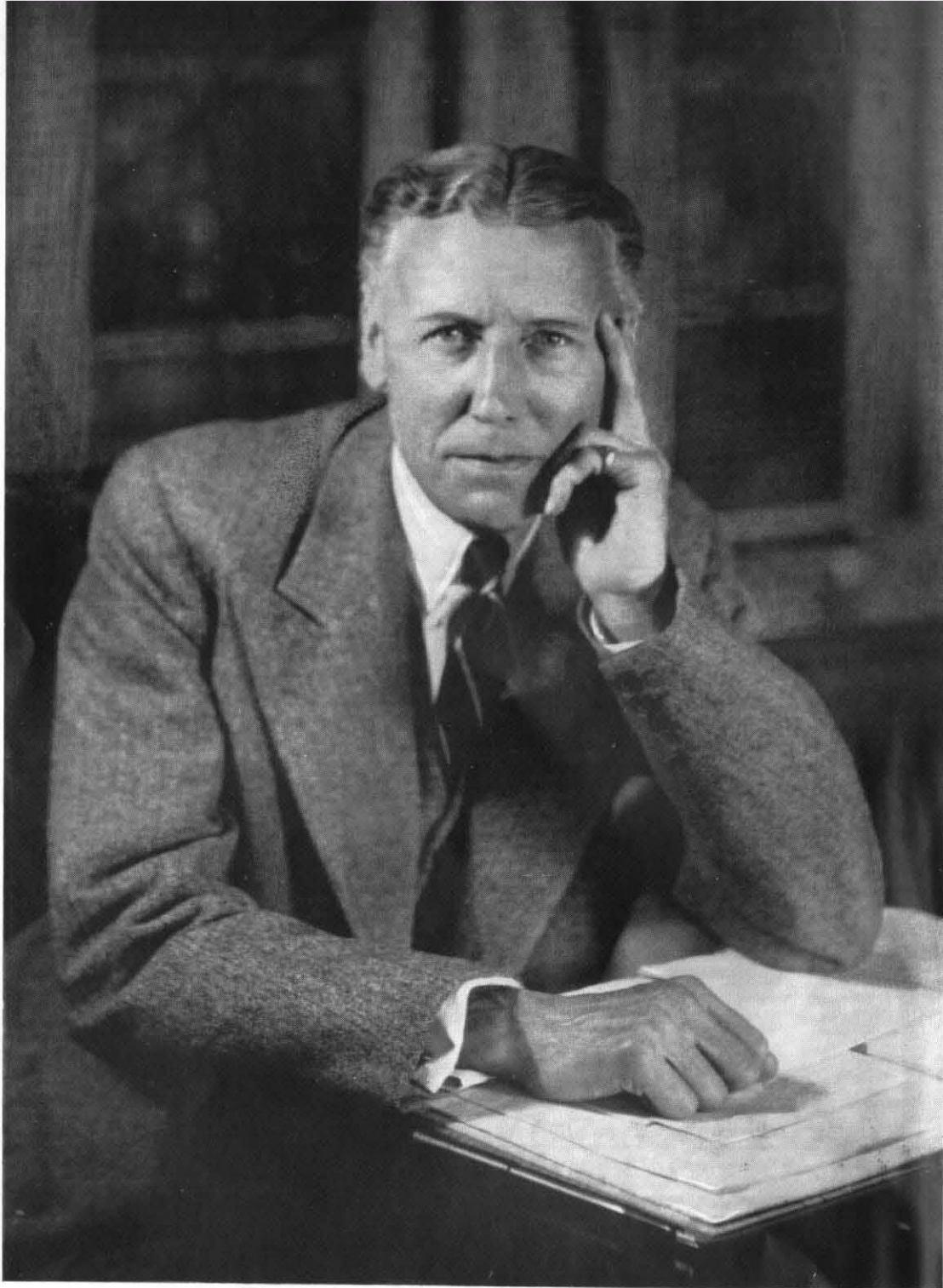


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A WORD AT PARTING

THERE is a risk of embarrassment in the public expression of such sentiments as are more usually reserved for the privacy of our hearts; nor would even long association justify the impertinence of an assistant's or a pupil's reckoning of his Headmaster. Yet, when this issue of *The Stoic* is published, there will be only one man in the thoughts of all of us. We may, therefore, crave indulgence for an attempt to say something of the debt we all owe to 'J.F.'; and we need not ask pardon on such an occasion for calling him by no more formal title.

How few there must be, men or boys, of whatever outlook, for whom their time at Stowe has not been a time of great happiness. Has this been only because of the beauty of our surroundings; or has it been also because J.F. has given us his unremitting service, his devoted attachment, and his generous trust? Has it been because, when we failed, we have always been given the chance to redeem ourselves, together with the tacit faith that we would redeem ourselves? Has it been because our initiative has been allowed full play; because our successes have been so warmly appreciated; because our peccadilloes have been chastised before a background of unfailing sympathy and understanding?

How few there must be who have not had in J.F. the truest of friends. He has found time for countless acts of personal generosity, and they are many who in times of personal need have learned the depth of his concern and the reality of his help. But there is also another and a subtler bond. Stowe's welfare being the breath of J.F.'s life, he has inspired

others with the very vitality of his purpose. They, on their part, are absorbed into something greater than themselves; and he, in turn, has found nothing within that sphere too trivial for his notice, no servant of that aim too lowly to be his friend.

How few again, whatever their awareness, can have been wholly insensitive to the lessons we could learn from him. Who, for instance, could himself have worked more selflessly than J.F.; showing thereby that a little example is worth a legion of injunctions? Who could more patiently have directed those about him by leadership rather than by compulsion; teaching that trust and confidence are more evocative of good than any drilling or coercion, that service voluntarily given has a greater value than that which is exacted?

A further lesson has lain in the quality of all that J.F. habitually does. Seldom has his hand been laid to any task without the minutest attention to detail. We cannot always emulate his judgment; but we can try to rival his care. Yet, with all his tidiness of mind, J.F. has never overloved strict formulae or fool-proof regulations. He has taught us that accuracy can differ from restriction; so that our course has had less to be dictated by rules than by the needs of each occasion. Human beings, after all, should count for more than ciphers.

Do many of us, in circumstances far less testing, so happily retain our courtesy; and, were we to achieve a comparable success, could we preserve that dignified and constructive humility, whereby in his own heart J.F. has always sought to blame himself in preference to another?

In those to whom it is shown, liberality may breed faults that are more obvious than their virtues. Whether, in us who have known J.F., the former or the latter predominate, it is for others to judge; though we may point with pride to the record of Old Stoics in the war. At any rate, we all have had our chance, and for that chance we have J.F. to thank. For all his generosity and his devotion, his graciousness and his sincerity, for all his belief in us, we owe J.F. our thanks. And let us feel no shame to tell him, in return for all the affection he has shown to us, that we can assure him most whole-heartedly of ours.

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1949.

Prefects:—M. D. Cobham (G), Head of the School; W. R. G. Short (G); Second Prefect; G. L. D. Duckworth (C), Prefect of Chapel; C. H. Bartlett (T), Prefect of Library; R. J. Roberts (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; 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); P. J. R. Hubert (G).

Cricket:—Captain, D. E. Conington (B); Secretary, M. D. Cobham (G).

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

Swimming:—Captain, P. G. Shinner (B); Secretary, J. D. F. Lockhart (C).

The close of this term witnesses an unique occasion. Mr. J. F. Roxburgh retires after being Headmaster of Stowe since its foundation in 1923. The record of those years may substantially be read in *The Stoic* of July 1944, when Stowe attained its majority; but there may be some interest in the addition of a few facts and figures.

Within little more than two years of its birth, Stowe numbered well over four hundred boys and was acknowledged to be already taking its place in the front rank of English Public Schools. Now, in its twenty-seventh year, numbers stand at five hundred and fifty, which is as great as they have ever been or indeed can be with existing accommodation. Among them there is beginning to appear a good sprinkling of the sons of Old Stoics.

Within the whole of this period, Stoics have gained one hundred and twenty-three Scholarships and Exhibitions at Oxford and Cambridge. In games against the representative first teams of other leading Public Schools, Stowe has won thirty-six and lost thirty-four Cricket matches; and, at Rugby Football, has won forty-five matches and lost fifty-six.

Mr. Roxburgh, as already announced in last term's issue of *The Stoic*, will be succeeded by Mr. E. V. Reynolds.

July 2nd was, and will probably long remain, the greatest of all Old Stoic Days. More than a thousand Old Stoics came on this especial occasion, and the weather could not have been more perfect. The usual matches against the School were played and are reported elsewhere in this number. But the central feature of the afternoon came at 3.45. On the South Front, Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. (C, 1927), in an admirable speech on behalf of the community of Old Stoics, formally presented to the Headmaster, who no less gracefully replied, the gifts for which so many had subscribed. These gifts consisted in a Sunbeam-Talbot "Ninety" car, a clock specially designed to reproduce the chimes of the North Front clock at Stowe, and the placing to his account at a well-known agency of £700 for a travelling holiday. In addition to these personal gifts, a cheque for £5,000 was handed to him, which, at his desire, is to be devoted to the fulfilling of some constructive need of the School.

Of the Entrance Scholars elected in July this year the first in order was the son of the late J. N. Feathers (G, 1928); the second was the son of I. A. Clarke, first Housemaster of Grenville, and then of Walpole until his death in 1939; the third was the son of J. J. Hartland-Swann (B, 1926). This is the first occasion on which the son of an Old Stoic has been elected to a Scholarship at Stowe.

Among the marriages recorded in this number of *The Stoic* no less than four are between two Stoic families—an Old Stoic marrying the sister of another Old Stoic.

On May 27th, J. M. Connell (G, 1942) married the sister of P. J. S. Mackay (T, 1944) and A. B. S. Mackay (T, 1946); on June 24th, J. F. P. Tate (W, 1941) married the sister of the late H. C. Corbett (B, 1936) and of G. McC. Corbett (B, 1941); on June 25th, J. G. Cliff-Hodges (G, 1933) married the sister of M. Birkett (T, 1948); and on July 25th, the Hon. J. V. Fisher (B, 1940) married the sister of the late G. H. P. Holt (B, 1940).

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize for the best Prefect of the year has been awarded to M. D. Cobham (G).

The Bruxner-Randall Memorial Prize for the best Monitor of the year has been awarded to J. R. Lindgren (B).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 22nd, the Rev. Canon Spencer Leeson, Bishop Designate of Peterborough and formerly Headmaster of Winchester; Sunday, May 29th, the Rev. Kenneth Riches, Principal of Cuddesdon College, Oxford; Sunday, June 26th, the Ven. C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland and Chaplain to H.M. the King; Sunday, July 10th, the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford.

Chapel Collections this term have been as follows:—March 27th, for the Llandaff Cathedral Restoration Fund, £24 5s. 6d.; May 8th, for the R.N.L.I., £25 5s. 3d.; June 12th, for the New Cathedral for the Diocese of the Niger, £24; July 3rd, for the Pineapple, £31 5s. 4d.

A fine microscope, a binocular model having a remarkable range of objectives and a mechanical stage of great elaboration, has been presented to the Biological Laboratories by P. G. Shepherd (C, 1945) and R. D. Shepherd (C, 1949).

Recent results in Medical Examinations have been as follows:—Cambridge, 1st M.B.:—Pts. 1 and 3, J. F. F. le Poer Trench (C); Pts. 1 and 2, P. A. Cullum (C), J. D. G. Sloss (C); Pt. 1, A. T. W. Innes (T); Pt. 2, J. W. L. Adams (B); Pt. 4, J. F. Marsden (W). Oxford, Preliminary: Pts. 1 and 2, E. M. R. Critchley (C); Pt. 2, J. D. F. Lockhart (C), R. Lush (C), D. P. Wells (C).

School Cricket Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XI.:—J. F. Conington (B), W. R. G. Short (G), F. J. Pearce (B), C. C. McNeil (T) (re-awarded); G. J. E. Dixon (T), C. H. Lezard (C), H. J. Lloyd (T), H. R. V. Whitcombe (B).

2nd XI.:—R. Lush (C), O. T. Wall (C), B. C. Harris (C), H. J. Lloyd (T), M. V. Benthall (G), A. H. Salt (G).

3rd XI. :—C. C. Malden (Ⓔ), H. R. Herrington (Ⓒ), W. M. Patterson (Ⓑ), G. R. T. Sorley (Ⓒ), W. D. M. Arnott (Ⓜ), P. D. Stern (Ⓜ), D. Read (Ⓜ), A. H. Salt (Ⓔ), G. S. Rose (Ⓒ), D. C. F. Kimber (Ⓑ), T. D. Whitson (Ⓜ), J. Charlton (Ⓒ).

Colts' Caps :—A. W. Fraser (Ⓒ), H. R. V. Whitcombe (Ⓑ), M. J. Fenwick (Ⓒ), R. F. Butlin (Ⓔ), M. R. J. Forman (Ⓒ), P. G. Harris (Ⓔ).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been re-awarded to N. R. Cunningham-Reid (Ⓔ); and awarded to W. Lloyd (Ⓒ), R. C. Page (Ⓒ), J. R. Lindgren (Ⓑ).

School Colours for Swimming have been re-awarded to E. H. Trimmingham (Ⓜ) and G. D. Church (Ⓜ); and have been awarded to M. A. Ferguson-Smith (Ⓔ), P. J. Nash (Ⓒ), F. F. Graham (Ⓜ).

THE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial which was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on June 8th was designed by Mr. J. F. Matthew, partner of the late Sir Robert Lorimer, architect of the Chapel. It was made by Messrs. Scott Morton & Co. of Edinburgh, who made the stalls to Sir Robert's designs in 1929 and who fortunately still had available some of the oak which they had procured at that time. It is not surprising therefore that both in style and in material the new work should harmonize as it does with the old beside which it stands. The style shows the daring combination of two manners which Sir Robert achieved so successfully in the stalls, breathing as it were a breath of the mediaeval over the classical elements of his design. The material is the same "pickled" oak which the passage of twenty years has scarcely darkened and which lends itself so well to the fine craftsmanship of the Scottish carvers.

The Memorial, which occupies the corner of the building immediately to the left as one enters, consists essentially of two parts. On the wall below the window are the *Panels*, an expanse of oak bearing in five columns

and in gold relief the names and initials of the two hundred and seventy Old Stoics killed in the war. To the left of this (as one reads the names) and filling the South end of the aisle stands the *Shrine*, approached by two steps and surmounted by a carved canopy. The central feature of the Shrine is a glass-covered reading-desk in which lies the Book of Remembrance. Above the resting place of the Book is a plain silver cross, having the emblems of the Evangelists in coloured enamel at its four extremities, and below it is the dedicatory inscription in gold :—

IN HONOUR OF
THOSE OLD STOICS WHO IN
THE WAR OF
1939 — 1945
ON LAND AT SEA OR IN THE AIR
GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY
WE WHO LOVED THEM
HAVE SET UP THIS MEMORIAL.

The Book of Remembrance, a vellum-bound volume of noble proportions, contains, besides a dedication, two hundred and seventy vellum pages on which will be shown, illuminated in black, gold and red, the full names of the men killed and certain facts from the record of each of them. The work of illumination will of necessity take a long time but the artist, Mr. F. G. Marshall, has completed the dedicatory page and one of the record pages (that of Major J. T. McK. Anderson, V.C., D.S.O.) in order to show how the whole book will appear when finished.

The Memorial will be approached through a *Screen* which will continue and complete the line of the stalls and correspond to the three screens at the three other corners of the building. Though corresponding to these it will be somewhat more imposing and differ from them in being without curtains, while instead of four small heraldic features it will have one single coat of arms which will not only be itself impressive but will also serve to unify the composition. The Screen in an unfinished state was put temporarily into position for Old Stoic Day.

Besides being an exquisite and significant thing in itself and not unworthy of the purpose for which it has been created, the War Memorial adds a final feature of beauty and distinction to the interior of the Chapel, which almost seems to have been waiting for this sad completion of its loveliness.

DEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

On Wednesday, June 8th, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated, in Chapel, the War Memorial to the 270 Stoics who gave their lives in the war of 1939—1945.

In view of the large number of parents, friends and Old Stoics present, about 350 of the present members of the School were seated in the fore-court of the Chapel to which the service was relayed by loud speakers.

During the singing of the hymn "For all the saints who from their labours rest," the Clergy processed from Chatham House, where they had robed. The Chaplain led the procession followed by the Assistant Bishop of Coventry (one of the School Governors). He was followed by the Lord Bishop of Oxford in cope and mitre of gold silk and carrying the Oxford Cathedral Pastoral Staff; he in turn was followed by his Chaplain, the Principal of St. Stephen's House. Lastly came the Archbishop in cope and mitre of cream and gold; a most imposing figure preceded by his Chaplain carrying the Primatial Cross of Canterbury.

The Clergy took their places in the Sanctuary and when the hymn was ended the Headmaster read the first Lesson from the Book of Wisdom, chapter 3: "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them . . ." The Choral Society then sang, most beautifully, to a special setting by Walford Davies, the psalm "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." The second Lesson was read by Mr. A. B. Clifford, Second Master, and was taken from the Book of Revelation, ending with the lovely words "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

During the singing of the following hymn, "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want," to the glorious Scottish tune called "Crimond," the Clergy, preceded by the Headmaster and Dr. Pickard-Cambridge (Chairman of the Governing Body), moved down the Chapel to the War Memorial Panel and Shrine at the Organ end of the building. When the hymn ended, the congregation turned around to face the Memorial and the Archbishop proceeded with the Dedication:

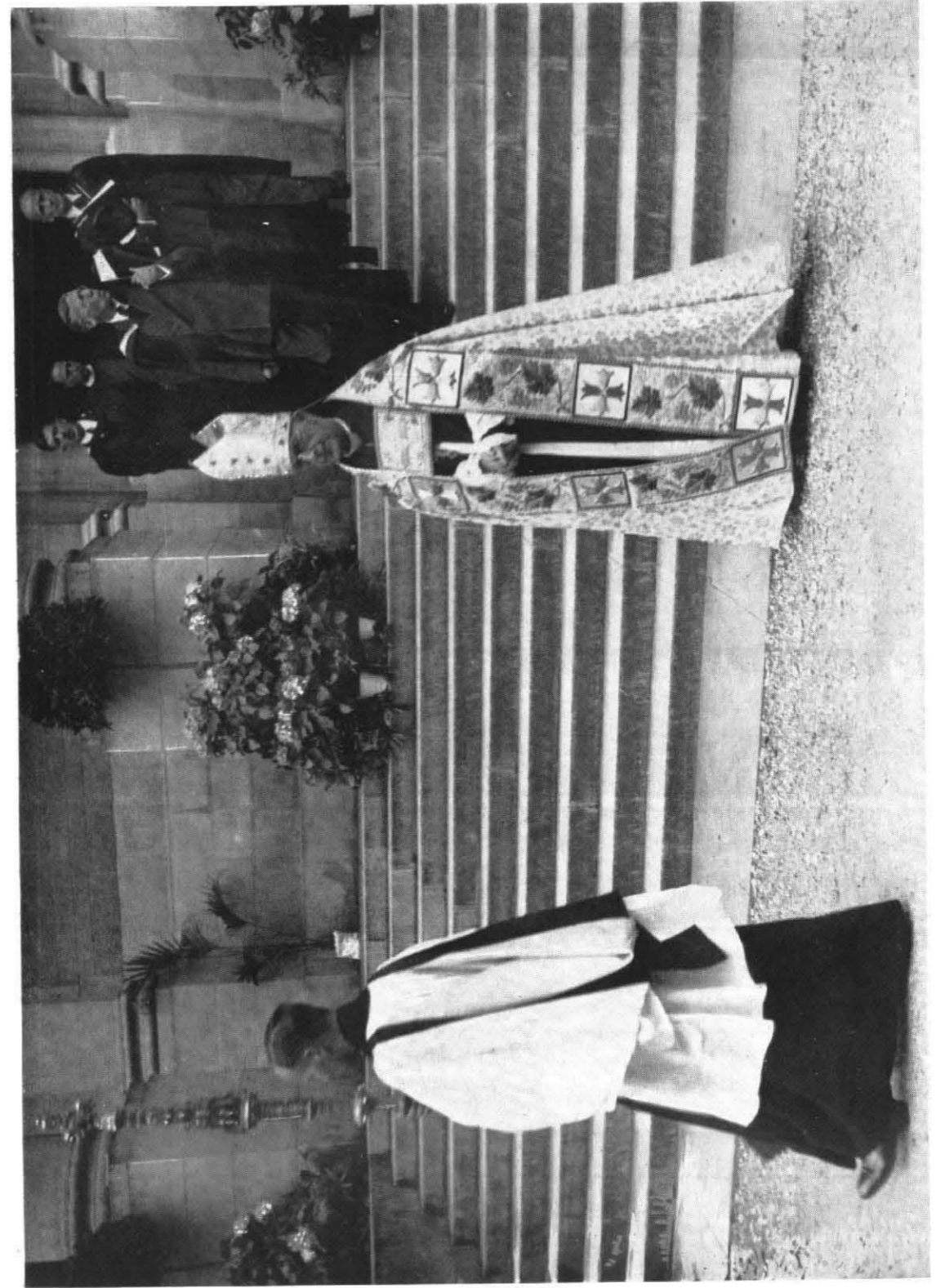


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HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
War Memorial Dedication Service

June 8th, 1949

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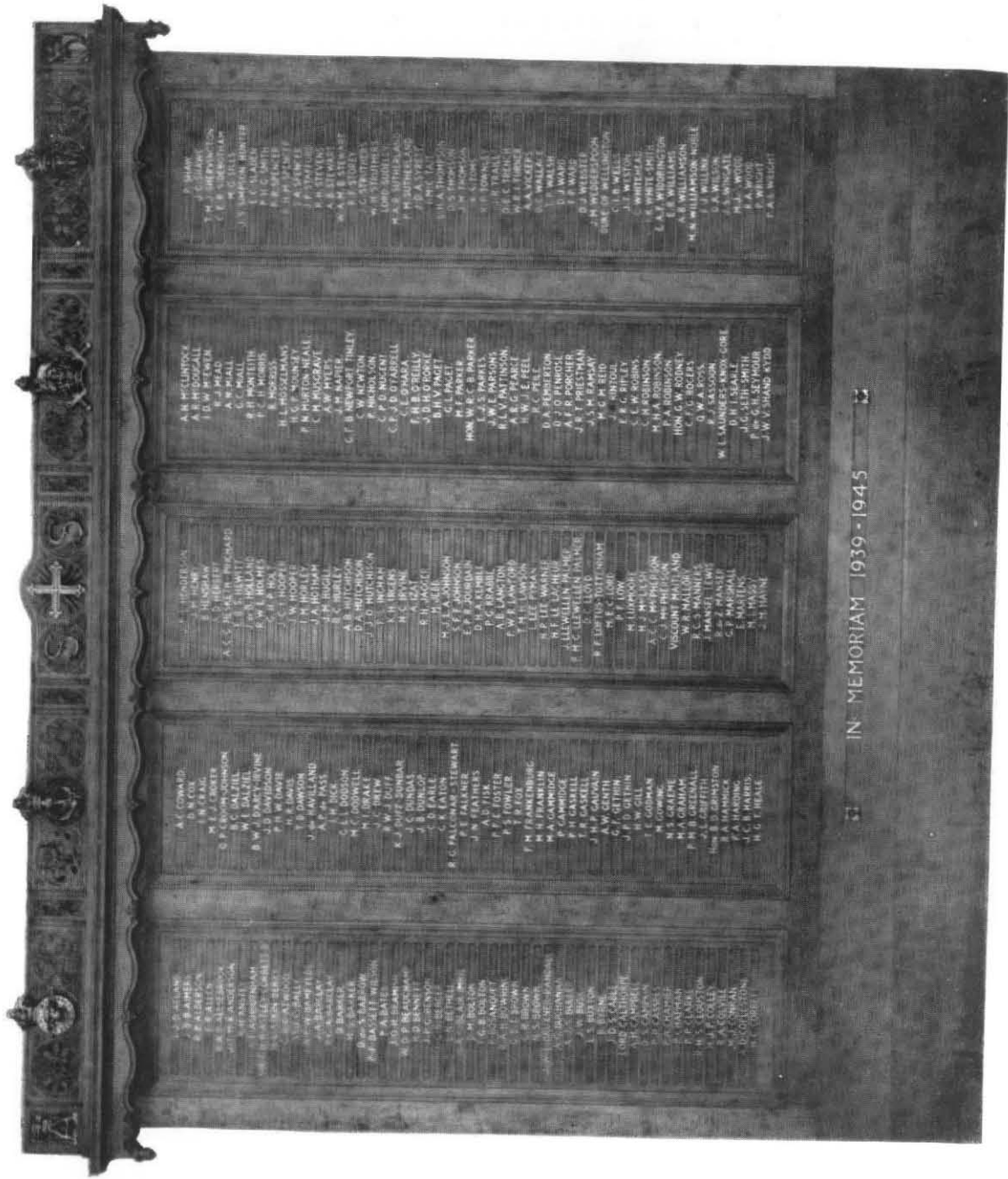


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THE WAR MEMORIAL : THE PANEL

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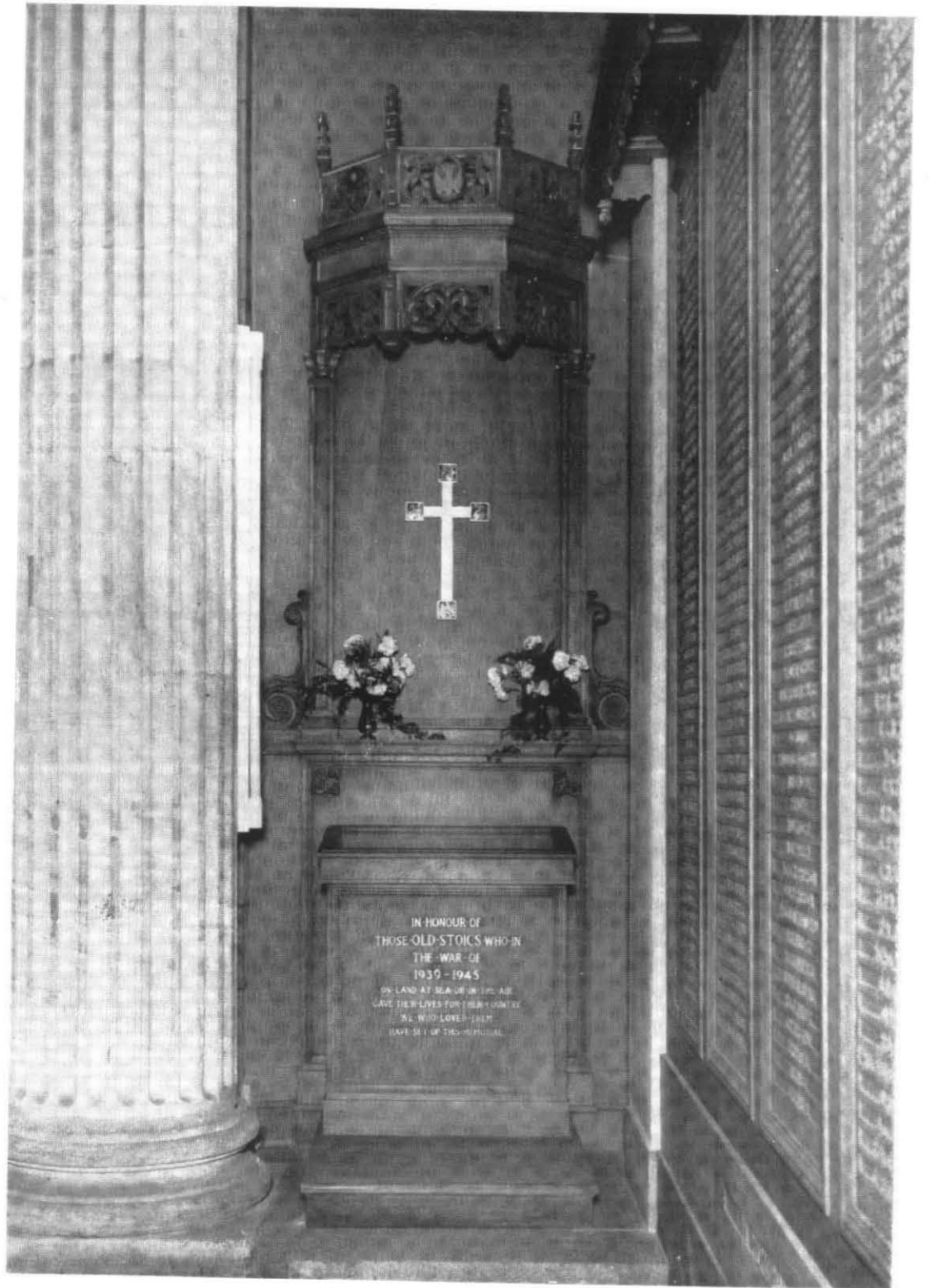


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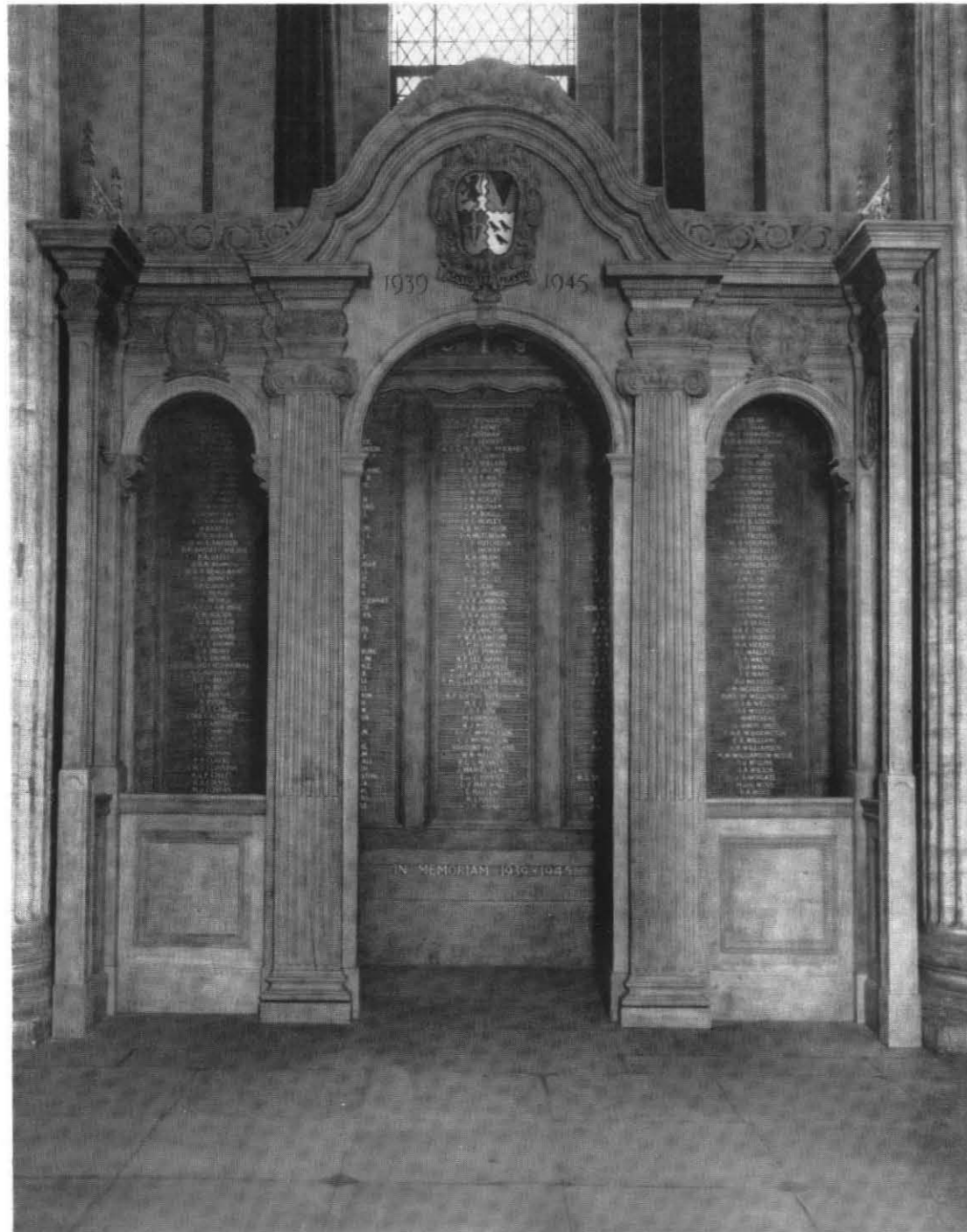


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THE WAR MEMORIAL

[R. & H. Chapman

(The Screen, as here shown, is lacking in certain small details of carving and colouring)

“Almighty God, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, we give Thee thanks for those who, having worshipped in this place, answered the call of duty and laid down their lives for their friends. Accept, we pray Thee, in Thy house this memorial of their sacrifice, and enable us by Thy grace to walk worthy of our inheritance; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*”

“In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this memorial to the Glory of God and in memory of those whose names are written thereon, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*”

The congregation then joined in saying the Lord's Prayer and the Clergy returned to the Sanctuary during the playing of Brahms' Choral Prelude “A Rose breaks into Bloom.” Prayers were then offered by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, ending with The Grace. The hymn, always so moving, “O Valiant Hearts” was sung. The Archbishop, standing on the Communion step, gave us his address.

Taking his text from Isaiah, “I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine,” he said that each of the 270 names on that Memorial stood for one who shared with those present the common attributes of human life and who shared in the life of this School, but who was always also himself in features of body, mind, character and spirit which were shared by no-one else at all. Some of them were thinking of one such person, one most dear to them, of what he was to them and of what he well might have been to them. Some were thinking of old pupils and old friends. The Headmaster of that young School, who had so nobly and creatively controlled and guided it through the first 26 years of its existence, had welcomed each one of these to the School and had watched his progress year by year. The Memorial to them was dedicated to the Glory of God and in the Faith of Jesus Christ, because in that faith, and most surely in that faith alone, could they realize the meaning for them and for themselves of that conflict and that sacrifice, a conflict as old as human history, as old as the conflict between Darkness and Light, Truth and Falsehood, Life and Death. Christ challenged them to see the meaning in terms of His Sacrifice and His Service. There at one end of the Chapel was the Memorial of Man's imperfect but faithful sacrifice and at the other was the memorial of Christ's perfect sacrifice.

The above is the text of the Archbishop's address, as it appeared in a local paper. Excellent as it is, it does not cover some other thoughts which may perhaps be given as follows.

The lines of Michael Drayton spring to the mind :—

“ This is my task, this part must I fulfil,
This is the thing that I was born to do.”

The grandeur of duty lies in its very simplicity. As Martin Luther is reported to have said, “ Here I stand, so help me God. I can do no other.” The heroic souls do not think of themselves as heroes ; they act no part before their fellows, they make no appeal to posterity. If questioned they say they act as they do because they must. It is what the occasion required of them, and how could they be unfaithful to it ? To default at such a time is to forfeit one's manhood. To be equal to the demand is to rise to a new level in self-hood. In the hour when a man gathers his whole self to do the deed to which no conditions are attached, he asks no reward and looks for no applause. Perhaps he has his uncertainty and his reluctance still, but something great has come upon him and he obeys.

“ Such were these men whose names we commemorate here to-day. They were not specially heroic, not specially courageous ; most of them were just ordinary folk like you and me, but duty faced them and they did not shrink nor hesitate. They died in the hope that we might have life and liberty, and that this land they so dearly loved might never come under the heel of a proud conqueror. We must live to strengthen and maintain that for which they died, lest their dying, in the long run, prove to be in vain.”

After the address the hymn “ Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side,” was sung to the tune *Finlandia*, by Sibelius. The Lord Archbishop gave us his blessing and we passed out from the Chapel into the bright sunshine, but it was not the sunshine that was causing most of us to blink. A very moving and memorable ceremony had just ended and one can only hope and pray that for all those who have lost their dear ones, and for all those who had the privilege of knowing them, it was such that they could share the feelings of one parent who had lost two sons, and who said that it was “ a most moving and inspiring service,” and that she went away “ quite uplifted.”

TO THE CHIMES OF STOWE

Let fall into the darkness, bell by bell,
Your spray of pensive sound, reminding chime !
Tell heedless youth how late it is—and tell
One older head there's no such thing as Time.

One has come back. But on his older brow
No dream descends. For, when you speak, he knows
The past is actual in the darkness, now—
Now ! as you sigh that quarter to its close.

He listens, moved profoundly. For it seems
Your voice, which is the very voice of Stowe,
Last filled the night above his schoolboy dreams
But fifteen minutes of short life ago.

LAURENCE WHISTLER,
(G, 1930).

Stowe, Night of May 29th—30th, 1949.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to those already published, the following University Awards were won in March :—

G. H. ROOKE (C) was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at Exeter College, Oxford.

G. L. E. SPIER (G) was awarded a Scholarship in Modern Subjects at New College, Oxford.

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1948-9

BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	C. Graham-Bonnalie (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	F. J. Pearce (B)
EDWARD HARDING MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR READING (Junior) :	K. A. Henderson (C)
PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE :	
<i>First Prize :</i>	Not Awarded
<i>Second Prize :</i>	S. E. Digby (W) and J. D. Nightingale (C)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :	
<i>Senior :</i>	N. E. Wates (B)
<i>Junior :</i>	M. C. Caiger-Smith (T)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE :	S. A. M. Adshead (B)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Translation) :	D. J. M. Champion (W)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN (Prose) :	D. L. E. Evan-Hughes (C)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	D. L. E. Evan-Hughes (C)
JOHN WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	P. M. Rossiter (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	M. J. Lloyd (C)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE :	P. E. Leslie (C)
WALLACE PRIZES FOR GEOGRAPHY :	C. M. Abbott (G) and R. C. Page (C)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY (Middle School) :—for 1948 :	I. H. Marshall (C)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :	D. F. D. Pope (C)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	M. A. R. Freeman (T)
HAYWARD PRIZES FOR CHEMISTRY :	D. Read (T) and J. C. Turner (G)
H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY :	M. A. Ferguson-Smith (G)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	K. McC. Reynolds (G)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School) :	C. D. Mullineux (T)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	K. R. H. Allen (G)

OLIM ALUMNI

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. G. HUGHES (B, 1931) has been awarded the American Legion of Merit for services with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington during the war.

S. R. SILLS (C, 1928) has been awarded the decoration of Knight of the Order of Leopold II by the Belgian Government in recognition of his services during the war with the British Ministry of Supply in Washington.

MAJOR J. E. L. CORBYN, M.C. (T, 1931) was awarded the D.S.O. in 1945.

J. L. NICHOLSON (T, 1934) was awarded the Bowley Prize for research in economic statistics by London University in 1947. He was also awarded the Francis Wood Memorial Prize by the Royal Statistical Society in 1948.

The Island Sailing Club's fourteenth race round the Isle of Wight was sailed on Saturday, July 9th. The Crankshaw Trophy, for vessels of over 25 tons, was won by the 26-ton Cutter *Astrape*, designed and owned by F. B. RICHARDS, D.S.C. (T, 1936).

A. R. BARROWCLOUGH (C, 1942) has been awarded an Eldon Scholarship for Law.

J. E. M. IRVINE (T, 1943) has been awarded a First Class in Criminal Law at the recently held Bar Examinations. There had been no award of a First Class in the two previous years.

J. F. CULLIS (W, 1944) has gained a First Class in Italian in the First Part of the Modern Languages Tripos, at Cambridge. He has also been elected to an Honorary Exhibition at Christ's College.

At the passing-out parade on June 8th at Mons Officer-Cadet School, at which five hundred Cadets were addressed by Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, CAPTAIN D. V. PALMER (C, 1944) of the Life Guards, the Adjutant of the School, rode up the parade ground steps. Palmer was top Entrance Scholar of his year at Stowe.

M. B. LE POER TRENCH (C, 1945), on passing out of Cranwell in April, was awarded the John Anthony Chance Memorial Prize.

M. BIRKETT (T, 1948) was awarded the Sword of Honour at the Royal Air Force O.C.T.U., Spittlegate, on passing out from it in May.

P. M. GIBBS (C, 1948) has been awarded a College Exhibition for Natural Science at Downing College, Cambridge.

BIRTHS

To the wife of G. W. A. KEIR (W, 1938), on February 2nd, 1948, a son; to the wife of CAPTAIN R. A. ALSTON-ROBERTS-WEST, M.C. (G, 1938), on April 11th, a son; to the wife of the REV. J. E. C. NICHOLL, M.C. (B, 1939), on June 12th, a son; to the wife of A. D. THOMSON (C, 1941), on January 3rd, a daughter; to the wife of H. M. BEDDALL (C, 1936), on June 26th, a son; to the wife of D. A. BARKER (W, 1936), on May 5th, a daughter; to the wife of J. D. BLOIS (B, 1933), on May 29th, a daughter; to the wife of J. P. McDONAGH (G, 1928), on April 14th, a son; to the wife of DR. P. R. WESTALL (C, 1938), on June 12th, a daughter; to the wife of MAJOR D. B. EGERTON (C, 1932), on April 27th, a son; to the wife of W. OVENSTONE (G, 1935), on March 22nd, a son; to the wife of M. VILLIERS-STUART (T, 1930), on April 29th, a son; to the wife of R. C. LINDSELL (G, 1932), on July 9th, 1948, a son; to the wife of C. N. BRUCE (G, 1940), on April 24th, a son and a daughter; to the wife of A. G. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1929), on June 7th, a son; to the wife of J. A. McDONALD (C, 1941), on December 26th, 1948, a son; to the wife of J. S. B. BUTLER (G, 1941), on June 18th, a son; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. A. L. MONTGOMERY-CAMPBELL (C, 1928), on March 17th, a daughter; to the wife of MAJOR G. F. K. DALY (G, 1934), on March 16th, a son; to the wife of J. A. CUTFORTH (G, 1938), on May 2nd, a daughter; to the wife of F. R. PERKINS (G, 1927), on April 28th, a daughter; to the wife of R. D. LEA (C, 1930), on May 16th, a son; to the wife of I. EARLE (C, 1934), on April 13th, a son; to the wife of D. M. PEARCE (C, 1930), on April 7th, a son; to the wife of J. M. GRICE (G, 1933), on April 1st, a son; to the wife of R. A. D. OLIVER (C, 1940), on April 2nd, a daughter; to the wife of THE HON. WAYLAND HILTON-YOUNG (W, 1941), on April 2nd, a daughter; to the wife of R. H. L. FARMER (G, 1933), on April 15th, a son; to the wife of R. KEE (G, 1937), on April 20th, a daughter; to the wife of DR. D. ROSSDALE (T, 1942), on April 17th, a daughter; to the wife of MAJOR K. W. L. ROBERTS (C, 1933), on April 27th, a son; to the wife of LIEUTENANT A. R. AMBERTON, R.N. (C, 1934), on June 30th, a daughter; to the wife of G. R. CHEAPE (G, 1930), on June 25th, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

J. G. CLIFF-HODGES (G, 1933) to Miss L. Birkett, on June 25th; J. M. CONNELL (G, 1942) to Miss J. M. S. Mackay, on May 27th; A. E. BOLTON (C, 1928) to Mrs. B. Witzel, on April 14th; I. O'D. PRESTON (C, 1936) to Mrs. M. Gunson, on March 30th; S. BARCLAY (C, 1938) to Miss E. Hay, on June 15th; J. N. DIXEY (B, 1939) to Miss M. J. Dobson, on April 30th; J. M. ENGLISH (B, 1937) to Miss J. A. Watson on April 30th; M. B. HICKLING (C, 1939) to Miss E. J. Pryor, on April 30th; G. L. BELLAMY (C, 1926) to Baroness von Sass, on May 2nd; CAPTAIN F. N. H. WIDDRINGTON (G, 1938) to Mrs.

Garforth Bles, on April 21st; P. W. HARVEY (G, 1942) to Miss E. J. Roberts, on April 23rd; DR. P. J. C. NICHOLL (B, 1938) to Miss M. Pippett, on April 23rd; CAPTAIN J. R. S. PEPLOE, M.C. (C, 1936) to Miss V. Price Harris, on May 14th; T. L. DEWHURST (B, 1938) to Miss P. Oldfield, on June 2nd; M. C. EYSTON (G, 1940) to Miss M. Brittorous, on June 1st; J. R. ROBERTSON (B, 1942) to Miss G. S. Looker, on April 22nd; MAJOR J. P. FANE, M.C. (B, 1939) to The Hon. Ann Lowther, on April 27th; J. K. HAY (C, 1934) to Miss J. Kerr, on April 23rd; J. F. P. TATE (W, 1941) to Miss C. J. Corbett, on June 24th; M. V. NICHOLL (G, 1938) to Miss J. Long, on April 2nd; J. D. FAY (G, 1938) to Miss V. J. Stroud, on July 2nd; I. R. L. SHAW (C, 1939) to Miss A. B. M. Carrad, on April 23rd; V. R. PARAVICINI (C, 1931) to Mrs. J. Campbell, on May 7th; CAPTAIN A. C. LYNCH-STAUNTON (T, 1936) to Miss A. F. Elverson on May 4th; H. B. MCCREADY (G, 1939) to Miss P. E. Ross, on April 27th; K. J. S. RITCHIE (T, 1938) to Miss W. M. A. Bowiby, on July 7th; The HON. J. V. FISHER (T, 1940) to Miss E. A. Holt, on July 25th; V. J. SYKES (T, 1928) to Miss C. H. Hooper, on July 23rd; MAJOR J. C. MONTEITH (G, 1933) to Miss E. B. McLellan, on July 12th; G. E. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T, 1941) to Mlle. S. Corso on July 16th; J. D. MURRAY (C, 1928) to Miss D. M. Carter, on April 21st.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1949

- D. J. FEATHERS (Mr. J. Harrison, Ashfold, Handcross, Sussex).
 A. J. CLARKE (Mr. J. H. Nock, Lathallan, Colinsburgh, Fife).
 J. D. HARTLAND-SWANN (Messrs. Beck and Wheeler, Cheam School, Headley, Newbury, Berks).
 R. A. DUNCAN (Mr. A. F. Fetherstonhaugh, The Leas, Hoylake, Cheshire).
 D. N. CONNAH (Mr. H. S. Blencowe, Oriel House, St. Asaph, N. Wales.)
 J. WITHAM (Mr. B. S. Morris, Junior House, Felsted, Sussex).
 D. M. JACK (Mr. J. E. Maxwell-Hyslop, Rottingdean School, Rottingdean, Sussex).

EXHIBITION

- P. KRUSIN (Mr. E. T. L. R. Haywood, The Grammar School, Barnstaple).

“AU FEU”

To the casual observer of the architecture of Stowe there would appear to be not a blemish thereon. The swivelling eye of George, should that gentleman lower his dignity so far, would encounter naught save two flawless colonnades in perfect symmetry, framing the grandeur of the North Hall Post Office, with the handsome facade of the Power House Yard stretching away beyond his steed's incredibly aristocratic head, and a blank wall, concealing a hive of industry, way behind that noble animal's equally aristocratic and impossible tail. As for the intrepid Stoic perilously and illegally poised on the top of the Corinthian Arch, his roving eye would be inevitably drawn to the South Front Portico with its lofty pillars slightly off-white by reason of the proximity of “The Bursar's Chimney.”

Little would they realize that this outward splendour conceals a multitude of contrivances that would break the heart of any pyromaniac; of course I am alluding to the Stowe methods of avoiding death by burning. To make a complete tally, well,

“’tis odds beyond arithmetic,”

but it is possible to single out one or two outstanding examples. Surely the helter-skelter effect which supposedly helps the inhabitants of Grafton is the supreme example of échelliary art? The temptation to descend in a recumbent posture could only be counteracted by the anticipation of subsequent remorse.

Attractive too is the causeway coyly hiding in the shelter of Cobham arch, and once a battle training-ground for Fr—I beg your pardon, recruits. (The fact that this is only meant for use should the stairs catch fire prompts me to place an order for a substantial load of concrete against the winter snows). One would suppose that the inhabitants of a sick-room were sacrosanct, but no; should they become aware of the aroma of burning linoleum they are expected to ‘swarm’ (an act hitherto assumed to be the prerogative of bees) down a rope, before they can count themselves safe.

Those domiciled in Chatham appear to be keen on fire escapes, for they are to be seen at all hours of the day practising

“ascending and descending.”

Explanations that there is no other staircase are patently efforts to provide an excuse for such odd behaviour.

Indeed there are hundreds of them; and I have neglected to mention those grid-like excrescences which sprout from the walls at intervals; but I have no desire to do so, for with our preoccupation in negotiating the intricacies of ladder, chute and rope, is there not a chance that we may forget, at the call of “Fire! Fire!” to

“Pour on water,
Pour on water”?

D.L.E.E.-H.



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MR. JOHN BOYD-CARPENTER, M.P. (C 1927)
ON BEHALF OF THE PRESENTATION COMMITTEE

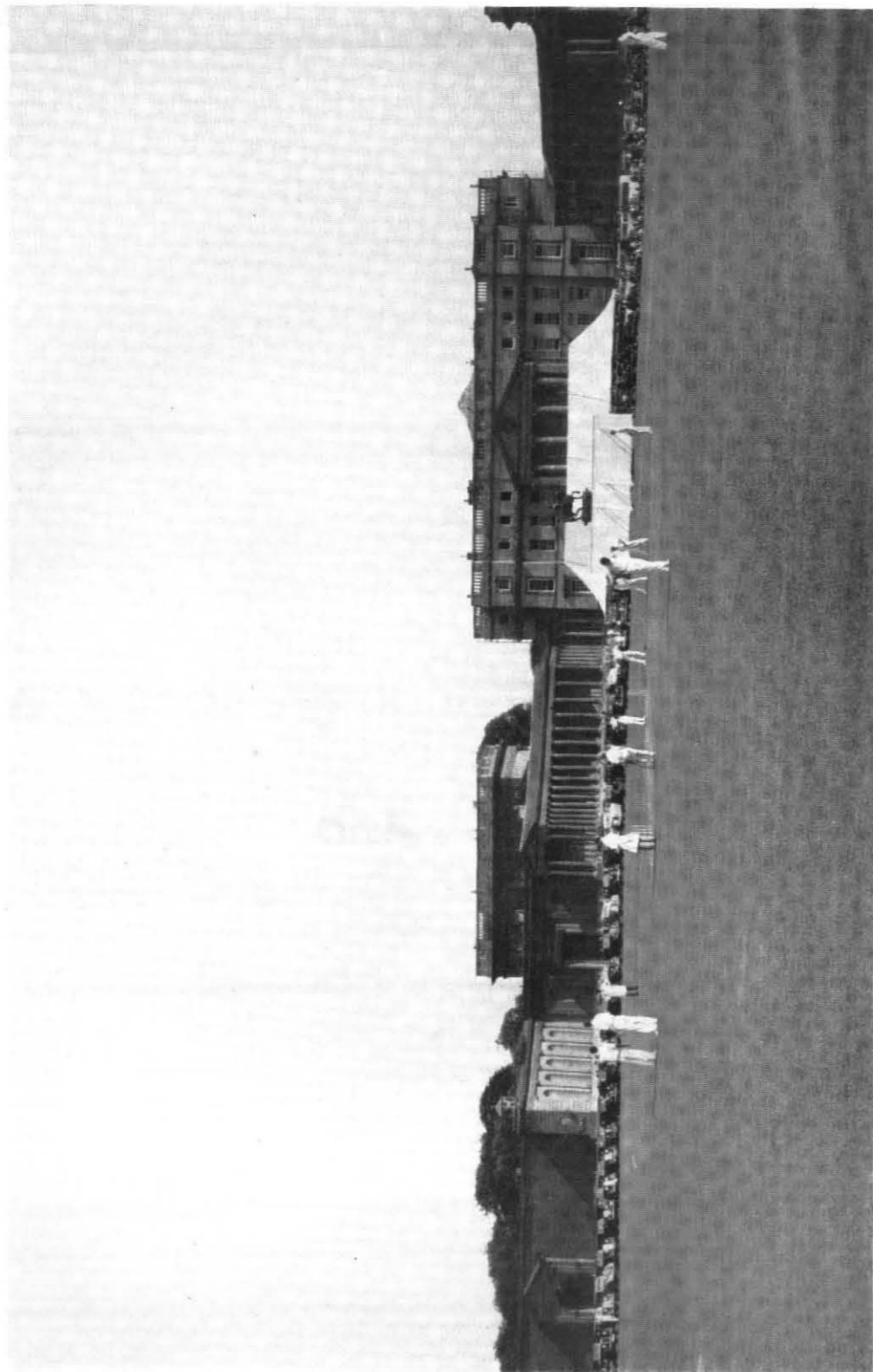
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J.F.R. REPLIES
PRESENTATIONS TO THE HEADMASTER
Old Stoic Day, July 2nd

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July 2nd.

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EXIT PURSUED BY A BEAR

"I want you," said Denbigh-Feveringham, "to be a new boy."

"Really?" said I. "Fancy!"

"Just for a day," he explained. "We want you to be photographed for an article for a Russian newspaper, *Mamouchka and Home*, called *Horrors of an English Bourgeois School; Frightening Ordeals of a New Boy*. It's rather a secret, and it's got to be done without any of the beaks knowing. Mr. Popsipoff will photograph you while I keep *cave*. Beezer wheeze, what?"

"Jolly good show," I said. "I'm game!"

And so I was. I hadn't yet learnt how frightening the ordeals were; I hadn't seen the full horrors of this English school. By the end of the affair I felt quite sorry for my fellow new boys. Were they, as I was, forced to slide down a fire-escape chute without anyone to catch them at the bottom? Did they have to pump for three consecutive quarters of an hour at a pump in the Stinks Labs? Were they also beaten up for wearing red bed-socks in the dorm? I had never known till then, but Mr. Popsipoff told me they were and did.

Of course, I hadn't seen nothing yet. Have you, for example, ever tried shaking hands with your housemaster in the middle of Cobham Court while a photographer hides at a nearby window? It wasn't easy, even after I had picked up a sixpence and pretended he had dropped it, and in the end I had to say I was an amateur of Palmistry who wished to read his lines. I was also photographed officing my own study, which seemed a little unfair, taking tea in Denbigh-Feveringham's study, throwing a bourgeois pot in the Art School and playing bourgeois harmonies on a bombardon in the Queen's Temple.

I would have been taken at the swimming-bath in a bourgeois swim-suit provided by Mr. Popsipoff, which covered me from ankle to wrist in red and white stripes. Before this was taken, however, we were chased away by an angry mob. This looked very well as a picture. It would have been surpassed by one of *Truth or Dare in the Dorm*, but we were surprised by my housemaster as I was clinging to the sash-cords in unfeigned terror. Mr. Popsipoff, although disguised in pyjamas, was easily recognised, and his plates were confiscated.

As a result, I shan't be appearing in *Mamouchka and Home*, so I am writing this to explain why you were cleared off the North Front a few weeks ago in the middle of a match; that was when I was being photographed in solitude, for a picture captioned *Socially Ostracized*.

B.F.B.

THE GAME

(N.B.—Reference to any living person is entirely accidental.)

You will not have heard of the game, the Philip Montague game I mean, so I must tell you about it, although I am as yet lacking in experience and have never actually scored a clear victory.

My most promising bout was only thwarted by tragic and unforeseen occurrences that could not possibly have happened had one iota of luck been on my side. I do not know of a game that cultivates one's shrewdness or judgement of character better—it is both mentally exhilarating and exhausting, but open on the other hand to the most tiresome misfortunes. Nevertheless it was with high hopes that I stepped into a first-class compartment (first class because that offers a greater scope for successful play) of the 10.20 a.m. out of Paddington. I nearly retreated on my first look at the occupants, but on second thoughts held my breath and collapsed into a corner seat. There was an elderly clergyman there and an even more elderly lady who might at but a swift glance have seemed a gentleman. However, trusting that the third time might with its supposedly usual regularity be lucky, I turned towards the gentleman opposite me. I could only assume that it was a man and not a woman by the unknown's nicotine-stained finger-tips and baggy trouser-legs, as he was otherwise invisible, being completely hidden by a *Yorkshire Post*. Here indeed I might find a worthy opponent, for a woman is useless, a clergyman more than useless, and by the way I forgot to tell you that it always helps if the opponent has played cricket at some time in his life. This gentleman was true to his apparent north-country character and was determined on playing for time. He seemed as if he would never remove his paper, but after at least forty minutes waiting I eventually saw an opportunity for making the preliminary opening. Above my worthy would-be opponent's head balanced an ominous suitcase which threatened at any moment to inflict him with a severe headache. With great courage I tapped one of his thick knees and warned him of this. A red, bespectacled face beamed forth and exclaimed a firm, "Thanks." The danger was duly averted and up went the paper again. However, my luck seemed in; for (*mirabile dictu*) beneath the fiery face I saw the magic colours of an Old Etonian tie. His chances of having been a wet-bob were remote enough and I continued the siege with renewed patience. It must have been a little more than an hour after leaving Paddington that the paper was finally lowered and the possibilities of play before either of us had to alight became slightly more hopeful.

I used the usual and quite orthodox opening with several meaningless remarks, to which he replied promisingly enough with just a slight, very slight mark you, Yorkshire accent. I was at last ready for the first opening thrust—

"Of course you will then have played quite a lot of cricket in your time?"

Oh yes, he attached in his modest way quite a pride to the wicket-keeping days of his youth. So far, so good; and myself victorious in the opening rally. But then in my excited haste I made the first, but irremediable, slip of the day—

"By the way, when you were at Eton you didn't happen to bump into a fellow called Montague, Philip Montague . . . rattling fine fellow and clever on the piano too . . . he must have been there round about your time . . ."

I was cut short by a rather gloomy—

"But where's this?"

"Eton, old boy."

"Where's that?" he persisted.

Of course, he must have been joking, but I hardly thought him capable of such unorthodox play. Then with extreme horror I realized that he was quite serious. It dawned on me that I was as good as defeated after such a very promising start.

The ticket-collector saved the day and pulled me out of this calamity at the last moment. My worthy and to be sure victorious opponent, besides not being an Old Etonian, did not even have a first-class ticket.

R.J.R.

THE WRONG ENDING

One night I had a strange dream. I had never dreamed of anything like it before; it was so distinct—as if it was actually happening. I dreamed that I had just gone into the drawing-room of a big country house. There was a woman sitting in an armchair and when she saw me she said: "Do sit down." But instead I stood looking at the French windows. She said again "Won't you sit down?" and then "What are you looking at?" At that moment a shadow fell across the wall by the window and a man stepped into the room. When she saw him she jumped up, white with alarm. Suddenly he pulled a revolver out of his pocket and shot her dead.

I forgot about the dream until a few months later when a business friend invited me down to his house in the country. When I was shown into the drawing-room by a maid, I suddenly realised what house I was in. Everything in the room was identical with my dream: the French windows; the armchair; the woman. She said: "Do sit down." But I stood staring fixedly at the French windows. Then, "Won't you sit down?" and then, "What are you looking at?" A shadow fell across the wall and in stepped the man. The woman jumped up, white with alarm. Until then everything had been the same as my dream, but it was here that it differed. The man did pull out the revolver, but, instead of shooting the woman, it was me he shot dead.

J.H.H.M.S.

WICKET-MAIDEN

In desperation they put me on to bowl. They took me off after one over, but it was a maiden-over, and a wicket-maiden too.

"Ha," I thought, as I ran up to bowl, "intimidation's the thing. I'll do a Lind-wall."

The batsman stepped smartly back to short square-leg, and the wicket-keeper, stout fellow, just managed to stop it with his left ear. (Average to date: 1 ball—0 runs—0 wkt.—0 wkt.-kpr.)

The next two balls were of a sort of nondescript pace. After a little while the batsman declared that he would wait no longer, so mid-on stepped forward and returned the ball to me. The second one I considered good. It landed first-bounce in the batsman's half of the pitch, and then rolled straight for the stumps. I think that shook the batsman. He hadn't expected anything outstanding from me.

After I bowled the fourth ball the captain glared at me. After the fifth he burst into tears. The batsman smirked tactlessly.

The next ball something did happen. Not that it was a good ball. Point informs me that his shin is still quite painful. First-slip flicked his fingers in annoyance, and the batsman made a stroke but was unable to reach it.

"Drat!" I cried, and glanced over my shoulder to see if the umpire was laughing too. "De-rat!" I repeated.

The umpire's attention had returned to the game after he heard slips flick his fingers. His mind now began to work. He had heard a click. I had just shouted something, and was now looking in his direction. So he hastily assumed an authoritative air, and raised his finger.

A sudden hush fell over the ground. One fieldsman weakly tittered. The batsman stared in complete bewilderment, and then with a shrug of his shoulders he turned away towards the pavilion.

Well, I wasn't going to argue. Some people seemed to have their doubts about it, but the umpire's decision is final, and it went down in the score-book as my wicket.

A.P.H.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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June, 1949.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

DEAR SIR,

Owing to the call up for National Service we have been very unfortunate in the last few months in losing most of our senior members. Our latest losses include the Captain of the Club, W. Moss, who made an excellent speech in reply to the Headmaster on the occasion of the Club's twenty-first anniversary; and J. Cotterell who for a very long while was the indefatigable collector of the members' subscriptions and Secretary of the Boys' Committee.

The summer programme is now well under way. We have three cricket teams and a permanent pitch at Boston Manor Playing Fields. We have 16 entries for the Paddington Athletic Sports and three for the London Federation Sports to be held at the Chiswick Stadium on July 9th. We have also entered a team for the Federation Road Cycle Race. Once again the table-tennis team is doing well in the Paddington Cup Competition and has reached the semi-finals in an effort to retain the cup which was won last year.

We are holding a summer camp at Sandown in August, the first fortnight for the senior and junior members of the Club and the last two weeks for the Old Boys.

We very much regret that bad feeling should have arisen out of our last visit to the School. To the great majority of our boys the Pineapple represents a big factor in their lives and they enjoy and appreciate it. (This becomes especially evident if for any reason the Club has to be closed temporarily). Unfortunately, however, there was a small minority of boys who, through the war, unhappy homes or other causes, have little discipline or sense of responsibility and it was these who caused all the trouble. Among other purposes the Club seeks to make the boys happy, for happy boys are seldom in trouble, and we feel that it is a well worth while job. We hope that you will agree with us and maintain your interest and support as you have done in the past.

On behalf of the past and present members of the Pineapple we take this opportunity of wishing the Headmaster every happiness in his retirement and expressing our gratitude for all that he has done for the Club since its foundation.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE (*Warden*).

PINEAPPLE BALL

35, OVINGTON SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.3.

20th June, 1949.

To the Editor, *The Stoic*.

SIR,

You may remember that in 1937 the London Committee of the "Pineapple" decided to run a "Pineapple Ball" which it was proposed should become an annual event. It was well supported in 1937 and 1938 by Old Stoics, Stoics, and their parents, and in 1938 the Ball made over £500 for Club funds. The war then put a stop to any further plans.

The London Committee has decided to hold the Ball once again, and the Dorchester has been booked for Wednesday, January, 11th, 1950. We have also engaged the services of Tommy Kinsman and his Band for the occasion. It is hoped to keep the price of tickets down to 35/- each (including Buffet Supper) which is substantially cheaper than a ticket for most charity balls. As we estimate our expenses to be 40% higher than in 1938, and the tickets have been raised by only 27%, it is quite clear that the organizers must beg for the most sympathetic support from your readers.

The Committee particularly wishes to attract the young Old Stoic, who, if he is anything like ourselves, can rarely afford the luxury of expensive balls. That is why we are keen to keep the price of a ticket down to 35/-, but to justify this policy, over 500 tickets must be sold.

We believe that there is a need for a Stoic function of this nature, and that there is still much latent goodwill from past "Pineapple Balls." There are, as well, large numbers of Old Stoics who have grown up during the war, and who have been deprived of this reunion; many of these, we believe, will be glad to hear of the revival of this Stoic occasion.

I urge your readers to give all the support they can, when later in the year they receive from the Committee the full details of the Ball; and, in the meantime, to make quite sure that they have noted in their diaries Wednesday, January 11th, 1950, for the first post-war "Pineapple Ball."

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SANDWICH (W, 1939).
for the "Pineapple Ball" Committee.

MUSIC

The orchestra has been rehearsing the Overture to "Der Freischütz," the Haydn Clock Symphony, three Brahms Hungarian Dances, and the Intermezzo from Kodaly's Hari Janos Suite.

The Choral Society spent the first few practices rehearsing the music for the Dedication of the War Memorial in Chapel on June 8th. The singing was most effective, especially in Walford Davies' setting of the 121st Psalm.

Since then the Society has been doing the choral setting of Strauss's Tales of the Vienna Woods.

The Madrigal Society has spent most of its time on Edward German's setting of Kipling's "Just So" Stories.

CONCERT BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1949, IN ASSEMBLY.

1. Overture—Marriage of Figaro Mozart
 2. Ode to a Solemn Music: "Blest Pair of Sirens" Milton
Music by C. Hubert Parry
 3. Minuet and Air from English Suite for Strings Parry
 4. Overture to the Wasps Vaughan Williams
 5. Chorus: Falstaff and the Fairies,
from the opera "Sir John in Love" Vaughan Williams
 6. Plantation Songs
- THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY
7. Minuet and Gavotte Handel
- THE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA
8. Trio for two Violins, Cello and Piano Loeillet
Violins—G. L. D. DUCKWORTH (C), D. P. WELLS (C).
Cello—R. J. RUHEMANN (C).
Piano—J. D. NIGHTINGALE (C).
 9. March: Pomp and Circumstance No. 4, in G. Elgar

The best feature of this concert was the singing by the Choral Society of Parry's "Blest Pair of Sirens." This work is one of the finest choral works ever composed and the Choral Society did full justice to it.

The Plantation songs, sung with great spirit by the Madrigal Society, were very popular.

The Overture to the Wasps is one of the most difficult works the Orchestra has ever tackled, and the performance though not without blemishes was a creditable one.

Chatham's Trio came off well. The Orchestra concluded the concert with a spirited performance of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March in G.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

These were held in the Library on Sunday, March 27th.

Mr. Hammond-Chambers-Borgnis, of Radley College, was the Adjudicator.

The set Quartet for the Singing was "The Ash Grove," arranged by Dunhill. There was no outstanding performance from any House, and all houses seemed to miss the correct interpretation of the music. Chatham produced the most competent and best balanced performance and won the Singing Cup, Grafton being second and Walpole third.

In the House programmes, Grenville came first and won the cup, with Chatham a close second. Grafton was placed third. Grenville produced a very interesting programme, which included Trios for Recorders, a Romance for Oboe and Piano by Schumann, and some good two-piano work.

Chatham had an equally good programme which included Trios by Loeillet, Telemann, and an arrangement for four pianists of Grainger's "Country Gardens."

Some of the Houses were most disappointing and did not make the best use of their available talent.

MUSIC PRIZES

Gilling-Lax Senior Prize—J. D. Nightingale (C) (Organ).

Gilling-Lax Junior Prize—R. F. S. Hamer (G) (Piano).

Piano Prizes (Senior)—1st, R. Jameson (G).

2nd, M. J. O'Neill (C).

Piano Prize (First Year)—P. R. Cutforth (G).

Organ Prizes—1st, J. D. Nightingale (C).

2nd, M. Bredin (B).

String Prizes—1st, J. A. Burrows-Watson (G).

2nd, G. L. D. Duckworth (C).

Woodwind Prize—D. N. T. Murray (G).

Brass Prize—J. A. Burrows-Watson (G).

The Adjudicator remarked on the high standard of many of the piano performances, particularly in the First Year class. He had much helpful criticism to give us concerning the performances in the House programmes and laid particular stress on Intonation and Ensemble.

It is with great regret that we shall be losing two of our strongest supporters of the music at Stowe, G. L. D. Duckworth (C) and J. D. Nightingale (C).

G. L. D. Duckworth has been Secretary of the Music Society, a leading violinist in the Orchestra, a pianist up to concerto standard, a member of the Madrigal Society.

He also surprised everybody by acting and singing the part of Figaro with outstanding success in the performance of this Opera last term.

J. D. Nightingale's achievements have been no less notable. His organ playing has been outstanding and he thoroughly deserves his Organ Scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford. He has also, besides playing the Bassoon in the Orchestra, been a member of the Madrigal Society, a pianist up to concerto standard, and has shown himself to be no mean actor and singer in the part of Dr. Bartolo in the Marriage of Figaro. He has been Secretary of the Music Club for the past year.

L.P.H.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

This term we have been lucky enough to hear three concerts, all very different and all very enjoyable. The first was held in the Library on Wednesday, May 18th, when Irene Scharrer gave a piano recital. Although the higher notes of the piano were always beautifully clear and bell-like in tone, Irene Scharrer found it difficult to reach a true fortissimo in the louder passages of her programme. Her playing was a great contrast to that of artists we have heard recently at Stowe. There appeared to be a much more intimate atmosphere between player and audience. The group of Chopin pieces was, of course, lovely. The swift vivace passages were run off like a string of pearls and the slower adagios were played with great warmth. Her playing of Myra Hess's arrangement of "Jesu, Joy" almost equalled that of Myra Hess herself. The tone in the Beethoven sonata was, one felt, a trifle rough, but the Ravel, Debussy and Liszt were all faultlessly played. A most enjoyable concert.

The second recital was given on June 8th by the two sisters Jelly D'Aranyi and Adila Fachiri, violins, and their accompanist, Mr. Ivor Newton.

They played a strictly classical programme to a fairly small audience. The first work was the Bach sonata in C major. In this the blending and combination of the two violins was such that one could hardly distinguish between the two. In a Vivaldi Concerto one realised that the two either played fortissimo or pianissimo, with very little variation in between. However, they produced a lovely singing tone in the Largo. True to the old style of Joachim, they used very little vibrato, but obtained excellent tone all the same. After playing a Handel sonata they finished with the almost inevitable Bach Double Concerto in D minor which they performed as well as ever. It was unfortunate that they had no time to play any encores.

The last activity of the Music Society was a lecture-recital on "The Flute," by Lambert Flack, late principal flautist of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, given on June 22nd. He warmed his audience up with a few stories and then played a very brilliant solo "Marie Stuart." He made the high speed fingering and tonguing look so easy that one almost stopped marvelling. From a large case he produced about a dozen flutes and piccolos of all shapes, sizes and nationalities, and played a short piece on each. The audience was invited to try its skill at making noises emerge from this battery of instruments, mostly with an utter lack of success. Mr. Flack finished by playing a number of solos with his accompanist, and also several trick feats. He played an Irish folk-song blowing down the wrong end of his flute, and then, hardest of all, he played the flute with one hand and his own accompaniment with the other. It is a great pity that a larger number of people did not take the opportunity of hearing this amusing and instructive lecture-recital.

G.L.D.D.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Two debates have been held so far this term ; it is hoped to hold a third later in the term. The 194th meeting, the first post-war Rugby-Stowe debate, was held on Wednesday, June 1st. The Motion was "That, in the opinion of this House, Conscription should be abolished."

J. R. G. OWEN, Hon. Sec., R.S.D.S., proposed the motion and divided his attack upon Conscription into three parts : its effect on the conscripted man, on the political economy of the country and on the industry of the country. His solution to the problem of modern war was to build up an efficient, mobile and compact army. His speech was a good one, which commanded and held the attention of all.

R. J. MAXWELL-HYSLOP (C) was the Hon. Opposer. He, as always, managed to bring party politics into his speech. He said, in effect, that Great Britain would get it in the neck unless she was fully armed and ready to face any enemy single-handed.

N. E. WATES (B) (Hon. Treasurer) spoke third. He thought that soldiers were an anachronism, and that what this country really needed was a moral revival. He suggested that the place to start was in the C.C.F. The army should be smaller, but better paid.

The fourth speaker was D. M. DELL (R.S.D.S.). He made an amusing and very well delivered speech, and in it produced a thing unheard of in the Stowe School Debating Society for some years, an epigram. He drew a comparison between the Britain of today and the Sparta of yesterday. His main point was that we must have the whole of the nation's youth fully armed to prevent further wars.

Some of the speeches that followed were as embarrassing as ever, and others were much the same as usual.

Upon division there voted : In the Upper House : For the Motion 11
 Against 10
 In the Lower House : For the Motion 56
 Against 34

The Motion was therefore won in both Houses.

The 195th Meeting took place on June 15th. The Motion was "That this House just couldn't care less."

J. D. NIGHTINGALE (C) (Hon. Committee-man) proposed. He confined his remarks to an analysis of what would have happened to the House if the various motions it has passed at recent debates had been carried out. The Society was left almost motionless, except for the nodding heads of those at the back.

The Opposer, W. LLOYD (C), soon awoke the latter with his scathing comments on the first speaker. He very soon had them tied up with sentences like the following, "If you couldn't care less about caring to care less . . ." etc. A very amusing speech.

THE HON. SECRETARY (C) spoke third. He related some very odd dreams which seemed to amuse the House somewhat. He advocated the "couldn't care less" attitude in cricket and attempted to describe an innings of a person who couldn't care less and of someone who was really trying very hard. He then asked the House why it cut so

many defaulters, talked so long after "lights out," and smoked so many cigarettes during study periods.

B. F. BRINDLEY (G) rose to speak fourth. He admitted from the start that he was going to waffle, but succeeded in avoiding his pet subject, the weather. He read us the notes of a speech he had intended to give and ended with what he described as a "mirth-provoking story." In fact, a better description would have been "a flop."

The only remarkable thing about the following speeches was an attempt at "filibustering," by R. J. Maxwell-Hyslop (C).

Upon division there voted : In the Upper House : For the Motion 6
 Against 12

There were three abstentions.

In the Lower House : For the Motion 9
 Against 54

There were no less than 41 abstentions ; i.e., it should be pointed out, 41 people who couldn't care less.

F. J. Pearce (B), C. Graham-Bonnalie (T), M. Mulholland (G), F. R. G. Lowe (G) and K. A. Henderson (C) have been elected members of the Society.

G.L.D.D.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MUSIC CLUB

All the Music Club's activities so far this term have led it away from Stowe. Thanks to the infinite patience of Miss Parkinson, who waited in a queue for over nine hours, 50 tickets were obtained for a performance by Sadler's Wells of "Cosi Fan Tutte," at Oxford. A few members were also able to see "The Marriage of Figaro," "Die Fledermaus" and "Carmen."

On June 2nd, the Hallé Orchestra gave a concert in the Sheldonian Theatre. It was badly advertised, and we knew nothing about it before the previous day, so that only fifteen members were able to go. After an excellent supper at "The George," kindly arranged by Mr. Negus, we heard the Overture to Weber's "Der Freischütz," which members of the School Orchestra particularly enjoyed. This was followed by a work in which Sibelius makes very effective use of the *cor anglais*, "The Swan of Tuonela," Tuonela being the underworld of Finnish legend. Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 6 contained unusual effects which showed the orchestra at its best, but on a first hearing it appeared formless, an impression deepened by the fact that all the movements are run into one. It was a memorable occasion since this was the first performance of the work in Oxford, and the composer himself was present. The concert ended with Beethoven's 7th Symphony, magnificently played.

The project of an expedition to hear Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," mentioned in last term's *Stoic*, came to nothing, since too few people wanted to go. As the result of a clerical error, the Club now has 40 members instead of 30, and that is why no new ones were elected this term.

J.D.N.

THE TWELVE CLUB

The only meeting to be held so far this term took place after supper on Friday, May 20th, when, after extracts from Lewis Carroll and Sir Osbert Sitwell, J. C. Turner (G) read a paper on "English Landscape Gardening." The Society's expectations of a well-balanced and critical account of the subject were at once damped when Turner embarked on a list of rather fascinating, but meaningless, names of parks, fountains, shrubberies and herbaceous borders. Indeed he gave the immediate impression of the well-informed antiquary rather than the critical connoisseur. Landscape gardening was treated in its various stages of development from the Wars of the Roses, until at the end of the 17th century avenues were introduced to emphasize the focal point of the estate. Turner, however, may well have had many interesting points and theories in mind, but his style and delivery were neither wholly acceptable. The Society's attention in fact was too much attracted to the beautiful books of illustrations which accompanied the paper to pay very much attention to the verbal explanations of their owner. However, the paper was a bold attempt, for the subject was one which required considerable mastery to pick out the essential from the inessential and innumerable details. Possibly it was inevitable that the Society should then turn to other topics of conversation leaving horticulture as the only shade of Turner's paper.

P. E. Leslie's (C) paper on "The Gowrie Mystery" was expected on July 23rd, but unfortunately owing to the author's illness this has had to be postponed. A paper, it is hoped, is also to be heard from J. D. Nightingale (C) later on in the term. The new member elected to the Society this term was C. S. Anson (G); with A. K. Thould (C) and B. F. Brindley (G) as permanent guests.

R.J.R.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

There has been only one meeting this term, held in Mr. Stephan's room on June 21st. C. R. P. Anstey (C, 1941) came over from Oxford to read the Society a paper entitled "Pliny the Younger." While the ostensible object of the paper was to describe Pliny's colonial administration in Bithynia, the greater part of it was devoted to introducing the subject. Handing round chronological tables of the important events of his period, Anstey outlined the changes which were effected in the government of Rome by the early emperors. He traced the decline of the power of the senate and the growing domination of the armies, especially the Praetorian Guard. He related his general comments to the colonial government of the time, and also to Pliny himself; for the corruption of the freedmen who surrounded the head of the State led Vespasian and his successors to form a Civil Service of middle-class free-born citizens such as Pliny, and the incompetence of the senatorial administrators of Bithynia compelled Trajan, Pliny's master and friend, to send him out in place of them.

The second part of the paper dealt with the details of colonial government in Bithynia as revealed by the letters of Pliny to Trajan and the emperor's replies. Anstey produced evidence to illustrate his view of Pliny as a tiresome and ineffectual fellow who wrote with one eye on the chance of shelving his responsibilities and the other on his fame before posterity. Some members of the Society were prepared to defend him against these charges, but they were unfortunately prevented by lack of time from doing so at any length. Although the usual extracts at the beginning of the meeting had been foregone in expectation of a long paper, the Society was surprised to find that even so it was left with too little opportunity to discuss the many interesting points raised by Anstey.

D.J.M.C.

THE SYMPOSIUM

At the time of writing, there have been three meetings of the Symposium this term. The 97th was held on May 12th when M. C. Caiger-Smith (T) gave a convincing, if somewhat far-fetched, paper on "The Flood." His fantasy was discredited by the Society owing to the lack of supporting facts, but he replied that the Society would not understand them.

D. A. R. Murray-Brown (C) read the next paper at the 98th meeting, a lucid, factual "History of English Law." But the Society seemed much more interested in punishment, the fruit of justice.

At the 99th meeting, A. M. Vinen (W) read a paper on "Atomic Energy and the Atomic Bomb." He described at length the making of the bomb, but the subsequent conversation debated only a minor part of the paper—the unpleasant results of bombing—and passed on to a wholly irrelevant discussion on art.

It is hoped that J. M. Bremner (C) will read a paper later in the term. There is a plan to get some Very Distinguished Person to read a paper for the 100th meeting.

P.J.T.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

This term has been a most successful one. With membership up to a record number of over eighty, the Society has been very prosperous, with a full term's programme. We have had two most enjoyable bus expeditions, a lecture, and another exhibition of photographs of National Trust properties, as well as another lecture fixed for the end of term.

The first meeting was held on Sunday, May 22nd, when we had a bus expedition to Charlecote Park, near Warwick. One of the ancestral homes of England, this Elizabethan mansion became one of the most historic properties in the possession of the nation when presented in 1946 by a member of the Lucy family, who have held it throughout its entire existence. The records of the house go back to 1189, but the present building was constructed in 1558. It has close connection with Queen Elizabeth and Shakespeare. Seeing round the beautiful grounds, through which the Avon flows and which contain red and fallow deer as well as a rare and long-established breed of Spanish sheep, we left for Stratford where we had tea before returning to Stowe in time for evening chapel. It was undoubtedly one of the most successful bus expeditions we have had.

The following Sunday, May 29th, Laurence Whistler (G, 1929) gave us an outstanding lecture on his brother, the late Rex Whistler. From one who is himself a distinguished poet and writer we expected something good and we were not disappointed. Illustrated with many excellent photographs and several originals, the lecturer dealt with every aspect of his talented brother's art. Rex seemed equally at home painting anything from a vast oil mural to a minute water-colour the size of a match-box. We were shown some charming pen, ink, and wash originals of some designs for costumes in a Stratford production of "The Tempest," and many photographs of his mural works, including two examples which clearly showed Rex Whistler's outstanding sense of humour. To conclude this excellent lecture, Laurence Whistler showed us some oil murals painted by his brother on the walls of the tea rooms in the Tate Gallery. These murals incorporate scenes of Stowe into their theme. Everyone present in the large audience thoroughly enjoyed Laurence Whistler's talk.

On Saturday, June 25th, the twentieth bus expedition of the Society was held when we went to Warwick Castle and town. The buildings of this town date back many centuries and give Warwick an old-world atmosphere, to be found in so many English country towns, although few are as old as this one. The castle is no exception. Its site was fixed before the conquest, but the present castle was built about 1330. In 1694 almost the entire town was destroyed by fire and a similar calamity befell the castle in 1871, but after numerous and costly restorations the historical wealth has now partly been recovered. We arrived back at Stowe in time for Preparation, after a very enjoyable day.

As already mentioned, another exhibition of photographs of National Trust properties has been held this term in the Art School. The photographs are not so architectural as those of last term, being almost entirely Lake District views. The quality of the photographs alone made the exhibition worth-while, however.

This very successful term will be brought to a close by next term's Secretary, D. C. Part (B), reading his much-postponed paper on "The Renaissance in English Architecture."

R.D.S.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

There has, as usual in the summer, been little activity this term, but on July 5th there was the expedition to Stratford to see Godfrey Tearle and Diana Wynyard in "Othello." Both the production and Godfrey Tearle's interpretation had been most favourably criticised in the newspapers, and we were not disappointed.

C.G-B.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday, June 7th, the President and 18 members of the Society visited the Kodak works at Harrow. The party left Stowe at 11.30 a.m. and returned at 7 o'clock after a very enjoyable day.

On Tuesday, June 28th, Mr. Llowarch read a paper to the Society on the subject of "Astronomy."

P.C.P.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

It is some time since the Science Society last plucked up sufficient courage to report its activities in *The Stoic*. Last term, after Sports Day, it was announced that an exhibition of scientific experiments was on view in the Labs. Practically every science specialist in the school had been hammering, screwing, glueing, testing and setting up his experiment for the previous few weeks. This humble reviewer, who was quite busy enough demonstrating his own experiments, was shattered to learn that he had to take notes on the whole conversazione for the minute book and for *The Stoic*. Every conceivable experiment was being shown by over seventy exhibitors, some of whom were good, some bad, all keen. A bull let loose in the Labs. that day could have snorted into an anemometer, blown carbon dioxide bubbles, plotted a eutectic curve for the cooling of solder, performed Marsh's famous arsenic test, plated half-pennies with silver, cured itself of Nagana or malaria with antrycide, produced an icicle at room temperature, made itself drunk on sugar-beet alcohol, tested whether its wrist watch was fast or slow, and so on. Some of the exhibitors appeared to have a rather hazy idea of the principles behind their experiments; others obviously knew it all backwards and explained it very well. It would be invidious to mention names in a large show of this kind, but a word of appreciation must be extended to those hard-working science masters who were the people behind it all and who thought it all out beforehand. May there be many more exhibitions as good, if only to show the rest of the school that the Science Department is not as dead as some people like to make out.

G.L.D.D.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The main event this term is the annual competition and exhibition. Partially as a result of this the darkroom has been heavily booked and consequently has borne, at times, more resemblance to a municipal dust-bin than a darkroom.

At the time of writing, the exhibition has not yet been hung, but the entries that have been received are of quite good quality. About thirty-five or forty photographs are expected, and these will be judged by the Headmaster later this term.

A fund for a new enlarger for the Society is going to be started soon since the present enlarger is showing every symptom of old age with the resulting lack of quality in enlargements. Three or four members brought back their own enlargers after the Exeat.

Next term a party is hoped to be organised to visit Kodak or some such firm.

O.T.W.

THE TOXOPHILITES

Two meetings have so far been held this term and there is hope of a third later on. The first, held on June 9th and given by J. P. G. Goldfinger (G), was on "Skiing." The President of the Society, Mr. A. G. Archer, is himself an ardent skier and kindly provided a pair of his skis on which Goldfinger afterwards gave practical demonstrations of turns. His paper consisted of a comparison between the two skiing schools, the Norwegian and the Alpine.

The second meeting, held on June 27th, was of a more blood-thirsty nature, "The Sinking of the Bismarck," given by K. A. Low (C). It included a very interesting survey of most of the ships in the British Navy as well as a breath-taking description of the "kill."

G.A.T.

THE EPHEMERALS

So far this term there has been only one meeting of the Society, at which A. J. Macintosh (T) read an interesting and amusing paper on "Shooting in the Highlands."

It is hoped to have two more meetings, at which P. M. Rossiter (C) will read a paper on the "Châteaux of the Loire," and S. A. M. Adshead (B) one on "Communism and Socialism."

M.A.R.F.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Seven meetings have been held so far this term. J. G. Scott (C) was re-elected Vice-President. There have been nine new members.

Successful motions included "That this House thinks that Gambling should be abolished," "That Zoological Gardens should be abolished," and "That the Police Force should be armed."

Mr. Clifford, the President, has, so far, got permission for the House to attend one debate of the Senior Society.

R.D.M.

DIE FAUSTRUNDE

Die Faustrunde, für deren Gründung die vorläufigen Unterhandlungen am Ende des letzten Trimesters fast vollendet waren, hielt am vierzehnten Mai ihre Gründungsversammlung unter dem Vorsitz des Herrn Direktors, dessen Stellvertreter, Herr Zettl, auch anwesend war.

Die Gesellschaft wurde gegründet zur Beförderung der Kenntniss der deutschen Literatur, Kunst, Musik, u.s.w. und damit einer vollkommeneren Kenntniss des deutschen Volkes und seiner Geschichte.

Bei der Gründungsversammlung stand nur die Erörterung der Ziele der Runde, des Verfahrens bei künftigen Versammlungen u.s.w. auf der Tagesordnung. Die zweite Versammlung, die am elften Juni stattfand, und wobei der Vorsitzende leider nicht anwesend sein konnte, brachte einen sehr lehrreichen und interessanten Vortrag vom Herrn R. D. Miskin, betitelt: Moderne Deutsche Dichtung.

Eine dritte Versammlung ist gegen Ende des Trimesters geplant, und es ist hoffenswert, dass die Gesellschaft in der Zukunft grossen Fortschritt machen wird.

Die Gründungsmitglieder sind die Herren:—Herr Direktor Roxburgh (Vorsitzender); Herr Zettl (Stellvertreter); J. R. Banks (S), J. I. Holt (C) (Schriftführer); T. Knight (B), R. D. Miskin (T), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), P. H. Molloy (C), P. M. Rossiter (C).

J.I.H.



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"THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO"

March 25th and 28th



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"RICHARD III"
July 1st and 2nd.

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C.C.F. NOTES

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

To *Senior Under-Officer* : Under Officer G. L. D. Duckworth (C).

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeant R. M. Maxtone Graham (C).

To *Sergeant* : Corporals M. G. D. O'Donovan (T), P. J. Nash (C).

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals M. D. Norris-Hill (G), P. E. Leslie (C), J. R. Banks (G), A. J. Macintosh (T), T. M. Irvine (T), M. A. R. Freeman (T), D. D. Kitching (G), P. M. Horley (B).

To *Lance-Corporal* : Cadets N. E. Dewing (C), W. J. Grice (T), I. G. Norton (C), K. A. Low (C), J. D. Sloss (C), J. Broom Smith (C), H. W. Gray (W).

The strength of the Corps this term is 342, of whom 58 are this term's recruits. Of these, 180 hold complete Certificates "A" and a further 50 have Part 1. Recent Certificate "A" results have been very good. Last term there were only six failures among sixty-four candidates and this term, for the Part II Examination only, forty-three passed out of forty-three, Cadet D. A. R. Murray Brown (C) being Best Cadet. We also have one Certificate T—a distinction achieved by Lance-Corporal N. E. Dewing (C) at R.E.M.E. Training Centre, Bordon, during the Easter holidays.

The training has been straightforward and without any startling innovations, and the only complication has been the usual summer term rush of inspection practices and competitions. The annual inspection was carried out on May 30th by Major-General E. B. de Fonblanque, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., commanding Salisbury Plain District. The usual sun shone on the proceedings and all went off very well, the Inspecting Officer expressing himself fully satisfied with everything but the fit of our Battle Dress about which, alas, very little can be done. There has been one whole-day exercise and that, in view of the shortage of time, was devoted to normal training rather further afield than usual. The weather was unkind and we all got very wet. The I.C.E. Section visited the Armstrong Siddely works at Coventry once again, thanks to the initiative of Mr. Windsor-Richards and Cadet T. E. B. Sopwith (G), and were entertained as royally as usual as well as being shown a mass of interesting stuff. The Air Section went to Upper Heyford and spent a thrilling day culminating in some parachute jumping.

The one disappointment of the term has been the cancellation of Camp for a variety of reasons all of which derive from the serious shortage of regular army units in this country since the reinforcement of the Hong-Kong garrison. We shall hope to take a really large contingent next year to make up. It is hoped that the results of the Coldstream Cup Competition and of the Empire Test Shooting will be available before *The Stoic* goes to press. Meanwhile all Houses are drilling with remarkable pertinacity under a very grilling sun.

LATE NEWS :

The Coldstream Cup (Inter-House Drill Competition) was won by Chandos, Grafton being second.

VISIT OF THE I.C.E. SECTION TO THE WORKS OF MESSRS.
ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY MOTORS, COVENTRY.

Once again Messrs. Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Coventry, very kindly arranged a most interesting day for the I.C.E. on Friday, June 3rd. The Section was received at the Works by Mr. Magson, Works Manager. After telling us briefly what had been arranged he took us to the Apprentices School where Mr. Phillips, the Supervisor, who spares no trouble to make these visits full of interest, had arranged for two experts to explain the various parts and the working of the Typhoon engine and the pre-selector gear-box. We had already seen the mounting assembly of these units on our previous visit; this time they were, so to speak, in little bits in boxes and on benches so that every part could be handled, examined, and explained. The two experts spared no pains to go over again and again anything we did not fully understand; we are very grateful to them for their patience and help.

Needless to say the pre-selector gear box is a complete mystery to the ordinary motor driver; I trust it is less of a mystery to the Section now. It is a most ingenious, intricate and complicated piece of machinery. Later in the day, when we were taken for drives in the cars themselves, we were able to appreciate the smoothness and efficiency of this method of gear change. It is indeed surprising to think that it *is* possible to select reverse gear when you are travelling in top and, when you actually press the gear pedal, you do, in fact, go straight from top into reverse. It is *not* a good thing to do, but it *can* be done. We don't, however, advise you to try this one out with your new Armstrong.

After lunch (a most adequate meal to which we were kindly entertained by the Firm) Mr. Magson himself explained a few facts to the whole Section about Gas Turbine Development. We saw three types of aero-engine:—the Mamba, the double Mamba, and the Python. Here one enters the realms of the unbelievable; it is difficult for the layman to understand or even to appreciate figures like 1000 to 3000 h.p., and 14,000 revs. a minute.

The Sections now divided up into two parties and the following departments of the works were visited:—Car Engine assembly; Car Engine test; Gear-box assembly and test; Chassis assembly; Paint spraying and Coachwork; Road test. All these departments were most interesting, chiefly because we were not hurried round and had plenty of time to ask questions.

Four cars were then used for a road test. We went for short runs during which we were able to appreciate the fine smooth running of the engines, the beauty of the pre-selector gear-box, and the splendid way in which the car holds the road at all speeds. It speaks much for good braking too when you can pull up from 75 m.p.h. in 100 yards to 'stop'; that, at any rate, is what it seemed like; it may have been more, on the other hand it may have been much less.

It would be difficult to express adequately our gratitude to Messrs. Armstrong Siddeley Motors for all they have done for us. Last October we paid a similar visit: after that visit the firm very kindly presented the School with one of their 16 h.p. Typhoon engines mounted on a splendid stand; a pre-selector gear-box, all of which can be coupled up with the propeller shaft and rear axle, also supplied, and all mounted on a

good strong metal stand. Now that the I.C.E. have their own workshop we hope very shortly to be able to get this engine, etc., running.

Visits and gifts of this kind are of inestimable value in stimulating what is undoubtedly a very useful knowledge of internal combustion engines. This helps boys going into the services; and it may help in the long run to make roads safer by producing drivers who know what they are about; also drivers who take a real interest in what is a fine bit of machinery and can save themselves a great deal of expense by being able to effect running repairs themselves. Over and above all this it may encourage boys to take up this particular branch of engineering as their job in life.

We are most grateful to Mr. Sopwith, the Chairman, for his interest and help; and to Mr. Chapman, General Manager and Director, for all the facilities he has afforded us; and to all those employees in the works who helped to make our visits of real value and who did not grudge stopping the job they were doing to explain to us what was probably perfectly obvious anyway.

C.W.R.

SHOOTING

Last term the *Country Life* competition was shot on March 17th. The team was as follows:—J. M. Rigg (W), G. F. Appleton (G), R. W. S. Gentle (B), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), C. F. N. Hope (C), A. J. Macintosh (T), R. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Vinen (W) and P. J. Harkness (T) (9th man). The score was 715 out of a possible 872, and Stowe was 52nd out of 102 teams.

The result was considerably better than last year, but the "Grouping" was not up to the very high standard needed in this Competition. However, the "Landscape" target shooting was very good and this was largely due to the excellent fire orders of R. G. Sparrow (W). In the "Landscape" practice Stowe came 20th.

This term there has again been no "Possible" prize as we have been concentrating on one competition only, for the Bucks County Rifle Association Junior League. So far we have won one match and lost the other. In all we have eight matches to shoot off by the end of term.

On Thursday, February 3rd, there were two postal matches, against Clifton College and St. Paul's School, Stowe using the same scores twice. The team was:—J. M. Rigg (W), J. A. S. Eccles (G), R. W. S. Gentle (B), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), C. F. N. Hope (C), R. G. Sparrow (W), J. N. Vinen (W), E. H. Trimmingham (W). Stowe scored 534 out of 680, losing the match against Clifton by 106 points and winning against St. Paul's by 19 points.

J.M.R.

ATHLETICS 1949

The Eton match this year had to be cancelled because of a case of infantile paralysis at Eton. This was a rare disappointment to us all, and now that our season is over it may safely be claimed we should have been able to put a very strong team into the field. The general all-round standard of performance demonstrated this year has been good measured by any standard.

The finals of our twenty-eight events were decided on Friday and Saturday, March 25th and 26th, the latter day being the official Sports Day. For at least three weeks before that, however, the competition had been very fierce. The standards system, introduced last year, really got into its stride, and house spirit was keen from the beginning. The daily totals of standards gained evoked considerable interest, and the lead alternated between Bruce and Grafton, with Chandos and Cobham always in the picture. In the end, Grafton attained a slender lead of seven points over Bruce, and a desperate struggle was promised on Sports Day. Bruce, it was clear, had a surfeit of good sprinters; Grafton appeared likely to sweep the board with the distance events; while individuals from other houses always threatened to upset the apple cart for either of the leaders.

The best race of the whole programme without any question was the Open Half Mile. A. T. W. Innes (T) and P. J. R. Hubert (G) were out for fast times. Innes, primarily a quarter-miler, and Hubert, more at home over longer distances, were quite clearly employing different tactics. Innes's hope was to hold his stronger opponent and then to pass him in the home straight. Hubert had to crack Innes in the first seven hundred yards. Hubert's time at the halfway mark, just under 60 seconds, made us doubt if Innes could hold him; but hold him he did and at the last bend it was anyone's race. But the pace had been too fierce for Innes and he had little in reserve for his sprint. Hubert beat off the challenge and won a very good race in 2 mins. 5.5 secs.

The other two outstanding events of the first day were both field events. A. W. Fraser (C) produced a magnificent leap of 18 ft. 1 in. to win the Under 15 Long Jump, beating a ten-year-old record by 6½ inches. P. J. Nash (C) then produced real thrills by vaulting 9 ft. 9 ins. with the aid of his pole. The good technique of W. R. G. Short (G), in the Shot Put, brought him a good victory.

On the Saturday, in perfect weather, we started most appropriately with a good win by the Captain of Athletics, C. H. Bradly (B), in the Open 100 yards. Event 3, the Open Hurdles, produced a very easy win for D. E. Bode (C), and another old record equalled. Bode's improvement this year has been most praiseworthy. His technique can still be faulted, but he has speed and has acquired courage, indispensable to a hurdler. In fact the hurdling throughout the afternoon was good, C. J. S. Cullum (B) also equalling the Under 15 record.

Excitement was then focussed on the Junior events. S. Pendle (G) put the 8lb. shot right out of the pit and put 9 inches on a one-year-old record in the Under 16 event, while in the Under 15 High Jump the spectators were treated to some excellent jumping as one after another three competitors broke the existing record. These three, A. W. Fraser (C), C. N. H. Hordern (W) and M. J. Fenwick (C), continued the battle and Fraser ran out the winner at 5 ft. 1 in.

The last event of the day was a fierce struggle between some good milers. The pace set by the leaders was hot, but most of the field maintained it. In the back straight, N. J. White (T) challenged P. J. R. Hubert (G), failed and came again. But Hubert's stamina brought him home a comfortable winner in an excellent time, 4 mins. 48.6 secs.

And so the end. Bruce had retained the House Cup, but interest in individual achievements had been so intense that this went almost unnoticed until Mrs. Hubert presented the cup to Bradly. The Bruce cheering could not go unnoticed.

Results :—

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, C. H. Bradly (B); 2, P. G. Shinner (B); 3, A. T. W. Innes (T). Time, 11.0 secs.

220 Yards.—P. G. Shinner (B); 2, C. H. Bradly (B); 3, G. T. Laing (B). Time, 24.3 secs.

440 Yards.—1, A. T. W. Innes (T); 2, J. F. Conington (B); 3, P. G. Shinner (B). Time, 52.9 secs.

Half Mile.—1, P. J. R. Hubert (G); 2, A. T. W. Innes (T); 3, C. J. S. Marler (G). Time, 2 mins. 5.5 secs.

One Mile.—1, P. J. R. Hubert (G); 2, N. J. White (T); 3, C. J. S. Marler (G). Time, 4 mins. 48.6 secs.

Hurdles.—1, D. E. Bode (C); 2, J. F. Conington (B); 3, N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G). Time, 16.5 secs. Equals Record.

High Jump.—1, D. E. Bode (C); 2, P. G. Dennison (G); 3, G. W. Scott (C). Height, 5 ft. 5 ins.

Long Jump.—1, D. E. Bode (C); 2, D. E. Conington (B); 3, P. G. Shinner (B). Distance, 19 ft. 8 ins.

Pole Vault.—1, P. J. Nash (C); 2, R. E. Hichens (C); 3, G. T. Beer (G). Height, 9 ft. 9 ins.

Discus.—1, N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G); 2, W. R. G. Short (G); 3, R. W. S. Gentle (B). Distance, 108 ft. 8 ins.

Javelin.—1, B. C. Harris (C); 2, G. W. Scott (C); 3, W. R. G. Short (G) and K. McC. Reynolds (G). Distance, 155 ft. 6½ ins.

Weight.—1, W. R. G. Short (G); 2, A. M. Gooch (B); 3, G. T. Laing (B). Distance, 36 ft. 6 ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, S. Pendle (G); 2, C. A. Little (G); 3, P. J. Tickell (B). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—1, S. Pendle (G); 2, M. L. Henderson (W); 3, R. J. Ruhemann (C). Time, 25.6 secs.

440 Yards.—1, M. L. Henderson (W); 2, P. J. Tickell (B); 3, T. Knight (B). Time, 58.2 secs.

Half Mile.—1, C. B. F. Rathbone (C); 2, P. J. Tickell (B); 3, J. P. G. Goldfinger (G). Time, 2 mins. 19.8 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, M. L. Henderson (W); 2, C. B. F. Rathbone (C); 3, J. P. D. Heyward (C). Time, 3 mins. 55.4 secs.

- Hurdles.*—1, T. Manville Hales (C); 2, H. J. Goodhart (W); 3, J. P. G. Goldfinger (G). Time, 17 secs.
- High Jump.*—1, T. Manville Hales (C); 2, C. G. Champion (C); 3, G. P. H. Chorley (G). Height, 5 ft. 1 in.
- Long Jump.*—1, T. Knight (B); 2, N. Cleeve (B); 3, H. R. V. Whitcombe (B). Distance, 17 ft. 1 in.
- Weight.*—1, S. Pendle (G); 2, A. Highwood (B); 3, J. P. D. Heyward (C). Distance, 40 ft. 3 ins. *New Record.*

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

- 100 Yards.*—1, T. S. Savery (W); 2, D. N. White (C); 3, J. D. Scott (C). Time, 11.7 secs.
- 220 Yards.*—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, T. S. Savery (W); 3, C. J. S. Cullum (B). Time, 25.3 secs.
- 440 Yards.*—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, J. D. Scott (C); 3, R. F. Butlin (G). Time, 59 secs.
- Half Mile.*—1, A. J.-P. Campbell (C); 2, N. A. Gray (C); 3, S. M. N. J. R. Cross (G). Time, 2 mins. 21.1 secs.
- Hurdles.*—1, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 2, T. D. W. Slater (B); 3, P. Burgess (G). Time, 11.5 secs.
- High Jump.*—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, C. N. H. Hordern (W); 3, M. J. Fenwick (C). Height, 5 ft. 1 in. *New Record.*
- Long Jump.*—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, D. N. White (C); 3, P. Burgess (G) and J. R. M. Thompson (G). Distance, 18 ft. 1 in. *New Record.*
- House Cup.*—1, Bruce, 376; 2, Grafton, 330; 3, Chandos, 272; 4, Cobham, 217; 5, Grenville, 179½; 6, Chatham, 147½; 7, Temple, 136; 8, Walpole, 120.

RELAYS 1949

The 1949 House Relays were run off on Tuesday, March 29th. Bruce and Grafton had selected their teams with such care that the result was in balance until the last event, the Composite Relay. Grafton won this event, but Bruce, by coming a good second, secured the cup again.

Results :—

1.	Bruce	37
2.	Grafton	34
3.	Cobham	19
4.	{ Chandos	18
	{ Chatham	18
6.	Grenville	17
7.	Temple	15
8.	Walpole	12

CRICKET

The results of 1st XI matches are as follows :—Played, 14; Won, 5; Drawn, 2; Lost, 7.

There can be no doubt that this year's side has not fulfilled the high hopes held for it by those who thought it showed unusual promise. Possibly these hopes were more in the nature of wishful thinking, because there were no signs in the records of the Colts Club last year that its members would be making numberless runs and taking countless wickets in the 1st XI this year; but yet the players concerned looked like cricketers, and one had hoped that they would put away Coltish things and would become more stable and determined. But, generally speaking, it has not turned out that way.

The members of the team remaining from last year's side, and even from that of 1947, have maintained their form, and have been the backbone of the team, but some of them have not actually improved to any very noticeable degree. Broadly speaking, the side has depended on Cobham and Short to bowl out its opponents—and well and truly have these two striven—and on the Coningtons to get its runs. Useful help has been provided in run-getting at various times by Short, Lezard, Dixon and McNeil, but 50's have been very scarce. Pearce has kept wicket well, and few if any of our school opponents have shown us a better keeper, but he has not lost his air of tired boredom, and still refuses to make a bad throw look anything but bad. The fielding has generally maintained the high standard expected of it, apart from some clumsy lapses by one or two of the younger members.

D. E. Conington (B) has been an enthusiastic captain, and has always set his side an excellent example in the field. He has batted well, but has never really settled down to a big innings, and is usually in too much of a hurry. He batted particularly well against Malvern, the Eton Ramblers, and St. Edward's, but in the last mentioned game got himself out through the rash stroke at a critical time.

M. D. Cobham (G) has bowled extremely well, as the averages clearly show, and has saved the side many weary hours in the field. His performance against Bradfield, where he took 9 wickets for 20 runs, was a fine piece of bowling. His 'batting' has improved, and his fielding is certainly no worse.

J. F. Conington (B) has played a number of good innings and did particularly well against Bradfield, the M.C.C., the Eton Ramblers, and the Free Foresters, in which game he scored a century. He has fielded consistently well at short leg, and has taken several good catches.

G. J. E. Dixon (T) has improved as a batsman this year, and made a good 70 against the Eton Ramblers. His fielding is always a pleasure to watch and his catches in the M.C.C. and Free Foresters matches were first class. His leg-break bowling, which could have been such a valuable asset to the side, has lacked length and flight, and has never been dangerous.

W. R. G. Short (G) has bowled with vigour and determination, and has acquired a great deal more control of length and direction than he had. He still occasionally launches a vicious full toss at a batsman's head, which may be part of his system but is generally believed to be more by accident than design. His batting has again been forceful and more sober than it was last year, and his innings against St. Edward's played a great part in Stowe's victory.

F. J. Pearce (B) is a decidedly good school wicket-keeper, whose absence from the team after the Oundle match made his value even more appreciated, though Lush, although out of practice, did his best to fill the gap. As a batsman he has scoring strokes, but his defence is far too vulnerable.

C. C. McNeil (T) has played one or two useful innings, but has not improved to the extent one had hoped, and he seems to have lost his ability to bowl, for the time being. He has fielded well in the leg trap and at slip.

Of the new-comers to whom we look for next year's side, only C. H. Lezard (C), H. R. V. Whitcombe (B) and H. J. Lloyd (T) have shown any real form. C. H. Lezard has an attractive style and has played several good innings. He did very well against St. Edward's, when a great deal depended on his efforts, and, in addition, he caught three excellent slip catches during the match. His form has been decidedly encouraging, and if he can refrain from making one particular stroke, which has proved his downfall more than once, he should make many runs.

H. R. V. Whitcombe came into the team unexpectedly at Oundle as a result of an accident to Herrington, who split his finger taking a practice catch before the game started. He rose to the occasion well in this match and has retained his place in the side. At present he bowls the same away-swinging ball without any variation. When he has learnt to change his pace and to bowl a ball that does not go away from the batsman, but continues straight or comes in to him, he should meet with considerable success. He might also become a useful bat in time.

H. J. Lloyd has only played two innings for the XI, but his 38 not out against Radley gives one reason to hope that he may develop into a good all-rounder.

O. T. Wall (C), R. Lush (C), H. R. Herrington (C) and C. C. Malden (G) all have cricket in them, but, as the averages indicate, they just have not made runs.

Considering the records of the members of this year's side who will still be available next season, it is obvious that considerable improvement must be shown if Stowe is to have a successful season in 1950. The talent is there, but it is up to individual boys to develop it. The reputation of a school depends to a quite disproportionate extent on the prowess of its members in the field of sport, and if Stowe's cricket reputation is not to suffer a set-back, those who are likely to represent it must take every opportunity to improve by playing in the summer holidays, by practice, and by reading about the game.

Many boys are far too dependent on coaching, and seem to feel that by some magic power they may be taught to play without much effort on their part. The only way to success is by intelligent practice. In conclusion, every boy might do worse than take as his motto on the cricket field the exhortation of the captain of the Old Stoics to his side: "Well come on chaps, and whatever else we may do, let's field well."

STOWE v. CRYPTICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 14th. Cryptics won by 27 runs.

CRYPTICS					STOWE				
L. M. T. Castle, c Herrington, b Cobham				1	J. F. Conington, st Castle, b Skene				14
H. J. Fawcus, b Cobham				30	G. J. E. Dixon, c Tawle, b Letts				6
Major B. Pearce-Gould, b Short				1	O. T. Wall, c Castle, b Pelham				1
F. C. Letts, b Cobham				11	D. E. Conington, c Tawle, b Letts				20
D. Mennim, c Pearce, b Short				37	H. R. Herrington, b Pelham				0
R. Tawle, b Cobham				17	F. J. Pearce, b Pelham				0
D. M. Goodbody, b Cobham				0	R. J. Roberts, c Skene, b Letts				4
A. Sawtell, b Cobham				1	G. T. Beer, c and b Letts				3
C. E. Salamon, st Pearce, b Dixon				27	W. R. G. Short, c Castle, b Salamon				31
A. G. Pelham, c Cobham, b Short				1	C. C. McNeil, not out				28
R. W. Skene, not out				17	M. D. Cobham, b Pelham				3
Extras				5	Extras				11
Total				148	Total				121
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham	20	5	43	6	Pelham	22.5	9	47	4
Short	15	1	43	3	Skene	10	4	17	1
Conington (D.)	5	1	19	0	Letts	13	2	37	4
McNeil	4	0	14	0	Salamon	1	0	9	1
Dixon	3.5	0	24	1					

STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 18th. Match drawn. Rain stopped play.

AUTHENTICS		STOWE	
P. V. Harvey, b Short.....	2	J. F. Conington, G. J. E. Dixon, C. H. Lezard, D. E. Conington, R. Lush, G. T. Beer, F. J. Pearce, W. R. G. Short, R. J. Roberts, C. C. McNeil, M. D. Cobham.	
D. B. Carr, not out.....	112		
J. Wiley, lbw, b McNeil.....	88		
G. D. Evans, not out.....	28		
E. A. Jones, D. Trevelyan, S. Peters, M. Wormersley, M. Morton, O. Tidy and J. Ibersen did not bat.			
Extras	8		
Total (for 2 wkts.)	238		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Short	17	1	53	1
Cobham	17	1	54	0
Conington (D.E.)	2	0	4	0
McNeil	6	1	40	1
Dixon	5	0	43	0
Lush	3	0	13	0
Beer	3	0	23	0

STOWE v. MALVERN

This match, which was played at Stowe on Thursday, May 26th, was the first occasion on which the two schools had met. The game was played in wintry conditions and resulted in a draw, considerably more in favour of Malvern than of Stowe.

Malvern won the toss and decided to bat on a very soft wicket. The wind was cold and dark clouds threatened rain. Cobham and Short opened the bowling for Stowe, and when the score had reached 13, Short had one of the opening batsmen out l.b.w. The Malvern captain, Gregory, joined Chadder and these two batted very steadily and looked quite comfortable. At 44 Chadder was caught and bowled by Dixon, and at 76 Gregory, who had begun to look as if he was going to stay, was easily run out, just before lunch, as a result of some poor calling. This was a stroke of luck for Stowe, who rubbed in their advantage by taking another wicket with only one more run added to the score. Four Malvern wickets were down for 77 at the luncheon interval, and the game could be considered to be well in hand from a Stowe point of view. After lunch the weather deteriorated and conditions became very unpleasant. There was an icy wind, and play continued through a faint drizzle. Fingers were numb, and the umpires shivered. Brough, who went in No. 6, was bowled by Short when the total had reached 93, but now Adshead and Ross, with the aid of a spate of missed catches, took the score to 134. At this point Adshead was out l.b.w. to Lush, having contributed a very useful 37. Batsmen Nos. 8 and 9 only added 5 runs to the score, but Ross and French took the score to 163 before Ross was caught by Lezard off Cobham. Short then bowled Rust and the Malvern innings closed at 165.

Stowe was left with sufficient time to get the runs without having to hurry unduly, as long as wickets did not fall too quickly. J. Conington and Dixon were both out, however, with the total at 14. The weather now improved considerably, and D. Conington and Wall began a partnership in which Conington did most of the scoring. He batted forcefully and well, and while he remained Stowe's hopes of victory were bright. When the total had reached 66, Wall was out l.b.w. to French. He had only made 8, but had remained with Conington while 52 runs were added and had played a useful innings. Conington, now joined by Lezard, continued to bat well, and it came as a surprise when he played too early at a ball on the leg stump and was caught by the bowler. The score was then 86 for 4 wickets, and there seemed to be an even chance of winning and no great danger of losing. However, events were to prove otherwise. Lezard was out without any addition to the score, and Short and Lush then came together. These two batted excellently, and Lush especially produced some beautiful off drives and pulls. Short left at 112, and Lush at 124. The possibility of defeat was now apparent, but with three wickets yet to fall, and rather less than a quarter of an hour for play, a draw seemed to be the most probable result. Pearce's stay at the wicket was of brief duration, and then McNeil, who had been playing confidently, swept across a straight ball, and was out l.b.w. Roberts and Cobham were now the last line of defence, and one more over remained to be bowled. Roberts faced the bowling, and the first four balls were dealt with without incident. The fifth was struck over the bowler's head for a possible three runs. The batsmen advanced to the middle of the pitch, decided to leave Roberts to face the last ball, and retired to their respective creases. The entire Malvern team now closed round Roberts, and the last ball was bowled—wide of the off stump. Roberts did not leave it alone, as many would have done, but sent our hearts into our mouths by scooping it daintily just over the heads of the fielders to drop safely a few yards behind them.

MALVERN		STOWE	
R. H. Chadder, c and b Dixon.....	26	J. F. Conington, c Wetherall, b Herold	7
A. McI. Smith, lbw, b Short.....	3	G. J. E. Dixon, b French.....	5
A. A. Gregory, run out.....	39	O. T. Wall, lbw, b French.....	8
T. J. F. Herold, b Short.....	7	D. E. Conington, c and b Herold.....	55
R. T. B-Adshead, lbw, b Lush.....	37	C. H. Lezard, c Gregory, b French.....	3
D. W. T. Brough, b Short.....	9	W. R. G. Short, c B-Adshead, b Herold	14
W. J. T. Ross, c Lezard, b Cobham.....	19	R. Lush, c Summers, b French.....	21
J. P. Wetherall, b Conington (D.).....	2	C. C. McNeil, lbw, b French.....	6
C. M. de S. Summers, b Cobham.....	3	F. J. Pearce, b Herold.....	1
D. French, not out.....	11	R. J. Roberts, not out.....	0
J. O. Rust, b Short.....	1	M. D. Cobham, not out.....	0
Extras	8	Extras	10
Total	165	Total (for 9 wkts.).....	130

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham	24	7	35	2
Short	16.1	0	50	4
Dixon	8	0	47	1
McNeil	2	0	11	0
Conington (D. E.)	4	1	5	1
Lush	3	1	9	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gregory	17	9	29	0
Herold	25	7	53	4
French	14	1	38	5

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 28th. Stowe won by 26 runs.

STOWE				
J. F. Conington, c Bryant, b Tompkins.....	27			
G. J. E. Dixon, c Busby, b Bell.....	2			
O. T. Wall, b Bryant.....	23			
D. E. Conington, c Longland, b Bell.....	0			
C. C. Malden, b Tompkins.....	5			
R. Lush, lbw, b Bryant.....	0			
H. R. Herrington, lbw, b Bryant.....	1			
W. R. G. Short, b Bryant.....	2			
C. C. McNeil, lbw, b Tompkins.....	6			
F. J. Pearce, not out.....	13			
M. D. Cobham, b Tompkins.....	0			
Extras	14			
Total	93			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tompkins	15.5	6	19	4
Lillistone	6	2	7	0
Bell	18	8	21	2
Bryant	17	7	17	4
Dunkley	5	3	5	0
Wyatt.....	2	0	10	0

BUCKINGHAM				
T. E. Busby, b Short.....	0			
A. P. Bell, b Cobham.....	10			
F. Whiting, b Short.....	10			
J. Hanson, c Cobham, b Conington (D.)	28			
R. J. Longland, b Cobham.....	15			
R. S. Tompkins, c Conington (J.), b Cobham	0			
J. Whiting, lbw, b Cobham.....	1			
E. J. Bryant, not out.....	1			
J. G. Dunkley, c Conington (J.), b Cobham	0			
R. Wyatt, run out.....	0			
H. R. Lillistone, c McNeil, b Short.....	0			
Extras	2			
Total	67			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Short	12.3	3	27	3
Cobham	17	3	26	5
Conington (D.)	5	1	12	1

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 4th. M.C.C. won by 4 wickets.

STOWE				
J. F. Conington, b Norton.....	56			
G. J. E. Dixon, st Pearson, b Robins.....	26			
D. E. Conington, c Knight, b Norton	9			
C. C. Malden, b Robins.....	2			
W. R. G. Short, c Wyatt, b Norton.....	15			
O. T. Wall, st Pearson, b Robins.....	2			
C. C. McNeil, b Robins.....	8			
H. R. Herrington, not out.....	5			
R. Lush, F. J. Pearce and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				
Extras	8			
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.).....	131			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Darwall-Smith	12	1	28	0
Jory	5	0	23	0
Norton	14	3	39	3
Robins	12.5	3	33	4

M.C.C.				
D. G. Clive, c Conington (D.), b Cobham	9			
Major E. R. Hobbs, c Pearce, b Cobham	2			
K. G. Gardner, not out.....	79			
T. B. G. Welch, c Pearce, b Cobham.....	16			
D. J. Knight, c Dixon, b Cobham.....	0			
M. D. T. Wyatt, c Lush, b Cobham.....	19			
G. I. D. Norton, c Dixon, b Cobham.....	5			
H. J. Jory, not out.....	1			
Lt.-Col. W. H. Robins, T. Pearson and R. Darwall-Smith did not bat.				
Extras	2			
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	131			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham	11.5	1	58	6
Short	6	0	35	0
Conington (D.)	4	0	38	0

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

This match was played at Bradfield on Thursday, June 9th, and resulted in a win for Stowe by 10 wickets.

The game was a triumph for Cobham, who bowled unchanged throughout the Bradfield innings. He made the ball swing in very late and sharply from the off, and maintained an excellent length, taking 9 wickets for 20 runs. Short and D. Conington gave him steady support from the other end.

The day was warm and thundery and the wicket at Bradfield was very much harder and faster than that at Stowe. On winning the toss D. Conington decided to field, and events began to move very rapidly. Short opened the bowling and then Cobham took a wicket in his first over. He took another in his second, and two more in his sixth, making his analysis 4 wickets for 3 runs, and the Bradfield total 13. Taylor and Kerr then came together, and these two raised the score to 31, when Kerr was out l.b.w. to Cobham. Three more wickets then fell rapidly, making the score read 37 runs for 8 wickets. Taylor, who was playing beautifully, now took charge of the situation, and was manfully supported by P. P. Short. Taylor rarely allowed his partner to face the bowling which he farmed most skilfully, frequently refusing very long singles. As a result of his efforts the Bradfield score had reached 64 for 8 wickets at the lunch interval.

Soon after lunch Taylor attempted to hook a ball from Cobham, failed to get hold of it and was very well caught by McNeil at short leg. His 42 was a fine effort. The Bradfield total was then 70, and with the addition of one more run their innings closed.

J. Conington and Dixon opened the innings for Stowe and Conington began by hooking the first ball for 4. Both batsmen played confidently, and runs came at a brisk rate. The Bradfield bowling was steady, and each batsman had to stop several balls which might well have got through his defence. Dixon played two shots rather high through the slips, but it was Stowe's day, and the 72 runs required for victory were obtained in 52 minutes without the loss of a wicket.

BRADFIELD				
J. L. Quarrington, lbw, b Cobham.....	8			
C. B. R. Featherstonhaugh, b Cobham.....	0			
C. J. Lee, b Cobham.....	0			
H. W. Joynt, c Conington (J.), b Cobham	0			
M. E. Taylor, c McNeil, b Cobham.....	42			
D. J. Kerr, lbw, b Cobham.....	3			
M. J. James, c Pearce, b Conington (D.)	3			
M. Blanford, lbw, b Cobham.....	0			
R. B. Butters, c Conington (D.), b Cobham	0			
P. P. Short, not out.....	2			
D. I. Iliffe, b Cobham.....	0			
Extras	13			
Total	71			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Short.....	14	4	23	0
Cobham	21	13	20	9
Dixon	2	0	4	0
Conington (D.)	5	2	11	1

STOWE				
J. F. Conington, not out.....	38			
G. J. E. Dixon, not out.....	26			
O. T. Wall, D. E. Conington, H. R. Herrington, C. C. McNeil, H. J. Lloyd, W. R. G. Short, R. Lush, F. J. Pearce and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				
Extras	8			
Total (for no wkt.).....	72			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Butters	7	1	20	0
Blanford.....	7	1	17	0
Iliffe	3	0	18	0
Short	3	0	9	0

STOWE v. ETON RAMBLERS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 11th. Stowe won by 3 wickets.

ETON RAMBLERS					STOWE				
J. E. Ramsden, run out.....				8	J. F. Conington, st Gardiner, b Chappell				52
D. Blacker, b Cobham.....				4	G. J. E. Dixon, b Sweet.....				70
O. Fiennes, c Lush, b Lloyd.....	137				O. T. Wall, st Gardiner, b Blacker (B.).....				9
P. A. G. Chappell, b Cobham.....				14	D. E. Conington, c Sweet, b Blacker (B.).....				81
J. A. Whitmore, lbw, b Conington (D.).....				10	C. C. Malden, st Gardiner, b Blacker (B.).....				4
R. H. Montgomerie, b Conington (D.).....				7	H. R. Herrington, not out.....				1
J. A. Worsley, b Conington (D.).....				10	H. J. Lloyd, c sub, b Chappell.....				1
A. Wigan, c Conington (J.), b Short.....				9	W. R. G. Short, c Blacker (D.), b Blacker (B.).....				0
B. Blacker, not out.....				24	R. Lush, not out.....				1
J. Sweet, not out.....				6	F. J. Pearce and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				
S. Gardiner did not bat.									
Extras				3	Extras				15
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)				232	Total (for 7 wkts.)				234
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham	20	1	87	2	Sweet	14	2	48	1
Short	13	0	58	1	Fiennes	3	0	26	0
Conington (D.)	11	0	58	3	Montgomerie	3	0	18	0
Lloyd	4	1	26	1	Worsley	12	2	32	0
					Chappell	9.5	2	29	2
					Blacker (B.)	11	0	42	4
					Whitmore	9	3	24	0

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 15th. Bedford won by 19 runs.

This was a bowlers' match, and only three batsmen managed to reach double figures. Stowe won the toss and put Bedford in on a fairly fast wicket. Short and Cobham opened the bowling, and both bowled accurately, making the batsmen play at the ball frequently without connecting. When the score had reached 21 Cobham deceived Evans with a slightly slower ball and bowled him. Spooner joined Meeson and the score was raised very slowly with both batsmen uncertain, Spooner in particular playing at Short's bowling repeatedly and missing. At 41 Spooner was run out attempting an impossible run. Six more wickets fell in raising the score from 41 to 69, and during this period the Stowe fielding was excellent. McNeil held two good catches in the slips, and Dixon took a fine catch at cover point. The wicket-keeping of Pearce was also very competent and pleasant to watch. Meeson's 32 was a very valuable contribution, and was a fine effort for a player of 15 years old. The Bedford innings came to a close with a good slip catch by Lezard off Short's bowling.

The Stowe side had every reason to be pleased with their work, and the 82 runs required for victory seemed to be well within their powers after they had scored 234 for 7 wickets in the previous match. Bedford, however, were by no means defeated, and attacked with all they had.

J. Conington and Dixon started off briskly, and Dixon had the good fortune to be missed at short leg. Soon afterwards, however, he failed to play sufficiently straight at a ball from Fry, and was bowled. J. Conington played several attractive off-drives,

and then touched a ball from Fry to the wicket-keeper, who failed to hold it, but Salt at first slip took it on the rebound. Wall was bowled by a ball which moved from the middle stump to the off, and three wickets were down for 18. A great deal now depended on D. Conington, and he began as if he meant business. McNeil, Lezard and Herrington all failed in quick succession, and 6 wickets were down for 47, but Conington was still there and Short might very easily alter the position with a few of his vigorous drives. But it was not to be. Conington left a ball just outside his off stump, and failed to cover up, and was bowled when it came back a little. Short hit one or two lusty blows, and then failed to get hold of a lofted drive, and was well caught at backward mid-off. Lush was bowled without scoring and after a few deft cuts Pearce met with the same fate, and the Stowe innings closed for 62 runs.

Fry bowled for Bedford with great vitality and accuracy, and took 7 wickets for 26 runs.

BEDFORD					STOWE				
D. A. W. Evans, b Cobham.....				7	J. F. Conington, c Salt, b Fry.....				12
M. S. Meeson, c McNeil, b Short.....				32	G. J. E. Dixon, b Fry.....				5
J. A. Spooner, run out.....				6	O. T. Wall, b Mounfield.....				1
J. W. Fry, b Cobham.....				6	D. E. Conington, b Fry.....				19
R. J. Wallis, c Conington (J.), b Cobham.....				0	C. C. McNeil, c Steven, b Spooner.....				0
C. K. Salt, c McNeil, b Short.....				2	C. H. Lezard, c Evans, b Fry.....				3
R. G. I. Leonard, b Short.....				0	H. R. Herrington, lbw, b Fry.....				4
R. L. Keech, c Dixon, b Cobham.....				5	W. R. G. Short, c Mounfield, b Spooner.....				9
P. A. Mounfield, c Lezard, b Short.....				8	R. Lush, b Fry.....				0
M. H. J. Allan, b Cobham.....				3	F. J. Pearce, b Fry.....				6
F. S. Steven, not out.....				0	M. D. Cobham, not out.....				0
Extras				12	Extras				3
Total				81	Total				62
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Short	21.2	7	29	4	Fry	13.1	3	26	7
Cobham	28	10	31	5	Mounfield	6	3	18	1
Dixon	1	0	4	0	Spooner	7	1	15	2
Conington (D.)	6	4	5	0					

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD

Played at Oxford on Wednesday, June 22nd. Stowe won by 3 wickets.

Stowe won the toss and sent St. Edward's in to bat. Off the second ball of the match White was missed at short leg off Cobham's bowling. It seemed to be a simple catch; but the batsman was lbw to Short in the next over, and so no great harm was done.

The ground was very fast, and this seemed to disconcert the Stowe fielders for a time. Pearce behind the stumps was not too happy either, but he held on to a good catch off Short's bowling to dismiss the St. Edward's captain, who was batting well. Cobham bowled very steadily without much luck for some time, and was then rewarded by getting one batsman lbw, and another, four balls later, bowled by a full-toss.

D. Conington relieved Short, who had become very erratic, but he bowled far too short and wide of the wicket, and met with no success. At 83 Gilbert-Smith edged a ball from Cobham to Lezard at slip, who made the first of three good slip catches held by him in the match. Short came on again in place of D. Conington, but was

still very erratic. However, he had D. C. Thorne well held by McNeil in the slips, the ball bouncing off Pearce, and the St. Edward's score was then 99 for 6 wickets. At this point Stowe could be considered to have done well, but now J. S. and J. P. Smith began a most successful partnership, and by good cricket raised the score to 141 before J. P. Smith was lbw to Cobham. At the lunch interval St. Edward's had scored 155 for 7 wickets.

After lunch Lezard took another good slip catch, this time off Short's bowling, to get rid of J. S. Smith, who had played a valuable innings. Lezard's third catch disposed of M. E. Thorne, and the St. Edward's innings closed at 188, when Cobham had Lucas out lbw.

After being out for 62 against Bedford in the previous match, 188 might well have seemed to Stowe a stiff task, and no doubt it was, as St. Edward's had a good bowling side and had not lost an inter-school match up to that time. The start was not promising, as J. Conington was caught in the gully at 10 and Dixon was out lbw at 24. Malden and D. Conington then went along steadily, but a change of bowling caused Malden's dismissal at 46. He had batted well at a critical time. McNeil stayed with Conington till the score had reached 76, and was then out lbw. Lezard joined Conington and these two batted really well and were not separated until the score had reached 126. Conington was very severe on the bowlers and hit one grand six. Soon after tea, however, he tried to hit another, rather rashly, and was bowled. With another 63 runs required for victory Stowe was by no means out of the wood. Lezard continued to bat extremely well, but was aided by some fortune when possible chances of stumping him were not taken. Herrington was run out as a result of poor backing up and uncertain calling, and Short came in to play a most valuable innings. He stopped the good ones and hit anything else hard, and the excitement grew as the score mounted. At 173 Short was bowled apparently trying to hit the ball a very long way. 16 runs were still required, with Lush, Pearce and Cobham to come. In the circumstances there was still some way to go, but Lush remained, and Lezard continued to do the scoring, and at last, with a stroke for 3 by Lush, the St. Edward's total was passed.

ST. EDWARD'S	
T. E. S. White, lbw, b Short	4
D. B. T. Lattey, c Pearce, b Short	26
D. S. Gilbert-Smith, c Lezard, b Cobham	34
A. Brockman, lbw, b Cobham	8
D. K. Gardener, b Cobham	0
D. C. Thorne, c McNeil, b Short	15
J. S. Smith, c Lezard, b Short	31
J. P. Smith, c and b Cobham	23
M. E. Thorne, c Lezard, b Cobham	10
R. Lock, not out	15
H. E. Lucas, lbw, b Cobham	2
Extras	20
Total	188

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham	26.2	7	64	6
Short	21	1	65	4
Conington (D.)	4	0	19	0
Dixon	3	1	20	0

STOWE	
J. F. Conington, c White, b Lucas	8
G. J. E. Dixon, lbw, b Lattey	11
C. C. Malden, b Lock	14
D. E. Conington, b Thorne	70
C. C. McNeil, lbw, b Lock	7
C. H. Lezard, not out	43
H. R. Herrington, run out	0
W. R. G. Short, b Lock	31
R. Lush, not out	4
F. J. Pearce and M. D. Cobham did not bat.	
Extras	5
Total (for 7 wkts.)	193

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	12	1	36	1
Lattey	14.4	4	41	1
Lock	19	4	54	3
Gardener	7	1	34	0
Thorne	9	4	23	1



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STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Saturday, June 25th. Oundle won by 147 runs.

On this occasion the policy of putting the other side in to bat in a one-day match failed, and the Stowe side, after being kept in the field until a quarter to four on a very hot day, appeared to be exhausted and was unable to do itself justice. It was a great disappointment, as the side was very much on its toes and out to beat Oundle.

On arrival at Oundle, Herrington had the misfortune to split a finger when taking a practice catch before the game, and Whitcombe, who was in the Colts side to play Oundle, was included in the team, and rose to the occasion well.

Cobham was not able to swing the ball as much as usual, and though he and Short bowled steadily they did not meet with any success for some time after Cobham had had Massey caught at the wicket at 19. The Oundle innings was built on an excellent 97 by Price, who had the misfortune to be run out when only 3 short of his century. Lowe, at No. 7, played a vigorous knock of 37 at the right moment for Oundle.

Whitcombe, in his first school match, bowled steadily and well, and broke up the partnership which succeeded the fall of the first wicket. Neither Dixon nor McNeil troubled the batsmen at all. The Stowe fielding was good and never flagged during a very warm three and a quarter hours, J. Conington bringing off a particularly smart catch.

When Oundle declared at 218 for 7 wickets the Stowe side seemed to have become dehydrated, and gave a very sorry display of batting. The light was not all that it might have been, as a storm was approaching, but that alone could not be held responsible. Only McNeil, Pearce and Whitcombe met with any appreciable success, and Stowe was ingloriously dismissed for 71.



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OUNDLE				
M. J. O. Massey, c Pearce, b Cobham	6			
F. S. Price, run out	97			
R. P. Botwood, b Whitcombe	18			
J. S. Haines, b Short	7			
J. R. S. Morton, c Conington (J.), b Short	13			
A. J. P. Woodhouse, lbw, b Cobham	8			
C. M. Lowe, b Short	37			
J. K. Pickard, not out	5			
Shaharyar, not out	5			
A. R. Armitage and D. V. Bell did not bat.				
Extras	22			
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	218			
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Short	22	6	57	3
Cobham	23	4	52	2
Whitcombe	14	1	36	1
Dixon	4	0	27	0
McNeill	3	0	21	0
Conington (D.)	2	0	3	0

STOWE				
J. F. Conington, b Armitage	1			
G. J. E. Dixon, lbw, b Shaharyar	1			
C. C. Malden, b Armitage	4			
D. E. Conington, b Armitage	3			
C. C. McNeil, b Bell	25			
C. H. Lezard, c Botwood, b Armitage	3			
W. R. G. Short, c Lowe, b Armitage	1			
R. Lush, lbw, b Bell	1			
F. J. Pearce, b Armitage	16			
H. R. V. Whitcombe, b Armitage	6			
M. D. Cobham, not out	4			
Extras	7			
Total	71			
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shaharyar	8	1	7	1
Armitage	15.3	7	26	7
Lowe	4	1	12	0
Bell	6	0	19	2

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 29th. Stowe lost by 21 runs.

FREE FORESTERS					STOWE				
A. M. Crawley, b Cobham.....				4	J. F. Conington, c Waddy, b Childs-Clarke.....				101
M. G. T. Webster, lbw, b Short.....				8	G. J. E. Dixon, lbw, b Stubbs.....				8
E. Cawston, c Dixon, b Conington (D.).....				62	C. C. Malden, b Waddy.....				4
J. C. Woodcock, lbw, b Whitcombe.....				28	D. E. Conington, c Cawston, b Waddy.....				0
A. W. Childs-Clarke, c Short, b Whitcombe.....				26	C. C. McNeil, lbw, b Waddy.....				1
Major H. P. Weedon, b Cobham.....				17	C. H. Lezard, b Meyer.....				20
L. M. T. Castle, c Dixon, b Cobham.....				5	O. T. Wall, c Wimperis, b Childs-Clarke.....				1
A. R. P. Stubbs, c Conington (D.), b Whitcombe.....				19	W. R. G. Short, c Weedon, b Meyer.....				3
R. J. O. Meyer, b Cobham.....				5	R. Lush, b Childs-Clarke.....				2
B. B. Waddy, b Whitcombe.....				1	H. R. V. Whitcombe, not out.....				1
J. Wimperis, not out.....				0	M. D. Cobham, c Woodcock, b Meyer.....				10
Extras.....				12	Extras.....				15
Total				187	Total				166

FREE FORESTERS					STOWE				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham.....	21	3	77	4	Wimperis.....	10	2	30	0
Short.....	19	3	60	1	Stubbs.....	13	1	56	1
Whitcombe.....	6.1	1	17	4	Waddy.....	11	2	18	3
Conington (D.).....	3	0	21	1	Weedon.....	5	0	13	0
					Meyer.....	11.2	3	23	3
					Childs-Clarke.....	9	4	11	3

STOWE v. OLD STOICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 2nd. Old Stoics won by 4 wickets.

STOWE					OLD STOICS				
J. F. Conington, lbw, b Connell.....				47	N. C. S. Barling, b Cobham.....				21
G. J. E. Dixon, c Griffin, b Robinson.....				6	M. D. T. Loup, b Short.....				25
C. C. Malden, b Salamon.....				6	D. A. Connell, b Whitcombe.....				1
D. E. Conington, c Arnold, b Connell.....				25	J. P. Phillips, c Dixon, b Whitcombe.....				52
C. H. Lezard, st Arnold, b Connell.....				11	J. M. Connell, b Cobham.....				14
O. T. Wall, lbw, b Robinson.....				10	R. H. G. Carr, not out.....				42
A. W. Fraser, b Connell.....				0	J. D. Buchanan, c Conington (J.), b Short.....				1
W. R. G. Short, c Arnold, b Buchanan.....				39	C. E. Salamon, not out.....				1
R. Lush, c Connell, b Robinson.....				4	E. M. Arnold, M. P. Robinson, G. A. Griffin did not bat.				
H. R. V. Whitcombe, c Buchanan, b Loup.....				6	Extras.....				16
M. D. Cobham, not out.....				3	Total (for 6 wkts.)				173
Extras.....				11					
Total				168					

STOWE					OLD STOICS				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Connell.....	17	5	48	4	Short.....	14	0	55	2
Robinson.....	16	4	34	3	Cobham.....	17	3	51	2
Griffin.....	6	1	37	1	Whitcombe.....	8	0	29	2
Salamon.....	5	1	17	0	Dixon.....	3	0	22	0
Buchanan.....	3.4	1	15	1					
Loup.....	3	0	6	1					

STOWE v. ADASTRIANS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, July 6th. Stowe won by 7 wickets.

ADASTRIANS					STOWE				
Edwards, b Short.....				3	J. F. Conington, b Cornwall.....				3
Francis, lbw, b Cobham.....				4	G. J. E. Dixon, lbw, b Hills.....				1
E. M. Senior, run out.....				3	G. W. Scott, not out.....				31
Levis, b Cobham.....				7	D. E. Conington, b Hills.....				5
G. Senior, c Lush, b Butlin.....				13	C. H. Lezard, not out.....				5
Bland, b Butlin.....				2	H. J. Lloyd, B. C. Harris, W. R. G. Short, R. Lush, R. F. Butlin and M. D. Cobham did not bat.				
Corley, b Butlin.....				1	Extras.....				2
Hills, b Short.....				2	Total (for 3 wkts.)				47
Cornwall, lbw, b Cobham.....				2					
Jones, lbw, b Cobham.....				7					
Bray, not out.....				0					
Murphy, b Cobham.....				0					
Extras.....				1					
Total				45					

ADASTRIANS					STOWE				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cobham.....	14.5	8	15	5	Cornwall.....	10	3	24	1
Short.....	9	2	20	2	Hills.....	8	3	14	2
Butlin.....	5	2	9	3	Senior.....	2	1	7	0

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 9th. Radley won by 5 wickets.

It was arranged that this match should be played on July 9th after it had been abandoned on June 1st owing to heavy rain, without a ball being bowled. Owing to examinations a start could not be made until 1.15, and play was due to end at 6.30 p.m.

Radley won the toss and sent Stowe in to bat on a nice easy-paced wicket, but both Dixon and Scott were quickly dismissed with the score at 1. The Conington brothers were then at the wicket together, and the stage seemed to be set for them to leave Stowe cricket with a flourish, but this was not to be. J. Conington cut at a ball outside his off stump and pulled it into his wicket, which made the score-board read 3 wickets for 21 runs. D. Conington was joined by Lezard, and as in the match against St. Edward's these two took control of the situation.

The Radley captain made a number of bowling changes, but apart from Sorsbie none of the bowlers looked very dangerous, though they managed to keep the rate of scoring down by bowling wide of the off stump. D. Conington did most of the scoring, and was favoured by fortune on three occasions when he offered difficult chances. Lezard went quietly along and appeared to be quite comfortable, but suddenly played over the top of a well pitched-up ball, and was bowled. D. Conington was bowled soon afterwards, playing almost identically the same sort of fierce mow at the ball as he had done in the St. Edward's match. Lloyd and Harris then raised the score from 101 to 142 with some bright cricket just when quick runs were needed, and when

Harris was out Short seemed to be the right man for the job. The tea interval had been arranged for 3.45 and the plan was to set Radley about 180 runs to get in 2 hours. This meant a declaration at 4.20. Short and Lloyd continued after tea, but did not manage to go as fast as they would have liked, and then Short was caught at the wicket. Lush joined Lloyd, who was batting very well in his second innings for the school. Lush was offered three successive full tosses, but failed to profit by any of them, and with the score at 178 for 7 wickets Conington declared at a minute or two after twenty past four.

If Stowe could obtain an early wicket or two the chances of victory seemed bright, and the possibility of defeat not very great, but Radley started very briskly, and did not appear to be much worried by the bowlers. When the total had reached 32, however, J. Conington took a good catch very easily in the leg trap off Cobham's bowling. Hughes and Britten then really got down to business and played with great vigour, their running between the wickets being excellent. Both had their fair share of luck and ought to have been caught off fairly simple chances. The Stowe fielders did all they could to cut down the rate of scoring, but the bowlers were badly at fault. Some steady bowling just short of a length outside the off stump with a packed off-side field would have made Radley's task well-nigh impossible, but much of the bowling was too short and straight, and much of it even on the leg side. This made Conington's task in setting his field very difficult.

Eventually Hughes was caught at cover-point by Dixon off a well pitched-up ball outside the off stump, and Britten was bowled by Harris 20 runs later, but Radley were by now in sight of victory, and, with the loss of two further wickets, they passed the Stowe total with five minutes to spare.

STOWE					RADLEY				
J. F. Conington, b Sorsbie.....	13				J. R. N. Britten, b Harris.....	52			
G. J. E. Dixon, b Sorsbie.....	1				D. B. Reid, c Conington (J.), b Cobham	13			
G. W. Scott, c Patten, b Sorsbie.....	0				J. de C. Hughes, c Dixon, b Whitcombe	68			
D. E. Conington, b Hughes.....	65				R. S. J. Riley, lbw, b Cobham.....	9			
C. H. Lezard, b Hughes.....	15				A. J. M. Meyrick, b Cobham.....	4			
H. J. Lloyd, not out.....	38				A. C. Walton, not out.....	10			
B. C. Harris, c Meyrick, b Jackson.....	18				R. M. Sorsbie, not out.....	4			
W. R. G. Short, c Patten, b Sorsbie.....	14				R. J. Moore, P. H. Jackson, P. J. M.				
R. Lush, not out.....	3				Patten and J. F. B. Jones did not bat.				
H. R. V. Whitcombe and M. D. Cobham									
did not bat.									
Extras	11				Extras	11			
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	178				Total (for 5 wkts.)	181			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Sorsbie	20	9	59	4	Short	11	1	46	0
Riley	14	4	39	0	Cobham	17	2	67	3
Hughes	6	2	15	2	Whitcombe	6	0	35	1
Jones	11	1	36	0	Harris	7.3	1	22	1
Jackson	6	1	18	1					

2ND XI.

Matches played 8 ; Won 1 ; Drawn 5 ; Lost 2.

Well, we won a game. It took a long time for us to do this for a variety of reasons. There was a weakness in bowling which we never really got over—only once in the season did we bowl out another side completely. There was a series of perfect batsmen's wickets which emphasized the first weakness. There was a slowness in the early batting which made declarations difficult and replies to the same inadequate. There was the persistence of the captain in losing the toss that amounted almost to a talent. This was quite important on the sort of wickets we got. However, we had great fun and a very pleasant season.

The batting was good except for the weakness already mentioned. Only once did it break down and only twice did the side bat right through. Good scores were made by G. T. Beer (6), H. J. Lloyd (T), B. C. Harris (C), I. C. McAllester (T)—early in the season, O. T. Wall (C), R. J. Roberts (C) and C. H. Lezard (C). G. R. T. Sorley (C) was an early and welcome addition to the side.

Not so much can be said for the bowling. Too often it lost length and direction and became rather foolish. It must be remembered that a hot sun and hard wickets made bowling not the most pleasant or easiest of pastimes. P. H. Molloy (C) toiled valiantly and was our mainstay. Roberts had his moments, especially against Buckingham. The Captain lost direction and became modest. Lloyd started the season well but lost accuracy. W. M. Patterson (B) employed violence without either of the above mentioned qualities. W. D. M. Arnott (W) was a welcome addition in the end.

The fielding was patchy. The Captain and Roberts were bright exceptions always to somewhat modest displays. It must be recorded that one slip catch was taken, late in the season. The stumping was sometimes untidy but always pleasant and the agility of M. V. Benthall (G) in dealing with bowlers' lack of direction was sometimes remarkable.

Altogether, often funny and always enjoyable.

Results:—

May 18th.	v. BLOXHAM 1ST XI (Home).	Drawn.
	Stowe, 38 for 3 wkts.	Match abandoned.
May 21st.	v. HARROW (Home).	Drawn.
	Harrow, 148 for 3 wkts. dec.	
	Stowe, 100 for 4 wkts.	
May 28th.	v. BUCKINGHAM (Home).	Drawn.
	Stowe, 125 for 6 wkts. dec.	
	Buckingham, 75 for 9 wkts.	
June 9th.	v. BRADFIELD (Away).	Drawn.
	Bradfield, 126 for 9 wkts. dec.	
	Stowe, 103 for 5 wkts.	
June 11th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost.
	Stowe, 139 for 6 wkts. dec.	
	Bedford, 140 for 4 wkts.	

- June 22nd. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S (Home). Lost.
Stowe, 99.
St. Edward's, 100 for 3 wkts.
- June 25th. *v.* OUNDLE (Home). Drawn.
Oundle, 181 for 5 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 144 for 9 wkts.
- July 2nd. *v.* OLD STOICS (Home). Won.
Old Stoics, 119.
Stowe, 120 for 4 wkts.

3RD XI.

After a poorish start, the 3rd XI got going in the later matches. The bowling was always steady and accurate, and little was given away in the field, where the general standard was higher than in previous years. But the batting at first was feeble, and only recently have there been some useful scores.

Results :—

- May 18th. *v.* BLOXHAM 2ND XI. (Away). Drawn.
Bloxham, 80 for 9 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 42 for 4 wkts.
- May 21st. *v.* HARROW 3RD XI. (Away). Lost.
Harrow, 169.
Stowe, 81.
- May 28th. *v.* STOWE COLTS (Home). Lost.
Stowe Colts, 51 (W. D. M. Arnott 8 for 11).
Stowe 3rd XI, 47.
- June 4th. *v.* TWYFORD (Away). Drawn.
Twyford, 73 for 8 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 1 for 0 wkt.
- June 11th. *v.* BLAKESLEY (Away). Lost.
Blakesley, 52 (W. D. M. Arnott 5 for 18).
Stowe, 39.
- June 15th. *v.* BEDFORD 3RD XI. (Home). Won.
Bedford, 146.
Stowe, 157 for 9 (G. T. Laing 41, P. D. Stern 58).
- June 22nd. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S 3RD XI. (Home.) Won.
St. Edward's, 61 (A. H. Salt 4 for 9).
Stowe, 154 for 3 wkts. (J. Charlton 66, D. C. F. Kimber 56 not out).
- June 25th. *v.* LATYMER UPPER (Home). Won.
Latymer, 57 (J. Charlton 7 for 7).
Stowe, 144 for 7 wkts. (J. Charlton 35, T. D. Whitson 30 not out).

THE COLTS

Played 6; Won 3; Lost 3.

It looked as if the old adage that "bowling wins matches" was going to be disproved by the Colts, but after a disastrous start to the season they managed to win the last three matches. The bowling, in both variety and quality, was much better than that of any side which they played. H. R. V. Whitcombe (B) and R. F. Butlin (G) were a dangerous opening pair, and bowled particularly well against Bedford on a plumb wicket. P. G. Harris (G) obtained many valuable wickets, and when he opened the bowling against Oundle moved the ball away very late. M. J. Fenwick (C) mixed his leg and off breaks cleverly and A. W. Fraser's (C) off breaks were dangerous on the wetter wickets.

The batting, however, was lamentably weak, although a good start to the season might have put a different complexion on things, as the side was capable of making runs. Some of the shots made early in an innings had obviously been decided on in the pavilion and were due to nerves out of control. Fenwick generally gave the side a good start, although he was often favoured by the slips. M. R. J. Forman (C) showed confidence and played some valuable innings. C. N. H. Hordern (W), an unorthodox player, watched the ball and struck it firmly, both qualities too often lacking in other members of the side; however, suicidal running cost him his wicket twice, and the team the Bradfield match, when he was batting well. Fraser and Whitcombe, potentially the highest scorers, never did themselves justice, but Fraser batted well at No. 6 in the last two matches, when the loss of his wicket might have lost the match. J. M. Hancox (G) had some success as an opening bat and M. J. R. Bannister (W) was strong on the leg side but both were very weak to slow bowling.

In most matches the side fielded aggressively and backed up the bowlers well. Hancox and Harris caught some fine catches at slip and gully, and Whitcombe, Butlin and N. Cleeve (B) were good close to the wicket and in general quickness in the field. Forman improved considerably as a wicket-keeper, but his stumping was spoilt by snatching.

Fraser, by the end of the season, was captaining the side very competently, and has learnt his job well.

- May 21st. *v.* HARROW (Home). Lost by 28 runs.
Harrow 78 (Fraser 3 for 16, Harris 2 for 7, Whitcombe 2 for 8).
Stowe 50.
- June 4th. *v.* RUGBY (Away). Lost by 115 runs.
Rugby, 166 for 9 wkts. dec. (Harris 3 for 21).
Stowe, 51.
- June 9th. *v.* BRADFIELD (Home). Lost by 6 runs.
Bradfield, 115 (Whitcombe 4 for 29, Fenwick 3 for 12).
Stowe, 109 (Fenwick 31, Forman 29).
- June 11th. *v.* BEDFORD (Home). Won by 9 wickets.
Bedford, 51 (Butlin 5 for 18, Whitcombe 4 for 20).
Stowe, 136 for 5 wkts. (Hancox 33, Fenwick 29).

- June 22nd. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S (Away). Won by 2 wickets.
St. Edward's, 100 (Butlin 4 for 26, Fenwick 4 for 30).
Stowe, 103 for 8 (Fenwick 21, Forman 40).
- June 25th. *v.* OUNDLE (Away). Won by 5 wickets.
Oundle, 84 (Harris 5 for 24, Fenwick 3 for 19).
Stowe, 88 for 5 (Hordern 20).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

Results :—Played 7 ; Won 1 ; Drawn 3 ; Lost 3.

When we sorted out the Junior Colts at the beginning of the season, we were distinctly optimistic about the future of the side. There was a reasonable number of promising batsmen ; and the bowlers, though few, seemed to have possibilities. Alas for our hopes. Our first game, against Bloxham, was rained out and then followed two crushing defeats at the hands of Harrow and Rugby respectively.

Considering this disappointing period in retrospect, one cannot help reflecting again upon the part played in Junior cricket by confidence. In both the matches concerned, there was an obvious atmosphere of apprehension and the excruciating agony experienced by our batsmen at the wickets was a sorry sight to witness. Seeing some of them batting to-day, one can hardly recognise them as the same players. Their approach is more determined, and they have developed the will to achieve, so indispensable on all occasions. The turn of the tide came with the Bradfield match. Set to get 98 runs to win and with the clock against them the team made a gallant attempt to get the runs. Although they failed by a narrow margin, the game provided them with self-reliance and determination.

The next two games, against Bedford and St. Edward's, were drawn, but in both of them the individual response was most gratifying. In the Bedford match we soon reached 149 for 4, D. M. Vance (G), P. O. S. Marden (C) and H. J. Gray (W) hurrying the score along with forceful batting. Unfortunately, although we dismissed eight of our opponents for 61, a supreme disregard for the exigencies of time robbed us of victory.

Against St. Edward's we were faced with the task, almost insuperable, of getting 150 runs in an hour and twenty-five minutes, our opponents having taken two hours and forty minutes in accumulating this number. Every attempt was made at the beginning to face up to the situation, and only when there was no chance of forcing a decision did Vance and E. S. M. Cameron (C) play out time with confidence and ease.

In the next game the side's perseverance was rewarded, and after dismissing Oundle for 58, we passed their total for two wickets. This game was a fitting climax to the team's efforts to improve, both the fielding and bowling being purposeful and accurate.

Our bowling, nevertheless, in spite of recent success, remains thin. Morris and Vance are the only bowlers at present capable of getting sides out. Morris bowls

left-handed and fast, possessing a convincing action and a reasonable turn of speed. Length and direction still remain unmastered but his occasional 'fizzer' is, we hope, a happy augury for the future. There is little doubt that he possesses distinct possibilities.

Vance, the captain, has been compelled to keep himself on, over after over, in order to maintain the attack. He has, however, accomplished the task with considerable success, as he is the only bowler capable of keeping a steady length. His performance against Oundle was both accurate and aggressive. R. M. Instone (C) is the only other bowler worthy of mention. Perhaps he was not used enough. His slow deliveries occasionally showed a command of length, and it may be that a more frequent use of his abilities, coupled with a more judicious setting of his field, would have been a way out of our difficulties.

The batting, in spite of disappointments, has some promise about it. Vance possesses some delightful shots on the off and altogether seems a very competent cricketer. Marden, although erratic and excitable, knows how to hit a loose ball. A. J. Beerbohm (C) can drive with power when the ball is well pitched up. H. J. Gray (W) besides being an improved fielder can drive hard on the off. His leg-play is still somewhat cramped and he seems unable to open up freely on this side of the wicket. E. S. M. Cameron (C) walks around a lot in the course of making his shots but is able to hit the ball hard when the occasion demands it.

Our wicket-keeper, D. G. du B. Dew (C), has been above the average and his performance frequently reached a high standard. He has a safe pair of hands and possesses the agility so essential for a successful stumper.

The general level of keenness has been high and we can only hope that when the players reach the Colts stage next year, they will get off the mark with confidence and success.

Results :—

- May 18th. *v.* BLOXHAM (Home). Match abandoned.
Stowe, 21 for 1 wkt.
- May 21st. *v.* HARROW (Away). Lost.
Stowe, 63 (Beerbohm 35).
Harrow, 111 for 5 wkts.
- June 4th. *v.* RUGBY (Away). Lost.
Rugby, 160 for 5 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 70 (Vance 34).
- June 9th. *v.* BRADFIELD (Home). Lost.
Bradfield, 98 (Vance 5 for 28).
Stowe, 93 (Vance 52).
- June 11th. *v.* BEDFORD (Home). Drawn.
Stowe, 149 for 4 wkts. dec. (Marden 75, Vance 33, Gray 29 not out).
Bedford, 61 for 8 wkts. (Morris 5 for 22).

June 22nd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away). Drawn.
	St. Edward's, 150.
	Stowe, 84 for 3 wkts. (Cameron 41).
June 25th.	v. OUNDLE (Home). Won.
	Oundle, 58 (Vance 6 for 20).
	Stowe, 65 for 3 wkts. (Marden 19, Vance 16 not out).

THE CRICKET LEAGUES

This has been a good season, thanks largely to a spell of fine weather which enabled the competition to be carried through almost without a break. A week's rain between the third and fourth rounds did nothing to destroy the continuity of matches and improved enormously the playing quality of the pitches, which were beginning to get rather hard.

The houses in the early stages were very evenly matched, as is evident from the fact that only two teams out of twenty-four came unscathed through the first two rounds. Both these were defeated later, so that no team had an unbeaten record and only three, Chandos A and C and Grenville C, escaped with only one defeat. In the majority of cases teams won and lost an even number of matches, and only Chandos and Grenville had a net balance of wins. All this made for keen interest in the competition and even C Leagues were aware of the importance of their six points. Chandos were worthy winners of the Cup and Grenville deserved to follow them. Both houses played with great keenness and gave their captains strong support. In contrast, the few houses which started badly owed their failure to poor fielding and lack of enthusiasm, which they later regretted when their game began to improve. The general standard of fielding was better than usual and more accurate bowling ensured better performances with the bat.

A few players deserve individual mention—the captains of the Chandos, Grenville and Chatham sides, R. E. Hichens, F. R. G. Lowe and J. M. Dillon, for the way they handled their teams, and P. M. Salt (G), J. M. Bremner (C), E. C. Hardwicke and H. G. Roddick (C) for their consistent performance in the middle. The most outstanding bowling came from B League, where The Hon. C. R. S. Stuart (C) helped his side to dismiss Grenville B for 5, by taking 7 for 0. The palm for batting must go to M. E. P. Cross (G) whose innings of 24 not out gave his side a remarkable tenth wicket victory over Grafton B, when Grenville had lost nine for 28 in response to their opponents' 63. His temerity in hitting six for his second scoring shot played a large part in unsettling the other side.

The C Leagues were on the whole disappointing and at times behaved rather childishly. There were, however, redeeming features in the keenness of Chandos, Grenville and Grafton and the eagerness of some individuals to know more about the game. It is to be hoped that these represent the players of the future.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	A League					B League					C League					Total Points	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.		
1. Chandos	...	7	6	0	1	72	7	5	1	1	44	7	6	0	1	36	152
2. Grenville	...	7	3	2	2	48	7	2	0	5	16	7	6	0	1	36	100
3. Temple	...	7	4	1	2	54	7	2	0	5	16	7	3	1	3	21	91
4. Walpole	...	7	3	0	4	36	7	4	2	1	40	7	1	1	5	9	85
5. Cobham	...	7	2	1	4	30	7	3	1	3	28	7	3	1	3	21	79
6. Chatham	...	7	4	0	3	48	7	1	1	5	12	7	2	2	3	18	78
7. Grafton	...	7	1	0	6	12	7	5	1	1	44	7	2	2	3	18	74
8. Bruce	...	7	3	0	4	36	7	2	0	5	16	7	1	1	5	9	61

1ST XI. AVERAGES

BATTING

	No. of Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. F. Conington (B)	...	13	379	101	31.58
D. E. Conington (B)	...	12	352	81	29.33
C. H. Lezard (C)	...	8	103	43*	17.16
W. R. G. Short (G)	...	11	159	39	14.45
G. J. E. Dixon (T)	...	13	166	70	13.83
C. C. McNeil (T)	...	8	81	29	11.57
F. J. Pearce (B)	...	5	36	16	9.00
M. D. Cobham (G)	...	7	20	10	6.67
H. R. V. Whitcombe (B)	...	3	13	6	6.50
(Less than 3 innings)					
H. J. Lloyd (T)	...	2	39	38*	39.00

Also batted:—G. W. Scott (C), 2, 1, 31, 31*, 31.00; B. C. Harris (C), 1, 0, 18, 18, 18.00; O. T. Wall (C), 8, 0, 55, 23, 6.88; R. Lush (C), 9, 3, 36, 21, 6.00; C. C. Malden (G), 7, 0, 39, 14, 5.58; H. R. Herrington (C), 6, 2, 11, 5*, 2.75.

* Not out innings.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	
M. D. Cobham (G)	...	278	68	680	57	11.93
H. R. V. Whitcombe (B)	...	34.1	2	117	8	14.62
W. R. G. Short (G)	...	211	30	621	28	22.18
D. E. Conington (B)	...	51	9	195	7	27.86

Also bowled (qualification, 10 overs):—C. C. McNeil (T), 15—1—85—1—85.00; G. J. E. Dixon (T), 26.5—1—180—1—180.00.

Catches:—Dixon, 8; J. F. Conington, 7; Pearce, 6; Lezard and McNeill, 5; D. E. Conington, Cobham, Lush, 3; Short and Herrington, 1.

LAWN TENNIS

With J. W. A. Downing (T), G. W. Scott (C) and N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G) still in the School, it was to be expected that the VI would be fairly strong this year. And so it has proved. Of the ten matches played to date, eight have been won, and no school has yet beaten us. The two victories over Eton augur well for Wimbledon week, and if once again we meet U.C.S. in the final of the Glanvil Cup Competition, it will be with the knowledge that they lost to us at Stowe a few weeks ago.

W. Lloyd (C) had almost made certain of a place in the VI before the season began; but though that left only two places to fill in the team, it was not easy to find the right 3rd pair from a somewhat mediocre bunch of candidates. Eventually, R. C. Page (C) and J. R. Lindgren (B) were selected, and have played regularly since. They are not quite in the same class as the 1st and 2nd pairs, but they have improved steadily with match practice. Lindgren is very good at the net (when he happens to be there, which, alas, is too infrequently), but he will not make a tennis player until he has knocked six seconds off his time for the 100 yards. Nevertheless, this 3rd pair has won regularly, even at times when the 1st pair has lost to the same opponents.

At the beginning of the season, Downing and Cunningham-Reid played in the 1st pair, while Scott partnered Lloyd in the 2nd pair. Later, Downing decided to play in the 2nd pair with Lloyd, and Scott moved up to join Cunningham-Reid. The 2nd pair has been very successful. The 1st pair has occasionally been brilliant, but at other times has lapsed into mediocrity; Cunningham-Reid in particular, who at his best is considerably stronger than any other player in the team, has on occasions played deplorably. Downing, after a bad start, has been safe ever since; Scott has been rather uneven; Lloyd plays a steady and intelligent game and as he fights until the very last point is won he is a player much to Downing's liking.

J. P. D. Heyward (C) has played once in the VI and E. B. J. Williams (T) twice. They are the only players who have so far been "spotted" for next year. P. M. Horley (B) and R. L. Cook (C) completed the team. All attempts to get fixtures for a Second VI failed, which was both disappointing and unfortunate; for Heyward and Williams might have profited from match practice.

Leagues, House matches and the Singles and Doubles competitions are going on as usual, and results will be given later.

It looks as if the Stowe VI is better this year than it will be for some time to come, and it would be gratifying if Downing were able to hand over to his successor as Captain not only the tennis file but the Glanvil and Youll Cups as well.

Results of matches played already:—

- May 14. *v.* MR. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI (Home).
Downing and Cunningham-Reid, *v.* 1st Pair, 6—3, 2—6, 5—7; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—3, 11—9; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—0, 6—2.
Scott and Lloyd, *v.* 1st Pair, 1—6, 6—3, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—1, 6—2; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—2, 6—3.
Lindgren and Page, *v.* 1st Pair, 2—6, 1—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 0—6, 10—8; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—0, 11—9.
Stowe won by 5 matches to 3, with one drawn.
- May 21. *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE (Home).
Downing and Cunningham-Reid, *v.* 1st Pair, 3—6, 6—2, 2—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—3, 13—11; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—2, 2—6, 4—6.
Scott and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 2—6, 7—5, 4—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—1, 6—2; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—2, 6—3.
Lindgren and Page *v.* 1st Pair, 2—6, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—1, 6—3; *v.* 3rd Pair, 1—6, 6—2, 4—6.
Stowe lost by 4 matches to 5.
- May 25. *v.* MR. NORTHOVER'S VI. (Away).
Downing and Cunningham-Reid *v.* 1st Pair, 3—6, 6—3, 4—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 3—6, 6—3, 4—6; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—3, 2—6, 6—2.
Scott and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 3—6, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 5—7, 5—7; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—4, 6—2.
Lindgren and Page *v.* 1st Pair, 4—6, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 3—6, 4—6; *v.* 3rd Pair, 7—5, 6—2.
Stowe lost by 4 matches to 5.
- May 26. *v.* U.C.S. (Home).
Scott and Cunningham-Reid *v.* 1st Pair, 5—7, 6—3, 4—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 4—6, 6—3, 6—3; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—3, 6—4.
Downing and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 6—4, 8—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—1, 9—7; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—2, 6—4.
Lindgren and Page *v.* 1st Pair, 3—6, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—8, 6—1; *v.* 3rd Pair, 2—6, 12—10.
Stowe won by 5 matches to 2, with 2 drawn.
- June 4. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. (Home).
Scott and Cunningham-Reid *v.* 1st Pair, 4—6, 6—1, 6—2; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—2, 6—3; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6—1, 9—7.
Downing and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 3—6, 7—5, 3—6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6—0, 6—2; *v.* 3rd Pair, 2—6, 6—3, 6—3.

Lindgren and Williams *v.* 1st Pair, 3-6, 3-6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 3-6, 6-1, 4-6; *v.* 3rd Pair, 10-12, 4-6.

Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

June 9. *v.* ETON (Home).

Scott and Cunningham-Reid *v.* 1st Pair, 4-6, 9-7, 6-1; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-3, 6-3; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-3, 7-5.

Downing and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 3-6, 8-6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-3, 6-1; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-2, 6-3.

Lingren and Page *v.* 1st Pair, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-1, 6-0; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-2, 6-1.

Stowe won by 7 matches to 1, with one drawn.

June 11. *v.* MILL HILL (Away). Match scratched.

June 18. *v.* NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LEYS SCHOOL, DENSTONE COLLEGE.

Glanvil Cup match. Stowe beat each School by 3 matches to 0.

June 25. *v.* ETON (Away).

Scott and Cunningham-Reid *v.* 1st Pair, 1-6, 3-6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-3, 7-5; *v.* 3rd Pair, 4-6, 4-6.

Downing and Lloyd *v.* 1st Pair, 5-7, 3-6; *v.* 2nd Pair, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-4, 6-2.

Page and Lindgren *v.* 1st Pair, 2-6, 7-9; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-2, 7-5; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-2, 6-4.

Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

June 29. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH (Home).

Downing and Scott *v.* 1st Pair, 6-1, 6-4; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-1, 6-2; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-1, 6-3.

Lindgren and Page *v.* 1st Pair, 6-3, 6-4; *v.* 2nd Pair, 8-6, 6-4; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-1, 6-4.

Heyward and Williams *v.* 1st Pair, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; *v.* 2nd Pair, 6-3, 6-4; *v.* 3rd Pair, 6-1, 6-2.

Stowe won by 9 matches to 0.

July 2. *v.* OLD STOICS (Home). Won, 5-3.

July 6. *v.* K.C.S. (Away). Match scratched.

July 16. *v.* WIMBLEDON SQUASH & RACQUETS CLUB (Home). Won, 5-2.

SWIMMING

The weather was unkind for most of May, and handicapped us for early practice. Nevertheless the School team, sympathetically captained, was got ready to meet Northampton Grammar School on June 1st. It was encouraging to start the season by beating them, in our own pool, be it said, by a considerable margin. Both they and we were weaker than last year.

The team then went to Harrow on June 11th, taking Juniors as well. Against good opponents, who swim simply, as we do, in the open air, the Seniors deserved their win. Harrow have been running Juniors for four years, and beat us in that field.

The Public Schools Relays, at the Bath Club, on June 22nd, found our team capable of holding their own against fearful odds. There were 29 Schools represented, including most of the best boy swimmers in the country. The system in this event now is to select, for the final, the four best times from the total of heats. There were seven heats. The four finalists were:—

1. Bishop's Stortford	3 mins. 12 secs.
2. Barnard Castle	3 mins. 12.6 secs.
3. Bedford Modern	3 mins. 12.6 secs.
4. St. Paul's	3 mins. 16.2 secs.

All of these beat the previous record! The next three, in times, were:—Malvern, University College School and City of London School. Stowe came eighth. Stowe beat all the schools who swim only in the summer, as well as several schools who have indoor pools and swim all the year round.

On June 25th, Seniors and Juniors went to Bedford, and swam against the Modern School, who are particularly strong this year, being one of the record-breakers at the Bath Club.

Our teams swam and dived with desperate determination, but the quality of the opposition was crushing. The fact that we failed to secure first place in any event was disappointing but not depressing.

Results to date:—

June 1st. <i>v.</i> NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	Won, 27-7.
June 11th. <i>v.</i> HARROW SENIORS	Won, 19-15.
<i>v.</i> HARROW JUNIORS.	Lost, 15½-26½.
June 25th. <i>v.</i> BEDFORD MODERN SENIORS	Lost, 6-27.
<i>v.</i> BEDFORD MODERN JUNIORS.	Lost, 3-27.
June 29th. <i>v.</i> CRANWELL.	Lost, 11-33.
July 6th. <i>v.</i> ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD.	Won, 24-9.

Water Polo.

June 1st.	v. NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won, 3—1.
June 25th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN	Lost, 0—7.
June 29th.	v. CRANWELL	Lost, 0—5.
July 6th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD	Lost, 2—3.

A SWIMMING DISPLAY

On Sunday, June 12th, Miss Elizabeth Church, British Champion swimmer of the 200 metres who represented Great Britain last year in the Olympics, and Miss Barbara Bishop, recently Midlands Champion for the back crawl, very kindly gave a display assisted by P. G. Shinner (B) and J. D. F. Lockhart (C) who demonstrated "free style" swimming; Shinner also did "swallow diving."

Miss Church started off by doing 50 yards at an ordinary pace to demonstrate style. She then did another 50 yards, covering the first 25 yards using the legs only, and the last 25 yards using the arms only: this was to show what has to be done for training. Finally she did a further 50 yards starting slowly and increasing to racing speed. Miss Barbara Bishop then did the same, using the back-crawl. Such swimming by experts looks remarkably easy; it is all so effortless and rhythmic. Correct breathing, which plays such an important part in swimming, was very clearly seen when Miss Church was doing the breast stroke.

The two ladies then did some tandem swimming, with all kinds of twists and turns. Miss Church then did a few racing dives and Miss Bishop showed us how to take off promptly for the back crawl. Finally they both did the most extraordinary quick turns. It is quite impossible to describe the turn which Miss Bishop did as a back crawler. She seemed to touch the end of the bath and then go right over under water, somewhat like a porpoise though much more elegant, and emerge with great speed and thrust. We are told it is *not* easy to do; we can well believe it. We are not even going to try; much water up the nose would be the inevitable result, and one might very well find oneself at the bottom of the bath instead of on the surface.

When the two ladies had finished, Shinner and Lockhart did a demonstration 50 yards' "free-style." This stroke used to be called the "double over-arm" but the name now is the "fast crawl." It is a most effective means of getting through the water quickly. Provided the body is kept flat, with as little roll as possible, the arms stretched well forward with the hands just cutting the surface of the water, and the legs doing a continuous patten, then the body should move forward at considerable speed. This stroke, above all others, requires quick and accurate breathing. Both boys do this stroke very well indeed. It is difficult to say which is the better; so far as sheer speed is concerned there is little in it over 50 yards. Lockhart has still the smoother style and would probably be faster over 100 yards.

To finish the display Shinner did a couple of swallow dives from the top board. He has mastered this dive very well and the result is always pleasing to watch.

We are very grateful to Miss Church and Miss Bishop for all the trouble they took; and as they seemed to enjoy it all as much as we did, we hope sincerely that they will come again next year. It is always stimulating and helpful to see things which are difficult done perfectly.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

Results of Examination held at Stowe on July 7th :—

Award of Merit—P. G. Shinner (B), M. A. Ferguson-Smith (G).
Intermediate Certificate and Bronze Medallion—M. J. Gemmell (B), E. M. R. Critchley (C), T. R. H. Lewis (B), P. B. Ransom (C), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), A. S. R. Villar (C), J. D. Davis (T).

Examined by Capt. A. E. Biscoe, M.B.E., Chief Secretary of the Society.

THE SAILING CLUB

Owing to one boat being completely unfit for sailing, only three boats have been rigged out. But for next season two new Yachting World Cadets have been ordered which should enliven the activities of the club a great deal.

On Thursday, June 23rd, a team of six went to Bourne End to race against Eton in Fireflies. Eton's superior knowledge of the boats was a telling factor in their victory. In both races W. M. Peacock (G) and R. C. Withinshaw (C) did well to come second.

Result :—Eton, 15; Stowe, 7.

The team was :—I. Mackintosh (G) and J. F. F. le Poer Trench (C), 1 point.
W. M. Peacock (G) and R. C. Withinshaw (C) 6 points.
R. Jameson (G) and K. A. Low (C), 0 points.

I.M.

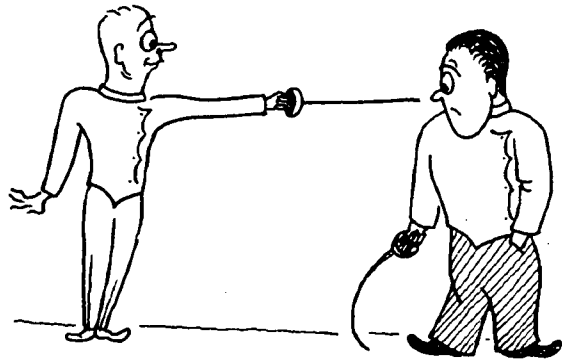
FENCING

Last term the Individual Open Foil, Sabre and Epée competitions were held. The Earl of Bective (C) won the Foil, P. C. Paisley (W) the Sabre, and C. J. Cleugh (W) the Epée. The runners-up were C. J. Cleugh (W), J. M. N. Newton (C) and P. C. Paisley (W) respectively. The Individual Junior Foil competition was also held and was won by M. Davis (T); runner-up, R. M. T. Chetwynd (W).

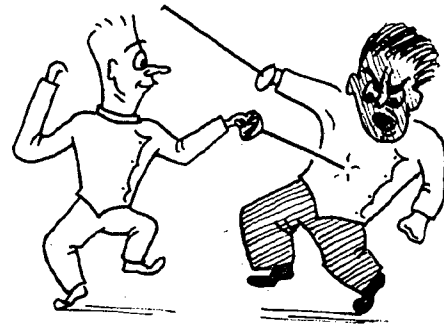
We were fortunate enough to have Mr. Andrew with us temporarily for last term; but this term, owing to the lack of an Instructor, the activities of the Fencing Club have been somewhat limited. But, although we have not succeeded in arranging any School Matches, we have managed to hold the Inter-House Competition. Seven Houses entered for the competition, only Chatham being unable to raise a team. Chandos defeated Grenville by six matches to three in the final. The two teams were as follows :—Chandos: The Earl of Bective (Captain), J. M. N. Newton, D. A. R. Murray Brown; Grenville: N. R. Cunningham-Reid (Captain), M. D. Cobham, D. A. Hart-Leverton.

The Wilkinson Presentation Sword will be awarded to the Best All-round Fencer in the School, to be decided by a pool competition to be held later this term. It is gratifying to see that Fencing has once again taken the rôle of a popular sport at Stowe.

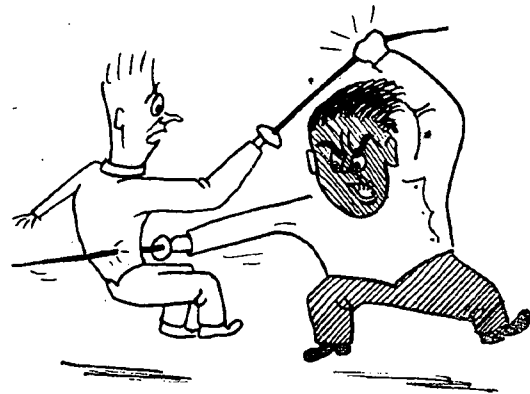
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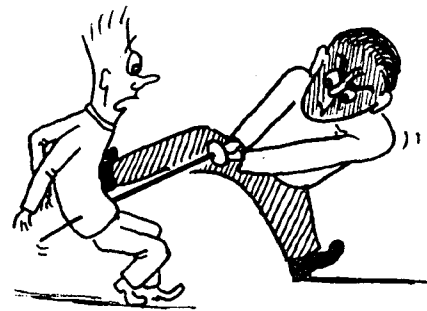
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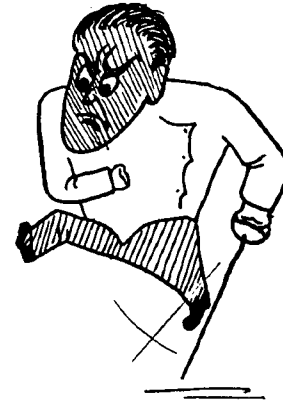


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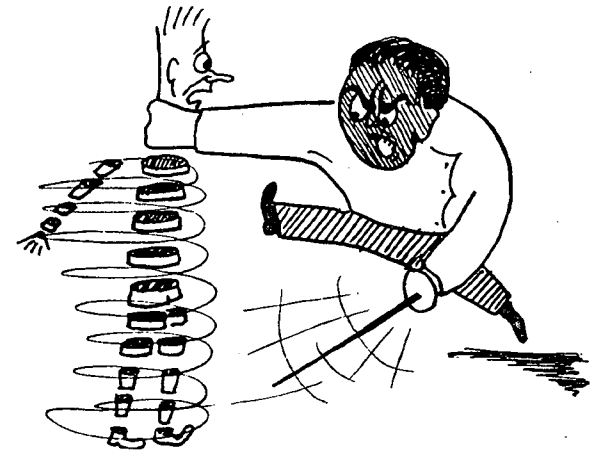


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“THE SCRIMERS OF THEIR NATION . . .”



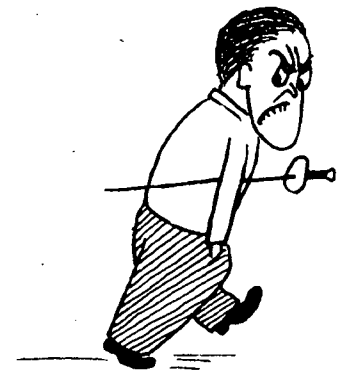
. . . the result might be . . .



. . . something like this . . .



. . . but we needn't have worried . . .



. . . they'd have been disqualified anyway.

CARTOON BY A. P. HARRIS (C)

RICHARD III

To sit in the elegant grounds of Stowe on a fine summer's evening is to taste life at a ducal level and if, in addition, some obliging company, preferably of course The Historians, produce on the steps of the Queen's Temple an excellent Shakesperian performance the evening becomes even richer and more memorable. It does not really matter to any great degree what play is chosen, for the play is essentially not the thing. Stowe is the thing, and in such a triumphantly artificial setting any performance, unless it is of an Olympian grandeur, becomes a play within a play.

For such a rôle, "Richard III," an epic of royal inhumanity that even a republican propagandist would find unreal, is ideal and provided the Historians with admirable material out of which to create a series of stylized eighteenth-century tableaux that glittered in the falling shadows like candle-lit oil paintings on the walls of an Oxford common room. It was a performance that Horace Walpole would have found agreeable; entertaining, as all school plays should be, not only when the actors were up to their usually high standard, but also when they were charmingly inept.

C. S. Anson (G) as Richard created an indelibly black effect; and if occasionally, particularly during the first few scenes, his slouching slyness suggested Groucho Marx in a Hollywood production of the play, entitled for the occasion, no doubt, "This Unhappy Breed," it mattered not one jot. In any case, as the play progressed and Richard's fortune bent before the storm, the back straightened, the eyes darted and swivelled less roguishly, the serpentine motion of the hands grew more infrequent, and a character emerged, strong, ruthless and damned, that could, without wild incongruity, express a quite unbalanced enthusiasm for equestrian pursuits. In the last act, when all else was falling from his grasp, he managed to maintain a firm hold on our attention. It was a remarkably forceful piece of acting.

The Buckingham of C. Graham-Bonnalie (T) had an aplomb that would do credit to O.U.D.S., and if to some his shapely movements might seem more suited to a Noel Coward drawing-room than a mediaeval court, they should remind themselves of Piers Gaveston in Marlowe's Edward II. There is really no reason to assume that the dressing-gown manner is exclusive to the twentieth-century. At his execution Buckingham proved himself an actor of considerable promise; it was the most poignant scene in the play.

S. A. M. Adshead (B) as one of the trinity of anguished queens acted with an histrionic urgency that Miss Sonia Dresdel could hardly better. In the scene where the three crouch on the Queen's Temple steps dealing out their woes, she seemed to hold by far the best hand.

Of the production as a whole it is impossible to speak too highly, not because it was faultless, but because it was undertaken at all. The amount of time, skill, patience and energy needed to put on a Queen's Temple play must be incalculable, and we must praise the Historians for so courageously and successfully reviving a tradition that has about it something of the indefinable charm of Stowe. A summer term without a Historians' play, a Historians' play not at the Queen's Temple,—those austere days are gone. Thanks be to McElwee.

PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE (G, 1941).

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

The decision to produce 'The Marriage of Figaro' as a school production was more than bold; it was positively breath-taking. Here we have a really great work of art, more than three hours of the most brilliant and complicated music, requiring five soloists and a trained chorus, with an orchestra from which the magic of Mozart can call forth all the appealing beauty of the strings, and the incomparable glory of the wood-wind in which the composer was such a master. Opera, in any case, is so much more difficult to produce than ordinary drama: it has the same problems of scenery, lighting, and costume, but, in addition, the blending of voice with voice, and, more complicated still, of voice with orchestra. If the actor forgets his part, the prompter can quickly and quietly hand him back the thread of his discourse, but should the singer forget his words or miss his entry, the conductor has a very large number of mystified mortals on his hands, and the retrieving of the situation may lead through chaos, and noisy chaos at that. Then, too, there was in this production the special problem of damping down the orchestra sufficiently to let the treble voices come through; absolutely essential, of course, but not so easy when it meant making, say, an honest wind-player play a passage *mezzo forte*, or even *piano*, which he had been practising for weeks, was aching to play, and which, in any case, he knew to be marked *forte* in the score.

So much for the tasks of the Musical Director. The Producer had two main problems to face long before the first rehearsal. He had to prune the long opera to manageable proportions; and to decide in what language to have it sung. Mr. Saunders abridged the work by interspersing passages of prose between the big scenes. This served to hasten the action, and at the same time maintained the clarity of the plot, often, in fact, making it clearer through the greater intelligibility of prose. In regard to his second problem, it was clearly undesirable to sing the opera in the original Italian, since the singers would find their task more difficult, while the audience would find theirs almost impossible. There was, of course, an English translation in existence, but it, like most translations of libretti, belongs to that strongly-defined school of language which, fortunately, seems to reserve itself entirely for opera in English. It is found in the very first words of Puccini's 'Tosca.'

' Ah ! I have baulked them ! Dread imagination
Made me quake with uncalled-for perturbation ! ' (!)

It is going strong in Verdi's 'Aida.'

' Come hither, thou I dearly prize,
Slave art thou not nor menial,
Thee have I bound by fondest ties,
Sister, a name more genial.'

In 'The Marriage of Figaro' it is not quite so outrageous, but it strikes the wrong chord so often that Mr. Saunders preferred to write his own translation of his complete version of the opera, and gained thereby a crispness and aptness which was not only much more pleasant to the ear, but much closer to da Ponte's very adequate libretto.

One example will suffice. In Barbarina's charming little aria at the opening of the fourth act, where she is searching for the lost pin, da Ponte wrote, literally translated, 'I have lost it, unhappy that I am, ah, who knows where it can be?' The official translation runs, 'Oh, where art thou? How to find thee? Have I lost thee on the way?', where the inaccuracy of the translation with its arch second person loses heavily. Mr. Saunders' version is sufficiently accurate, eminently singable, and admirably consistent with the character of Barbarina. Here it is. 'Oh how dreadful! I have lost it! I have searched the garden through.' Gems from this delightful translation keep coming back to one. 'No more schoolgirl complexion for you,' 'And this is my mother, and she ought to know.' 'Where the hell is Marcellina? That is what I'm waiting for.' All are so singable, and so in keeping with the situation in which they are sung.

With all this in mind, and remembering that none of the soloists had ever performed in anything remotely resembling an opera before, that the whole thing was worked up in about nine weeks, and that there were, rather naturally, no reserves, one can see that the venture was not embarked on without courage.

It got off to a tremendous start. The opera demands coolness and steadiness from Figaro, and brilliance and intense vitality from Susanna. In that delicious opening scene it was perfectly clear that the two leading singers were in vein and voice. K. A. Henderson (C), as Susanna, sang with lovely tone and clearness of diction, and a surprisingly big range for a treble, since he had to move between top and bottom A. His acting was incomparably the best of the night, and provided the main motive power of the action. G. L. D. Duckworth (C), the Figaro, in spite of a rather horrid red wig, sang with great assurance and with very pleasant bass quality, and, if his acting was a trifle stereotyped, the general impression left was of charm and competence. Of the other singers, J. A. Burrows-Watson (C) as Count Almaviva sang delightfully, but completely lacked even a synthetic roving eye. One could have forgiven him anything, however, for the beauty of tone with which he introduced the finale, 'Oh grant me your pardon, my Lady.' Cherubino, sung by M. J. R. Padmore (C), was one of the most interesting rôles of the opera, because at last a boy's part was being sung by a boy, and one was spared the usual situation of a girl disguised as a boy disguised as a girl, which always seems to be carrying things a little far. Padmore's voice, if not quite strong enough to dominate the orchestra throughout, was clear and true, and he acted as though he enjoyed every minute of the night. The last of the chief soloists was T. J. Lea (W) as the Countess. He seemed much the most nervous of the singers, which made him appear rather more worried than the Countess need have been, but he looked the part, and sang his arias, 'Porgi amor' and the great 'Dove sono' of the third act with charm and pathos, while, with the able assistance of the irresistible Susanna, he made the letter-duet a distinct success. Of the lesser singers, C. N. H. Hordern (W), as Basilio, employed a fine tenor to dominate the Trio 'Cosa sento' in the first act—his laugh was a definite asset—while R. J. Ruhemann (C), as Antonio, the drunken gardener, was second only to Susanna as an actor. J. G. R. Harding (C), as Marcellina, and J. D. Nightingale (C), as Dr. Bartolo, were mainly employed in ensemble singing, and they both showed musicianship and a fine sense of comedy. J. R. Warden (T), as Barbarina, had only one aria, but made everyone who heard it sorry that he had so little to sing.

The scenery began unassumingly, with a first act depicting 'An Unfurnished Room,' which clearly did not extend the décor-experts, though the wall-paper caught the eye at once, but the other three acts compelled applause as the curtain rose. The Countess's Boudoir in the second act had as its chief feature a magnificent Gobelin tapestry, on which, with a sublime confusion of space and time, were depicted the North and South Fronts of Stowe, while the third act, 'A Hall in the Castle,' was, perhaps, the best of all, with a vista leading away down an endless passage, giving the impression of infinite feudal grandeur. The last act, a moonlit garden, complete with a most realistic fountain, would have been even better if the creepers had not grown up the pillars quite so regularly, but the main impression was one of beauty and romance.

Judging the performance as a whole, one can of course find faults: the treble voices were frequently drowned by the orchestra, the acting was sometimes stiff, the orchestra was not impeccable throughout, but, considering the difficulties, the appalling, hair-raising difficulties, the production was much more than merely justified. Mozart himself, I am perfectly convinced, would have appreciated it to the full. He wrote it, one must remember, in a month, and he could not but have applauded the spirit that prepared and performed it in little more than two. It is perhaps the happiest of all operas, and the happiness of the cast was so infectious that it seemed to fill the auditorium with a kind of vicarious joy. Keats once wrote of a woman's beauty, 'She kept me awake at night as a tune of Mozart's might do.' Our term-weariness at the end of the most exacting of terms was lightened by a golden galaxy of Mozartian melodies. We cannot but be grateful for the hours of work and the courage and confidence which made it all possible.

A.M.

THE LIBRARY

We are very grateful for the following books presented to the Library this term:—

- Buckinghamshire Footpaths* (J. H. B. Peel), from Lady Connor.
Concerning Handel (William C. Smith), from Lady Connor.
Fire Service Memories (Commander S. M. Aylmer Firebrace), from Lady Connor.
White House Papers of Harry L. Hopkins (Robert W. Sherwood), from Lady Connor.
The Royal Engineers in Egypt and the Sudan (Lt.-Col. E. W. C. Sandes), from W. Lloyd (C).
So Spins the Silk Worm (Zoë Lady Hart Dyke). Anonymous.
Principles and Practice of Radar (M. E. Penrose). Anonymous.

J.F.M.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRDS

By the first week of term four young had been hatched by the pair of Great Crested Grebes which had settled down on the Eleven-acre Lake in the early spring. Throughout May one might see a young bird riding on the back of one of its parents, and in June they were learning to fish for themselves. Unluckily they fought shy of any appreciable party of bathers, disappearing among the reeds.

The Grasshopper Warbler has seldom been recorded by Stoics. A pair was seen on two occasions in June by J. K. Hirst (♂) and D. W. Ash (♂). When I joined them for a third visit to Leckhampstead Wharf I saw no Grasshopper Warbler. But all three of us had a new experience, an experience which gave us a hint of the possible fate of this rare bird. As we watched from the bridge we saw both Reed Warblers and Sedge Warblers hawking low over the water for flies. Whenever one of them crossed a certain area of the canal a fish rose in pursuit. Many a duckling has been found in the stomach of a pike; but never have we heard of a pike or other fish which specialised in catching birds on the wing. We saw no successful rise; but the persistence of the fish and the accuracy of his aim both pointed to probable occasional success.

N.A.-B.

INSECTS

This has not been a very satisfactory year for insects, despite the warm dry spells of weather in April and June.

The Wood White butterfly, which last year made a startling come-back after not being recorded for some years, has not been so common this year as was hoped, and the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, that lovely little fulvous butterfly usually seen flying in the Grecian Valley, was not so plentiful. The butterflies seem to have been somewhat late, as no Wood White was recorded until a few days before the Exeat.

We have been a little more lucky with moths, for on June 6th a Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth was netted in Stowe Woods, and a Large Oak Beauty came to light on July 1st. Both these moths are comparatively uncommon in this district, although in the earlier days of the school the Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth was often seen hovering over the flowers of the Stowe Rhododendrons. Usually one or two Elephant Hawk-moths and Large Emeralds come to light, but none have been recorded so far this year.

A larva and a female imago of the Great Wood-wasp have been found this summer. The smaller, less conspicuous males seem to be recorded less frequently.

P.S.A.

POEM

(With apologies)

HEAVEN!!

Golfers, bunkered on the 3rd
 (The thing so often has occurred),
 Already cheerily proclaim,
 "It's just the fortune of the game."
 But on the 17th they lose
 Their last ball in the rough and use
 Words only threatened on the green,
 When, three putts missed, the score's thirteen!
 For surely in their dreams they find
 A course less sporting and more kind,
 Where niblick shots are just not known
 And golfers get, by skill alone,
 A steady "eagle" on the 3rd
 (In heaven a less elusive bird!)
 And, if they had been good before,
 Return a handicap of four;
 There every drive is straight and true,
 The rough is scarce, the hazards few,
 And rabbit-holes are rarely seen
 And worm-casts never on the green,
 Where every putt for ever sinks
 Quite easily on the Eternal Links;
 A heavenly host of caddies there
 Always attempts with heavenly care
 To help the golfer and contrive
 A brand new Dunlop 65,
 Which is inspired with magic charm,
 They say, and never comes to harm,
 But always steers the straightest course
 Avoiding all the shrubs and gorse.
 And when the 18th has been holed
 (Celestial putters are of gold!),
 There springs forth at the nineteenth here
 An everlasting fount of beer
 In Heaven, the golfer often thinks,
 Can there be bunkers on the links?

R.J.R.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1949-50

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 1.—Wasps "A" XV.	Home.
Wed., Oct. 12.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Oct. 15.—BEDFORD SCHOOL	Home.
Sat., Oct. 22.—RUGBY SCHOOL	Home.
Wed., Oct. 26.—ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29.—London Scottish "A" XV.	Home.
Wed., Nov. 2.—RADLEY COLLEGE	Away.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Richmond "A" XV.	Home.
Tues., Nov. 8.—OUNDLE SCHOOL	Away.
Sat., Nov. 12.—HARROW SCHOOL	Away.
Wed., Nov. 16.—O.U. Greyhounds "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 19.—KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY	Home.
Sat., Nov. 26.—CHELTENHAM COLLEGE	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3.—Rosslyn Park "A" XV.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 10.—Old Stoics	Home.

2nd XV.

Sat., Oct. 1.—Wellingborough Grammar School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 5.—Bloxham School 1st XV.	Away.
Sat., Oct. 15.—Bedford School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 26.—Oundle School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 2.—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Royal G.S., High Wycombe	Home.
Wed., Nov. 9.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12.—Harrow School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 16.—Northampton G.S. 1st XV.	Away.
Wed., Nov. 23.—Berkhamsted School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 25.—Buckingham	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3.—Old Oxford Citizens	Away.

3RD XV.

Wed., Oct. 5.—Bloxham School 2nd XV.	Home.
Wed., Oct. 12.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Oct. 19.—Kettering G.S. 1st XV.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 27.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 2.—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Royal G.S., High Wycombe	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12.—Harrow School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 16.—Berkhamsted School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 19.—Bedford School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 26.—Northampton Grammar School	Home.

4TH XV.

Sat., Oct. 8.—Banbury Grammar School 1st XV	Away.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Bedford School	Home.

COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 5.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 15.—Bedford School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 19.—Bedford Modern School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 2.—Radley College	Away.
Tues., Nov. 8.—Oundle School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 12.—Harrow School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 19.—Rugby School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 23.—Douai College	Home.
Sat., Dec. 10.—Northampton Grammar School	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Sat., Oct. 8.—Banbury Grammar School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 12.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 15.—Bedford School	Away.
Wed., Oct. 12.—Bloxham School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 26.—Oundle School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 29.—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 2.—Radley College	Away.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 9.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 19.—Rugby School	Away.
Wed., Nov. 23.—Berkhamsted School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3.—Abingdon School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 10.—Bedford Modern School	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS' 2ND XV.

Sat., Nov. 5.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
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UNDER FOURTEEN XV.

Wed., Oct. 12.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 22.—Magdalen College School, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Oct. 29.—Dragons School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 2.—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 5.—Bedford School	Home.
Wed., Nov. 16.—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 12.—Bloxham School	Home.

INTER-HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION

July 1st, 1949.

<i>House</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>
1. Grenville	183	200	383
2. Chatham	174	206	380
3. Temple	185	184	369
4. Bruce	189	177	366
5. Grafton	178	178	356
6. Walpole	158	194	352
7. Cobham	164	166	330
8. Chandos	166	148	314

Judges.—Seniors : Squadron Leader E. Brice.

Juniors : Captain B. Hilton.

LATE NEWS

CRICKET

The Senior House Final will be contested by Cobham and Temple ; the Junior by Grenville and Chandos.

LAWN TENNIS

The League Competition was won by Chandos, Grafton being runners-up.

