Keech, not out				5					
Extras				5	Extras				4
Total				110	Total (for 5 wkts.)				111
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Short	13.4	2	25	4	Fry	8	0	21	2
Cobham	15	1	34	4	Mounfield	6	1	18	1
Connell	6	0	25	1	Spooner	12	3	45	1
Dixon	4	1	21	1	Disbury	10.3	2	23	1

STOWE v. ADASTRIANS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, July 7th. Stowe won by 7 wickets.

Adastrians, 72 (F/L Murphy 26, F/L Jones 14; M. D. Cobham 6 for 25, D. A. Connell 4 for 20). Stowe, 76 for 3 wickets (C. H. Bradley 16, D. A. Connell 34 not out).

STOWE v. OLD STOICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 10th. Stowe won by 6 wickets.

Old Stoics, 109 (N. C. S. Barling 49, J. M. Connell 33, J. N. Buchanan 15; W. R. G. Short 2 for 41, M. D. Cobham 3 for 32, C. C. McNeil 4 for 30). Stowe, 111 for 4 wickets (C. H. Bradley 18, G. J. E. Dixon 19, D. A. Connell 40 not out, D. E. Conington 12).

2ND XI.

Matches played 9; Won 2; Lost 4; Drawn 3.

A rather disappointing season which at one time threatened to be much worse. The main fault of the team was in the batting. The bowling and the fielding were both adequate. Only once, against Harrow, was the bowling collared. But it was too often hopeless to ask the bowlers to operate successfully when the batting had made under fifty runs. There was no excuse for this, and to do them justice, none was offered. But time and again there was a pleasant acquiescence in failure. Towards the end of the season, the team found itself and was able to declare in its last two school matches, having won the toss and batted first. This was much more encouraging and showed what might have been.

Much credit is due to the Captain, M. Birkett (T), who had no luck with the bat, but who captained the side well, bowled with intelligence and was always thinking and trying something new.

The most consistent bowlers beside the Captain were P. H. Molloy (C), M. J. Young (T) and R. D. Steed (C). The last might be a good pace bowler with more accuracy.

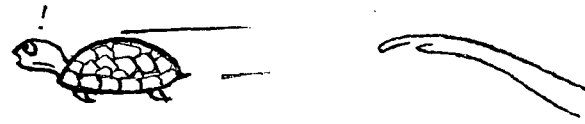
The batting honours go to G. T. Beer (G) who was the only really consistent bat, though M. J. Young made more than one useful score. The fielding honours go to G. L. D. Duckworth (C) and J. M. Shinner (B).

In conclusion, it may be said that it has been enormously pleasant to be associated with the side, in spite of failure, and the writer has enjoyed every minute of his season.

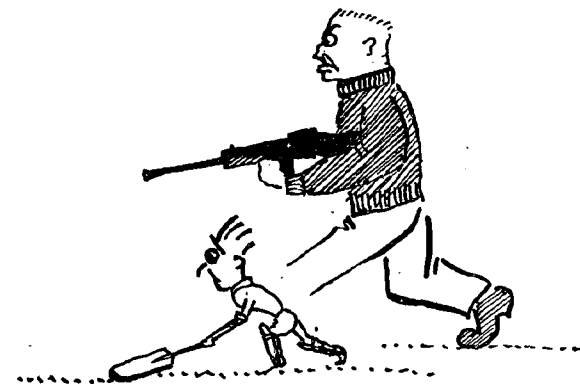
May 19th.	v. BLOXHAM 1ST XI. (Home). Lost.
	Bloxham, 95 (R. J. Roberts 5 for 30).
	Stowe, 77 (Barton 7 for 16).
May 22nd.	v. HARROW (Away). Lost.
	Stowe, 148 for 7 wkts. dec. (M. J. Young 49, R. J. Roberts 35).
	Harrow 153 (Theobald 83 not out).
May 29th.	v. BUCKINGHAM (Home). Won.
	Buckingham, 76 for 7 wkts. dec.
	Stowe, 77 for 9 wkts. (G. T. Beer 46 not out).
June 5th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home). Won.
	Stowe, 117 (Sinclair 6 for 50).
	Berkhamsted, 56 (P. H. Molloy 5 for 8).
June 8th.	v. RADLEY (Home). Lost.
	Stowe, 40 (Kerr 5 for 20).
	Radley, 41 for 2 wkts.
June 10th.	v. OUNDLE (Home). Drawn.
	Oundle, 75 (P. H. Molloy 4 for 21).
	Stowe, 73 for 9 wkts. (Tullis 6 for 16).
June 12th.	v. BEDFORD (Home). Lost.
	Stowe, 43.
	Bedford, 49 for 5 wkts.
June 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away). Drawn.
	Stowe, 145 for 9 wkts. dec. (G. J. E. Dixon 73 not out).
	St. Edward's, 56 for 7 wkts.
June 30th.	v. BRADFIELD (Home). Drawn.
	Stowe, 110 for 5 wkts. dec. (S. B. Lloyd 38 not out).
	Bradfield, 85 for 8 wkts.



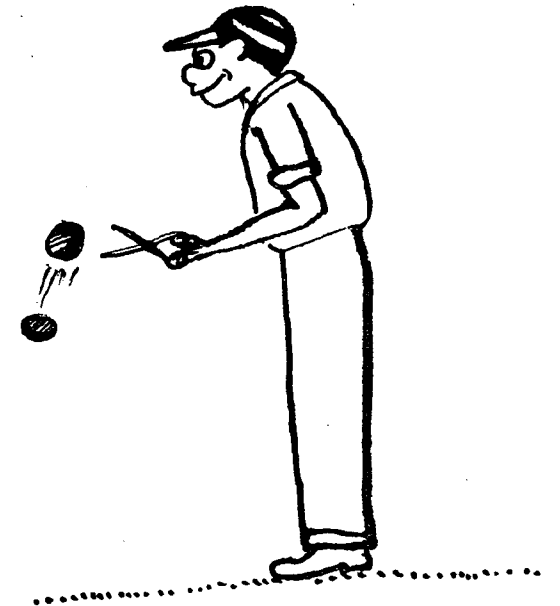
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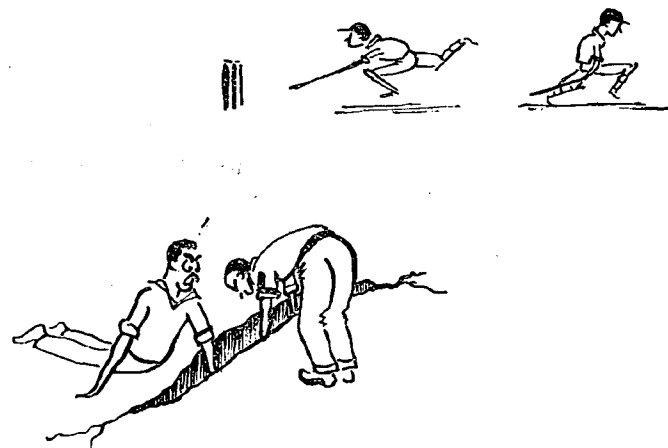
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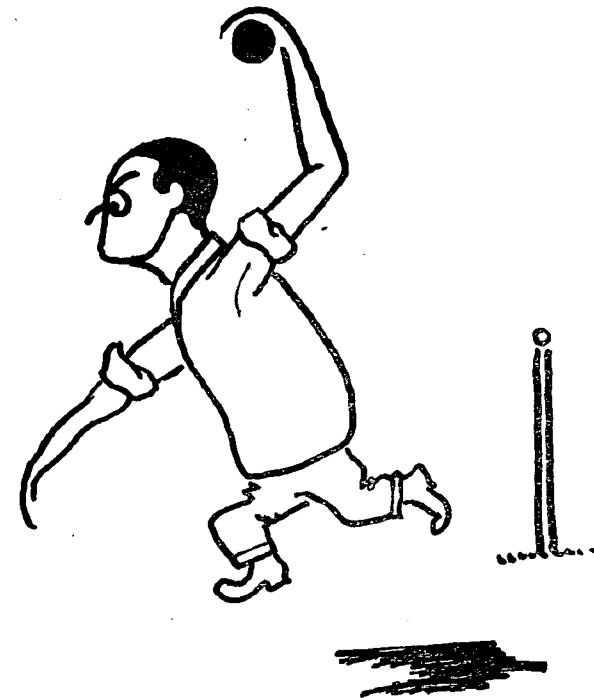
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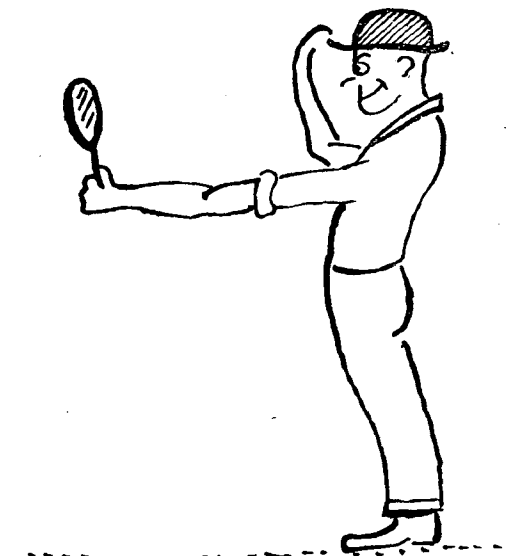
... Cut the ball neatly ...



... scored freely through a gap in the field ...



The bowler had two short legs



The captain put on a new bowler

OBITER CRICK'TER

By A. P. HARRIS (6)

3RD XI.

A record of four draws and two losses is not distinguished, but only a determined spirit saved it from being worse. For apart from Budd, the bowling was never dangerous; none of the batsmen could be relied on; and the fielding, though quite keen, was erratic.

- May 19th. *v.* BLOXHAM 2ND XI. Drawn.
Bloxham, 119 for 8 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 111 for 9 (G. T. Laing 25).
- May 22nd. *v.* HARROW 3RD XI. Drawn.
Harrow, 163 for 9 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 90 for 9 wkts. (J. Charlton 36).
- June 8th. *v.* RADLEY 3RD XI. Drawn.
Radley, 139 for 6 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 96 for 5 wkts. (I. C. McAllester 34 not out, G. T. Laing 30).
- June 12th. *v.* BLAKESLEY. Lost.
Blakesley, 109 (N. Budd 5 for 21, A. H. Salt 4 for 25).
Stowe, 54.
- June 26th. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S 3RD XI. Drawn.
St. Edward's, 136 for 5 wkts. dec. (N. Budd 5 for 37).
Stowe, 119 for 7 wkts. (H. T. Bowles 52).
- July 3rd. *v.* BEDFORD 3RD XI. Lost.
Bedford, 95 (T. R. Lambert 7 for 44).
Stowe, 61.

THE COLTS

For a potentially strong side the results of the season were very disappointing. The team had strong bowling; B. C. Harris (C), H. R. Herrington (C) and J. S. Yates (C) were well above the average as Colts bowlers and generally managed to bowl out opponents cheaply. They were backed up by good if not brilliant fielding and R. Lush (C), who only took up wicket-keeping this term, did his job very well. But however modest a score was set, the team was on most occasions unable to make the runs. This was due to the failure of batsmen, who displayed plenty of strokes in practice games, to attack the bowling in a match. When a really bad ball came along, the anxiety to score was so great that the batsman lost concentration and played some shot worthy of the village green. O. T. Wall (C) was the only consistent batsman, averaging nearly 30; he should do well in the future. There is no reason why these batsmen should not do well next season if they realize that, once they have a sound technique, the secret of making large scores is concentration and determination, a fact that is being amply demonstrated as usual by the Australians this season.

- May 22nd. *v.* HARROW (Away). Drawn.
Stowe, 130 for 9 wkts. dec.
Harrow, 124 for 8 wkts.
- May 29th. *v.* BEDFORD (Away). Lost.
Bedford, 115.
Stowe, 80 (O. T. Wall 35 not out).
- June 3rd. *v.* BRADFIELD (Away). Won.
Bradfield, 117 for 8 wkts. dec. (B. C. Harris 4 for 22).
Stowe, 122 for 8 wkts. (C. C. Malden 55).



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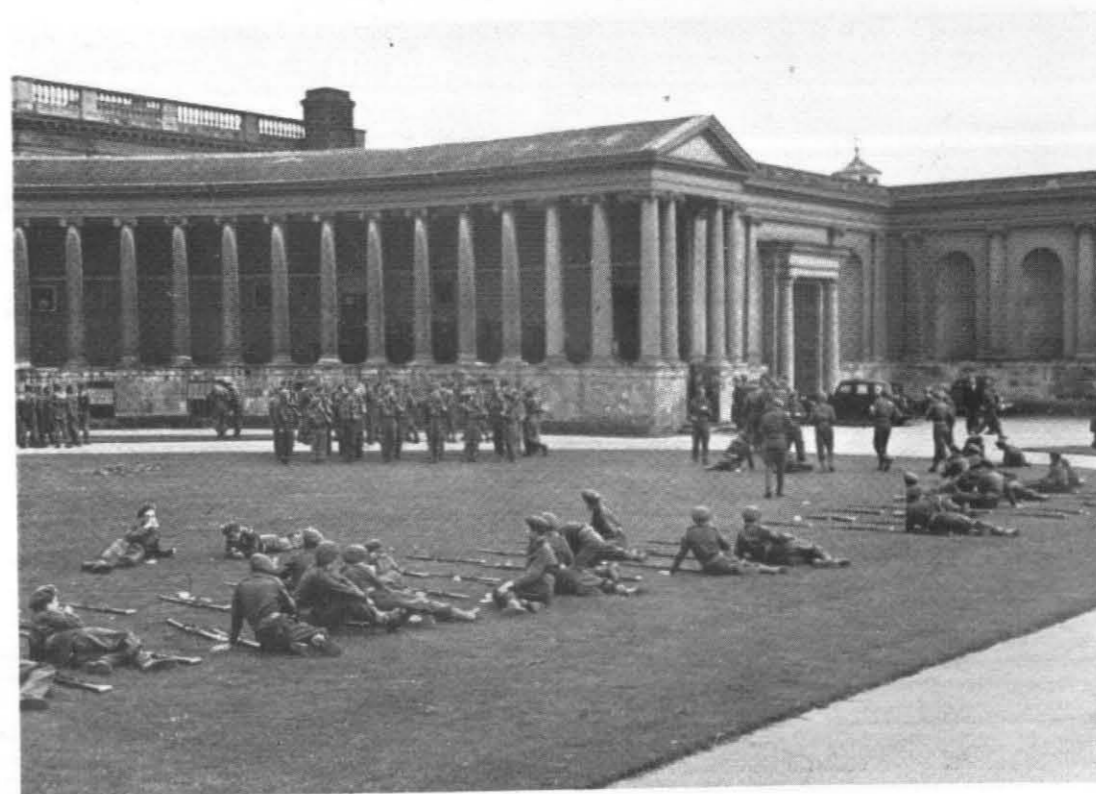


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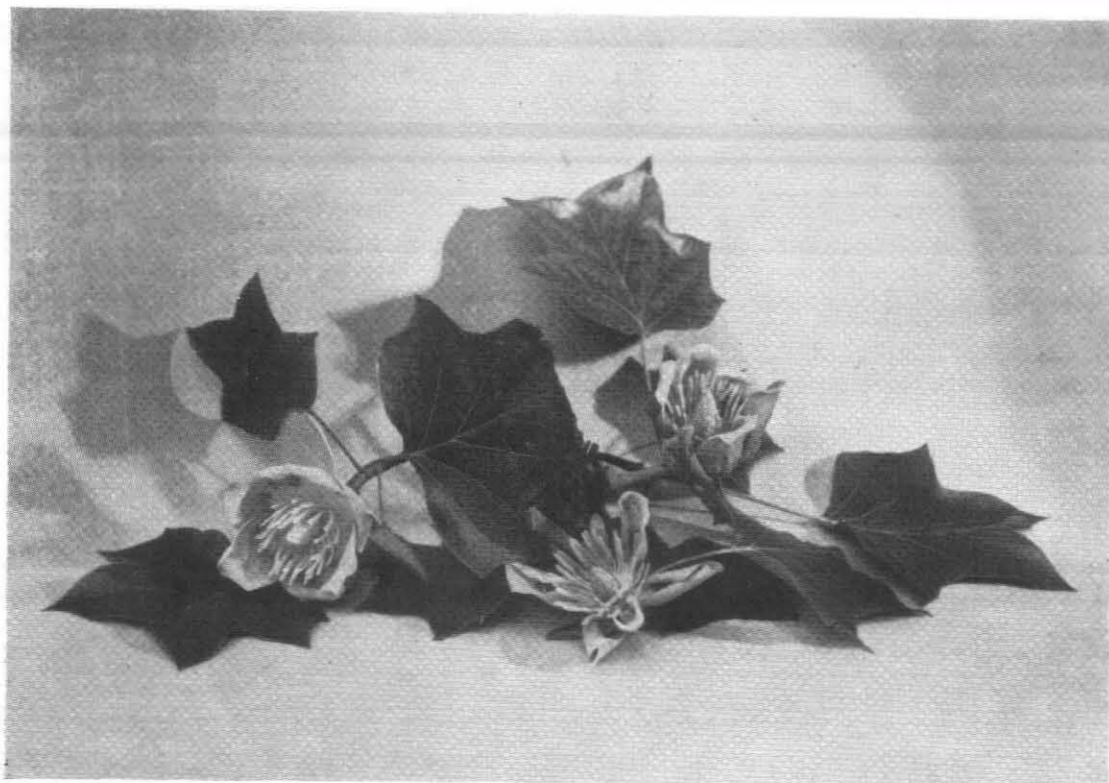


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J.T.C. RECRUITS
OBSTACLE RACE

[M.R.D.G.

- June 8th. v. RADLEY (Away). Lost.
Radley 56 (H. R. Herrington 5 for 11, including hat-trick).
Stowe, 36.
- June 12th. v. BERKHAMSTED (Away). Won.
Berkhamsted, 54 (B. C. Harris 3 for 7, H. R. Herrington 4 for 13).
Stowe, 72 (O. T. Wall 30).
- June 26th. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Lost.
St. Edward's, 134 for 4 wks. dec.
Stowe, 80.
- July 7th. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (Home). Drawn.
Stowe, 103 for 4 wks. dec. (O. T. Wall 41 not out).
Magdalen College School, 60 for 5 wks.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

Results :—Played, 6 ; Won, 3 ; Drawn, 2 ; Lost, 1.

As far as the Junior Colts are concerned, the season has been quite a successful one. Although the first game against Berkhamsted was lost by the narrow margin of five runs, the other games were either won or drawn.

The game against Berkhamsted took place on May 15th, uncomfortably early in the season. Our side was obviously experimental and the match revealed the inadequacy of our wicket-keeping. A. W. Fraser (C) proved himself to be a batsman capable of punishing a loose ball and made 39. Apart from P. G. Harris (C), the captain, all our other batsmen failed, and the result, 75 to 70 in favour of Berkhamsted, was a fitting reflection of the play. A. W. Fraser took 5 wickets for 20.

On May 22nd, a drawn game was played against Harrow. Our opponents batted first and scored 130 for 9 declared. Stowe had scored 99 for 7 when stumps were drawn. Again, too many runs were given away in byes, but it was refreshing to see determined batting. Everyone attempted to go for the runs and the final score of 99 for 7 was a good effort in the right direction. J. M. Hancox (G) caught two splendid catches, as well as sharing in a lucrative partnership with P. G. Harris.

The match against Bedford on May 29th proved to be a very low scoring affair. Bedford batted first and scored 38 only, due to the steady and accurate attack of P. G. Harris and A. W. Fraser, who bowled unchanged, the former having 5 wickets for 21 runs, and the latter 5 for 12. Our batting was only just adequate for the task and our last man was in before the winning hit was made, the side being all out for 41. M. R. J. Forman (C) kept wicket in this game and gave sufficient promise to relieve our anxieties about this particular department.

At Bradfield, on June 3rd, the team gained its most convincing win. Batting first, Stowe scored 137 for 4, A. W. Fraser (44), M. R. J. Forman (49) and M. J. R. Bannister (W) (20 not out) all batting well. Bradfield were then dismissed for 71, the chief agents of destruction being P. G. Harris (3 wickets for 16) and H. R. V. Whitcombe (B) (4 wickets for 28). There was obviously more confidence in the general approach to the game, and the captain received solid support from all.

Radley were defeated on June 8th in a very exciting game. Stowe scored 108, thanks to steady batting by M. J. R. Bannister (30) and M. J. Fenwick (C) (30). Radley had scored 85 for 2 in reply when an inspired spell of bowling by P. G. Harris altered the complexion of the game. Bowling with length and accuracy, he dismissed the remaining batsmen for 17 runs and finished with the splendid analysis of 7 wickets for 20 runs.

Against St. Edward's, on June 26th, we were without A. W. Fraser and H. R. V. Whitcombe, playing for the Colts. St. Edward's batted first and declared at 124 for 7 (M. J. Fenwick 5 for 42). Although we had little time to get the runs, 110 for 7 was made in a spirited effort to beat the clock. M. J. Fenwick batted in a most determined manner for 43 and was ably assisted by P. G. Harris (21) for the third wicket.

In conclusion, be it said that P. G. Harris proved a keen and reliable skipper as well as our most consistent bowler throughout the season. The team supported him well and I hope that their obvious enterprise and enthusiasm will be shown to advantage in future years.

May 15th.	<i>v.</i> BERKHAMSTED. Lost.
	Berkhamsted, 75. Stowe, 70.
May 22nd.	<i>v.</i> HARROW. Drawn.
	Harrow, 130 for 9 wkts. dec. Stowe, 99 for 7 wkts.
May 29th.	<i>v.</i> BEDFORD. Won.
	Stowe, 41. Bedford, 38.
June 3rd.	<i>v.</i> BRADFIELD. Won.
	Stowe, 137 for 4 wkts. dec. Bradfield, 71.
June 8th.	<i>v.</i> RADLEY. Won.
	Stowe, 108. Radley, 102.
June 26th.	<i>v.</i> ST. EDWARD'S. Drawn.
	St. Edward's, 124 for 7 wkts. dec. Stowe, 110 for 7 wkts.

HOUSE CRICKET LEAGUES

The success of last year's Leagues and the enthusiasm which they aroused encouraged the hope that this year's competition would be even better and that a higher standard of cricket would be achieved. For various reasons this hope has been disappointed. The main difficulty has been the lack of continuity of matches, due partly to the weather and partly to the experiment of playing House Matches earlier in the term. These and other interruptions produced a gap of no less than three weeks between rounds 4 and 5 and a fortnight between rounds 5 and 6. In the circumstances it is surprising that any House should have retained an interest in the competition, but many did and there was keen rivalry for a position at the head of the table. No fewer than four houses occupied this position in five rounds and the contribution of the lower leagues was as important as that of the A League teams themselves.

The present position of houses is that Cobham are leading Temple by six points, with two rounds still to play, and Temple have a similar advantage over Grafton. In the middle of the table, Walpole, last year's winners, are a short distance in front of Chandos, who began very well but since have fallen away, and Bruce occupies a position by itself, far behind Chandos but well ahead of the two houses at the bottom. The latter are Chatham and Grenville, Grenville having scored only through its C League and Chatham by a single victory in A and B. The success of Cobham has been due to their intense keenness and discipline and to the remarkably good captaincy of D. S. Paravicini. Temple has played with greater abandon, but their C League has been a model of determination and the will to win.

Individually, though the season began with a hat-trick by R. M. Hinds (W) off his first three balls, there is little outstanding to record. The bowling of W. D. M. Arnott (W) and W. Harwood (C) in A League, of young players like H. J. Montgomery (W) J. G. Soar (C) and R. Cobham (G) in B and C was promising, but did not develop. Batting was generally poor and the high scores of D. P. Thompson (C), B. E. Smith (C) and G. W. Day (C) were due more to weakness of bowling than to stylish or skilful play. There was a great dearth of wicket-keepers, and only E. C. Hardwicke (C), G. R. A. Miskin (W) and J. S. Hunter (C) showed much skill in this direction.

The abiding impression left by the competition has been one of a promising season spoiled by lack of continuity. There has been great keenness to play and matches have in themselves been enjoyable, but the lessons of each round have had to be re-learned in the next.

HOUSE MATCHES

House match results to date have been as follows. The finals are recorded under 'Late News' on p. 160.

Senior—1ST ROUND :—

WALPOLE <i>v.</i> BRUCE.	Bruce won by 8 wickets.
	Walpole, 33 (D. E. Conington 5 for 15, P. M. Dempster 3 for 17). Bruce, 34 for 2 wkts.
GRAFTON <i>v.</i> TEMPLE.	Temple won by 2 wkts.
	Grafton, 48 (M. J. Young 6 for 8). Temple, 49 for 8 wkts. (W. R. G. Short 5 for 18, T. R. Lambert 3 for 26).
CHATHAM <i>v.</i> CHANDOS.	Chatham won by 38 runs.
	Chatham, 76 (G. L. D. Duckworth 39; S. B. Lloyd 6 for 20). Chandos, 38 (R. D. Steed 7 for 16).
GRENVILLE <i>v.</i> COBHAM.	Cobham won by 2 wkts.
	Grenville, 53 (P. H. Molloy 5 for 13). Cobham, 57 for 8 wkts. (M. D. Cobham 6 for 21).

2ND ROUND.

BRUCE <i>v.</i> TEMPLE.	Bruce won, Temple failing to make the runs in time.
	Bruce, 328 for 3 wkts. dec. (D. E. Conington 140, J. F. Conington 130 not out). Temple, 148 for 8 (G. J. E. Dixon 34, M. J. Young 32).
COBHAM <i>v.</i> CHATHAM.	Cobham won by 1 wicket.
	Chatham, 36 (P. H. Molloy 5 for 13). Cobham, 37 for 9 wkts.

Junior—1ST ROUND :—

GRAFTON <i>v.</i> WALPOLE.	Walpole won by 12 runs.
	Walpole, 59 (P. G. Harris 8 for 18). Grafton, 47.
TEMPLE <i>v.</i> BRUCE.	Bruce won by 38 runs.
	Bruce, 71 (D. H. Brassey 7 for 31). Temple, 33 (H. R. V. Whitcombe 5 for 8, D. C. F. Kimber 4 for 12).
COBHAM <i>v.</i> GRENVILLE.	Cobham won by three wickets.
	Grenville, 22 (B. C. Harris 9 for 6). Cobham, 23 for 7 wkts. (P. M. Rossiter 13; S. Pendle 4 for 12).
CHANDOS <i>v.</i> CHATHAM.	Chandos won by 72 runs.
	Chandos, 100 (J. S. Yates 4 for 30, E. R. Griffith 5 for 53). Chatham, 28 (A. W. Fraser 4 for 14).

2ND ROUND :—

CHANDOS v. COBHAM. Cobham won by 2 wickets.

Chandos, 94 (O. T. Wall 28 ; B. C. Harris 5 for 29).

Cobham, 97 for 8 wkts. (P. M. Rossiter 22 ; G. R. T. Sorley 3 for 25).

WALPOLE v. BRUCE. Walpole Won.

Bruce, 61.

Walpole, 124 (M. J. R. Banister 28, C. N. H. Hordern 27 ; H. R. V. Whitcombe 5 for 21).

1ST XI. BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Runs Scored	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Average
D. E. Conington (B) ...	11	251	2	67	27.8
D. A. Connell (G) ...	11	249	2	64	27.6
C. H. Bradly (B) ...	11	223	1	59*	22.3
F. J. Pearce (B) ...	8	77	4	33*	19.2
J. F. Conington (B) ...	11	189	1	44	18.9
O. B. Sayer (T) ...	9	122	2	34*	17.4
R. J. Roberts (C) ...	3	31	1	13*	15.5
G. J. E. Dixon (T) ...	6	52	0	19	8.6
C. C. McNeil (T) ...	7	29	2	12	5.8
W. R. G. Short (C) ...	7	27	0	10	3.8
M. D. Cobham (G) ...	6	13	2	5*	3.25
Also batted :					
M. J. Young (T) ...	3	18	0	13	6.0
S. B. Lloyd (C) ...	3	15	0	9	5.0

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. D. Cobham (G) ...	197	35	508	36	13.9
W. R. G. Short (C) ...	69	14	205	13	15.7
D. A. Connell (G) ...	117	25	327	20	16.35
C. C. McNeil (T) ...	77	3	327	18	18.2
G. J. E. Dixon (T) ...	19	2	80	2	40.0
Also bowled :					
R. J. Roberts (C) ...	5	1	14	1	14.0
M. J. Young (T) ...	7	2	21	1	21.0
S. B. Lloyd (C) ...	12	0	42	1	42.0

Catches :—McNeil, 9 ; J. Conington, 7 ; Connell, 4 ; D. Conington and Short, 3 ; Sayer and Cobham, 2 ; Roberts and Bradly, 1.

Pearce (wicket-keeper) :—Caught, 3 ; stumped, 1.

LAWN TENNIS

We have been in the happy position this year of having no fewer than four of last year's Colours in the VI. With J. W. A. Downing (T, Captain), G. W. Scott (C, Hon. Secretary), N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G) and R. N. Langley (G) still here, only two places in the VI remained to be filled. The choice of the third pair was not easy, for the standard of the 'possibles' was unfortunately much lower than that of the old Colours. Eventually, the last two places were given to D. R. Stickland (B) and T. J. Greenley (W). As it was found difficult to keep ten players continuously employed, it was decided to reduce the 'Ten' to eight, and C. G. H. Wilson (W) and F. A. Ruhemann (C), together with the members of the VI formed the body still somewhat incongruously known as the 'Ten.'

The VI has been as follows (except for one match) :—

First pair :—J. W. A. Downing and N. R. Cunningham-Reid.

Second pair :—G. W. Scott and R. N. Langley.

Third pair :—D. R. Stickland and T. J. Greenley.

Below is given the fixture list arranged for the term, together with the results of the matches already played :—

May 12. v. BRASENOSE COLLEGE (Home).

(Cancelled owing to rain).

May 19. v. ORIEL COLLEGE (Home).

1st v. 1st, 5—7, 6—1, 6—4 ; v. 2nd, 6—1, 6—1 ; v. 3rd, 6—3, 7—5.

2nd v. 1st, 4—6, 6—4, 8—6 ; v. 2nd, 4—6, 6—2, 7—5 ; v. 3rd, 6—3, 4—6, 6—3.

3rd v. 1st, 1—6, 4—6 ; v. 2nd, 4—6, 5—7 ; v. 3rd, 8—6, 7—5.

Stowe won by 6 matches to 3.

May 22. v. MR. NORTHOVER'S VI (Home).

1st v. 1st, 6—3, 6—4 ; v. 2nd, 6—3, 4—6, 3—6 ; v. 3rd, 8—6, 6—2.

2nd v. 1st, 0—6, 6—8 ; v. 2nd, 6—2, 4—6, 3—6 ; v. 3rd, 6—3, 3—6, 6—4.

3rd v. 1st, 1—6, 3—6 ; v. 2nd, 2—6, 4—6 ; v. 3rd, 7—5, 4—6, 6—8.

Mr. Northover's VI won by 6 matches to 3.

May 29. v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON (Away).

(Cancelled owing to rain).

June 5. Glanvill Cup Match at Derby, against BEMROSE SCHOOL and DENSTONE COLLEGE.

STOWE v. BEMROSE.

1st v. 1st, 6—1, 6—0. 2nd v. 2nd, 6—1, 6—0. 3rd v. 3rd, 6—1, 6—1.

STOWE v. DENSTONE COLLEGE.

1st v. 1st, 6—2, 6—1. 2nd v. 2nd, 6—2, 6—5. 3rd v. 3rd, 6—2, 5—6, 3—6.

Denstone beat Bemrose by 3 matches to 0, so that Stowe, having won 5 of the 9 matches played, qualified for the next round.

- June 9. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH (Home).
 1st *v.* 1st, 6—2, 6—1; *v.* 2nd, 6—0, 6—1; *v.* 3rd, 6—1, 6—3.
 2nd *v.* 1st, 6—3, 2—2 (unfinished); *v.* 2nd, 6—4, 6—3; *v.* 3rd, 6—0, 6—0.
 3rd *v.* 1st, 3—6, 7—5, 6—2; *v.* 2nd, 6—1, 4—2 (unfinished); *v.* 3rd, 6—2,
 7—5.
 Stowe won by 7 matches to 0. J. W. A. Downing was absent on this occasion. C. G. H. Wilson took his place.
- June 12. *v.* ETON (Away).
 1st *v.* 1st, 4—6, 6—4, 6—4; *v.* 2nd, 6—2, 12—10; *v.* 3rd, 6—3, 6—2.
 2nd *v.* 1st, 8—10 (unfinished); *v.* 2nd, 6—8, 3—6; *v.* 3rd, 6—2, 4—6, 8—6.
 3rd *v.* 1st, 0—6, 2—6; *v.* 2nd, 2—6, 4—6; *v.* 3rd, 6—4, 6—2.
 Stowe won by 5 matches to 3.
- June 16. *v.* QUEEN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD (Home).
 (Cancelled).
- June 23. LEIGHTON PARK (Away).
 This match had to be cancelled in favour of the Glanvill Cup match played at Stowe against NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL and the LEYS SCHOOL.
 STOWE *v.* LEYS.
 1st *v.* 1st, 4—6, 3—6. 2nd *v.* 2nd, 6—2, 6—1. 3rd *v.* 3rd, 6—0, 6—0.
 STOWE *v.* NORTHAMPTON G.S.
 1st *v.* 1st, 6—3, 8—6. 2nd *v.* 2nd, 6—0, 6—1. 3rd *v.* 3rd, 6—0, 6—2.
 Leys beat Northampton 2—1. Thus Stowe qualified for the semi-final, by winning 5 of the 9 matches played.
- June 26. *v.* GERRARD'S CROSS VI. (Home).
 1st *v.* 1st, 2—6, 4—6; *v.* 2nd, 2—6, 4—6; *v.* 3rd, 6—2, 6—2.
 2nd *v.* 1st, 0—6, 1—6; *v.* 2nd, 12—14, 2—6; *v.* 3rd, 6—4, 6—3.
 3rd *v.* 1st, 4—6, 0—6; *v.* 2nd, 1—6, 4—6; *v.* 3rd, 1—6, 4—6.
 Gerrard's Cross VI won by 7 matches to 2.
- July 3. *v.* MILL HILL (Home).
 July 7. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH (Away).
 July 10. *v.* OLD STOICS (Home).
 July 17. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. (Home).

Thus to date Stowe has only lost to Mr. Northover's VI and to the Gerrard's Cross VI. The former VI included County Players from Northampton, whilst the Gerrard's Cross VI was a strong team brought by the parents of the Captain of Tennis. Mr. Downing played in the 1st Pair, Mrs. Downing and her Berkshire partner formed a Ladies 2nd pair, and incidentally, had comparatively easy wins after their initial duel with the 2nd pair in which the first set went to 26 games; whilst the Captain's brother was a member of the 3rd pair. His sister was a mere spectator, but found an ice and a cooling drink or two some consolation!

On the whole, the first two pairs have played well. J. W. A. Downing's steadiness and N. R. Cunningham-Reid's occasional brilliance made the first pair difficult to beat. G. W. Scott took a long time to find his form and after the promise he showed last

year he has been, perhaps, somewhat disappointing; R. N. Langley, his partner, can play excellent tennis, but is most erratic. The third pair have steadily improved with match practice.

The VI is definitely a strong team for any school and should do well in the Glanvill Cup competition and in Wimbledon Week at the end of term. More decisive volleying is required; there is a tendency to stroke the ball from half-court instead of playing it really hard at the net. And some rather obvious foot-faulting must be eliminated before we play matches which will be umpired.

The outlook for next year is encouraging, for three at least of the present VI will still be here, and there are a few promising juniors in the School.

There are large entries for the Mornington Singles and Doubles Competitions. If it is possible to give the results of these and of Leagues and House-Matches, they will be found among the "Late News."

SWIMMING

This year, for the first time, there is a Swimming Sixteen, and swimmers have been able to form an independent body, and can be largely exempted from House activities. Advantage of this has been taken to train up Juniors, a move which should produce very good results in the future.

The season up to date has been very successful. The School team has won all its matches. The Junior team (under 16) is an innovation, which has, it is hoped, come to stay. If possible, more matches will be arranged for them next year. The School team (seniors) has practised and trained in greater earnest than usual, and the tiresome aspect of preparation, having ceased to be regarded as tiresome, has borne good fruit.

Thanks are due for this to two Captains, C. S. Edwards in 1947, and B. A. Platt (C) this year. Moreover there are signs that the good work will go on. If the Juniors lost a well-contested match against Harrow, it must be remembered that their team of eight contained three substitutes.

The Public Schools Relays, under the auspices of the Bath Club, were held at the Lansdowne House Club in London on Wednesday, June 23rd. The number of schools competing (26) was a record. In their heat Stowe was a very good second to Bedford Modern School, but was not eligible for the semi-finals because they were not one of the two fastest losers out of all the heats. Stowe's time, nevertheless, was faster than that of at least one heat winner, and finally figured eighth in order of speed on the list of the 26 schools. The seven schools who were faster keep up their swimming all the year round.

Water Polo is becoming very popular, and Juniors in many houses are asking for a Junior Tournament. This will probably take place on a voluntary basis, as an experiment, playing four minutes each way instead of the regulation seven. A dashing ignorance and/or disregard of the rules is no reason why as many as possible should not try this game. They will learn very quickly in the water.

June 5th.	v. BERKHAMSTED.	Home.	Won.
	Stowe, 36. Berkhamstead 22.		
June 9th.	v. NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	Away.	Won.
	Stowe 45½. Northampton 32½.		
June 12th.	v. BLOXHAM.	Away.	Won.
	Stowe 48. Bloxham 20.		
June 17th.	v. HARROW.	Home.	Won.
	Stowe 30. Harrow 24.		
June 30th.	v. CRANWELL.	Home.	Won.
	Stowe 44. Cranwell 34.		
July 3rd.	v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.	Home.	Won.
	Stowe 30. Bedford 28.		
July 7th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD.	Away.	Won.
	Stowe 34. St. Edward's 14.		

Stowe has not beaten Bedford Modern for eight years. Seven matches all won is a gratifying record. There has been no time to look back to see if or when the School has had such a good season before. Every swimmer contributed to it and the captaincy has been excellent.

JUNIOR TEAM			
June 3rd.	v. HARROW.	Home.	Lost.
	Stowe 17. Harrow 27.		
July 7th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.	Home.	Lost.
	Stowe 19. Bedford 29.		

P.T. COMPETITION

JULY 5th, 1948. FINAL RESULTS.

House.	Seniors (Max. 1080)	Juniors (Max. 720)	Total	Place
Bruce ...	750	415	1165	1
Temple ...	667	370	1037	5
Grenville ...	627	390	1017	7
Chandos ...	661	370	1031	6
Cobham ...	698	415	1113	3
Chatham ...	696	350	1046	4
Grafton ...	663	459	1122	2
Walpole ...	607	349	956	8

ATHLETICS

ETON v. STOWE

The Stowe team, which was thought to be reasonably strong because of the good all-round standard attained in the School Sports, visited Eton on March 25th. Despite many efforts to engage a third school to make the match a triangular one, it was found necessary to run the meeting as a straight contest, and Eton won it most deservedly by 65 points to 21.

The fine weather, which maintained its earlier form, and the excellent condition of the Eton track (how we all envied it!) combined to produce a most enjoyable afternoon's sport, and the return fixture at Stowe next year is already keenly anticipated.

The highlights of the afternoon from the Stowe point of view were the very good performances of J. D. Lloyd, the captain. He won the first event of the afternoon, the 100 yards, in the excellent time of 10.4 secs.—all three watches agreeing! It was this effort which may have denied him victory in the half-mile a little later, for he could not quite maintain his finishing challenge to the Etonian, A. J. L. Lloyd, who won by two yards in 2 mins. 6 secs. At the end of the afternoon, Lloyd produced the only other Stowe victory by winning the High Jump at 5ft. 4ins.

Other noteworthy Stowe performances were P. B. W. Pumfrey's Long Jump of 18ft. 4ins., which was beaten by the last leap of Eton's first string, and the sprinting of C. H. Bradley and Pumfrey in the relay.

For our defeat we must make no excuses. Rather let the junior Stoics determine to put in some real training and learn some techniques. It may take a year or two; but we must put Stowe athletics back on the map.

Results:—

100 Yards.—1, J. D. Lloyd (B); 2, Eton; 3, Eton. Time, 10.4 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Eton; 2, Eton; 3, D. E. Bode (C). Time, 16.6 secs.

Putting the Weight.—1, Eton; 2, Eton; 3, W. R. G. Short (C). Distance, 36ft. 10½ ins.

Long Jump.—1, Eton; 2, P. B. W. Pumfrey (C); 3, P. G. Shinner (B). Distance 19ft. 11¼ ins.

880 Yards.—1, Eton; 2, J. D. Lloyd (B); 3, Eton. Time, 2 mins. 6 secs.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, Eton; 2, Eton; 3, W. R. G. Short (C).

440 Yards.—1, Eton; 2, Eton; 3, C. H. Bradley (B). Time, 53.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. D. Lloyd (B); 2, Eton; 3, Eton. Height, 5ft. 4ins.

One Mile.—1, Eton; 2, Eton; 3, Eton. Time, 4 mins. 46.5 secs.

Relay.—1, Eton; 2, Stowe. Time, 1 min. 37.3 secs.

RELAY RACES 1948

The House Relay Competition was run off on Easter Monday, and despite lowering clouds which at one time had threatened to cause a postponement, the programme was completed without interruptions. The house spirit came to the fore and there was possibly more general enthusiasm displayed than on Sports Day itself.

The competition was won by Bruce as had been expected; but it was by no means a runaway victory, for Grafton were close challengers all the time and finished only seven points behind. It was interesting to note the differing tactics of the teams concerned. These were largely dictated by the supply of all-round athletes. Chandos, for instance, finding themselves with a surfeit of good sprinters, entered them all for the 220 Yards, and won it handsomely. Others, notably Grafton, who won no single event, were able to spread the load so evenly over their available athletes that they did well in all the events.

The results were as follows:—

	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.	Time.
100 Yards ...	7	2	6	1	3	4	5	0	47.8 secs.
Hurdles ...	7	2	3	5	4	0	6	1	54.7 secs.
220 Yards ...	6	1	5	7	0	3	4	2	1 min. 41.5 secs.
440 Yards ...	7	1	4	5	3	2	6	0	3 mins. 54.8 secs.
880 Yards ...	5	3	2	0	1	4	6	7	9 mins. 13.6 secs.
Composite ...	7	4	1	0	3	6	5	2	4 mins. 1 sec.
Total ...	39	13	21	18	14	19	32	12	
Position ...	1	7	3	5	6	4	2	8	

BOXING

On February 28th, the School boxing championships were held in the gymnasium. These were the climax to two weeks of eliminating bouts, and in both the finals and eliminators it was noted with surprise that, although the school curriculum allowed only a minimum of time for training, the standard was extremely high. There were almost no dull fights in the entire competition, and plenty of dash and fire was in evidence.

The remaining winners of the competition of two years ago, R. A. Padmore (C) (bantam), R. F. Proctor (G) (feather) and M. Doyle (C) (welter), all won titles again, while younger talent was exposed in the lightest weights, the fight between G. W. A. Kent (C) and P. B. Ransom (C) being a case in point. J. Spencer Chapman (C) showed up well in the welterweight, but had to withdraw before the finals.

There was a very large number of entries, 65, and this was perhaps the most encouraging part of the competition. It may be hazarded that from the material now in the school could be picked a team capable of holding its own with any school in the country.

Many thanks are due to the officials, without whose enthusiasm and interest the competition would have been not only less successful, but perhaps impossible.

Final Results:—

Flyweight—M. Davis (T) beat R. C. Withinshaw (C) on points.

Bantamweight—G. W. A. Kent (C) beat P. B. Ransom (C) on points.

Featherweight—J. W. A. Downing (T) beat J. R. Tattersall-Wright (W) on points.

Lightweight—R. F. Proctor (G) beat A. J. Campbell (C) on points.

Welterweight—D. I. R. Jenkins (G) beat D. W. Ash (G) on points.

Middleweight—R. A. Padmore (C) beat J. J. Wheatley (C) on points.

Cruiserweight—A. T. W. Innes (T) beat G. N. Beveridge (C) on points.

Heavyweight—M. Doyle (C) beat T. P. Grossmark (C); stopped in third round.

Judges—A. B. E. Gibson, M. Lee. *Referee*—N. C. Fischer. *Ringside Matron*—Miss Milner. *Announcer*—S. P. Ball.

M.D.

FENCING

There have been two matches this term. The first, held at Stowe on Saturday, May 15th, was against St. Paul's, who were victorious by 19 fights to 8. Stowe was defeated in all three weapons—foil 1—8, épée 3—6 and sabre 4—5.

The second match, against the Oxford University Assassins, was fenced at Oxford on Saturday, June 12th. Although Stowe once again suffered defeat, it was by the considerably narrower margin of 11 wins to 16. The foil and épée were lost 2—7 and 3—6 respectively, but the sabre was won by 6 victories to 3.

As the results show, foil is undoubtedly Stowe's greatest weakness; our fighters have always lacked the style and speed displayed by their opponents in this weapon. The team for both matches consisted of I. V. de Wesselow (C), D. J. Wilkin (C), D. G. J. Gordon-Dean (W) and P. C. Paisley (W). Of these, Gordon-Dean was once again the most successful.

The house matches and individual competitions were fenced off at the end of last term. Walpole succeeded in retaining the house cup, which they had won the previous year. The Senior foil was won by Gordon-Dean and the open épée and sabre by de Wesselow. C. J. Cleugh (W) won the junior foil for the second time.

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LATE NEWS

CRICKET

SENIOR HOUSE MATCH FINAL

BRUCE *v.* COBHAM. Bruce won by 6 wickets.

Cobham.—1st innings : 150 (G. W. Scott 29, R. J. Roberts 22, D. P. Thompson 30, H. F. Cotton 14, J. Brown Smith 12 ; H. R. V. Whitcombe 4 for 31, P. M. Dempster 3 for 61).

2nd innings : 98 (G. W. Scott 46, R. J. Roberts 13, J. Charlton 13 ; P. M. Dempster 3 for 21, D. E. Conington 4 for 8).

Bruce.—1st innings : 207 (C. H. Bradly 38, J. F. Conington 117 ; P. H. Molloy 3 for 103, W. Harwood 6 for 32).

2nd innings : 43 for 4 wkts. (C. H. Bradly 13, J. F. Conington 14 not out ; W. Harwood 3 for 21).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCH FINAL

COBHAM *v.* WALPOLE. Cobham won by 46 runs.

Cobham.—1st innings : 146 (A. P. Ledger 28, H. R. Herrington 30, J. P. D. Heyward 16, B. C. Harris 13, J. S. Hunter 13, K. H. Nicholson 14 ; W. D. Wright 2 for 44, H. J. Goodhart 2 for 28, R. M. Hinds 3 for 35, M. J. R. Bannister 3 for 28).

2nd innings : 82 (H. R. Herrington 16, J. P. D. Heyward 18, B. C. Harris 10, P. M. Rossiter 10 ; R. M. Hinds 6 for 27, M. J. R. Bannister 2 for 20).

Walpole.—1st innings : 93 (M. J. R. Bannister 28, R. M. Hinds 18, C. N. H. Hordern 17 ; B. C. Harris 2 for 22, H. R. Herrington 3 for 49, R. Lush 3 for 10).

2nd innings : 84 for 9 wkts. (when the time limit was up) (R. M. Hinds 15, M. D. Beck 36 ; B. C. Harris 2 for 14, H. R. Herrington 5 for 26, R. Lush 2 for 26).

TENNIS

- July 3. STOWE beat MILL HILL at Stowe by 8 matches to 1.
- July 7. STOWE beat WELLINGBOROUGH in the return (away) match by 5 matches to 3. The usual 2nd and 3rd pairs were unable to play and their places were taken by C. H. G. Wilson (W) and F. A. Ruhemann (C) (2nd pair), and R. C. S. Page (C) and J. R. J. Burnham (T) (3rd pair).
- July 10. The 1ST VI beat the OLD STOICS 1ST VI by 5 matches to 2. The 2ND VI beat the OLD STOICS 2ND VI by 9 matches to 0. The 2nd VI was as follows :—C. H. G. Wilson (W) and R. C. S. Page (C), J. R. J. Burnham (T) and J. R. Lindgren (B), O. L. Rodgers (C) and I. V. de Wesselow (C).

Tennis Leagues were won by Cobham, Bruce being runners-up.

In the final House Match, Bruce beat Grenville, the holders, 3—2.

