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WE doubt if many people have sufficiently strong convictions to wish to emulate Gulliver's Lilliputians, who chose to endure exile rather than break their eggs at the little end. They do seem to have carried things to extremes, but everyone has fetiches and idiosyncrasies of some sort which he would not dream of abandoning. We have, for example, witnessed long, serious, and apparently insoluble arguments between one who wore his pyjama-jacket inside the trousers and another who wore it outside. The Shirts Outside Waistcoats Society is luckily not a force in this land, nor do many of us have to determine on which side of the blanket to keep the beard; we would ask you, however, as an experiment, to try holding a cup of tea in your left hand and a biscuit in your right: the Mad Hatter could not do worse. You have fallen into a habit as inescapable as it is indefensible.

Those of you who were christened Ralph are victims of the same sort of thing, for, whether you call yourself Rafe or Ralf, it goes against the grain to be addressed by the wrong one.

“ True, I talk of dreams,
Which are the children of an idle brain
Begot of nothing but vain fantasy.”

But such dreams catch you unawares; before you realize it they have taken hold of your soul; be warned by us. Think, before it is too late, if you wear your tie over or under your pullover. (House Colours, invariably worn outside, do not count.) Break the habit while you can. Part your hair on the right or in the centre, call yourself Colquhoun without rhyming it with bassoon, put your trousers on upside down and your hat inside out. Variety is the spice of life.

THE HEADMASTERSHIP

On March 4th, 1949, it was announced that the Governors of the School had appointed to the Headmastership Mr. E. V. Reynolds of Rugby School.

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School Officials—Easter Term, 1949.

Prefects :—M. D. Cobham (G), Head of the School ; C. H. Bradly (B), Second Prefect ; W. R. G. Short (S), Prefect of Gymnasium ; G. L. D. Duckworth (Q), Prefect of Chapel ; C. H. Bartlett (S), Prefect of Library ; R. J. Roberts (C) ; J. F. Marsden (W) ; J. L. Paxton (C) ; A. T. W. Innes (T) ; D. E. Conington (B) ; J. F. Conington (B) ; G. W. Scott (C).

Athletics :—Captain, C. H. Bradly (B).

Cross-Country :—Captain, W. R. G. Short (S).

Hockey :—Captain, G. L. D. Duckworth (Q).

Squash :—Captain, N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G).

Mr. E. V. Reynolds, who will become Headmaster of Stowe in September, is forty-four years of age and a bachelor. For some twenty years he has been on the staff at Rugby, and recently it has been his task there to re-start Stanley House, which had been requisitioned during the war ; previously he had commanded the Rugby J.T.C. In 1926-7 he was for a year Lecturer in English at the University of Leipzig, and he has also spent a year at Upper Canada College, Toronto. Academically, his main subjects are Modern Languages and English. He is an Old Haileyburian and was a Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—On Sunday, February 27th, the Rev. E. Knapp-Fisher, Chaplain of Cuddesdon College, Oxford ; on Sunday, March 20th, the Rev. John Phillips.

Chapel Collections have been as follows :—December 12th, for the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, £24 4s. 8d. ; January 23rd, for the Pineapple, £21 18s. 11d. ; February 20th, for the Returned British Prisoners of War Association, £27 12s. 6d. ; March 13th, for St. Dunstan's, £25 11s. 0d.

M. Thill, a very welcome visitor, has improved the French of many of us this term ; and Mr. A. W. Andrew has ably 'substituted' for Mr. Hart Dyke, who has been absent for the term.

An Old Stoic Dinner was held in Edinburgh on Friday, January 7th, and was attended by the Headmaster.

The annual Cambridge Old Stoic Dinner was held on Wednesday, March 2nd. Dr. Huggins was the guest from Stowe and was accompanied by the Headmaster and Mr. Capel Cure. About 35 Old Stoics were present.

R. G. Macmillan (C) represented the Scottish Schoolboys against the English Schoolboys at Richmond on December 31st. He also passed first in the written examination for the R.M.A., Sandhurst, last October.

The Summer Term begins on Tuesday, May 3rd, and ends on Wednesday, July 27th.

Representative Colours for Squash have been awarded to J. F. Conington (B) and D. E. Conington (B).

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to the following : W. R. G. Short (S), P. J. R. Hubert (S), C. J. S. Marler (S), O. T. Wall (C), P. E. Leslie (Q), J. P. de R. Richardson (T).

School Colours for Hockey have been awarded to :—R. L. Cook (C), J. A. van B. Bik (C), G. W. Scott (C), R. D. Miskin (T), G. R. T. Sorley (C), J. W. A. Downing (T), W. J. Grice (T), D. J. C. Makins (C), P. D. Stern (W).

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. CAIGER-SMITH (T) was awarded a Foundation Scholarship in History at King's College, Cambridge, in December.
- P. G. POWERS (Q) was awarded an Exhibition in History at Magdalen College, Oxford, in December.
- J. N. W. BRIDGES-ADAMS (G) was awarded a Wells Bible-Clerkship in History at Oriel College, Oxford, in January.
- J. D. NIGHTINGALE (Q) has been elected to an Organ Scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford.

OLIM ALUMNI

P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) has been appointed Captain of the British team which is to contest the Walker Cup in August of this year at the Winged Foot Golf Club, near New York.

In January, he also had the distinction of winning the President's Putter at Rye. The following account of Lucas's play is re-printed, with permission, from *The Times* of Monday, January 10th.

"P. B. Lucas won the President's Putter at Rye yesterday, beating R. H. Wethered in the final round by four and three. Thus the roll of winners receives a new name, without which it would certainly not be complete.

"In a very strong field Lucas has for four days been unquestionably the strongest golfer. He has fought his way through the hardest part of the draw and though he has had, as was inevitable, his uncomfortable moments he has never in the end been severely pressed. I have seen him drive farther, but never so straight. The occasional wild hit over the head of long-off or long-on was conspicuously absent, his iron play was of the highest class, and his putting, except on the last day, when he was naturally a little over-anxious, was eminently sound. Wethered, who is now 50, did nobly to reach the final, and showed, as ever, his splendid power of fighting.

"Both semi-finals were marked by exciting fluctuations. Particularly dramatic was that between Lucas and J. J. F. Pennink. Up to the turn there was only one in it, Lucas, who was five up. Suddenly the tide turned. Pennink began to play fine, accurate second shots to the green and Lucas to take three putts. Four successive holes vanished in the twinkling of an eye. The 14th is a short hole, and here was a heaven-sent opportunity for Pennink to put his ball on the green and leave his enemy to go after it. He failed, however, Lucas took his chance, got his 3 to be two up, and the great pursuit was over. Lucas won pulling up at the 16th.

"Lucas's golf in the final was wholly magnificent, except for some short putts missed. But for them he might have murdered his adversary. As it was, he never looked likely to lose. The match began with four halved holes, Lucas being robbed by a stymie at the long fourth when he had laid a lovely chip almost dead. He won the fifth in a 2, missed a short putt to win the sixth, and lost the seventh, where Wethered had a good 3. All-square again, but it was for the last time. Lucas won the eighth in a perfect 4, laid his pitch dead for a 3 at the ninth, and won the 10th, where Wethered took three putts from the edge of the green. That was three up and, barring miracles, all was now over. Wethered did get a hole back with a 4 at the 12th, but Lucas returned unperturbed to the attack and the end, tranquilly and with no pain, on the 15th green.

"To revert to Saturday's play. There was much interesting golf, but Lucas put all the others in the shade. First of all he beat L. G. Crawley by 4 and 3, a fine performance, but not quite so alarming as it sounds, because Crawley had a bad day. He drove and putted well enough, but his iron shots to the green, as a rule of a truly professional accuracy, kept fading away to the right and could not be induced to reform themselves. Lucas was pulled down from three up to only one up at the turn, but the crisis soon passed and he re-asserted himself to win with comfort.

"After luncheon, against poor Beck, who really played very well, Lucas cut loose from all restraint. Here is his score for the first nine holes, starting at the 10th—4, 3, 3, 5, 2, 4, 3, 3, 5, and it was done in strong wind with flurries of cold rain. Moreover, his 5 at the Sea hole arose only from excess of magnificence, he drove too far into a bunker in the hillside. It was golf not to be withstood."

D. A. McL. CONNELL (G, 1948) on passing out of the R.A.C. O.C.T.U. at Mons Barracks, Aldershot, on February 3rd, 1949, was awarded the Baton of Honour.

A. M. QUINTON (T, 1943) has been awarded a First Class in the Final Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, at Oxford.

A. R. BARROWCLOUGH (G, 1942) gained a First Class in the Final Honour School of Jurisprudence (Shortened Examination) at Oxford in December 1948.

G. P. LLOYD (B, 1945) represented Cambridge in the University Sports on March 12th. He finished third in the Quarter-Mile.

BIRTHS

To the wife of J. C. BARTHOLOMEW (C, 1938), on January 3rd, a daughter; to the wife of H. A. HELLAWELL (C, 1935), on December 23rd; a daughter; to the wife of J. J. HARTLAND-SWANN (B, 1926), on February 19th, a son; to the wife of P. J. DE HAVILLAND (C, 1930), on March 8th, a daughter; to the wife of M. S. ADAMS (B, 1939), on January 16th, a son; to the wife of CAPTAIN W. W. CHEYNE, M.B.E. (C, 1938), on December 30th, a son; to the wife of B. A. STEWART (C, 1938), on November 19th, a son; to the wife of CAPTAIN G. A. DICK-LAUDER (C, 1935), on January 5th, a daughter; to the wife of C. L. H. DENNIS (C, 1935), on December 3rd, a son; to the wife of THE HON. A. C. GEDDES, M.C. (B, 1928), on December 3rd, a son; to the wife of R. O. M. WILLIAMS (G, 1935), on December 9th, a daughter; to the wife of J. H. DE LAVIS-TRAFFORD (G, 1936), on January 24th, a daughter; to the wife of J. P. GRUNDY (C, 1938), on January 12th, a son; to the wife of CAPTAIN P. R. H. HASTINGS (T, 1939), on January 28th, a daughter; to the wife of R. A. O. HENNIKER-MAJOR (B, 1935), on January 24th, a son; to the wife of O. E. CRASTER (C, 1933), on January 22nd, a daughter; to the wife of DR. A. E. DE LA T. MALLETT (B, 1935), on February 18th, a son; to the wife of G. W. PIRIE (G, 1937), on February 23rd, a daughter; to the wife of A. E. CHESHIRE (B, 1927), on December 18th, a son; to the wife of MAJOR W. P. LUNN-ROCKLIFFE (C, 1936), on December 5th, a son; to the wife of B. D. STOPFORD (C, 1940), on February 21st, a son; to the wife of J. M. E. CLARKSON (G, 1939), on April 20th, 1947, a son; to the wife of DR. R. H. MARTEN (G, 1939), on December 1st, a son; to the wife of J. B. SUMNER (C, 1940), on August 20th, 1948, a son; to the wife of MAJOR J. T. B. NOTLEY, D.S.O. (B, 1933), on January 25th, a son; to the wife of R. D. R. LYCETT GREEN (T, 1942), on February 12th, a daughter; to the wife of A. C. R. ALBERY, M.C. (G, 1935), on November 27th, a son; to the wife of P. L. C. BRODIE (C, 1931), on January 26th, a son.

MARRIAGES

R. LAW (B, 1936) to Miss A. E. Mackintosh, on January 15th; J. G. V. BURNS (G, 1942) to Miss D. P. Wilby, on February 26th; I. A. P. RUMSEY, D.S.C. (G, 1942) to Miss M. J. Arthur, on February 19th; J. C. PFISTER (C, 1932) to Miss M. J. Silley, on February 26th; MAJOR I. C. S. MUNRO (B, 1937) to Miss P. P. S. Croker, on January 8th; E. R. FARNELL-WATSON (C, 1932) to Mrs. B. Opperman, on December 16th; A. SHAW (C, 1938) to Miss J. A. Knight on December 11th; THE HON. D. C. GEDDES (T, 1934) to Miss G. Meyer Brunn, on December 31st; J. M. STOWERS (C, 1937) to Miss M. Albaster, on December 10th; G. R. C. PEATFIELD (T, 1931), to Miss R. B. Wilson Hall, on November 20th; J. S. DAWES, M.C. (B, 1941) to Miss K. J. Mitchell, on February 28th; A. D. A. M. FOUNTAINE (C, 1934) to Miss A. Senior, on March 26th; A. D. WALKER (G, 1937) to Miss V. Elliot, on February 26th; M. E. N. TOOTH (G, 1944) to Miss E. Iveson, on December 11th; T. S. A. LACK (G, 1942) to Miss D. M. Holman, on February 16th; MAJOR G. I. THWAITES (B, 1934) to Mrs. M. D. B. Salvesen, on February 22nd; C. M. BEVAN (W, 1940) to Miss P. Bedford, on December 18th.

DEATHS

MAJOR J. H. A. CARTER, R.A.S.C. (C, 1931), at Kuwait, Arabia, in June 1948.
 P. R. TOOVEY (C, 1942), in December, 1948.
 LIEUTENANT J. C. B. BREMNER, R.N. (C, 1943), on January 1st, 1949.

DECORATIONS

M.B.E.

J. C. CATER (G, 1931).

B.E.M.

A. P. DEWING (C, 1946).

The Citation for the British Empire Medal awarded to A. P. Dewing in the New Year Honours includes the following:—"During the Somali-Italian riots in Mogadiscio on 11th January 1948, he displayed coolness and initiative under difficult circumstances and was responsible for the evacuation of wounded Italians, who, if he had made a mistake, would undoubtedly have been murdered by Somalis."

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

423a, EDGWARE ROAD,
LONDON, W.2.

11th March, 1949.

To the Editor, *The Stoic*.

SIR,

Two major events have so far held our interest this session.

The first was the twenty-first anniversary celebration held on January 8th when everyone joined in the effort to make it the great success it was. Over 300 people were present including many Old Stoics. We were greatly indebted to Mr. Clifford, the Bursar, Dr. Huggins and members of the London Committee for their assistance in many ways. The Headmaster made a special journey from Scotland to be present and to make his speech, and this was especially appreciated. Guests included the Mayors of Paddington and St. Marylebone and others concerned with the well-being of the Club. Old Club Boys present included foundation members of the original "Pineapple." It certainly was a celebration worthy of the occasion.

Boxing is the second thing which has dominated our activities recently. Under the direction of Dennis MacCarthy and other Old Boys of the Club much more time has been given to boxing, and all our efforts were rewarded last week when three of our boys managed to reach the finals of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs' boxing competitions held at the Albert Hall. One of the boys—Fred Lambert—won his bout. This is the first time for fourteen years that any of the boys have got through to the finals and seventeen years since one won his fight. We have certainly got a kick out of the Federation boxing this year.

I regret that the football season has not been so successful as we anticipated. Several causes have contributed to this—the latest being the present flu epidemic.

Our visit to Stowe will not be made until this letter has gone to press, but to judge by the number of applications made the party seems likely to be as large as usual.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE (*Warden*).

STOWE APPARITIONS

Stowe is the home of certain departed spirits who, for reasons unknown to mortal Stoics, still haunt the scene of their several tragedies. They will continue to do so until all time comes to an end, unless the Chaplain sees fit to exorcise them and release them from their eternal duties.

Many years ago, there were two knaves in Buckingham who dared to poach the Stowe domains. Unhappy men! They were apprehended by the game-keepers, and waited upon the terrible justice of my Lord. As the morning gave place to midday, the ugly truth dawned upon the poachers' wretched wives. In deep humility they besought his Lordship of his charity to give them back their husbands in time for dinner. He gave his word . . . and kept it. The two poachers were hanged from a tree in the Armoury Field, and their bodies thrown into a chest, which was duly presented to the over-confident wives . . . in time for dinner. The spectres of these unlucky men still haunt the scene of their execution.

When the night is calm, and the moon full, the mists rising from the lake swirl together into the form of a Jacobite gentleman, who glides along the South Front, by the edge of the grass. Then a puff of breeze dispels the vapours, and the mists recede into the lake.

An ancient chapel once stood on the site of Chatham, and the floor of it was three feet lower than the present floor of Chatham. This region is the domain of yet another wraith, who at certain times walks through what is now the house-room with his chest above the floor, carrying his head under his arm. Presumably his feet rest on the previous floor, but who knows?

If the reader is disinclined to believe the veracity of the occult happenings here laid before him, let him venture forth next Hallowe'en, and see for himself. The writer did . . . and nothing happened.

R.J.M-H.

SONNET

When with its glaze sour age shall dull your eye,
When you shall rest beneath your heap'd-up care,
When gasping on your bed of pain you lie,
When neither wit nor wealth your burdens bear;
When you delight no more in joyful youth
But huddle to the hearth to gain some heat,
When you no more can realise the truth
That man is born to live, that life is sweet;
When Winter is but torture, Summer sad,
When songs are all offensive to your ear,
When caution seems outworn, adventure mad,
When hope is hopeless, faith gives way to fear;
When these things are, as they are sure to be,
Muse upon what has been and think of me.

B.F.B.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

We were a happy family, small and contented, and well pleased with our lot. There were just myself and my parents and sixteen brothers and sisters and Robert. I must tell you about Robert. He was the black mole of the family. My father would often shake his head at him, and sigh: "One of these days you'll come to a terrible end, get eaten by a cat or something unthinkable like that." My father used to work hard at his job. He would leave our house—"The Burrow" we called it—at 8 o'clock regularly. He was the most conscientious shrew-mouse I have ever met. He would never be late at work. He was a doorman at the big new hole-city they were making down in the dell. He supervised the food burrow or something like that. Because he was late home at nights and my mother was out a great deal working for the Conserving Party, Robert was attended to much less than he should have been. He was adventurous. I said that he'd got worms, but Mother reproved me for saying such an indelicate thing. I could have bitten off my claws in shame. However, I am digressing; but Robert digressed further. He played truant at school and explored the uphill grasses. He even got his fur wet by falling off a large pebble by the river. Twice he was nearly run down on the main road by a cow, but as always he lived to tell the tale. My mother would warn him about hawks, but Robert would laugh. "No bureaucrat will ever catch me." Wouldn't they?

One night, after Robert had wandered hundreds of yards away and had been basking in the Corn-Field, my Mother was especially angry. My Father was subdued, but I could tell by the way that his whiskers had become unwaxed that he was greatly distressed. Robert apologised and meekly went off to his tunnel, but out through the ventilation shaft he saw a winking star. It grinned. It beckoned. It summoned. When the burrow was quiet and nothing could be heard but the great clock ticking in the hall, Robert crept out to the front hole. The night was cool and inviting. Smells of hay and rustling grasses came to hasten the beat of his yearning heart. He succumbed. Running out amongst the grass-rows, pausing but to drink from a near-by dew-drop, Robert wandered in great glee. But the night was quiet. Nothing stirred and the light was dim. The shadow of a huge elm-tree cast its sombre black over the little byway along which Robert trotted. Suddenly a sound of swishing air was heard. Robert stopped. His heart beat like his wrist-watch, new from Furworths. Again the swishing. Robert shrugged his shoulders and went on. Then again the swishing. Robert stopped again and looked fearfully at the sky behind from under his paw. Suddenly a huge bat swept down with bared teeth and beady, lustful eyes. A vast creature, black and powerful. A creature built to kill, and to kill Robert. This fact struck Robert somewhat forcibly. He uttered a terrified squeak (his voice hadn't broken yet) and ran as fast as all four legs could move. "Bother Exploration" thought the practical mouse as, relentlessly swooped upon by the bat, he dodged for home.

I was sitting at the front hole smoking a last pipe after a late party, when I was amazed to see a terrified Robert streak in and giving me a hurt look tear off to bed. In came Dad a minute later, folding his coat and umbrella. There was a twinkle in his eye.

A.K.T.

A PANTOUM ON THE 'JOYS' OF WINTER

(offered by Side Nine)

A January morn has come—
The silver Sun on the Snow—
A frost on the land so numb
And the Rooks wheel to and fro.

The silver Sun on the Snow—
A spot where the Rabbits run,
And the rooks wheel to and fro
Hunting for scraps in the Sun.

A spot where the Rabbits run
'Neath the trees where some hungry beast,
Hunting for scraps in the Sun,
Wishes, in vain, for a feast.

'Neath the trees where some hungry beast,
Perhaps with its young to feed,
Wishes, in vain, for a feast
Until by cold Death it is freed.

J.R.T.S.

MY CAMEL

Have I ever told you about the time I bought a camel? There, I knew that would make you read this article. I can just see you now as you read this—perhaps you are a 15-year-old Stoic who has not yet discovered that your school magazine is not really worth buying; or perhaps you are a more senior Stoic, a monitor, perhaps even a prefect, hastily racing through this number to see if that wonderful poem or screamingly funny article which you wrote the other night in prep. has been published. I can imagine you saying as you see this article, "Good Heavens, if G.L.D.D. has got something about his camel in, my thing's bound to be around somewhere," so off you go, tearing through the pages to see if those initials or that *nom-de-plume* are anywhere to be seen. Maybe, though, you are one of that odd tribe, the Stowe Masters, reading *The Stoic* because it happens to be lying in the Mess. You probably feel that you ought to see if your name is mentioned anywhere, perhaps in the account of that Masters' match, or the minutes of that Society to which you read a paper, or merely the announcement of your marriage. Maybe you are (yes, I'm coming to the camel in a minute)—maybe you are an Old Stoic who was fool enough to have four guineas in your pocket at the end of your last term, just trying to keep up with the old school, and seeing if the athletics team lost to Eton by more than half their total of points; or are you an Etonian, Oundelian, Bedfordian or a member of any other school that has not yet succeeded in dissuading our publisher from sending you a copy of this magazine every term? If you are from one of these schools I can imagine your quizzical expression as your eye lights on the unfamiliar words on the outside cover. Did I hear you say "Stowe?"

Isn't that the new State school, or is it a co-educational place?" Perhaps you are one of that second rather odd tribe, the Stowe Parents (no relation, except in certain scientific cases, to the Stowe Masters), reading through every page to see if dear Johnny is mentioned.

Well, if you are one of that lot, I knew that the opening sentence would make you read this, and so here at last is my story about the camel—the camel? What camel?

Oh dear, I suppose I'd better tell you. Well, you see; when I sat down to write this article I said to myself "I must say something arresting in the first line to take their minds off the other dull articles and to make them read this one." But the trouble is I never did buy a camel; I cannot think of a good story about a camel; and anyway I don't want a camel.

G.L.D.D.

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

"Standards," said the House Captain of Athletics.

"Eh?"

"What standards are you two going to try for?"

I looked at Denbigh-Feveringham and back at the Captain of Athletics.

"Ludo?" I hazarded.

"Don't try and be funny. I'll put you down for the Open Three-Legged, Senior Egg-and-Spoon and Senior Sack."

We weren't conspicuously successful in our standards: we came asunder in the Three-Legged Race, broke our eggs, and somebody hopped off with our sacks. Denbigh-Feveringham was disqualified for wearing mittens in the Wheelbarrow Race, and was sent home in disgrace after breaking an obstacle in the Obstacle Race.

At last Sports Day dawned: the School was agog. Marquees had sprung up overnight, and stakes were still being driven into the ground by the Men. White lines crossed and re-crossed in a pattern of amazing complexity over the sodden ground.

The weather was fine enough until after lunch, and then it started to drizzle: miserably we wrapped ourselves in overcoats and huddled together outside. The events were run off on the whole without enthusiasm: all the spectators and most of the contestants kept their fingers pressed to their ears to avoid the crack of the starting-pistol and the ringing of the bell. The cheering, on the other hand, was not deafening. From time to time we unstopped our ears to listen to the figures who appeared on top of the Pavilion, like messengers in a Greek play, and shouted at us through lampshades.

The judges retired. We could see the Maths masters counting hastily on their fingers. They rather blotted their copy-books, for, when the time came to give away the prizes, Denbigh-Feveringham and I, who had not even reached the heats of anything, found that we had come out first in everything. A lot of people who thought they should have done a lot better than *we* did were extremely jealous: there was, however, nothing they could do about it. There is talk of installing Photofinish apparatus next year.

B.F.B.

CROSS-COUNTRY

or

MASTERS OF ANAGRAM

The Run was several *miles* in length:
A *cruel pace* was set;
The athletes all had *viking's* strength,
But soon fatigue they met.

With *winged* feet the foremost sped,
But suffered *dire* defeat;
A *low larch* struck him on the head
And caught him by the feet.

But like a *fox* that flees the hounds
With *hunters* in the van,
He made a spurt with mighty bounds;
A *horse no better* ran.

The others ran with high intents,
(*Four reached* the River Ouse)
But *barring* unforeseen events
No *one'll* see him lose.

"A *further rod* to go," they cried,
As into view *he pants*;
"Another *yard man*," people sighed:
The leader's *big son* rants.

"For who is this, appearing fast?"
"The *darkey*," one *girl bet*.
As under several trees he passed
All eyes on him were set.

This coloured man ran fit to die,
He's *mad* to make a fight;
But *gushing* sweat they ran a tie
And so black equals white.

G.L.D.D.

MUSIC

The Easter Term is usually bad for musical activities owing to epidemics. This term has proved a notable exception. Never has there been so much music going on in one term. House competitions, an opera, a concert by the Choral Society and Orchestra and a J.T.C. Band Concert have kept us all busy.

The Choral Society has been rehearsing Parry's "Blest pair of Sirens" and Vaughan Williams' "Windsor Forest." Both works have proved popular.

The Orchestra have found the difficulties of Vaughan Williams' Overture to the Wasps somewhat formidable, in contrast to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 which, though by no means easy, is admirably scored for the full orchestra.

The Madrigal Society has been rehearsing some Plantation Songs arranged by Stanford Robinson, also a male voice setting of Edward German's "Rolling down to Rio."

Rehearsals for the House Competitions, singing and instrumental, have been going on all the term and it is hoped that a very much higher standard will be reached this year.

The most noteworthy event, however, has been the production of Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro." This is the first important opera produced in the School since "Der Freischütz" which was performed in 1937.

Mr. Saunders has again come forward as producer and has supplied his own English translation of the original Italian libretto. His enthusiasm has proved most infectious and we are all looking forward to the performances on March 25th and 28th. A full account of the performances will appear in next term's *Stoic*.

CONCERT BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1948

1. Overture in D minor *Handel-Elgar*
2. Cantata : Sleepers, wake *J. S. Bach*
3. Piano Concerto in F minor *J. S. Bach*
Piano—P. G. DENNISON (G)
4. "Haffner" Symphony in D *Mozart*
First and last movements.
5. Aria : Let the bright Seraphim *Handel*
Solo Trumpets—M. BREDIN (B).
R. D. STEED (C).
6. Fantasia on Christmas Carols *Vaughan Williams*
Baritone Solo—C. GRAHAM-BONNALIE (T)
7. Celtic Lament
THE JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA
8. Casse-Noisette Suite *Tschaikowsky*

This concert was well up to standard. The Cantata "Sleepers, wake" was well rendered by the Choral Society, particularly in the difficult first chorus. The Aria "The Lord is mine" was very effectively sung by four Trebles, A. D. Barlow (T), K. A. Henderson (C), T. J. Lea (W), M. J. R. Padmore (C), with C. Graham-Bonnalie as Bass. In the absence of H. T. Bowles (T), who was away at Cambridge, the Oboe obligato was played by a player from the Philharmonic Orchestra. P. G. Dennison pleased everyone with his playing of the Bach Concerto, which, though rather restrained, was admirably clear and well-phrased.

The Orchestra acquitted themselves well in the Haffner Symphony. Probably the best item of the evening was the singing of "Let the bright Seraphim" by all the Trebles, admirably supported by M. Bredin and R. D. Steed in the Trumpet Obligato.

Some good soft singing was heard in the Fantasia on Christmas Carols. The difficult solo part was well rendered by C. Graham-Bonnalie.

The Junior Strings made their first appearance, and acquitted themselves well under Mr. Negus's guidance.

The Orchestra concluded the programme with a spirited performance of four numbers from the Casse-Noisette Suite.

L.P.H.

ART SCHOOL EXHIBITION

We have been accustomed in the past to expect much of our Art School Exhibitions. They have usually represented the best work of the current year; it has been abundant and varied, and its quality is attested by the comment of a Canadian artist quoted in a letter in this issue.

This term we have seen an Exhibition of a very different type. It displays, with no special selection and with no rejection, the total of painting completed "by all and sundry" within the last fortnight of February. Clearly the Art School is casting its net wide: all and sundry are to have every opportunity to show what they can do, and here they have stolen the stage. For the paucity of senior exhibitors there are several possible reasons. Over so short a period as a fortnight, opportunity, medium and complexity of subject-matter may all be restrictive factors: yet the uninformed layman cannot help wondering whether Upper School artists, among whom there are undoubted experts, have been quite as enterprising as they might.

In the circumstances, this very colourful exhibition gives a first impression of crudity. Yet of the many exhibitors there are few who have nothing to say. A moored boat by a lakeside shows a sensitive feeling for contrasted masses of colour; a downland scene reveals effective composition; and (on a side-screen) there is a satisfying restraint about a simple ship upon a simple ocean, even though both are apt to

defy the laws of gravity. The interior of a theatre is a very ambitious attempt; if it fails, it is an honourable failure. Elsewhere, a punt within an inlet very nearly gives a good sense of landscape.

There are incongruities. One picture, which particularly catches the eye, portrays bystander, huntsman and horse in a strange proportion of size; but it is intensely alive throughout, in movement, in colour and in pattern. A second picture in this category offsets a truly clumsy boat with a photographically effective cliff-face and a really convincing water-surface which shows keen observation. A third distracts from two delicately formal swans, which advance upon a realistically patient fisherman, by the presence of a formidable 'bus apparently floating in mid-stream upon a twig—an odd solution of more than one problem of balance.

"Faint praise"? I do not think so. This, almost wholly, is not the work of specialists, and it is not to be expected that technique should be impeccable or realisation complete. What is striking is that so many would-be artists have so much to say, and that not a few of them are far from inexpressive.

P.G.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, *The Stoic*

DEAR SIR,

I feel that those who knew them well would be interested to know that I have heard news of Mr. and Mrs. Watt who left Stowe at the end of last summer. They arrived in Canada in October and after a few days stay in Montreal succeeded in buying a very old house, which had been modernised, on Mount Royal. Apparently they were not slow to pick up all their old friends and are now in the midst of a very lively Montreal society. This has proved invaluable, for Mr. Watt has already received a number of commissions and is painting intensively for his first exhibition of portraits to be held in a city gallery in the near future.

A number of people have commented on the very high standard of the work done by Stoics which the Watts took out with them and one eminent Canadian painter has suggested holding a small exhibition of these paintings.

Mrs. Watt has so far been occupied with managing the new house but hopes to resume her past job as a fashion artist when the servant problem is overcome. They both seem to be extremely well and happy in their new home and would very much like to be remembered to everyone at Stowe. Their address is 439, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Westmount, P.Q., Canada.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
D.C.P.



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THE GRAFTON AT STOWE, DECEMBER 1948
(L.P.H., D.Mus., M.F.H.)

NATURAL HISTORY

Two winter visitors of interest have been observed around Stowe during the term. For the first three weeks, a few Bramblings were to be seen amongst the large flocks of Chaffinches on the Roman road. Of greater interest was a flock of about thirty Siskins which were first seen in the second week in February and have been observed several times since amongst the branches of a large alder tree near the bathing pool. At the time of writing they are still there. A pair of Lesser Redpolls also have been reported.

Two Great Crested Grebes are at present on the Eleven Acre Lake and in all probability will breed there. The first bird arrived on February 16th, and another more adult bird joined it two days later. Soon afterwards they were seen billing together and recently they have built a platform of considerable size. Whether this will be the nest is hard to say. It is often the habit of this bird to build a platform and afterwards to start to construct a nest elsewhere. We hope they will be spared the egg-collector and sportsman and will be allowed to breed in peace.

J.K.H.

THE LIBRARY

This term has been the busiest in the library for a long time. Large areas of wall-space have had their contents re-arranged, as has the case of valuable books, with resulting improvements in their appearance and utility. Unofficial helpers have participated in this, to whom we are grateful. The card-index has been painstakingly checked, a tedious but vital job. The gallery has been tidied and it is now possible to move along it freely, although the hideous creakings threaten impending descent and are terrifying to those on it, while raising hitherto unfulfilled hopes in those (indirectly) below.

We are very grateful for the following presentations:—

Painting as a Pastime (Winston Churchill) and *British Birds* (F. B. Kirkman and C. R. Jourdain), from Lady Connor.

History of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Battalion (reconstituted), (Major W. L. McElwee), from the Author.

Intelligible Heraldry (Sir Christopher and Adrian Lynch-Robinson), from J. R. Rank (G, 1946).

Crusade in Europe (General Eisenhower). Anonymous.

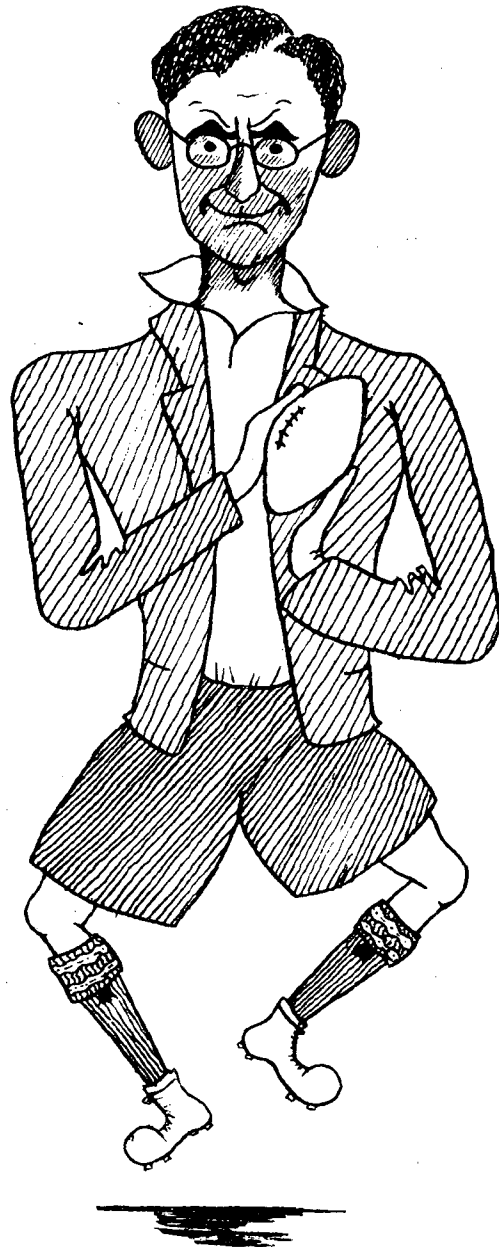
The Badger (Ernest Neal). Anonymous.

Lemprière's Classical Dictionary. Anonymous.

The Aurelian Room has been unusually ably run for nearly a year by C. H. Bradly (B), and now that the magazines are provided with stiff covers it is hoped that they will stay their course of a week more successfully than hitherto.

The new librarians this term were C. Graham-Bonnalie (T) and S. J. Twist (G).

J.F.M.



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THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The 192nd Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 9th. The Motion before the House was "That in the opinion of this House it is high time that Great Britain became the 49th of the United States of America." In a speech that might have been better read than heard, G. S. BAKER (T), the Proposer, explained the need for World Government and tried to prove that the best way for it to come about was by union between this country and the U.S.A. He talked about the dollar and contended that the Empire would not be dissolved if there was union.

N. E. WATES (B) opposed the Motion. This gentleman obviously dislikes Americans; it was obvious both from the way in which he glared at the third speaker, and from what he said. He quoted statistics about American divorces, sanitary arrangements and cosmetics, and alleged that the U.S.A. is a land flowing with milk and honeys.

The third speaker was W. LLOYD (C). In a well-constructed speech he first answered the criticisms of the previous speaker and then listed the benefits to be derived by both countries from the proposed union. He thought that the combined navies and armies of the two would be the most powerful in the world and that both British and American foreign trade would flourish.

S. A. M. ADSHEAD (B) spoke fourth. He pointed at a Union Jack and wailed about the fate awaiting it if we allowed ourselves to join with the U.S.A. He insisted on going back to the waters of Babylon; and having splashed about a bit, he landed at Stowe again and made some good points about Marshall Aid, the negro problem and the U.S.S.R.

There was nothing spectacular about any of the later speeches. Upon division there voted:—

In the Upper House : For the Motion	7
Against - -	15
In the Lower House : For the Motion	18
Against - -	39

The Motion was therefore lost in both Houses. The meeting was adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

At a Committee Meeting held after the debate, R. J. Roberts (C), D. C. Part (B), M. J. StG. Kelton (W) and J. M. Livingstone (W) were elected members of the Society.

The 193rd Meeting was held in a crowded Library on February 23rd. The Motion before the House was "That this House welcomes the proposal to abolish Blood Sports."

Despite the boos and hisses that greeted every sentence he uttered, T. M. IRVINE (T), proposing, made an effective speech. He wanted to know first of all whether rugging was to be counted as a Blood Sport. He read passages from some pamphlet describing hare-coursing, stag-hunting and otter-hunting and the great cruelty involved in these sports. He blushingly admitted that he sometimes had "chase" dreams, and likened them to the experiences of a fox.

R. J. MAXWELL-HYSLOP (C), opposing, was greeted with a deafening roar of applause. He made a long and forceful speech containing the usual arguments in favour of fox-hunting. He denied that farmer's land was damaged by the Hunt; he defended hare-coursing, saying that the hare had a perfectly good chance to escape. After enlarging on the dangers of allowing farmers to shoot foxes with shot-guns, he sat down amid more cheers.

A. K. THOULD (C), speaking third, immediately caused the face of the President to flush when he alleged that no thinking man hunts. Although he urged his audience to be logical, he did not always practise what he preached. He added little to what the Proposer had already said.

R. J. ROBERTS (C) was pomposity itself. High-sounding phrases, loaded with scorn, flowed from his lips as he defended the countryman's sport. His staggering rhetoric ended with a quotation from Masfield.

Dozens of people wished to speak when the debate was thrown open to the House, but only a few were lucky. Near the end of the meeting Dr. Huggins's arrival was heralded by the appearance of the one and only Rusty. The Master of the Grafton made an excellent speech which brought the house down.

There voted:—

In the Upper House : For the Motion	7
Against - -	14
In the Lower House : For the Motion	19
Against - -	93

The Motion was therefore lost in both houses; the meeting was adjourned at 10.31 p.m.

It is hoped to hold a third meeting later in the term. The Motion will be "That in the opinion of this House Universal Suffrage has been a gigantic mistake."

G.L.D.D.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MUSIC CLUB

On November 26th an expedition to Oxford was arranged, to hear a piano recital by Pouishnoff, too late to be recorded last term. The programme included an Italian Concerto by Bach, a theme and thirty-two variations by Beethoven, a selection of works by Chopin chosen to represent the composer in his different moods, and Debussy's two *Arabesques*. The renderings of the Chopin, as one would expect, were superb, and the technical brilliance throughout was no less than amazing, even though one hears virtuoso playing so frequently nowadays. The pace of the Bach, however, was too fast to be altogether satisfying. The President and Secretary were both unable to go, and Mr. and Mrs. Negus therefore very kindly helped with the organization.

This term's first meeting was held at 8.30 p.m. on February 4th, in the President's room, when G. L. D. Duckworth (C) read a paper on Elgar. It was admirably illustrated with gramophone records of several of the composer's chief works, and there was plenty of biographical detail to make the paper interesting. There might indeed have been a profitable discussion afterwards, had there been time, but the break for coffee and "President's Buns" was rather longer than usual, since the Club chose to indulge a less fastidious taste and listened to the President's new wireless. We were grateful to Duckworth, however, rather than to the wireless, for a very pleasant evening.

On March 7th, at 8.30 p.m. in Dr. Huggins's room again, Mr. Macdonald gave a talk on Verdi and Puccini. He brought with him a pile of his valuable gramophone records, many of them very old and therefore of special interest, if rather worn. The Club felt flattered when informed that two days before he had bought a new record, specially for this occasion. After saying a few words on Opera in general, Mr. Macdonald came to his main point, which was that he intended to compare the two Italian composers, Verdi and Puccini. Before playing anything he gave us his own opinion that Verdi was the greater musician of the two. In order to illustrate the comparison he chose records from Verdi's *Aida* and *Rigoletto* and from Puccini's *La Bohème* and *Tosca*. At 9.30 there was the customary break for refreshment, and, as the Secretary and his assistants came in with the coffee, they heard the last strains of *Largo al Factotum*, played during their absence. It was with sad hearts that members prepared to leave after listening to the Finale from *Aida*, well after 10.30. Few of them knew that Mr. Macdonald had only been asked to speak five days beforehand, but all appeared to have enjoyed a very interesting talk.

At the time of writing it is hoped to arrange a small expedition on Sunday, March 13th, to hear a performance of Bach's *Saint Matthew Passion*. On February 10th about twelve members were able to go with the President to Oxford, to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Beecham, playing a programme of Mozart. Those of us who stayed at Stowe were assured that we had "missed something." Only three new members were elected this term: J. K. Hirst (G), J. M. Bremner (C) and R. A. Bolton (C).

J.D.N.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

As is usual in the Spring Term, most members of the Club have been occupied with House Plays, to which has been added this year the Opera. Play-readings, however, have been numerous: we have already read *Tomorrow the World*, *Green Pastures*, *Pygmalion* and *Richard of Bordeaux*, and it is hoped to read others before the end of the term. No expeditions have been arranged as we go to press, but there will probably be at least one.

C.G.-B.

STOWE RADIO CLUB

The Easter term always does succeed in keeping us fairly busy—busier in fact than the other two terms put together.

To begin with, the Secretary started a series of lectures dealing with various aspects of radio and asked each member to deliver at least one; he apparently thought that the members of a radio club ought to know some radio.

The two Cross-Country commentaries came next. There was a great improvement on last year, as out of a total of twenty-five commentaries only two went astray, although the subject matter could have been a great deal more coherent in some cases. Future tele-communications experts might remember that close collaboration with the Signals Section made things a great deal easier, if only by supplying equipment and operators. Also those at control might remember in future that it is advisable to switch off the loud-speaker before starting to make light conversation.

For the Science Society's conversazione, we hope to demonstrate a Geiger Counter, and a micro-wave transmitter.

We expect to arrange a public address system for Sports Day as we did last year.

To conclude, we would like to express our thanks to the Signals Section for the loan of our most visibly spectacular pieces of equipment—the two thirty-six foot masts that were erected with lightning speed just before the race.

W.J.M.G.
R.M.M.G.

THE TWELVE CLUB

At the end of last term on December 15th at the 221st Meeting, the Secretary, for his swan song, read an excellent paper on "George Meredith." He did not in any way bore the Society with a long biographical account, but dealt with Meredith's life just in as much as it influenced his literary works. Out of a variety of quotations Meredith emerged as an individual of remarkable physical and mental energy. His first marriage was attempted on the then unknown principle of intellectual sympathy and became a complete failure. This gave Meredith the bitterness to write his greatest poem "Modern Love," which was a testament of his unhappiness. Although the paper left Meredith, the novelist, rather for granted, it was extremely interesting and produced an enthusiastic discussion which never managed to deteriorate into local topics.

There has been one meeting so far this term, the 222nd, held as usual at Vancouver Lodge, on February 18th. After the accustomed preliminaries, G. H. Rooke (C) launched upon the society his authoritative paper on "The Development of French Miniature in the XV century." After introductory mention of the Duc de Berry and the works created under his auspices, Jean Fouquet was soon introduced to the society. He was born at Tours and in his early life was greatly influenced by the Floren-

tine school of painting. With this influence and his perfected technique he produced many delightful miniatures in exquisite detail. He reached the climax of his career, when he was appointed "peintre royal" at the court of Louis XI and at this time his masterpiece "Les Heures" of Etienne Chevalier was produced. After the death of Foucquet a period of decadence begins and the greatest era of French miniature had passed. The paper was illustrated by an irrepressible flow of prints and reproductions which rather bewildered than illustrated. Nevertheless when the paper ended, Rooke emerged and helped various members to identify and admire his many illustrations and everyone enjoyed a very instructive evening.

In the near future J. C. Turner (G), it is hoped, will be reading a paper. The new members elected to the society this term were:—M. D. Cobham (G), D. L. E. Evan-Hughes (C), P. J. R. Hubert (S), T. M. Irvine (T), P. E. Leslie (C), J. D. Nightingale (C); and W. Lloyd (C) as permanent guest.

R.J.R.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

This term has been most successful because, in spite of our bad start with the damp conditions of an air-raid shelter, a considerable quantity of track has been laid, and trains have been working. The damp has, however, been overcome by obtaining a small heating stove, and the shelter is now considerably warmer and drier. The lighting and power situation has been better, but by no means perfect.

Halfway through the term, we began to assemble our own scale track. Many members were interested, and consequently track-making flourished and several yards of track have now been completed. Next term, we are hoping to have an exhibition, both running and static, late in June, and members of the School will be encouraged to bring back exhibits.

At a general meeting, a new committee was appointed, and Mr. Osborne kindly undertook to be our President.

A.G.C., J.P.C., J.O.D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

So far this term there have been four meetings of the Society. The first was held on January 24th when P. J. LeVay Lawrence (B) read a paper on "The Purpose of Man." Beginning by saying that Man's ultimate purpose was the attainment of the ideal world, he described the opinions held by the principal religious sects as to the nature of it. He considered the Brahman, Buddhist and Moslem concepts of perfection, and although he had little time to discuss Christianity, the conversation principally turned on the Christian attitude to life.

On February 3rd, A. M. Gooch (B) read to the Society his paper on Martin Luther. His exposition of the Catholic standpoint was brilliant and he gave a thoroughly convincing, if perhaps distorted, account of Luther. The paper provoked considerable discussion, especially on the subject of indulgences and papal corruption in the XV century.

The third paper was that of R. E. Hichens (C) on the subject of the "Last Days of the Square Rigger." He described the great days of the tea clippers and how the sailing ship had finally fallen from its high estate. He had spent a week on board the *Viking* last holidays and his account of life on board was drawn from first hand experience. In the discussion afterwards he explained the sails of a square-rigged ship, a matter of which the Society was for the most part ignorant.

On March 3rd, the Society heard R. J. Ruhemann's (C) paper on "Posters and Advertising." He related the history of posters from earliest times, illustrating his points with the aid of lantern slides. He went on to deal with modern advertising and its problems. The paper was highly interesting and the discussion afterwards ranged over a considerable field, mainly on artistic subjects.

It is to be hoped that C. F. Greenlaw (T) and M. C. Caiger-Smith (T) will read papers later this term.

S.A.M.A.

THE EPHEMERALS

Only one meeting has so far been held this term, on February 18th, to which a guest, Monsieur Thill, was asked for the first time in Ephemeral history. M. A. R. Freeman (T) read a lucid and profound paper, "Atheistic Existentialism," which, in spite of the title, was the most interesting we have yet heard, and actually succeeded in keeping the discussion on the subject. He described the essence rather than the origins of the philosophy and wasted no time on inessentials. He differed from many previous paper-writers in as much as he was able to deal quite adequately with any questions put to him, as they frequently were.

Two other meetings will be held this term when papers will be read by C. P. R. Litchford (C) and R. R. Glover (S).

Members this term were:—Mr. Macdonald (President) and Mrs. Macdonald, J. Lockwood (W) (Secretary), C. Graham-Bonnalie (T), C. P. R. Litchford (C), M. A. R. Freeman (T), R. J. Maxwell-Hyslop (C), M. G. D. O'Donovan (T), A. J. Macintosh (T), S. A. M. Adshead (B), D. B. Holt (B), J. I. Holt (C), R. R. Glover (S), P. M. Rossiter (C) and J. B. Wardley (W).

J.L.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

The term has been a very successful one. Membership has risen to eighty members and the Society is now stronger than it ever has been in its twenty years of existence.

The programme for the term started only two days after returning from the holidays. On Saturday, January 22nd, two 16 mm. sound-films were shown in the gym. Being so early in the term, the meeting was rather a gamble, but this was the only date on which we could get the main film. The meeting turned out to be a great success. The first and main film was called "Houses in History," and dwelt in a very detailed way with all periods of English domestic architecture. The photography was excellent and the film showed several houses to which we have had bus expeditions. The second film turned out to be even better. It was called "Proud City." We knew nothing about it as it was sent purely to complete the programme and we expected to see a patriotic documentary portraying the heroic citizens of some British city in the blitz. But it happily turned out to be about the City of London Plan. This film was spoilt by the commentator's "speaking down" to his audience in an infantile way, but nevertheless it dealt with the plan to re-build the City of London in such great detail that it was deeply interesting.

On Saturday, February 19th, the second meeting of the Society was held in a packed New Lecture Room when Mr. Foster-Forbes gave a lecture on "The English Manor

House : its character and development throughout the ages." He started by dealing, in great detail, with the primitive dwellings of pre-historic man. We then expected to be taken through the ages until we would reach Elizabethan manors. In actual fact, we learned nothing about 'the character and development through the ages of the English manor house.' Mr. Foster-Forbes seemed so carried away by pre-historic apes and men that we progressed no further. Instead, the lecturer somehow diverged onto "fairies," "salt and silica," and "golden ages." These all proved to be fascinating subjects to the imaginative, but try as we would we could see no connection with the subject. However, this rather extraordinary lecture seemed to be enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, March 19th, a bus expedition took place to Stratford-upon-Avon to see the Memorial Theatre, Shakespeare's birth-place and the church.

The term's programme will be brought to a close by the Hon. Librarian, D. C. Part (B), reading a paper on "The Renaissance in English Architecture."

Next term there will be two bus expeditions, a lecture by Mr. Laurence Whistler and one by Mr. David Goddard. There will also be another exhibition of photographs of "National Trust" properties throughout the country. This is a venture never before tried and it has proved a great success this term.

R.D.S.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

There have been two meetings of the Classical Society this term, both of which were held in Mr. Stephan's room. On February 24th the Secretary and F. J. Pearce (B) read extracts from classical literature, and D. L. E. Evan-Hughes (C) gave a very well-informed talk on "Roman Law," in which he described the early growth of justice from the foundation of Rome onwards, commented on its development into a regular judicial system under the Republic, and traced its subsequent improvements and adjustments down to its final codification by Justinian. The Society then discussed the effect of Roman Law upon that of modern countries and especially on that of England. However, as their knowledge of English law proved scanty, the members soon turned to other subjects with which they were better acquainted, and, after mentioning King Arthur and suicide, at length adjourned.

On March 8th, after T. M. Irvine (T) and A. H. Salt (G) had read extracts, both of them happily relevant to the main subject of the evening, R. J. Roberts (C) produced his paper on "Greek Athletics," which greatly amused and edified the Society. He gave a careful description of all the athletic events which figured at the great religious festivals of Greece from the time of Homer to the spread of Christianity, and illustrated it, not only by passing round a number of drawings and reproductions of ancient athletes, but also by a personal demonstration of the Ancient and Modern methods of throwing the discus and wrestling, in which he was ably assisted by his fellow-Cobhamite, Evan-Hughes. The chief point which he made was that the Greeks nearly always aimed at perfection in quality, and not, like the modern Olympic athletes, at record-breaking. Roberts also touched briefly on the attempts made by the Romans to copy Greek Athletics, and he raised a hearty laugh by his account of the Roman spiked-glove boxing contests. That the subsequent discussion did not stray far afield was a proof of the paper's popularity. The Society also visited Cambridge on February 16th to see "Oedipus Tyrannus" acted at the Arts Theatre by a company of dons and undergraduates.

OEDIPUS TYRANNUS

Aristotle thought that the "Oedipus Tyrannus" was a model for all classic tragedies. He was attracted by the singleness of its theme, the skill with which the central mystery of Oedipus' birth was gradually unfolded, and most of all by the deep emotional appeal of the subject. To the Greek, parricide and incest were the most horrible sins into which he could fall; whether he fell into them unwittingly was immaterial. The fate of Oedipus therefore could not fail to move him strongly.

However much of this morbid fear can be reproduced on the English stage, the dons and undergraduates who revived "Oedipus" at Cambridge this year did not attempt the task; and wisely, for the real merit of the play lies in the fall of a great man through a minor flaw in his character—the necessary framework of a tragedy—and depends for recognition on the skill with which the trivial causes of disaster are brought out. All that the Cambridge company achieved.

As Oedipus, George Rylands made a striking figure. He commanded the stage as Oedipus should command it. His weakness was that he could not readily adapt himself to a different role: his final break-down under the weight of circumstances was not quite convincing.

The other players spoke their parts intelligently and intelligibly, especial praise being due to Teiresias, the blind soothsayer, and to the king's brother-in-law Creon.

It was a mistake to let the chorus sing their lines in an operatic style. The words were lost, and the whole thing was out of key with the slow and solemn movement of a Greek tragedy. The chorus-parts, if sung at all, should have been sung to a slow chant like that of the psalms. In the same way, the realistic quality of the background was surely at variance with Greek custom.

D.J.M.C.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

As a result of the unfortunate absence of the President, the Society was unable to meet this term. However, it is hoped that the President will have benefited from his operation and his holiday, so that next term we may be able to resume our activities with renewed vigour.

P.J.R.H.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

One meeting has so far been held, but it is hoped that it will be possible to hold another one before the end of the term. At the first meeting, R. D. Shepherd (C) read a very interesting paper entitled "Wild Life in East Africa." During this meeting C. M. Abbott (G) was appointed Honorary Treasurer. Two meetings have so far been planned for next term, and it is hoped that an expedition can be arranged.

P.C.P.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term the Society's activities have been confined mainly to the darkroom, which has been fully occupied.

Athletics, however, should provide an excellent subject for photography for those possessing shutter speeds.

Next term the annual competition is being held and the holidays will present opportunities for securing suitable photographs for exhibiting.

O.T.W.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The only concert held up to the time of going to press was a pianoforte recital given by Mr. Louis Kentner in the Library on Wednesday, February 16th. His programme consisted of the Sonata in C major by Beethoven, two Rhapsodies by Brahms, a piece named "Après une lecture de Dante," by Liszt, and finally four Impromptus, a Polonaise and a Ballade of Chopin's.

The first movement of the Beethoven was taken at great speed, perhaps because Mr. Kentner wished to change his seat for a softer one more quickly. After several unsuccessful attempts a chair the right height was obtained and the concert continued. The soloist evidently found it difficult to adapt himself to the small room, and was inclined to treat the audience as if it were twenty yards from him. At times in the Liszt, a wonderful piece which alternates most effectively between its sombre and its lively passages, the sound was well-nigh unbearable, so violently and percussively was the piano struck. The Chopin was played with great and obvious technical skill, but one had the feeling all along that there was insufficient thought for interpretation behind the performance. Despite these criticisms, the concert was very enjoyable and was much appreciated by all who were lucky enough to hear it.

Later in the term the Entente String Quartet is to give a concert. The programme will include two clarinet quintets, the clarinettist being Mr. Jack Brymer. The school orchestra is giving its usual end-of-term concert, the house music competitions are coming off on the last Sunday of term, and two performances of the "Marriage of Figaro" are being given in the Gym.

G.L.D.D.

THE TOXOPHILITES

The 14th meeting was held in the Aurelian Room on February 3rd. After the customary waste of time on matters of Private Business, R. M. Nicholson (B) began his paper on "The Making of Movies." We were taken at speed and at length through the whole long and dreary process from the time that someone has an idea to the moment when the finished film is issued. We were told of the need to provide tension; all members of the Society know this well. We heard that when the Director is picking the cast he always chooses the extras first, and the stars later; rather like casting the swine before the pearls? Nicholson then became technical, and described the making of cartoons. And so it went on, right to the bitter end. However, we got some amusement out of the attempts of several people to give an account of the film sound track.

The 15th Meeting took place on February 21st when G. A. Treherne (C) gave his most instructive paper on "Noah's Vice." After he had gently broken the news to the carpenters that his paper was about Drink, the Society sat very still and paid rapt attention. He first gave an account of the history and origin of drink, from Noah who owned the first vineyard down to last year's vintage prospects. He took each wine, spirit and liquor in turn and talked about its preparation, merits and demerits. He then drew a picture of an octopus grappling with a leg, explaining that it was meant to be a map of Europe. With its aid he pointed out the various wine centres and provinces. Treherne ended his most stimulating paper with a list of the good and bad claret years. A vote of thanks was proposed for the excellent and interesting paper we had heard.

J. R. Filmer (T) hopes to talk to the Society later in the term about "Mushrooms."

G.L.D.D.

GENERAL PAPER

1-7. From this list of explanations—(a) Defective eyesight; (b) atmospheric refraction; (c) water in the atmosphere; (d) the coming of the moon between the earth and the sun; (e) the fact that ice is less dense than water; (f) sun-spots; (g) atmospheric pressure; (h) the flattening of the earth at the poles; (i) the inclination of the planes of the equator and ecliptic; (j) the fact that light travels in straight lines; (k) the fact that light travels faster than sound—choose the cause, or a contributory cause, of the following phenomena. (Write the letter preceding the answer you choose in the space provided.) Aurora Borealis.....; Twinkling of stars.....; Rainbow.....; Eclipses of the moon.....; Spring tides.....; Bursting of water-pipes.....; The seasons.....

8-9. Which two of these places would you pass through on the A1 route from London to Edinburgh—Derby, Grantham, York, Rugby, Cambridge, Lincoln, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Durham, Oxford, Stamford, Gretna Green?

10. Where is Greenwich Observatory being rebuilt?

11-15. To what does "thing" refer in the following quotations? (a) ".....a lovesome thing, God wot!" (b) "..... in his hand, the Thing became a trumpet." (c) "What, has this thing appeared again tonight?" (d) "A most unattractive old thing, tra la." (e) "What thing upon his back had got, did wonder more and more."

16-21. What was the relation of:—(a) James II to Charles II? (b) Thetis to Achilles? (c) Elizabeth to Henry VIII? (d) Louis XIV to Louis XV? (e) Agamemnon to Menelaus? (f) Abraham to Jacob?

22-28. Sort out into seven proverbial pairs the words in the following lists:—
A. Parthian, Pyrrhic, Socratic, Cynic, Lucullan, Attic, Herculean. B.....Irony.
.....Banquet.Tub.Task.Victory.Salt.
.....Shot.

29-34. What Doctor was famed or noted for:—(a) His unpopularity with a pupil? (b) His antagonism to Sherlock Holmes? (c) His bargain with Mephistopheles? (d) His founding of an orphanage? (e) His indiscretion as Chancellor of the Exchequer? (f) Stanley's presumption?

35-44. Assign the establishments in A. to their respective locations in B.:—
A. Lloyd's, The Stock Exchange, The Bank of England, The Royal Society, The Savoy Theatre, The Cenotaph, The Registry of Births and Deaths, The Fish, Vegetable, and Meat Markets. B. Throgmorton Street.....; Leadenhall Street.....; Threadneedle Street.....; Whitehall.....; The Strand.....; Billingsgate.....; Somerset House.....; Burlington House.....; Covent Garden.....; Smithfield.....

45. What is the sub-title of Vol I of Churchill's book, "The Second World War"?
46-48. What is the value of x , if:—(Clementine's size in shoes + number of days in 1948) \times number of Briareus' hands *over* Number of days in 1900 + number of men in the Oxford boat in 1948 + number of tales told by the Nun's Priest = x . (3 marks.)

49-53. Put a tick against the correct answer(s) to the questions below:—Did the United Nations Assembly meet in the: (a) Château de Versailles? (b) Palais du Louvre? (c) Palais de Chaillot? or (d) Château de Fontainebleau? Is the French franc at present worth: (a) $\frac{1}{4}$ d.? (b) $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.? (c) 10d.? or (d) 1/-? Is "The Gioconda Smile" the name of: (a) A famous film-star's facial expression? (b) A painting by Leonardo da Vinci? (c) A play by Aldous Huxley? or (d) A Graeco-Roman statue? Which TWO of the following have combined the professions of actor, producer, and playwright? (a) Racine; (b) Daudet; (c) Sacha Guitry; (d) Voltaire; (e) Beaumarchais; (f) Molière.

54. Who captained the M.C.C. side in South Africa this winter?

55. Is the distance in the Olympic Marathon: 10, 26, 15 or 32 miles?

56. T. S. Eliot wrote a poem called—"Black Monday," "Shrove Tuesday," "Ash Wednesday," "Maundy Thursday," or "Good Friday." Which?

57. Which ONE of the following colour schemes has NOT been tried on British Railways? Put a tick against the correct answer:—Cerulean and ivory; Cream and chocolate; Crimson lake; Plum colour and spilt milk.

58. Which ONE of these countries is NOT on the Danube? Put a tick against the correct answer:—Albania; Austria; Hungary; Rumania; The U.S.S.R.

59-61. Put a tick against the correct answer to the following:—Who is the O.E.E.C. Administrator in Europe? (a) Mr. Marshall? (b) Mr. Acheson? (c) Mr. Hoffman? or (d) General Eisenhower? Was the late Einstein: (a) The originator of the theory of relativity? (b) A Russian film-director? (c) The founder of a school of sculptors? or (d) An exporter of Rhenish wines? Who is Mr. Truman's Vice-President? (a) Henry Wallace; (b) Thurmond; (c) Vandenberg; or (d) Alben Barkley.

62-65. Fill in the alternative title:—.....or "The Mistakes of a Night."or "What you Will."or "Bunthorne's Bride."or "Little by Little."

66-70. In each of the following groups, three of the words have something in common. Strike out the intruder. (a) Menuhin, Chrysler, Paganini, Tom Jenkins; (b) Jib, spinnaker, mizzen, pennyroyal; (c) Viola, Rosalind, Beatrice, Portia; (d) Tweed, worsted, hessian, baize; (e) St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Luke, St. James.

71-74. What was the name of the cat belonging to Tom and Susan? What was the name of the cat belonging to Dr. Johnson? What kind of animal was "The Maltese Cat"? Who wrote "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats"?

75-78. The following are extracts from various lists or tables. Say what each list or table deals with:—(a).....1910-36, 1936, 1936- . (b).....14-4-793-146-79-3. (c) H.W. F. & C. — XI hrs. 07 minutes. (d) Red-orange-yellow-green.

79-82. Against each of the following pairs write S if they are the same; O if they are opposite; N if they are neither the same nor opposite. (a) Sympathy—Apathy. (b) E. sharp—G. double flat (on the piano). (c) (Wind) Veering—backing. (d) Meiosis—Hyperbole.

83. Would you combat the effects of the tsetse fly most successfully with:—Barmecide, stillicide, cyanide, parricide, bromide, or antrycide?

84-87. Write down the next term in each of the following series:—(Example: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16. Answer: 32.) (a) 2, 17, 11, 26, 20, 35.....; (b) Macdonald, Baldwin, Chamberlain.....; (c) C., F., B. flat, E. flat.....; (d) Peter Gurney, Peter Davey, Dan'l Whiddon.....

88-94. In which of the following:—Whittaker, Wisden, Crockford, Debrett, Hansard, Baedeker, Larousse—would you look for the fullest information on:—Herbert Sutcliffe? Dean Inge? Stonehenge? The Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget speech? The Staff of the Ministry of Education? The Duke of Newcastle? Rabelais?

95-96. Which TWO of the following names do NOT appear in the Temple of British Worthies? Pope, Inigo Jones, Locke, Wolfe, Darwin, Newton, Hampden, Sir John Barnard, William III, Gresham.

97-100. Of whom were these alleged to be the last words? (a) "The rest is silence." (b) "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (c) "On, Stanley, on." (d) "Crito, we owe a cock to Aesculapius."

C.C.F. NOTES

This has been an uneventful but apparently very successful term, with surprisingly low numbers of absentees from parade for the time of the year. The Certificate "A" results are not yet available to give us a final outside judgment on our labours, but the spectacular figures of last term, when there were only three failures out of 97 candidates in both Parts, encourage us to hope for the best.

There has been the unusually large intake of 50 recruits, who have got away to an excellent start; and the only disaster has been the unfortunate lapse of the Advanced Training Squad, now that O.U.S.T.C. can no longer manage to get over, an unforeseen consequence of the changed Day Table.

On the other hand, an Air Training Section, 25 strong, has been formed under Flt./Lt. J. Griffiths, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R. Sub/Lt. J. M. Osborne, R.N.V.R., has also been gazetted and is now the technical Officer in charge of the Signals Section. This last distinguished itself by taking on full responsibility for broadcasting the Cross-Country and the match against Uppingham, with unusually good results on the technical side at least. A number of signallers will be taking the Classification Tests, qualifying them as classified signallers at the end of the term.

The Survey Section is undergoing something of a revival and the I.C.E. Section has performed prodigies of labour, largely in spare time under the supervision of the Padre, in erecting a hideous but invaluable hut in the Stone Yard to house all the equipment so generously given to us by various firms in the last term or two. It is hoped that this will become a useful miniature mechanical engineering workshop in the course of the next term or so.

The strength of the Corps this term is 305—slightly above the average—of whom 146 hold both parts of Cert “A.” This is a record high proportion and has created formidable organisation problems in the Post-Certificate “A” Sections.

Promotions and Appointments this term have been :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeants C. H. Bartlett (T), R. R. Glover (G), R. J. Roberts (C).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals R. G. Sparrow (W), G. H. Rooke (C), J. C. Turner (G), G. S. Baker (T), G. A. Treherne (C), A. T. W. Innes (T), W. Harwood (C), J. R. Filmer (T), J. L. Paxton (C).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals J. D. de R. Richardson (T), M. J. Gemmell (B), B. J. R. Hodge (T), J. F. F. Le Poer Trench (C), C. P. R. Litchford (C), D. J. S. Morton (B).

To *Lance-Corporal* : Cadets H. G. Roddick (C), P. M. Horley (B), J. A. P. Rathbone (C), K. D. L. Mitchell (G), F. J. Pearce (B), P. J. Upton (C), R. Brazil (C), N. E. Wates (B), D. L. E. Evan-Hughes (C), J. A. Burrows-Watson (G), J. B. Wardley (W).

SHOOTING

This term concentration has been on practising for the *Country Life* Competition to be shot on March 17th. The conditions of the shoot this year have been changed and are considerably harder, a half-inch group now being required for a Possible.

We have continued to shoot on Sundays as well as Thursdays.

A “Possibles” prize has again been offered this term, to be shot for on Sundays, but so far no one has been able to reach the required number of targets.

We have not entered a team for the Major-General W. M. Ozanne Shield because we have not had the time to practise on the different targets.

On Thursday, February 10th, there were two postal matches, against Winchester and Charterhouse, Stowe using the same scores twice. The team was J. M. Rigg (W), W. E. J. Allen (G), R. W. S. Gentle (B), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), P. J. Harkness (T), C. F. N. Hope (C), A. J. Macintosh (T), J. N. Vinen (W): Stowe lost by 98 points and 91 points respectively, out of a possible 680 points.

The next match was shot against Lancing College on Thursday, February 17th, and the team, consisting of J. M. Rigg (W), J. A. S. Eccles (G), R. W. S. Gentle (B), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), P. J. Harkness (T), C. F. N. Hope (C), R. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Vinen (W), scored 512 out of 680, losing by 25 points.

In a postal match against Wellingborough on Thursday, February 24th, the team, J. M. Rigg (W), R. W. S. Gentle (B), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), P. J. Harkness (T), C. F. N. Hope (C), A. J. Macintosh (T), R. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Vinen (W) scored 532 out of 680. Wellingborough's score was 583.

Matches have also been arranged against Clifton College and St. Paul's School to take place later on in the term.

J.M.R.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE SCHOOL v. ETON

Played at Eton on Thursday, February 3rd.

The team played exceptionally well to win by 45—3. The high scoring was mainly due to weak defence by the Eton centres. D. Conington excelled himself in every department of the game and scored a total of 27 points.

Team :—J. F. Conington (B); C. H. Bradly (B), R. J. Roberts (C), D. E. Conington (B), G. L. D. Duckworth (C); G. J. E. Dixon (T), P. G. Shinner (B); J. Darnley-Smith (C), W. M. Patterson (B), J. L. Paxton (C), T. P. Grossmark (C), C. C. Malden (G), C. H. Bartlett (T), P. J. R. Hubert (G), W. R. G. Short (G).

A Colts side defeated Eton by 20 points to nil.

FINAL HOUSE MATCH

The game between Bruce and Grafton was for many spectators unexpectedly exciting. It was won by Bruce by 9 points (1 try, 2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Grafton, led by Short, played a terrific spoiling game, and their tactics nearly disorganised the powerful Bruce threes. Grafton started with strong pressure to the Bruce line, but J. Conington relieved and after much mid-field play Bradly just got over in the corner. In the second half the Bruce backs were more effective and nearly scored, D. Conington once being pushed over the dead-ball line. They then got a penalty. 6—0. Grafton stormed back, nearly scored from a good forward rush, and then Short-kicked a penalty goal. 6—3. Another penalty brought Bruce to 9—3, and though Glover nearly scored from a quick break by Goldfinger, both sides held out grimly till time.

Teams.—*Bruce* :—J. F. Conington; C. H. Bradly, P. G. Shinner, D. E. Conington, G. T. Laing; F. J. Pearce, M. S. Turnbull; M. Bredin, W. M. Patterson, M. J. Gemmell, A. M. Gooch, A. Highwood, N. E. Wates, J. R. Lindgren, P. M. Horley.

Grafton :—J. A. Burrows-Watson; C. J. S. Marler, J. P. G. Goldfinger, P. Burgess, F. R. D. Begbie; R. R. Glover, G. R. B. Sewrey; D. D. Kitching, J. R. Thompson Smith, D. C. Glover, C. C. Malden, M. D. Norris-Hill, P. J. R. Hubert, G. S. Hawkins, W. R. G. Short.

JUNIOR HOUSE FINAL

TEMPLE v. BRUCE.

Played on Friday, February 18th, Temple winning by one penalty goal and two tries to one penalty goal.

The game started with a series of penalty kicks, due mainly to over-eagerness and a desire to get at grips with the opposition. When this first rush of blood had been overcome the spectators were treated to a really good game of rugger, with Temple, perhaps, showing more skill in back-play. With the wind in their favour, Temple

had more of the game in the early stages but were kept out by a fine Bruce defence in which the diminutive LeVay Lawrence was outstanding. Time and again he came to the rescue with bold tackling when a Temple score seemed certain. The only score in the first half was a penalty goal kicked by James for Temple.

Bruce drew level early in the second half through a penalty goal by Whitcombe and it looked as if Temple were going to pay the penalty of wasted chances in the first half. However, Middleton and Whitson had other ideas and now began to play with more confidence. And it was from a movement started by these half-backs that the crowd, quite considerable by this time, witnessed the most spectacular try scored at Stowe for years. James, the Temple wing, was the last to receive and with plenty of room to move in swung outside the Bruce full back. In his attempt to tackle, LeVay Lawrence gripped James's trousers so hard that he was left rather as the maid said to her mistress, "But it came off in me 'and, m'am," for James was seen streaking towards the goal-line minus his 'bags' accompanied by terrific cheering from the crowd. This was too much for Bruce and just before the final whistle Cameron-Swan went over for another unconverted try following some loose play on the Bruce line.

Besides possessing the better half-backs, Temple had two strong-running wings in Page and James; whilst in the forwards one always saw Williams, McConnell and Cameron-Swan doing good work. For the losers it must be said that their forwards saved them from a heavier defeat by their hard shoving in the tight where Adams out-hooked Williams.

Teams.—Temple:—A. C. Macintosh; E. K. O'N. James, J. C. Power, H. J. Lloyd, A. C. Page; T. D. Whitson, P. J. Middleton; M. Davis, E. B. J. Williams, S. K. Knowles, S. H. G. Twining, C. D. Mullineux, H. G. Fennell, I. K. Cameron-Swan, J. A. McConnell.

Bruce:—P. J. LeVay Lawrence; H. B. Morriss, P. J. Tickell, H. R. V. Whitcombe, M. S. P. Gardner; T. Knight, T. D. W. Slater; T. R. H. Lewis, J. W. L. Adams, N. Cleeve, J. Wright, R. M. Nicholson, P. A. Campbell-Fraser, M. C. G. Killingbeck, H. Long.

KICKING COMPETITION

House.	Senior		Junior			Total	Order	
	Place	Drop	Punt	Place	Drop			
Bruce	... 20	20	15	25	10	22	112	2
Temple	... 35	25	8	35	10	19	132	1
Grenville	... 35	10	12	15	25	12	109	3
Chandos	... 20	15	5	25	20	21	106	4
Cobham	... 20	10	5	20	15	11	81	7
Chatham	... 25	5	12	15	15	11	83	6
Grafton	... 10	15	8	20	15	12	80	8
Walpole	... 15	15	17	15	15	18	95	5

HOCKEY

Although no matches have been won up to date, the standard of play has been higher than last year. There have not been so many good individuals, but team-work has been much improved.

The first game against Christ Church was an excellent one; the forwards combined well and if the goalkeeper had not had an off day we should have won. In any case the result, 4—5, was a promising start.

St. John's brought a very strong and fast side, and at first we could not cope with their speed, but in the second half the defence put up a good performance and the forwards made the most of their chances.

The St. Edward's match was disappointing. In the first half we combined well up to the circle but only scored once: in a wet second half, St. Edward's were quicker onto the ball, and their boisterous play, particularly in the circle, upset our combination. However, we had our chances; for we failed to score from no less than twelve short corners.

In general, the defence was too slow and it was unfortunate that J. W. A. Downing (T), the centre-half, who had a good sense of position and anticipation, was ill. Of the others R. D. Miskin (T) worked very hard and J. A. van B. Bik (C) was sound although slow in getting rid of the ball. D. J. C. Makins (C) and P. D. Stern (W) both showed good stick-work but were very slow in recovering. W. J. Grice (T), in goal, has been particularly good in judging when to come out.

The wings, R. L. Cook (C) and G. W. Scott (C), both knew the value of quick centring and started most of the attack. The three insides, G. L. D. Duckworth (C), B. C. Harris (C) and G. R. T. Sorley (C) have combined well together, but with the exception of Sorley their stick-work has not been good enough to make them really dangerous.

Duckworth has been an excellent captain both on, and, equally important, off the field.

Results:—

1ST XI.

March 5th.	v. CHRIST CHURCH.	Lost, 4—5.	Home.
March 9th.	v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.	Lost, 1—6.	Home.
March 12th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Lost, 1—2.	Away.
March 16th.	v. R.A.F. HALTON (APPRENTICES).	Lost, 0—6.	Away.

2ND XI.

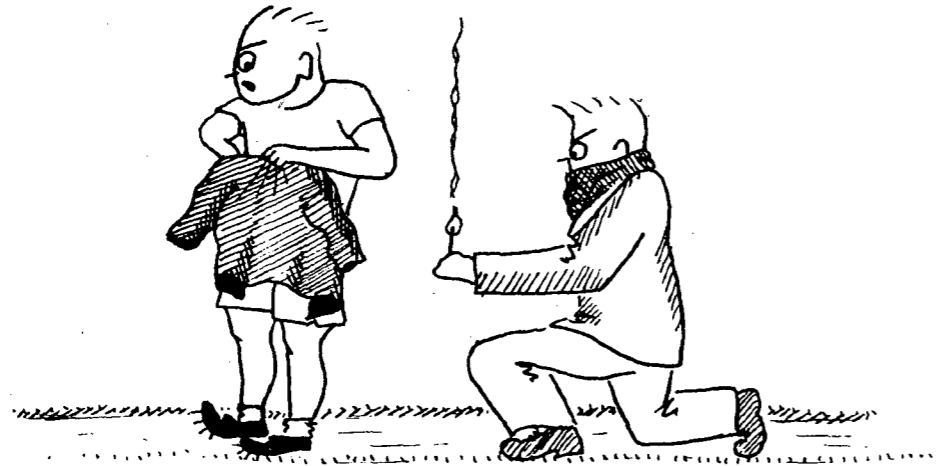
March 12th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Lost, 0—3.	Away.
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COLTS' XI.

March 9th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Lost, 3—5.	Home.
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COLTS' "A" XI.

March 9th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Won 5—0.	Home.
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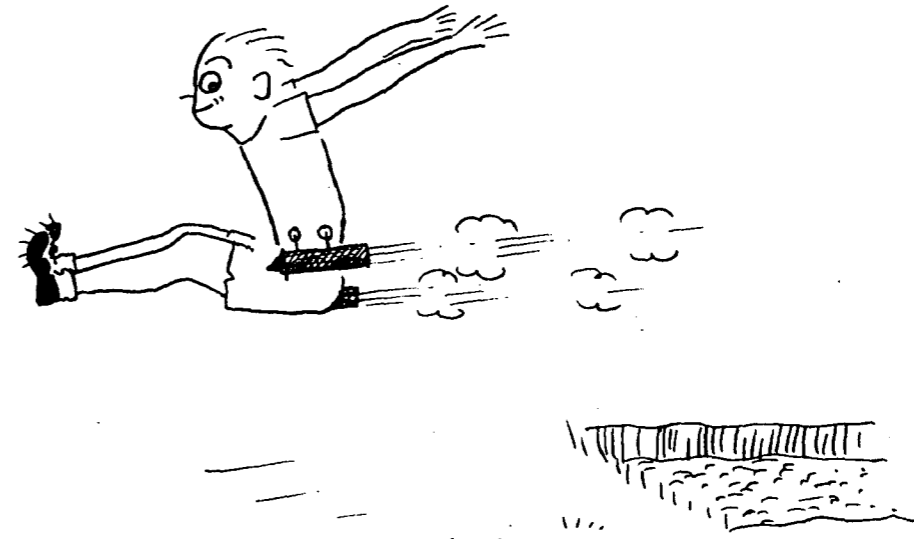


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LONG JUMP RECORD



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CROSS COUNTRY 1949

This year's races were run on Monday, February 28th, in good weather. Though the course was firm in the main, the Black Pit area robbed many competitors of shoes.

The junior race, which was run first, left us speculating about the final total result, for Walpole, whose senior team was known to be quite good, established a lead of 17 points over Grafton. Could the very strong Grafton team reverse the position? The broadcast commentaries soon removed all doubts, however, when from point after point three Graftonians were reported in the lead. These three, P. J. R. Hubert, C. J. S. Marler and W. R. G. Short virtually won the competition for Grafton, though O. T. Wall (C) ran a very well-judged race and managed eventually to split them, coming a very good second.

Final results :—

1. Grafton	317
2. Walpole	334
3. Chatham	389
4. Temple	564
5. Chandos	572
6. Cobham	714
7. Grenville	745
8. Bruce	1048

Individual winners :—

<i>Senior</i> —P. J. R. Hubert (G).	Time, 24 mins. 5 secs.
<i>Junior</i> —C. B. F. Rathbone (C).	Time, 17 mins. 51 secs.

THE SCHOOL v. UPPINGHAM

MARCH 5th.

Last year's result reversed—that is the big thing. Though having the advantage of knowing the course, the Stowe teams ran very well, and it is interesting to note that, in spite of the torrential rain of the day before and a bitter wind which soon developed into a blizzard, Hubert's winning time was 5 seconds better than the one he had returned five days earlier.

In the 2nd VIII's race, Stowe produced the first three home, and in the 1st VIII's three in the first four.

It must be said in their defence that the Uppingham team is used to a much longer course, and it was noteworthy that they finished the course much fresher than did the Stoics.

Results :—

1st VIII.—Stowe	35	2nd VIII.—Stowe	27
Uppingham	43	Uppingham	59

SQUASH

Although two of last term's team have left, this term has been equally successful. The only school match, at Harrow, was again won 5—0. N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G) and R. C. Page (C) have played some good games and R. Lush (C), who was injured for several matches, is the most improved player. The Coningtons have made a very strong tail as they have added more variety of strokes to their powers of return. J. Broom Smith (C) has played well when called upon and had a good victory at Harrow.

Results have been as follows :—

Saturday, January 29. v. BUCCANEERS.	Lost, 2—3.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 2—3 ; R. C. Page 2—3 ; R. Lush 3—0 ; M. Deeley 1—3 ; J. F. Conington 3—2.	
Wednesday, February 9. v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.	Won, 4—1.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 0—3 ; R. C. Page 3—0 ; R. Lush 3—0 ; J. F. Conington 3—0 ; M. Deeley 3—2.	
Saturday, February 12. v. BEDFORD S.R.C.	Won, 5—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—0 ; R. C. Page 3—2 ; M. Deeley 3—1 ; J. Broom Smith 3—1 ; O. T. Wall 3—1.	
Saturday, February 19. v. KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.	Won 4—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—1 ; R. C. Page 3—1 ; J. F. Conington 3—1 ; M. Deeley abandoned ; J. Broom Smith 3—0.	
Thursday, February 24. v. HARROW.	Won, 5—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—1 ; R. C. Page 3—1 ; J. F. Conington 3—0 ; D. E. Conington 3—0 ; J. Broom Smith 3—1.	
Saturday, March 5. v. CHRIST CHURCH.	Won, 5—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—1 ; R. C. Page 3—0 ; R. Lush 3—1 ; J. F. Conington 3—0 ; D. E. Conington 3—0.	
Wednesday, March 9. v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.	Won, 5—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—0 ; R. C. Page 3—1 ; R. Lush 3—2 ; J. F. Conington 3—0 ; D. E. Conington 3—0.	
Saturday, March 12. v. CRANWELL.	Won, 5—0.
N. R. Cunningham-Reid 3—1 ; R. Lush 3—0 ; J. F. Conington 3—0 ; D. E. Conington 3—0 ; J. Broom Smith 3—0.	

CRICKET FIXTURES 1949

FIRST ELEVEN

Sat., May 14.—CRYPTICS.	Home.
Wed., May 18.—OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.	Home.
Thurs., May 26.—MALVERN.	Home.
Sat., May 28.—BUCKINGHAM.	Home.
Wed., June 1.—RADLEY.	Home.
Sat., June 4.—M.C.C.	Home.
Thurs., June 9.—BRADFIELD.	Away.
Sat., June 11.—ETON RAMBLERS.	Home.
Wed., June 15.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Wed., June 22.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Away.
Sat., June 25.—OUNDLE.	Away.
Wed., June 29.—FREE FORESTERS.	Home.
Sat., July 2.—OLD STOICS.	Home.
Wed., July 6.—ADASTRIANS.	Home.

SECOND ELEVEN

Wed., May 18.—BLOXHAM.	Away.
Sat., May 21.—HARROW.	Home.
Sat., May 28.—BUCKINGHAM.	Home.
Wed., June 1.—RADLEY.	Away.
Sat., June 4.—RUGBY.	Home.
Thurs., June 9.—BRADFIELD.	Away.
Sat., June 11.—BEDFORD.	Away.
Wed., June 22.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Home.
Sat., June 25.—OUNDLE.	Home.
Sat., July 2.—OLD STOICS.	Home.

THIRD ELEVEN

Wed., May 18.—BLOXHAM.	Home.
Sat., May 21.—HARROW.	Away.
Sat., May 28.—COLTS' CLUB.	Home.
Wed., June 1.—RADLEY.	Away.
Sat., June 11.—BLAKESLEY.	Away.
Wed., June 15.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Wed., June 22.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Home.
Sat., June 25.—LATYMER UPPER SCHOOL.	Home.

It is hoped that two more matches for the 3rd XI. will be arranged.

COLTS' ELEVEN

Sat., May 21.—HARROW.	Home.
Sat., May 28.—3RD XI.	Home.
Wed., June 1.—RADLEY.	Home.
Sat., June 4.—RUGBY.	Away.
Thurs., June 9.—BRADFIELD.	Home.
Sat., June 11.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Wed., June 22.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Away.
Sat., June 25.—OUNDLE.	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN

Wed., May 18.—BLOXHAM.	Home.
Sat., May 21.—HARROW.	Away.
Wed., June 1.—RADLEY.	Home.
Sat., June 4.—RUGBY.	Away.
Thurs., June 9.—BRADFIELD.	Home.
Sat., June 11.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Wed., June 22.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Away.
Sat., June 25.—OUNDLE.	Home.

FENCING

There have been several encouraging signs that fencing is beginning to recover from the doldrums in which it found itself last term. R. M. T. Chetwynd (W) and T. J. Lea (W) steadily improved, and they should both do well later on. Mr. Andrew has very kindly turned up to help on Thursdays, and he has been a very great asset indeed. The competitions and home matches will be held at the end of the term.

P.C.P.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL PAPER 1949

1-7, Aurora Borealis (*f*), Twinkling of stars (*b*), Rainbow (*c*), Eclipses of the moon (*j*), Spring tides (*d*), Bursting of water-pipes (*e*), The seasons (*i*). 8-9, Grantham, Stamford. 10, Hurstmonceux. 11-15, (*a*) Garden, (*b*) Sonnet, (*c*) Ghost in Hamlet/Hamlet Senior; (*d*) Katisha, (*e*) (John) Gilpin. 16-21, (*a*) Brother, (*b*) Mother, (*c*) Daughter, (*d*) Great-grandfather, (*e*) Brother, (*f*) Grandfather. 22-28, Socratic; Lucullan; Cynic; Herculean; Pyrrhic; Attic; Parthian. 29-34, (*a*) Fell; (*b*) Moriarty; (*c*) Faust(us); (*d*) Barnardo; (*e*) Dalton; (*f*) Livingstone.

35-44, Stock Exchange; Lloyd's; Bank of England; Cenotaph; Savoy Theatre; Fish Market; Registry of Births and Deaths; Royal Society; Vegetable Market; Meat Market. 45, "The Gathering Storm." 46-48, 100. 49-53, (*c*); (*a*); (*c*); (*c*) and (*f*). 54, Mann. 55, 26. 56, Ash Wednesday. 57, Cerise and ivory. 58, Albania. 59-61, (*c*); (*b*); (*d*). 62-65, "She Stoops to Conquer," "Twelfth Night," "Patience," "Eric."

66-70, (*a*) Chrysler; (*b*) Pennyroyal; (*c*) Beatrice; (*d*) Hessian; (*e*) St. Luke. 71-74, Selima; Hodge; Pony (Horse); T. S. Eliot. 75-78 (*a*) Kings of England; (*b*) (Cricket) batting average; (*c*) Tides; (*d*) Spectrum/Rainbow. 79-82, (*a*) N; (*b*) S; (*c*) O; (*d*) O. 83, Antrycide. 84-87, (*a*) 29; (*b*) Churchill; (*c*) A flat; (*d*) 'Arry 'Awk. 88-94, Wisden; Crockford; Baedeker; Hansard; Whittaker; Debrett; Larousse. 95-96, Wolfe; Darwin. 97-100, (*a*) Hamlet; (*b*) Stephen; (*c*) Marmion; (*d*) Socrates.

CREWE STATION—1.30 a.m.

The day has just begun, and yet the world
Is still asleep. The dreary night-shift's tread
Has died away and left these bodies curled
Around some dying ashes—numb, half-dead,
And half-alive with cold. They think they sleep,
But death cannot be worse, whose victim tries
No more to live. These milk-cans and this heap
Of mail just mean that dawn has yet to rise.
A casual train slides into Platform 8 . . .
A few alight and find some boiling sips
Of tea and chew a tasteless railway bun.
The cheerless lamps are dim and mock the fate
Of these half-living souls. The last train slips
Into the night . . .

The day has just begun.

R.J.R.

