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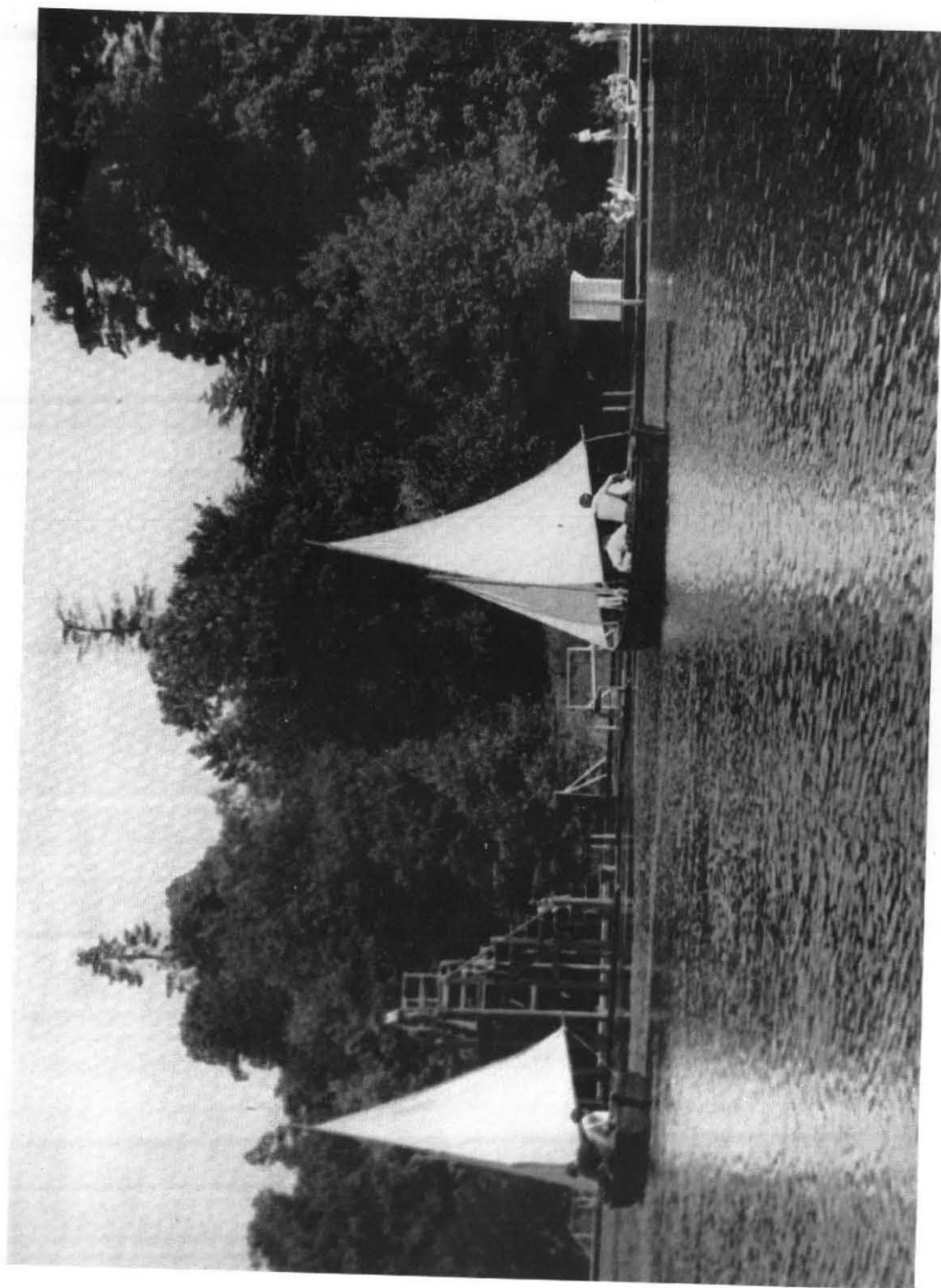


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THE NEW SAILING DINGHIES

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IT had for some time been rumoured that a reduction was to be made in the number of handbooks considered indispensable to the civilized Stoic, but the precise nature of the change was a matter for the widest speculation. When the day of publication came, therefore, the abridged document was studied with unbridled eagerness. It soon became common knowledge that, while the Red Book had retained its individuality, the Brown Book (which was once devoted solely to recording our addresses) had been re-animated, and had joined a condensed Green Book and a re-organized Blue Book within a single cover. It is perhaps disconcerting that blue and green and brown should together make a blue as brilliant as the most azure of all the Blue Books ; but the illogicality, if not the flexibility, of the cover is something which we are prepared to tolerate in the interests of economy. We have also been reconciled with the lack of any space for private comments, because we are still provided with an admirable history of the months prior to publication. This tradition has a sentimental appeal for those of us who have for many years received our Green Book and our *Stoic* on very nearly the same day. But there are real grievances about which we can hold our peace not an instant more. In place of a list of learned scholars we are given a list of tyrannical governors. The noble prefects have been dislodged from their place of eminence to make way for the ignominious gainers of University Honours. The mundane "Came" has replaced the mystic "D. of E." No longer are the gallant holders of Certificate "A" commemorated for all time. No longer has the distinguished Sixth Former his own unmistakable emblem.

When to the wanton uprooting of these traditions are added the sundry wars and worries of the world around us, our burden becomes a heavy one indeed. Yet we may take comfort in the thought that six whole pages are still granted to the Train and Bus Services as at 1st Sept. 1950. It is no small mercy to know that there are no Sunday trains to or from Buckingham, and that the 6.22 p.m. (except Saturdays) from Marylebone "calls to set down at Finmere on informing guard".

STOICA

School Officials—Christmas Term, 1950.

Prefects :—R. J. Ruhemann (C), Head of the School; P. M. Rossiter (C), Second Prefect and Prefect of Gymnasium; C. C. Malden (G), Prefect of Library; G. R. T. Sorley (C), Prefect of Chapel; T. Knight (B); J. A. Pearman (W); P. M. Salt (G); H. J. Lloyd (T); J. M. Lunn (C); J. I. Holt (C); J. N. Vinen (W).

Rugby Football :—Captain, C. C. Malden (G); Secretary, W. M. Patterson (B).

The following visitors have preached in the Chapel this term :—Sunday, October 8th, F. Livie Noble, Esq.; Sunday, November 12th, the Reverend R. H. Redfern, Missions to Seamen. The Reverend Kenneth Riches was to have preached but was unable to come.

Chapel Collections have been as follows :—July 23rd, for the Returned British Prisoners of War Association, £21 os. 8d.; October 15th, for the Pineapple, £21 9s. 9d.; November 12th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £118 os. 3d.; November 26th, for the Missions to Seamen, £22 12s. od.

A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, December 1st, when seventy-eight members of the School were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held in London at Grosvenor House on Saturday, November 4th. Ninety-three members of the Society were present. Mr. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. (C, 1927) was in the Chair: the Headmaster, Mr. P. B. Lucas, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.P. (G, 1934) and Mr. R. Walker also made speeches.

R. E. Hichens (C, 1950) has presented to the Science Department a reflecting telescope of historical interest. It is of Gregorian pattern, made by James Short.

The following Prize results were announced too late for inclusion in last term's list. The Humphrey Foster Prize for Science was awarded to M. C. Caiger-Smith (T); the Hayward Prize for Chemistry was awarded to C. B. F. Rathbone (C); the W. B. Hards Prize for Chemistry was awarded to E. M. R. Critchley (C).

Representative Colours for Lawn Tennis were awarded at the end of last term to J. R. J. Burnham (T), J. M. Lunn (C) and J. S. Yates (C).

Football Colours have been awarded as follows :—

1st XV :—S. Pendle (G), re-awarded; R. J. Ruhemann (C), A. Highwood (B), J. P. G. Goldfinger (G), P. J. Harkness (T), P. Burgess (G), M. J. R. Bannister (W), E. B. J. Williams (T), N. A. Gray (C), H. R. Herrington (C), G. D. L. Adams (B).

2nd XV :—P. J. Middleton (T), M. L. Henderson (W), H. J. Gray (W), J. R. M. Thompson (G), A. J. P. Campbell (C), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), P. L. Morris (C), J. A. McConnell (T), G. R. T. Sorley (C), R. F. Butlin (G), C. G. Campion (C).

3rd XV :—J. I. Holt (C), C. F. N. Hope (C), M. B. McKee (C), J. M. Lunn (C), J. W. L. Adams (B), M. J. Nightingale (G), R. G. F. Barr (C), D. N. White (C), J. M. Hancox (G), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), N. L. M. Boulton (G).

Colts' Stockings :—T. R. H. Lewis (B), M. Grieve (G), M. D. Beck (W), M. C. G. Killingbeck (B), R. H. Lloyd (C), T. M. Molossi (G), R. J. W. Utley (G), H. D. E. Woods (G), A. S. R. Villar (C), H. Radford (C).

IN MEMORIAM

JERRARD RODWAY HUNT

Born April 11th, 1934.

Died September 9th, 1950.

To "Roddy" Hunt the life at Stowe was a setting in which he could go a happy way finding himself. He had intelligence and brains and moved around observing and often dreaming. Squash and splitting wood were his most congenial leisure pursuits. While no social performer, he was a good and thoughtful companion.

This year his personality began to take promising shape as he prepared for the School Certificate, and he had news of most commendable success only a few days before he fell ill to the summer scourge at the end of the holidays. His death then came with bewildering swiftness.

OLIM ALUMNI

COLONEL A. W. A. LLEWELLEN PALMER, D.S.O., M.C. (C, 1930) has been appointed a Chief Instructor at the Australian Army Staff College, Melbourne.

MAJOR J. M. B. POYNTZ (G, 1934) was last May awarded the O.B.E. for services in Malaya. He has also been mentioned in dispatches.

SECOND LIEUTENANT J. A. MCGOUGAN (C, 1947) has been awarded the M.C. in Malaya. The citation says: "By his intelligent leadership and personal courage he undoubtedly saved his platoon from casualties and inflicted severe loss on the enemy. His conduct throughout the engagement showed high qualities of leadership and earned him the admiration of all those who were present".

P. E. C. HAYMAN (S, 1933) was ordained Deacon in Salisbury Cathedral on October 8th, for service in the Parish of Marlborough.

M. A. FERGUSON-SMITH (G, 1948) has been awarded the Lorimer Prize in Medical Botany, at Glasgow University.

BIRTHS

To the wife of R. H. SHARPE (C, 1938) a son, on April 15th; to the wife of J. G. V. BURNS (G, 1942) a son, on June 1st; to the wife of M. H. BARCLAY (C, 1931) a son, on June 12th; to the wife of J. M. BURT (C, 1942) a daughter, on June 24th; to the wife of N. G. CHITTENDEN (T, 1940) a son, on July 26th; to the wife of J. E. M. HOARE (B, 1932) a daughter, on July 29th (in Montreal); to the wife of D. E. HARTNELL-BEAVIS (T, 1935) a son, on July 29th (in Kenya); to the wife of P. D. C. SHAW (C, 1937) a son, on July 30th; to the wife of A. K. HIGHAM (T, 1939) a daughter, on July 31st; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. B. EGERTON (C, 1932) a daughter, on August 12th (in Washington); to the wife of MAJOR R. T. BASSET, M.C. (G, 1931) a son, on August 14th; to the wife of P. K. WITHINSHAW (C, 1943) a son, on August 15th.

To the wife of G. B. COBB (W, 1936) a son, on August 27th; to the wife of J. T. HOLMAN (W, 1939) a daughter, on August 28th; to the wife of MAJOR G. G. FOWKE (C, 1932) a son, on August 28th; to the wife of CAPTAIN I. O'D. PRESTON (C, 1936) a son, on August 29th; to the wife of M. E. FAWCUS (W, 1942) a daughter, on September 3rd; to the wife of R. W. VICK (C, 1935) a daughter, on September 11th; to the wife of J. K. HAY (C, 1934) a daughter, on September 16th; to the wife of MAJOR K. W. L. ROBERTS (C, 1933) a daughter, on September 16th (in Athens); to the wife of M. G. H. ARBUTHNOT (C, 1937) a son, on September 18th; to the wife of THE HON. T. C. F. PRITTIE (S, 1932) a son, on September 21st.

To the wife of MAJOR J. G. THYNNE (C, 1934) a son, on September 26th (in Alexandria); to the wife of I. GRANGER (C, 1945) a daughter, on September 27th; to the wife of J. D. MURRAY (C, 1928) a daughter, on October 6th; to the wife of J. F. G. FLETCHER (T, 1938) a son, on October 14th; to the wife of R. D. R. LYCETT-GREEN (T, 1942) a son, on October 14th; to the wife of P. D. J. HIPPISEY COX (C, 1939) a daughter, on October 17th; to the wife of P. M. SYRETT (C, 1937) a son, on October 20th; to the wife of B. R. ARKWRIGHT (B, 1940) a son, on October 22nd; to the wife of MAJOR I. C. S. MUNRO (B, 1937) a son, on October 23rd (in Singapore); to the wife of T. P. AUMONIER (T, 1938) a son, on October 26th.

To the wife of J. A. F. GETHIN (G, 1933) twin sons, on October 30th (in Kuwait); to the wife of SQUADRON-LEADER H. S. L. DUNDAS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (W, 1938) a son, on November 4th; to the wife of A. H. P. HOPE (G, 1936) a son, on November 4th; to the wife of P. L. STILEMAN (B, 1936) a son, on November 5th; to the wife of G. A. EVE (G, 1942) a son, on November 8th; to the wife of P. W. FORSYTH (C, 1936) a daughter, on November 9th; to the wife of MAJOR J. T. B. NOTLEY, D.S.O. (B, 1933) a daughter, on November 10th; to the wife of CAPTAIN S. R. G. SCOTT-GALL (G, 1939) a daughter, on November 17th (in Germany); to the wife of THE REVEREND J. E. C. NICHOLL, M.C. (B, 1939) a son, on November 21st; to the wife of P. A. G. DIXEY (B, 1933) a daughter, on December 2nd; to the wife of R. G. G. KENT (C, 1931) a son, on December 5th.

MARRIAGES

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. E. L. CORBYN, D.S.O., M.C. (T, 1931) to Miss V. Drew, on May 20th; J. C. R. WELCH (G, 1941) to Miss S. Russell, on June 3rd; B. G. HENRY (G, 1944) to Miss E. J. Craig, on June 10th; SIR LINDORES LESLIE, BART. (T, 1937) to Mrs. C. Russell-Walling, on July 12th; T. A. S. CARLYON (C, 1941) to Miss E. D.

Gore Langton, on July 20th; SIR HENRY LAWSON-TANCRED (C, 1939) to Miss J. Foster, on July 26th; A. J. WELLS (C, 1944) to Miss Y. M. Lehmann, on July 27th; K. D. E. H. HARRINGTON (B, 1929) to Miss M. McCalmont, on July 28th; J. E. B. NAUMANN (C, 1939) to Miss M. S. McNair, on August 5th (in Brazil); A. C. L. WHISTLER (G, 1930) to Miss T. Furse, on August 15th; H. M. E. LLOYD (C, 1942) to Miss K. E. L. Philp, on August 19th; W. L. KESTEVEN (C, 1933) to Miss M. N. Merewether Leach, on August 26th.

P. G. HENDERSON (W, 1941) to Miss S. M. Dartford, on September 2nd; CAPTAIN J. F. L. ROBINSON (W, 1941) to Miss A. L. Barran, on September 6th; R. G. C. KINAHAN (T, 1934) to Miss C. I. de Burgh, on September 8th (in Belfast); R. A. SOAMES (C, 1941) to Miss J. C. Bastard, on September 8th (in Kenya); P. D. A. CHIDELL (G, 1930) to Miss M. P. Wallace, on September 9th; R. P. FARRER, M.C. (B, 1940) to Miss A. G. Hutchison, on September 14th; P. M. WRIGHT (W, 1943) to Mlle. Mahé Devignes, on September 16th (at Arcachon, France); P. M. WARD (T, 1941) to Miss J. M. Bruce, on September 16th; A. R. MOTION (B, 1939) to Miss G. Bakewell (sister of G. A. BAKEWELL (G, 1944)), on September 23rd; CAPTAIN J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C, 1938) to Miss I. K. M. Stirling, on September 23rd; J. R. B. FOX-ANDREWS (G, 1939) to Miss A. B. Swift, on October 7th.

M. J. G. HANN (T, 1939) to Miss W. C. Van Bergen, on October 9th; D. A. L. HOLDEN (B, 1940) to Miss M. Anstey, on October 11th (in Kenya); W. M. SAVERY (W, 1942) to Miss J. McInnes, on October 14th; THE HONORABLE R. C. M. NATHAN (C, 1941) to Miss P. Salmon, on November 14th; P. L. WOOD (G, 1929) to Miss E. G. Pierson, on November 18th; G. A. S. COX (W, 1940) to Miss M. S. Cumming, on November 25th; P. C. MACNAMARA (B, 1941) to Miss A. Thompson-Schwab, on November 25th; O. M. WATSON (C, 1944) to Miss V. Hoare, on December 7th; MAJOR T. V. H. BEAMISH, M.C., M.P. (T, 1935) to Miss J. McM. Stevenson, on December 15th.

DEATH

J. J. CROSSLEY (G, 1946), at Bovey Tracey, on November 18th.

STOWE TEMPLARS C.C.

The above Club has been started to offer Cricket to Old Stoics and had a successful opening season with a Cricket Week at Stowe this year. This will be repeated in future years and as membership increases it is hoped to play week-end cricket under local match managers.

The sole subscription, a Life Membership, is one guinea. It is intended that the Club should be self-supporting from now on and the support of as many Old Stoic Cricketers as possible is therefore essential.

The officers of the Club are, for the time being: *Captain*—R. H. G. CARR (C, 1929); *Hon. Secretary*—N. C. S. BARLING (G, 1944), *Address*—Walintune, Roedean Way, Brighton, Sussex; *Hon. Treasurer*—M. D. T. LOUP, (T, 1947), *Address*—57, Queens Gate Mews, S.W.7. Subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer.

Apart from the regular fixture against the School in July 1951 when two Templar XI's will be fielded, there will be a week's cricket at Stowe beginning on August 7th.

Applications are invited now for next year and should be sent to the Secretary—remember, WRITE EARLY FOR TEMPLAR WEEK.

RESULTS OF MATCHES—SUMMER 1950

August 8th. *v.* OUNDLE ROVERS, at Oundle.
Oundle Rovers 237 for 4 declared. Stowe Templars 125.
August 9th and 10th. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S MARTYRS, at Stowe.
St. Edward's Martyrs 280 and 181 (D. A. Illingworth 5 for 10).
Stowe Templars 314 for 7 declared (R. H. G. Carr 91, D. A. Illingworth 64, J. M. Connell 63) and 93 for 7.

FIXTURES FOR TEMPLARS WEEK 1951

August 7th, *v.* OUNDLE ROVERS; August 8th and 9th, *v.* ST. EDWARD'S MARTYRS;
August 10th, *v.* NORTHANTS AMATEURS; August 11th, *v.* RADLEY RANGERS.

THE LIBRARY

If anyone possesses an unwanted copy of *The Epicurean*, Vol. II, No. 4 (December 1933), and cares to send it to The Librarian, Stowe, Buckingham, it would be welcomed for the completion of a set which is to be bound.

Library Periods having been abolished this term for all except those without studies, the Library has been open for longer hours and the number of books borrowed has consequently increased. The newly established weekly "Private Reading" period has also helped to prove to some readers that books of literary merit are not necessarily dull. A considerable amount of work has been put in in the Reference Section this term, and it is now fully catalogued. A large scale weeding out of obsolete books has been started in the borrowing section and this will be carried on next term.

S. J. Twist (G) is now Senior Librarian, and new Librarians appointed this term are C. F. Greenlaw (T), B. J. Calvert (G), R. G. L. McCrone (G), C. J. Cleugh (W).

The following presentations are gratefully acknowledged:—

Buckinghamshire, by Alison Uttley. Presented by the Author.

From Mrs. R. Knight:—*King Cotton*, by Thomas Armstrong; *World of Yesterday*, by Stephan Zweig; *Sidelights on Queen Victoria*, by Sir Frederick Ponsonby; *From Smoke to Smother*, by Douglas Read; *Lessons of My Life*, by Lord Vansittart.

From Colonel T. C. Catty:—*The Times History of the War in South Africa 1899-1902*.

From J. M. N. Newton (C, 1950):—*The English Castle*, by Hugh Braun; *The English Country House*, by Ralph Dutton.

Presented anonymously:—*The Second World War, Vol. 3*, by Winston S. Churchill; *Live with Lightning*, by M. Wilson; *Spoils from the Sea*, by James Taylor; *Mountains and Moorlands*, by W. H. Pearsall; *Just as it Happened*, by Norman Flower; *Canals, Barges and People*, by John O'Connor; *Vineyards of France*, by Keith Baynes and J. M. Scott; *A Year of Grace*, by V. Gollancz; *An Artist's Life*, by Sir Alfred Munnings; *This My Voyage*, by Tom Longstaff.

S.J.T.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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17th November, 1950.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

The annual camp at Sandown was a great success and the weather was above the average for this summer. The invaluable assistance which was given by the Hon. Martin Buckmaster (C, 1938), Dennis McCarthy and Rucker Haslett (Old Boys of the Club) was very much appreciated. It was very pleasant indeed to have Mr. Clifford and his son to stay with us for a few days and also Michael Sandwith (W, 1939). Our other visitors included Anthony Ditcham (Organiser of the Pineapple Ball), Mr. and Mrs. Twining with their daughters, Capt. C. R. Lucas (Warden of the Club from 1931 to 1935) and Mr. R. Adams, Inspector of the Ministry of Education. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and are now looking forward to the 1951 camp.

During August the workmen took possession of the Club to do some very necessary repairs to the roof and to paint the exterior of the building, entrance hall, dressing rooms and showers. We are hoping that they will have completed the work within the next week or so as their presence has somewhat curtailed our activities. The signboard outside the Club has been repainted. It is now a landmark on the Edgware Road and intending visitors should have no difficulty in finding us.

We had a very successful boxing tournament at the Seymour Hall on Monday, October 16th. We not only filled the hall to capacity but had to turn away more than 200 would-be spectators. Mr. Clifford made a special journey to present the prizes, and brought Messrs. Matthews and Jones. We are indebted to Dennis McCarthy, the boxing secretary, for organising the show.

Generous help has been received recently from the Sportsmen's Aid Society. They very kindly gave us £15 15s. to help some of the poorer boys to go to camp, and in addition they have since given us a punch-ball apparatus and are providing new cloths for our full-size and half-size billiard tables. Mrs. Schonegeval (a local resident) has presented the Club with a silver challenge cup in memory of her brother.

The art class is very ambitious this session and is starting work on a large mural which will depict all the club activities and when completed will be fixed to the wall in the canteen.

This season we are running five football teams and five table-tennis teams. So far the seniors have not lost a match. Martin Buckmaster has started the street-running again and the under-14s are very keen and enthusiastic. We are badly in need of a deputy for Mr. Buckmaster who could spare one evening a week to help with the running.

We are very grateful to Michael Patmore and Michael Sandwith for obtaining special lines for the canteen which have greatly increased our sales. Our thanks are also due to May Dickenson, Patricia Durand and Pamela Mansel for helping to run the canteen, and to Hazel Heaton-Armstrong for helping with the under 14s.

Our visit to the School on Sunday, October 15th, was made in summer-like weather. The Club boys managed to win their match against the School eleven, and the Old Boys their match against the Staff. It was a very enjoyable day and we are grateful to all those who made our visit such a pleasant one.

The Christmas party for the 11-14 section will be on Monday, 18th December, and for the older boys on Thursday, 4th January. If you are in London do come along.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE,
Warden.

MATHEMATICS FOR THE MILLION

This subject consists chiefly of the three A's (Arithmetic, Algebra, Andgeometry) but partly of other things such as Trigandgeometry and Cheating.

ARITHMETIC

Adding. To add anything to anything else, spill an appropriate number of matches on the floor of a large room and count them. There is another way of adding, but this, like the matchsticks, you will have to pick up as you go along. N.B. Heavy smokers make inaccurate adders.

Unitary Method. This depends on whether you think one man will take longer or shorter than two or more men to dig a trench, boil an egg, etc. The opposing views are neatly summed-up in two proverbs: *Too many cooks spoil the hay* and *Many hands make light broths*. There is another rather jolly proverb about making sums while the cook shines. (This is irrelevant. Ed.)

Percentages used to be a way of getting interest off money amassed from the legacies of rich uncles in America; but things are so bad nowadays that even the most eminent mathematicians have to work for it instead.

This is all about Arithmetic except for
Problems more easily done by algebra, which are more easily done by

ALGEBRA

in which the only interesting things are
Problems about the cunning schemes of Oriental Despots, e.g. :
"After the battle of Kandid Peyel the Sultan Tur counted the prisoners taken by his army and spoke in these words to his court :

'I, the all-lenient and all-clement ruler of my people and Big Noise of the Eastern Regions in general, hereby give notice that in evidence of my well-nigh incredible leniency and clemency I shall redeem the punishment normally meted out by Vizier Ghillo Teen to my most knee-bending captives. One man, however, in order to appease my favourite Sultana, Bludth Ersti, will be submitted to the even less scrupulous hands of Ghar Ott, my Vice-Vizier. If no-one has offered himself up by the first crowing of the cock my clemency will be over-ruled by no-clemency, and all will perish in a manner yet more terrible than the manner of perishing at the hand of Ghar Ott'.

"This news was communicated to the captives and they consulted as to who should be the sacrifice. Enni-won-bhutt-me, their leader, who was a cad from North Korea, conceived a highly mathematical way of choosing the victim, which was agreed to by all, and was liable to choose anyone but him. This scheme was successful, but the Sultan secretly roasted the cock that would have crowed and thus had an excuse to massacre everyone. This gave great delight to the Sultana, who in her turn danced a can-can to please the Sultan.

"What was Enni-won-bhutt-me's scheme, and has it got anything to do with Algebra?"

ANDGEOMETRY

All Andgeometry is made up of dots which do not exist. Lines are co-non-existent with dots. Various

Theorems have been made up about both of these, but there is no need to learn them because of the following

Axiom, which states that all the theorems are unmitigated
Balderdash.

TRIGANDGEOMETRY

though concerned mostly with Sin, is not half such fun as

DYNAMICS

This tells you where to stand to catch a cricket-ball, but you have to be fearfully good at maths., and even better at cricket, to work out the answer before it is too late.

CALCULUS

is run on a system of Shine and Cosh, which is much the same as Smash and Grab, but differential in some respects.

CHEATING OR THE FUNCTION OF THE LOGBOOK

No maths. exam. has ever been passed without a properly prepared log-book. 98.7% of unsuccessful candidates for maths. exams. do not use this method of cheating, which is undoubtedly Nature's Own Way.

The last work in maths. is

RELATIVITY

all of which is wrong except the bit which says that the rest of Maths. is BOSH too.

C.F.G.

MUSIC

The term has been a very active one musically. There have been five Music Society concerts. The membership under the new scheme has reached 300.

The new String classes appear to be going well under the able tuition of Mr. Negus (violins), Mrs. Crewdson (cellos), and Mr. Merritt (double basses). The object of these classes is not to create soloists but to enable those receiving tuition to take their places in an orchestra or any combination of chamber-music. The results so far have been very promising.

The School Orchestra have had a busy term, and attendance has been good. The Mozart Jupiter Symphony has taken up most of the time. A number of lighter pieces such as a Dvorak Slavonic Dance, some sea songs arranged by Vaughan Williams, and Benjamin's Jamaican Rumba have proved popular.

R. Jameson (G) has been rehearsing the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto with the orchestra, and J. R. Melvin (C) has been tackling the very difficult clarinet part of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with success.

The 5th Brandenburg Concerto, in which P. R. Cutforth (G) has been the pianist and J. M. Bremner (C) the flautist, has had to be postponed owing to an injury to one of Bremner's fingers.

The C.C.F. Band gave a successful and ambitious programme on December 3rd, a programme of which appears elsewhere.

The Madrigal Society has given two carol performances at neighbouring churches, one at Syresham, and one at Wicken, both to large audiences.

The new time for the Choral Society has been most beneficial, and it has been possible to rehearse the greater part of Brahms' Requiem in one term. A performance of the work will be given in Chapel on December 10th.

CONCERT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH.

PROGRAMME

Peasant Cantata	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach
Piano Concerto in B flat—First Movement	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
						<i>Piano</i> —P. G. DENNISON (G)
New World Symphony—First Movement	...	...	...	...	...	Dvorak
Aria—"Let the bright Seraphim"	...	...	...	...	...	Handel
						<i>Trumpet Obligato</i> —M. BREDIN (B)
Concerto for three Pianos and Strings in C Major—First Movement	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Bach
						<i>Pianos</i> —M. J. O'NEILL (C)
						J. R. MELVIN (C)
						R. K. BOLTON (C)
Choral Dances from the Opera "Prince Igor"	...	...	...	...	...	Borodin
						For Chorus and Orchestra.

There was some very pleasing singing in the Peasant Cantata, both by the chorus and the soloists. K. A. Henderson (C) sang the Aria "Of flowers the fairest" with great understanding and was ably supported by J. M. Bremner (C) in the flute obligato.

G. W. A. Kent (C) sang "Fifty florins seems a lot" with verve, and C. N. H. Hordern (W) gave a good account of himself in the very difficult solo "Good fellows, be merry".

P. G. Dennison (S) played the Mozart Piano Concerto with real understanding. His phrasing was excellent, and he was very restrained in the use of the pedal. These things, combined with his clear touch, all helped to produce a really admirable performance.

We heard M. Bredin (B) for the last time in the Trumpet Obligato to "Let the bright Seraphim", which he played faultlessly. The Trebles were in good form.

The Concerto for three pianos had been heard earlier in the term when Cobham produced it in the House Competitions. This time there was string accompaniment. On the whole it went very well, in spite of some minor lapses in time, and the three pianists are to be congratulated for their enterprise.

The most popular item of the evening was the performance of the Prince Igor Dances. The Orchestra and Chorus combined to give us a very spirited interpretation of these dances, the last dance going particularly well.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

CONCERT GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, BY THE JACQUES STRING ORCHESTRA

Leader—IRENE RICHARDS

Conductor—JOHN PRITCHARD

PROGRAMME

Concerto Grosso in B flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	Handel
Largo—Allegro—Largo e piano—Andante—Hornpipe							
Adagio and Giga	...	...	...	...	...	...	Galuppi
Divertimento in D K.334	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Minuet—Adagio and Rondo							
Elegiac Melodies	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grieg
Music for Strings	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bliss
Allegro moderato energico—Andante, molto sostenuto—Allegro molto							

The first half of this concert gave us the unique opportunity of being able to enjoy Chamber Music in the intimate surroundings for which it was originally written. This was a privilege which, when considered in conjunction with the acknowledged excellence of the orchestra by which it was to be bestowed, seemed likely to make for a most excellent evening. Yet technically the performance fell below expectations: the ensemble playing was incontestably superb, but the frequent slips and inaccuracies in

the second half of the programme as well as a marked weakness in the pianissimo passages tended to lower the general high standard of performance.

The Concerto Grosso was executed with great competence, due regard being shown to its spirit and atmosphere. With the Mozart and the Galuppi, the orchestra introduced a sense of frankness and originality into two of the rather better known works of the average concert repertoire.

The second half of the programme was devoted to two works: the Elegiac Melodies which, emotionally, were rendered adequately, followed by definitely the most original and exciting item, the Music for Strings by Bliss, interpreted with great mastery and blending perfectly with the rest of the programme.

The most outstanding quality of the orchestra, as shown by this admirably balanced programme, was its emotional versatility and the excellence of the ensemble playing.

PIANO RECITAL GIVEN BY DENISE LASSIMONNE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

PROGRAMME

Sonata in C major K.330	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Allegro moderato—Andante cantabile—Allegretto							
Fantasia and Fugue in C	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Fifteen Two-Part Inventions	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bach
C major—C minor—D major—D minor—E flat major—E major E minor							
F major—F minor—G major—G minor—A major—A minor—B flat major—B minor							
Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bach

The recital given by Miss Lassimonne was a sad demonstration of how essential it is that a programme designed for a school audience should above all things contain variety.

Bach is a composer to whom one cannot be indifferent: one is either passionately fond of him or one dislikes him intensely. For those who belong to the former class, then, this recital afforded an extreme enjoyment adulterated only, perhaps, by the somewhat hackneyed though brilliantly performed Mozart Sonata. To those who dislike Bach, however (and this category, judging by the restlessness of a large part of the audience, was in the majority), the programme must have appeared unimposing, to say the least.

It is indeed a pity that Miss Lassimonne's programme did not show more variety, for although, both by reason of her brilliant technique and of her deep understanding of the composer, she is eminently well qualified to give an authoritative interpretation of Bach, it would have been interesting to observe her treatment of the Romantic or Modern composers.

As a Bach recital, the performance could hardly have been surpassed, but as a piano recital it was lacking in variety of style, although the variety of tone and colour which Miss Lassimonne introduced into the two-part inventions was indeed astounding.

PIANO RECITAL GIVEN BY DENIS MATTHEWS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

PROGRAMME	
Fantasia in C	Haydn
Sonata in A major K.331	Mozart
Andante grazioso	
Menuetto	
Alla Turca : Allegretto	
Sonata in D minor Op. 31 No. 2	Beethoven
Largo—Allegro	
Adagio	
Allegretto	
Moments Musicaux Op. 94	Schubert
C major—A flat—F minor	
C sharp minor—F minor—A flat	
Ballade in G minor Op. 23	} Chopin
Nocturne in F Op. 15	
Waltz in E minor Op. posth.	

This was the best recital for a long time, both by reason of the sensible variety of the programme and of the undoubted excellence of the performance.

The Fantasia with which the programme opened was a welcome departure from Haydn's usual and more conventional style. The Mozart, well-known to most people, was brilliantly performed and generally appreciated, but the climax of the first part was the Beethoven Sonata, in which Denis Matthews gave a good idea of the full range and variety of his brilliant tonal effects; he rendered with infinite understanding and vividness the mood of almost psychological introspection of the work, and his technique here as elsewhere was characterised by a complete mastery.

After a short interval the recital was resumed with a selection of Schubert's Moments Musicaux, and truly delightful they were, executed with a gaiety and rapid variation of mood reminiscent of the "Lieder".

Denis Matthews was indeed right to re-arrange the order of the three characteristic pieces of Chopin; played with assurance and vigour, this trio, culminating in the glorious Ballade, provided a fitting conclusion to an evening's excellent entertainment by one of the most significant of contemporary young artists.

J.I.H.

PIANO RECITAL BY SIGNORINA EMMARIA PASI, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

Through the kindness of a parent, we were enabled to hear this brilliant young Italian pianist. Her programme included Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, Schumann's Carnival, and a Chopin group.

She was at her best in the Chopin group, particularly in the A flat Polonaise. The difficult passage in octaves for the left hand was admirably done.

Her playing of the Beethoven Sonata was passionate in the extreme.

The concert was put on at very short notice, but the attendance was quite good.

It was a most enjoyable recital.

CONCERT GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, BY THE MUSIC STAFF

Concert for four Pianos and Strings	Vivaldi arr. Bach
Allegro—Largo—Larghetto—Largo—Allegro Vivace	
Trio in B flat for Violin, Violoncello and Piano	Schubert
First Movement only	
Piano Concerto in D major	Haydn
Vivace	
Un poco Adagio	
Rondo all'Ungherese	
Two Romances for Oboe and Piano	Schumann
Petit suite for two Pianos	Debussy
En bateau	
Cortège	
Air de ballet	
Piano Quintet in A major	Dvorak
First Movement	

This concert was extremely well attended as staff concerts usually are and everyone enjoyed it. Although perhaps the standard is not so high as when artists from outside are engaged the audience are the more interested to hear people they know. There is often a sort of competitive spirit among the listeners when the pupils of one teacher try to point out to the pupils of another how their champion is better than the others.

The first item was interesting though not extremely impressive; the pianos were played by: Mrs. Negus, Mr. Burke, Miss Parkinson and Mr. Negus. The pianos were played well but were not very well balanced as they were not all the same size.

The Trio, which was played by Miss Dorothy Churton (violin), Miss Edith Churton (violoncello) and Mr. Burke (piano), was perhaps the most successful work of the evening. It was extremely well played and the players attained a unity which only a deep understanding of each other's playing could have produced.

The piano concerto was played by Miss Parkinson (piano), Miss Dorothy Churton and Mr. Brymar Evans (violins), Mr. Negus and Mrs. High (violas) and Miss Edith Churton (cello). It was very well played, but it was not a work with which many of us are acquainted. Mr. Webb played the oboe well in the two Schumann Romances.

Dr. Huggins and Mr. Burke played the Debussy suite extremely well; though it is a difficult piece, they set a standard that only the Schubert Trio could equal.

The last item on the programme, the Dvorak Quintet, maintained successfully the standard set by its predecessors.

As an Encore Mr. and Mrs. Negus played a very "Mozarty" piece of Beethoven. Dr. Huggins made us guess by whom it was composed and certainly it was not like any of Beethoven's usual work.

R.G.L.McC.

'TREASURE HUNT'

BY M. J. FARRELL AND JOHN PERRY.

All those who saw the Congreve Club's private production of *Treasure Hunt* will agree in congratulating the Club on choosing that particular play, and this can be said while at the same time admitting that the choice meant the facing of difficulties. These were the difficulties common to all plays as well as those pertaining peculiarly to plays with an Irish setting, expressed to some extent with an Irish brogue, and depending for their success on the creation of that atmosphere of Tchekovian inconsequence and refusal to face the harsher realities of life so often found where the Celt or the Slav are concerned. These problems are often considered so formidable that you will hear it said that Irish plays should never be attempted except with an Irish cast. This is nonsense, as was vividly demonstrated by the success of the present production. There is not the least doubt that an admirable evening's entertainment was provided.

The production's success was very largely in the hands of three characters, Consuelo Howard, Hercules Ryall and Aunt Anna Rose. To the first of these three, R. J. Nettleship (C) brought a bland impassiveness, a battlemented facade, against which the cold realities of the post-war world battered themselves in vain. His reading of the part could perhaps be criticised by saying that he was not wholly successful in bringing out what was surely intended by the author as an equally important characteristic, namely the effortless capacity for inspiring loyalty and affection. Consuelo Howard could be maddeningly unpractical; she must also be a dear. We recognised the first more easily than the second. With regard to R. Blaker (C), as 'Master Hercules', there need be no such reservation. He conveyed both these qualities in full measure and yet with proper restraint. His voice suited the part excellently, and while his gestures and movements on occasions betrayed his youth, we were grateful for a portrait of an elderly gentleman to whom such things as biscuits at odd times, and puddles to be splashed through when fittingly equipped with 'gummers', are the important things of life. How right he was! The part of Aunt Anna Rose is perhaps over-written. At any rate it is one involving almost irresistible temptations towards over-acting. The result would have been dreadful. In fact it was far otherwise. M. J. StG. Kelton (W) triumphantly resisted temptation. His movements were quick and bird-like. He wore his unaccustomed clothes as though accustomed to them, in itself no mean achievement. Should he on occasions have betrayed some symptom of insanity in facial expression as distinct from action and sentiment? Probably not. The entire aspect of her life represented by the sedan-chair was played as though it were no more than an elaborate joke in which the rest of the family shared.

The rest of the cast must be mentioned more briefly. In bold contrast to the leading three, Philip Ryall represented the unrelenting realities of the outer world. C. H. Lezard (C) did this capably, but he must beware of dropping his voice below the limit of audibility. E. S. M. Cameron (C), as Mr. Walsh, was also required to register exasperation. He might perhaps have done so more emphatically. R. D. Selby (C), as Veronica Howard, was required to be unassuming and somewhat colourless as compared with her rival. This, though not easy, was achieved with considerable success.

Next come the paying-guests, the bewildered but quickly succumbing Sassenachs. A. D. Barlow (T), as Dorothy Cleghorne-Thomas, was statuesque and looked the part most convincingly. P. J. Tickell (B), as Eustace Mills, showed that he knows how to walk about a stage and what to do with his hands. Here was a clear-cut portrait of a man indulgent, slightly cynical and well-equipped to meet the problems of life. Perhaps G. D. Morrison (G), as Yvonne, was the most successful of these three, expressing the principal concern of her existence in an attractive drawl which might well have proved irresistible.

So we come to the servants' hall. Easily the most convincing of this trio was C. F. N. Hope (C) who played Willy Burke with an admirable ease both of speech and movement. He was completely at home in the part, conveying most successfully a breath of the authentic Ireland. A. C. Cowdy (T) and P. H. McMullan (T), as Bridgid O'Keefe and Mrs. Guidera, had difficult parts to play. The first might well have laid more stress on producing an impression of devotion, the second on the truculence pertaining to cooks. Last of all, though in a chronological sense only, comes D. N. Dixon (W) as the taxi-driver, an admirable 'cameo' portrait, as they say in Hollywood. Here once more was Ireland.

It is only fitting, finally, to express our gratitude to the producer of this charming entertainment, Mr. D. Shillan. Quite obviously he had gone to a great deal of trouble, and equally obviously he had met with a very large measure of success.

L.H.R.

(A review of 'Arms and the Man' appears on p.222.)

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The debates on frivolous motions this term have shown either that the members of the Society have no time for any but the most serious problems, or that they have not as much oratorical prowess as might be expected. At all events, neither of the debates so far held has been outstanding.

On October 11th, R. JAMESON (G) proposed "That this House demands the abolition of television". He claimed that television would cause feuds and frustration and that it would be the ruin of the lower classes.

P. J. TICKELL (B), opposing, announced that the world was doomed and that the only thing to do was to eat, drink and merrily watch television.

E. S. M. CAMERON (C), who spoke third, gave a graphic description of the behaviour of temperamental television sets.

W. F. TREMAYNE (C), the fourth speaker, countered this by asserting that television would soon be improved by the use of the glareless black screen.

In the debate which followed, R. BLAKER (C) amused the Society on a variety of disconnected topics.

The Motion was lost by one vote in the Upper House and by 46 in the Lower House.

On November 8th, S. N. L. CHALTON (B) proposed "That this House deplores the lapse of cannibalism". He considered it only logical in a democratic state to support eating for the people, by the people, of the people, and showed how Robinson Crusoe could afford to trust cannibals because they always played the game.

J. W. L. ADAMS (B) opposed and thought that cannibalism was sordid. He referred to the eating of his bridge-partner dressed with parsley.

B. J. HILL (B), who spoke third, approved of cannibalism as a substitute for superannuation, and explained how more meat would mean more athletic success.

S. E. DIGBY (W) spoke fourth and preferred to eat his cook than her sandwiches.

The Motion was lost in the Upper House by 3 votes and in the Lower House by 7. Members of the Committee this term were:—C. F. Greenlaw (T), Secretary; S. N. L. Chalton (B), Treasurer; P. J. Tickell (B), Librarian; and J. W. L. Adams (B), Co-opted Member.

R. Blaker (C), M. N. Boggon (T), N. L. M. Boulton (G), B. J. Calvert (G), J. A. deS. Charlesworth (G) and R. F. S. Hamer (G) have been elected to the Society this term.

C.F.G.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

After the summer recess, the Society has once more been functioning regularly and successfully. We began by reading "Le Docteur Knock" by Jules Romains—at the suggestion of the Headmaster. This play, which was almost entirely unknown to the members of the Society, was very well received. Well-written and polished, this new addition to our repertoire is extremely amusing, and will doubtless furnish good entertainment for future generations of the Society.

After this we read "Le Chapeau de Paille d'Italie" by Labiche. In contrast to "Le Docteur Knock", this uproarious comedy must have been read by the Society at least a dozen times previously. It has, however, evidently lost none of its old appeal. If laughter can be taken as any sort of criterion, then "Le Chapeau de Paille d'Italie" is certainly one of the most successful plays we have ever read.

Members this term were Mr. Hart Dyke (President), the Headmaster, Mr. Capel Cure, M. Chanson, J. I. Holt (C) (Committee Man), P. H. Molloy (C), T. Knight (B), C. H. Lezard (C), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), and P. M. Rossiter (C) (Secretary).

P.M.R.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

This has been a very busy term for the Club. The general meeting on Wednesday, October 4th, could not deal with all the future activities, but it revealed an enthusiastic attitude. Mr. Clarke was elected an Honorary Member, M. J. Fenwick (C) was elected Librarian, and seven new members were adopted.

Within three weeks of the beginning of term, two expeditions had already taken place. The first, on Saturday, October 14th, to see "Much Ado About Nothing" at Stratford, was numerically modest. On November 22nd, Mr. Robert Speaight lectured to the Club and the Upper School on "Poetical Drama," a lecture almost entirely devoted

to T. S. Eliot and his place in the modern resurrection of poetical drama. After a month and a half of feverish preparation, the Club, under the direction of Mr. Shillan, produced the comedy "Treasure Hunt" on November 27th and 28th. "Arms and the Man" by Shaw was produced on December 8th and 9th by Mr. Dams and the Club.

P.J.T.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Although we were somewhat late in arranging the affairs of the Classical Society this term, we have had two very good papers.

On November 17th, R. J. V. Robinson (W) read a paper on "The Roman Remains in Britain". His paper and his answers to the questions at the end revealed him to be an authority on the subject. Moreover, the fact that some of us had seen some of the remains of which he spoke made us the more interested.

On November 21st, Mr. A. Macdonald read a most interesting paper on "The Three Electras"—the *Choephoroë* of Aeschylus, the *Electra* of Sophocles and the *Electra* of Euripides. After he had outlined the legend as told by Homer and as developed by other poets such as Pindar, he showed how each of the three Attic tragedians treated the story and adapted it to serve his own purpose. Some of us questioned what was perhaps a rather exaggerated interpretation of the epilogue in Euripides' play; but he was able to convince us that his interpretation was in the main true. The paper was well suited to the Society as it was not so deep as to be above our heads while at the same time it made us think on the subject and form opinions which we had not thought of before.

R.G.L.McC.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The large number of members in last year's Symposium made it impossible for every member to read a paper during the year, and three meetings have therefore been held this term. The three papers were read by J. H. H. Massey Stewart (W), M. J. Fenwick (C) and A. W. Fraser (C). In choosing "Atlantis" as his subject Massey Stewart could hardly have realized what hard-boiled sceptics he had to deal with; some of them he dealt with not altogether unsuccessfully. Fenwick's and Fraser's papers were on less controversial subjects—"Philately", a good paper that laid rather too much emphasis on the commercialisation of the hobby, and so tended to lower rather than raise stamp-collecting in the estimation of the society, and "Big-game hunting in Kenya", which led to a bloodthirsty discussion afterwards.

The new Society has so far had one paper by J. R. T. Tattersall-Wright (W) on "Impressionist Art", which met with universal approval and was well backed-up by illustrations. It is hoped to have two more meetings this term.

R.J.V.R.

D.G.duB.D.

THE TWELVE CLUB

So far there has been, owing to such disturbances as scholarship examinations and gastric 'flu, only one meeting this term, which was held by a somewhat depleted Club at Vancouver Lodge on Friday, November 17th, when the Secretary read a paper on "The Popish Plot". Members were conducted through the intricacies of Restoration politics, and it was explained how the Whig leader, Shaftesbury, exploited the superstitious terror of Popery felt by seventeenth century Englishmen in an attempt to break the legitimate succession and achieve through constitutional monarchy a Venetian

oligarchy. Professor Williams' theory that Sir Edmund Bury Godfrey, the magistrate who was assumed to have been murdered by the Papists, in fact died of heart attack in the presence of the King, was expounded to the Club.

It is hoped to hold two more meetings this term, when T. Knight (B) will read a paper on "The Society of Jesus", and when the Club will hear C. B. F. Rathbone (C) on a subject as yet undisclosed.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

S.N.L.C.

The Science Society has lapsed this term into a state of semi-dormancy, suffering perhaps from a hang-over resulting from its strenuous efforts to make a success of last term's Scientific Exhibition, which it certainly did. Apart from a small private meeting at the beginning of the term, there has as yet been no General Meeting, but it is hoped that there will be one before the end of the term. On October 11th, ten chosen members of the Society were taken to Herts Pharmaceuticals Ltd., where they had an interesting day, returning with quantities of sample commodities.

A film entitled "Atomic Physics" was shown in two instalments on October 18th and 25th to anyone who was interested.

J.W.L.A.

THE TOXOPHILITES

There have been no meetings of this society this term.

A.M.V.

THE EPHEMERALS

At the first meeting of the term, D. P. Wells (C) read a paper on "Modern Research in Tuberculosis". This paper, which was easily comprehensible to the layman without being too simplified, dealt with the various kinds of tuberculosis and their effects on different parts of the body, the resistance put up by the body, and all aspects of the chemical and biological prevention and cure of the disease. J. W. L. Adams (B) read the second paper, on the life of "Wa-Sha-Quon-Asin", the famous half-breed naturalist more usually known as Grey Owl. It is hoped that a third paper will be read in the near future by G. R. T. Sorley (C) on "An Investigation into Present Day Racial Tendencies".

New members this term were G. R. T. Sorley (C), P. M. Salt (G), B. J. Calvert (G), H. R. Herrington (C), P. J. Tickell (B), B. Stranahan (G) and R. Jameson (G).

J.W.L.A.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term a Young Farmers' Club has been started at Stowe. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11th. The Buckinghamshire County Organiser spoke on the formation, running and aims of Young Farmers' Clubs throughout the country. Afterwards we saw a film taken at this year's Bucks rally. Mr. Barr was elected President, P. G. Corbett (G) Secretary, and J. D. Jackson (G) Treasurer. M. E. P. Cross (G) and G. H. Mallinson (T) were also elected to the Committee.

The second meeting was held on Wednesday, November 1st. Mr. Garman, from the N.A.A.S. County Farm, gave a very interesting talk on Dairy Cattle, points to be looked for in good milkers and methods of improvement. The meeting had to end at 6.50 with many questions still unanswered.

The third meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15th. We saw three very instructive films on breeding for milk, crop-rotation, and hill sheep-farming.

A visit to Buckingham to see some films at the Town Hall on Friday, November 24th, had to be cancelled owing to infection in the town.

There have also been this term opportunities for those interested in stock-judging.

Films will be shown at a further meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 29th.

P.G.C.

THE FENCING CLUB

This term the Fencing Club has been started again. At the beginning of the term the officers of the Club were elected:—C. J. Cleugh (W) as Captain, R. A. Nicholson (C) as Secretary, and J. G. Nash (C) and J. Briggs (C) to the Committee.

It is hoped that later in the term there will be a match against the Old Stoics, and that there will also be two other matches next term if they can be arranged. The House Matches will be fought next term, and the Individual Competitions either this term or next.

The Bursar has promised quite a considerable amount of new equipment, which will greatly improve the present deplorable situation.

R.A.N.

THE MUSIC CLUB

This has been a most eventful term for the Music Club. Starting by electing a large number of new members we felt sufficiently confident to arrange quite a large programme. On October 19th a small party of about twelve went to hear the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult. The programme was perhaps responsible for deterring many of the members, for there were none of the old chestnuts nor in fact had many of the members heard any of the works before. The concert began with Elgar's Overture "In the South" which gave us an excellent opportunity to hear what each individual portion of the Orchestra could do. Frederick Riddle as first viola set a standard that was hard to beat, when the time came for him to play what was almost a solo. The second work played was the "Symphonic Impression for Orchestra," by Ian Parrot. Many of us were interested in this work even if we were not deeply impressed. At any rate we had the satisfaction of seeing the composer himself bowing to us at the end. The Galanta dances like everything else on the programme were beautifully interpreted, but the climax of the whole Concert was the Walton Symphony; the orchestra played magnificently. It is a work which requires a great deal of concentration from the listener, and though some of us were a little lost in places we all enjoyed the work immensely.

On November 11th we went to Oxford to hear the Carl Rosa Opera Company. One party went to "The Barber of Seville" in the afternoon and another went to Verdi's "La Traviata" in the evening. Some enthusiasts waited in Oxford and saw both operas. Opinions on the operas vary immensely but everyone agreed that both were a great success. In "La Traviata" there was no really outstanding performance by anybody, but the opera as a whole was very well done. Ruth Packer as Violetta Valery was good all round though not outstanding; Raymond Nilsson as Alfred Germont had a very good voice but his acting was poor; he was quite unable to look natural. Joseph Satariano as Alfred's father was quite the best actor of the evening though his voice could in no way compare with Nilsson's. "The Barber of Seville" was much the same standard as "La Traviata", perhaps a little better; the clown Hubert Dunkerley was in particular a success.

On Friday, 24th of November, the President gave us a most interesting talk on "Rhythm". We explored by means of Gramophone Records all forms of music from early American Jazz to Stravinsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. It was an interesting meeting and everyone was very loath to depart at the end. We tended perhaps to wander rather far from the original subject and convert the meeting into an enquiry into the most revolutionary forms of modern music, but it was most instructive nevertheless.

R.G.L.McC.

RHYTHM RAMBLERS JAZZ CLUB

On November 18th, the club showed a film in the Gym called "Music in America". It commenced with serious music played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra; it then turned to jazz, and traced the origin of New Orleans Jazz, with various bands, among them Benny Goodman's, playing short numbers. For the size of the film, which only lasted twenty minutes, it was very entertaining. As the film was well attended, we hope to be able to present some longer films in the future.

The main work of the term was the end-of-term concert which took the form of a Jam session in the Gym on Sunday, December 10th. This term we have reduced to a Quintet after the large orchestra of last term. Although the number of playing members is so small, the membership of the club is still fairly high and we have introduced two vocalists into the band.

The band consists, this term, of:—*Clarinet*: J. R. Melvin (C); *Alto Saxophone*: R. M. Nicholson (B); *Piano-Accordion*: C. A. Hart Leverton (G); *Piano*: A. S. Jackson (G); *Drums*: R. P. Hewitt (C); *Vocalists*: C. N. H. Hordern (W), B. J. Calvert (G).

R.M.N.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

The encouragingly large membership of the Society produced only a small audience for the first lecture this term when on Saturday, October 28th, Mr. Laurence Whistler spoke on "The Authorship of the Stowe Temples". His talk was based on his research for his recent article on the subject published in *Country Life*. By a series of deductions from a newly-discovered birds-eye view of the original Vanbrugh-Bridgeman gardens, Mr. Whistler pointed out that more of the buildings at Stowe were designed by Vanbrugh than are usually attributed to him, including the original Bourbon Tower, the so-called Kent Pavilions, and the Temple of Bacchus which occupied the site where the present Chapel stands. He also shewed that the one building traditionally attributed to Vanbrugh, the Rotundo, was altered out of recognition to its present form by Borra. For the rest, he proved the attribution to Gibbs of several buildings hitherto wrongly assigned or not assigned at all.

The terminal expedition, to Wotton House and Winslow Hall, on Saturday, November 4th, drew a large crowd. Winslow Hall had suffered from the nineteenth century, although two rooms furnished in period gave a pleasant picture of the eighteenth century country house. Wotton House, the work of Wren, had suffered from fire early in the nineteenth century and had been restored by the current Duke of Buckingham. An interesting curiosity was a Rotundo in wood. After an excellent tea in Winslow, the Society returned to Stowe at just after six o'clock.

On Saturday, December 2nd, Mr. Denis Clarke-Hall spoke to the Society on "Latest Developments in Modern School Design". An account of his talk will appear in our next report.

S.N.L.C.



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THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY VISITS A COLLIERY
Birch Coppice Unit, Atherstone

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AT THE 'PINEAPPLE' SUMMER CAMP—SANDOWN, I.O.W.

C.C.F. NOTES

It is one of the perpetually recurring features of the C.C.F. Annual Camp that it is looked forward to with the liveliest distaste by all ranks, but is remembered afterwards with a deal of pleasure by most. This year's camp at Warminster was no exception. Stowe had the largest contingent in Camp—about 130 strong—so that we were sure of making up one company all to ourselves, and it appeared to be a very happy company. It trained with vigour and enthusiasm, quite obviously enjoyed most of the demonstrations, and grumbled no more than was proper at the occasional shortcomings of Camp feeding and organisation. Under-Officer Rossiter acquitted himself very creditably as Cadet Company Commander, and indeed all the N.C.Os. did what was asked of them cheerfully and well. We won our evening's guard-mounting competition and the Company's lines were once selected as being the best laid-out in the Battalion, though this is not a department in which Stowe usually excels. The School of Infantry demonstrations were excellent and the Northumberland Fusiliers managed with seemingly miraculous skill to administer the Camp and supervise the training all in the midst of getting themselves on the move towards Korea. They were a very impressive battalion and we all owed them a great debt of gratitude.

The Air Section camped separately at Hullavington, where Mr. Griffiths marked his much to be regretted departure from the Corps by achieving with his candidates such a spectacular success in the Proficiency Examination that they called forth a special letter of congratulation from Air Marshal Sir Robert Foster. It is to be hoped that this will give a fillip to recruiting for the Section, so that Mr. Fox may have a fair chance of producing equally startling results next year.

Since then this term has been one, on the whole, of successful normality. We had a whole-day exercise on October 13th, on which the bulk of the Corps staged a small but noisy battle in Whittlebury Deer Park. Apart from one unfortunate local engagement in a poultry farm, which frightened a lot of valuable pullets off their lay for several weeks, there were no untoward incidents, and plenty of blank was realistically expended. The Recruits, meanwhile, had their usual exercises on the Bombing Range, from which they returned even muddier than usual; the I.C.E. Section were royally entertained by the Standard Motor Company at Coventry; and the Air Section passed an instructive day at Heyford.

The examinations for Certificate 'A' were held on November 27th and 28th and the results were well up to standard, 48 candidates out of 54 being successful in Part I, and 62 out of 68 in Part II. T. A. Trimmingham (W) was Best Cadet in Part I and M. J. Nightingale (G) in Part II. At a small examination held earlier in the term for those prevented by the School Certificate from taking Part II in the Summer Term all 12 candidates were successful, R. M. T. Chetwynd (W) being the Best Cadet.

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

To *Sergeant*: T. W. E. Robinson (T), C. C. Malden (G), T. Knight (B), G. D. L. Adams (B), R. J. Ruhemann (C), F. F. Graham (W), M. K. Gregory (C), W. E. J. Allen (G), G. R. T. Sorley (C).



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THE OPEN MILE:
Winner, C. B. F. Rathbone (C)

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THE OTHER SPORTS

[B. J. Hill

To *Corporal*: A. M. Vinen (W), R. Jameson (G), S. A. deG. Abbott (C), J. I. Holt (C), H. J. Bonning (C), J. A. Y. French (C), B. J. Calvert (G), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), C. B. F. Rathbone (C), S. Pendle (G), G.F. Appleton (G), R. H. deL. Hulton Harrop (C), C. A. Little (C), M. J. Slater (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: S. N. L. Chalton (B), D. S. Gilbert (W), J. H. Hughes (B), D. P. Wells (C), R. M. Nicholson (B), H. J. Goodhart (W), R. G. L. McCrone (C), E. R. Perring (G), J. W. L. Adams (B), C. T. A. Hammond (C), J. A. deS. Charlesworth (G), M. C. G. Fry (G), M. J. O'Neill (C), M. W. Grattan Holt (W).

W.L.McE.

C.C.F. MILITARY BAND

The attendance at practices last term was very poor and the playing of the band suffered considerably. Therefore at the beginning of this term, the usual Monday practice was shortened so that members of the band would not miss too much work in other sections of the Corps. Everybody, however, was required to attend the practices on both Sunday and Monday. The result is that attendances this term have been excellent and it is certain that a much higher standard of performance will be shown at the Band's Concert at the end of the term, when the following programme will be performed:—

1. Pas Redoublé—Cadets de Brabant Turine
2. Liebeslied Beethoven
Solo Cornet—J. F. F. ATTERBURY (C)
3. (a) Prelude Bach
(b) Chorale
(c) Fugue in G Minor.
(arranged for Wind Septet and Pianoforte)
4. Cornet Solo—Berceuse de Jocelyn Godard
P. C. BERG (C)
5. Sonata for Three Flutes James Hook
Allegretto—Andante—Allegro Vivace (1746-1827)
6. Serenade Espagnole for Alto Saxophone Osbourne
R. M. NICHOLSON (B)
Piano Accompaniment—J. R. MELVIN (C)
7. Largo Handel
8. Concertino for Clarinet and Pianoforte Weber
J. R. MELVIN (C)
P. R. CUTFORTH (C)
9. Entr'acte—Love in Arcady Haydn Wood
10. Folk Song Suite Vaughan Williams
(a) Seventeen Come Sunday.
(b) Folk Songs from Somerset.

During the practices this term, it has been noted that the Brass section of the Band has greatly improved, especially the Trombones, Cornets and French Horns. The Wood Wind has successfully maintained a standard which was already very high.

This term's Concert will be held in the Gymnasium whose acoustics are much more suitable than those of the Queen's Temple.

Next term, the band will be mostly occupied with marches and ceremonial pieces.

M.J.S.

SHOOTING

The fixture list this term has been a very full one, there being no less than fourteen postal matches. Unfortunately all efforts to arrange shoulder to shoulder matches have proved fruitless. Some of the matches have been under N.S.R.A. conditions which give some variation from the usual Country Life conditions, though it has meant loss of practice at rapid and snap targets with rather unfortunate results.

The team has been drawn from the following:—G. F. Appleton (G), J. N. Vinen (W), P. J. Harkness (T), C. F. N. Hope (C), A. W. Fraser (C), M. W. Grattan Holt (W), J. G. Rigg (W), G. R. T. Sorley (C), A. A. Fairrie (C) and D. V. Fanshawe (W).

Match results up to the present are:—

Oct. 19th. v. WELLINGTON (N.S.R.A.)	Lost 701—707 pts.
Oct. 24th. v. ETON (N.S.R.A.)	Won 747—730 pts.
Nov. 2nd. v. BLOXHAM (Country Life).	Lost 585—588 pts.
Nov. 9th. v. WELLINGBOROUGH (N.S.R.A.).	Won 736—716 pts.
Nov. 19th. v. WELLINGBOROUGH (Country Life).	Lost 564—637 pts.

G.F.A.

(Further Shooting results are given at the end of this issue.)

SWIMMING

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS.

In the second examination held at the end of last term the following awards were given:—

The Award of Merit:—J. D. F. Lockhart (C) with 87½ marks out of 100; J. A. Pearman (W) with 85 marks out of 100.

The Bronze Medallion:—G. M. Corbett (T), J. N. Lacey (T), A. M. Crawford (G), C. T. Fossil (C), G. P. Renwick (C).

The Intermediate Certificate:—A. Bernstein (C), K. A. Henderson (C), I. C. McLellan (C).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE 1ST XV.

Let me start by saying that I have had very great pleasure in coaching this particular team and I know that Mr. Deacon feels the same. I have enjoyed every moment training the forwards. They have always been willing to try something new and even on the wettest and coldest days have been prepared to learn.

Although the results in school matches this year have not been any better, with four wins and four losses, I have not the least doubt that this year's XV were much superior to that of last. There were no crushing defeats and never during the term did they meet their masters in the pack. Admittedly the backs were disappointing at times, but they did show a certain amount of sparkle on occasions. I can truthfully say that the pack were just as good as that of the all-conquering 1938 side and had they had Hastings, Way, Scholfield and Yellowlees behind them they would have been unbeatable. For three years the backs have been as slow as hearses and many is the time during this period that I have prayed for a Bartlett, a Chibbett or a Fitzgerald. However, they have not been here and it is only to be hoped that in three years time our present Junior Colts will be able to outpace the opposition.

The play of the XV has never caused disappointment, but perhaps some of the results have done. We were deservedly beaten by Oundle and St. Edward's, but the results of the Rugby and King's matches might easily have gone the other way. Of the year I would say there wasn't a match to touch the Oundle one for excitement, good play, good tempers, and grit—due largely to the very fine refereeing of Cyril Gadney. The most exhilarating and satisfying result was, of course, against Bedford, who had not been beaten by Stowe since 1938. It cannot be said of the St. Edward's game that it was a good one; there was too much time spent playing the man rather than the ball. Rugby and King's were good games with the results a little disappointing, particularly from the forwards' viewpoint. Harrow played well against us and it might have been a different story if our forwards had not been in a scoring mood, obtaining all three tries through Highwood, Malden and Pendle. The Cheltenham and Radley games were dull in the extreme as spectacles. Of the club games, the best from an attacking angle was that of the London Scots. In this contest the backs really showed some attack and penetration, Herrington,

Goldfinger and Adams being in particularly thrusting mood. It was a delight to welcome Kemp and Cockburn once more and it is to be hoped that they will come again.

The team has been beset by many injuries throughout the term, and it is a compliment to the 2nd XV that the replacements have been nearly up to the standard of the injured players. Against Harrow the team was at least six men short. Malden has made an excellent, balanced, inspiring, good-natured and efficient captain. He has led his forwards exceptionally well, varying the line-out tactics, controlling the scrums, leading the rushes and adding dash to the passing movements. Patterson has been an outstanding hooker, and not only as a hooker but as a hard-going forward; I always feel sorry for the player about to be tackled by him. Highwood has improved his play tremendously this year. Besides being one of our most sensible line-out specialists he is a tower of strength in the loose rushes and the passing movements. Burgess has been positively outstanding, but had bad luck to break a bone in the first five minutes of a game, at the same time having the pluck to finish out the game without mentioning it. His tackling has been even more withering than Patterson's and he has completely closed up the blind side. The props in the front row have done their jobs thoroughly and played well in the loose, Williams being the more complete footballer, Harkness having perhaps the more devastating dash. Ruhemann began the season in great style but has not finished quite so promisingly. He must make up his mind to go for either the scrum or the stand-off; it is not possible to get both. Pendle shoved much better than he did last year and positioned himself very well. His weakness to the end was tackling, although he is greatly improved in this respect. Of the forwards, H. J. Gray, McConnell and Morris are to be congratulated on being such efficient and effective understudies.

The most useful member of the team without a doubt has been Herrington, who must by his kicking have scored half of the total points. Besides this, despite his slowness off the mark, he has initiated many attacking moves, usually by bringing the forwards into the game. His punting has always been accurate in attack and defence. Bannister is still lacking in confidence and it is always too obvious when he has been going to break on his own. His long passes have been extremely dangerous when thrown wildly behind Herrington. Gray has always earned the cheers of the crowd not only by his snappy picking up, beautiful touch-finding and dodging lupine forwards, but also by his propensity for registering with unfailing accuracy on 'George.' Goldfinger has been a

tryer all the time and it can be said that he has only let his man past him once in the term and that was against Oundle. Adams has been our fastest wing for some time and it is a pity that he was only discovered this year. He has developed an effective outside swerve and a new inside dodge, but he is not yet the complete footballer. The other backs have been fairly mediocre, the following having been tried in various positions and all found to be lacking in the necessary dogged defensive qualities:—Heyward, Henderson, Whitcombe, Knight, Kimber.

D.I.B.

THE SCHOOL v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, October 21st, Stowe winning by 11 points to six.

The team must first of all be congratulated on beating their redoubtable opponents for the first time since 1938.

Malden won the toss and decided to play down hill under perfect conditions. Bedford kicked off and from the ensuing scrum the ball was passed nervously from finger-tip to finger-tip down the Stowe line as if it had been a superheated plate; anyway it was evidently too hot for Heyward who dropped it. Within another minute Bedford got possession and with the defence still shaky and undecided it looked a certain try and it was. Henderson failed to touch his opposite number and Bedford were three points up.

From this time onwards the Stowe forwards took charge of the game and for the remainder of the first half Bedford was pinned in its own territory. Some of the attacks nearly led to tries. Adams on two occasions swung outside and rounded the Bedford winger only to be tackled yards short: on another Gray burst through the centre but there was a knock-on: still another well-judged kick-ahead was just gathered in time by their full back. Half-time: Bedford 3, Stowe 0.

The second half had just begun when Adams fooled his opponent by coming inside for a change; he swung out again viciously and set his powerful legs in motion to deceive his fifteen opponents and a thousand spectators with his immense speed. The kick failed. Bedford drew ahead with a finely judged penalty. This brought the best out of the Stowe pack and they stormed up to the Bedford line: Malden got the ball, and an overhead pass to Ruhemann gave Stowe a much needed try. The kick hit the post. With the scores level the game fluctuated up and down the field with neither side making much headway except when Henderson got clean away and might well have scored had he not turned round for a would-be receiver of his pass. Then Bedford were awarded another penalty in a good position, but luckily for Stowe it failed. Bedford, who had been playing for some time with fourteen men, began to tire visibly and when another was laid out gaps became apparent in their defence. However, not many minutes before full-time Bannister broke away on the blind side and Adams scored his second try. Herrington converted to bring the final score to 11—6.

No praise can be too high for the forwards. They outplayed Bedford in every single department of the game and had their opponents whacked at the end. The outstanding feature was the line-out work where every man excelled at his own particular job.

The three-quarters were with the exception of Adams a little vague in their attempts to penetrate the enemy's defences. Herrington was slow off the mark but it must be remembered that he was damaged in the first minute and again later. Bannister was slow at times but threw a good pass and made the winning try. Gray was jumpy at full back and generally hurried his kicks. The kicking by all the backs was well below standard.

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THE SCHOOL v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Oxford on Wednesday, November 1st, St. Edward's winning by 3 points to nil.

From St. Edward's previous results, it appeared that this would be our toughest game up to date, and so it proved to be. They had taken over twenty points off both Radley and Bromsgrove and we knew that they had a star wing forward, who had played for London Scottish Seven-a-sides. However, our prospects were not unfavourable; our forwards had dominated all opposition packs and had shown themselves an attacking force, with some fine inter-passing movements. Moreover, in the previous match against London Scottish, the backs had shown, for the first time for several years, that they could score tries and play with variety; Herrington had improved his speed off the mark and with the line moving quickly Goldfinger had shown what a dangerous centre he could be; Adams's determined running on the left wing had proved too much for his opposite numbers, when he was given enough room.

At the start it soon looked as if our forwards were once more going to take charge of the game, as Patterson was hooking the ball consistently and the line-outs were in our favour. However, the backs never looked as dangerous as against London Scottish: the passing was not quick enough to give Adams a run. Herrington was inclined to rely too soon on the diagonal kick and the inside pass to the forwards, and the surprise element was lacking. One of his diagonal drop-kicks was well placed and put us on the St. Edward's line, but from then onwards they began a concentrated attack, and on several occasions it seemed as if they must score; during this period St. Edward's played really well and Stowe did well to keep them out.

After half-time St. Edward's began to get the ball from the line-out and the loose. One of their centres was prominent in several dangerous attacks and was held with difficulty; presently from a very quick heel from the loose, he made an opening and the wing scored half-way out; the kick at goal only rose a few feet from the ground. Stowe kept trying to attack without ever looking really dangerous, although Goldfinger sold two good dummies, but his attack up the middle was not supported. Adams now began to get the ball but Knight was not timing his passes well and the opposite wing was able to hold him. Herrington went on the blind side and put in a well-judged cross-kick, but the backs were too slow in coming up. The St. Edward's captain was caught playing the ball on the ground, and Herrington had a kick from an easy angle,

but, as in a previous attempt from the ten-yard line, hardly got the ball in the air; as he had kicked so well in previous matches, and from the general low standard of kicking in the game, it was apparent that the ball was extremely difficult to kick. Stowe continued to make strenuous efforts to score, but the St. Edward's defence held out.

St. Edward's were more dangerous in attack and if the whole Stowe team had not defended magnificently they might have scored many more tries. Last year St. Edward's had beaten us round the scrum, but the back row of Burgess, Pendle and Ruhemann covered very effectively and kept their dangerous wing forward in check. Patterson, Williams, Harkness and Highwood were always in the thick of the fray and Malden, despite an early injury, was an inspiring leader and captain. Bannister sent out a fine service from the scrum and all the backs tackled well, especially Goldfinger. Gray had a nervous first twenty minutes, but then played very well, saving many tight situations, and stopped one certain try with a magnificent tackle.

As a spectacle the game was not a good one, although it was fought fiercely from the start; much of it was too reminiscent of club rugby at its worst, with frequent collapsing of the scrum and forwards on the wrong side. However, St. Edward's were obviously a very strong side and Stowe came out of the game with great credit.

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THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 8th, Stowe winning by 6 points to 3.

As someone said after the game, "It is a good job we won; nothing is worse than losing a poor game". It must be said that had the luck gone with Radley they must have won. It seems a pity to waste paper on a long description of play, but there are certain features of the game which should be recorded.

The Stowe team was two short, suffering from broken bones; but this is not being provided as an excuse for an indifferent display from our forwards against a very good Radley pack. Playing with a strong blustering wind Stowe kept Radley on the defensive in such a position that any serious infringement by Radley became a possible three points for Stowe. This occurred twice and both times Herrington had superlative kicks from far out at an awkward angle. This meant a lead of six points at half-time.

The boot was entirely on the other foot in the second half. Stowe's tactics seemed to become solely defensive and for the majority of the time they were defending stubbornly in their own twenty-five. On quite a few occasions attacks were just stopped short of the line and penalty kicks just went wide of their mark. Radley fully deserved their drop goal—a really good one by their fly-half.

After two halves of only thirty minutes each, neither side seemed exhausted.

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THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 15th, Oundle winning by 18 points to 6 points.

Both sides took the field with incomplete teams. Oundle had lost a couple of forwards and, a more important loss, their fly-half, Milligan. Stowe's absentees were all forwards, and three very good men in Harkness, Pendle and Burgess. Fortunately their substitutes all did well, and their absence could not be held to have contributed much towards Stowe's defeat. The Oundle record of wins over Bedford, Uppingham, and St. Edward's was better than Stowe's victories over Bedford and Radley and their defeat by St. Edward's. The only real straw in the wind was each school's Bedford match in which Stowe had been victorious by 11—6 and Oundle by 23—5. On that it looked as though the margin between the schools should be thirteen points. Actually it proved to be twelve.

Stowe began with a period of very strong attacking which was countered by keen Oundle tackling. Bannister attempted a drop at goal which proved to be more of a sighter than a bull, and from the resulting twenty-five we were given a glimpse of a dangerous turn of speed in their left wing Fanning—a tall fair-haired import from the U.S.A. The game was now fast and open with Gray catching and kicking well, and Oundle's scrum-half and captain, Pearson, looking consistently and thoroughly dangerous. Stowe was getting any amount of the ball thanks to Patterson's hooking, and indeed they continued to have at least three times as many chances as Oundle throughout the game. Unfortunately there was no sign of a break-through in the centre. The Stowe three-quarter line seemed obsessed with the idea of getting the ball out to Adams on the left wing. This they occasionally did, but even the best wings are the better for a fraction of an opening, and this Adams rarely had. In spite of this he showed the most formidable pace on many occasions, and was undoubtedly the fastest runner on the field. From a free-kick for a Stowe off-side Barham, the Oundle full-back, made a lot of ground, and from the resulting scrum on the Stowe twenty-five Pearson broke away, cut inside Ruhemann, and was over the line in a flash. The kick was virtually between the posts and Moore converted (5—0.). Not long afterwards the same player from his position at left-centre broke through, and, handing-off Gray, scored too far out on the left for him to convert his try. (8—0.) A little later a really beautiful Stowe three-quarter movement came to an untimely end when Goldfinger attempted in the most cavalier fashion to take a pass with one hand—almost always a fatal thing to do. Stowe were now settling down to a much better type of game. Highwood brought off a really murderous tackle on Pearson, and Adams had his most thrilling run of the game, a long corkscrew affair which ended only a few feet from the left corner. The first half ended with a series of Stowe blunders which lost them fifty yards, and the Oundle forwards went surging up to our line and very nearly crossed it. Herrington and Gray took us out of this threatening situation as the half-time whistle blew.

If Stowe had started the game with a series of attacks, Oundle certainly began the second half in the same way and in the same direction. Pearson was all over the place and the Stowe tackling was none too sure. In fact it was a missed tackle by the usually impeccable Goldfinger which led to the next score as Moore swept out to the left and scored about half-way out for Barham to convert. (13—0.) This score seemed to put Stowe back not a little, and their play began to lack the necessary fire. This could be seen when the Oundle full-back fumbled a high kick-ahead by Herrington with no one there to take advantage of the situation. Their passing, too, was too slow to take

them anywhere. They recovered, however, sufficiently to produce a strong attack which brought us within range of their posts, and a free-kick forty yards out enabled Herrington to earn three most valuable points. (13—3). Shortly afterwards Bannister was injured sufficiently to require medical inspection, and Dr. Bostock, amid enthusiastic cheers, took the field for the first time in living memory. Fortunately he pronounced him fit to continue, and we were spared the problem of finding a substitute for the trickiest of positions with no obvious candidate in view. A little later Herrington flirted with the almost impossible by attempting a sixty-yard penalty, and Adams turned himself for the moment into a soccer outside-left and daintily dribbled a full twenty yards down his wing. As a result Stowe were pressing on the Oundle twenty-five when the redoubtable Pearson suddenly flashed into motion, beat several men, and was instantly in full cry for the line. He beat Gray by sheer speed and swerve, and, though he was most gallantly chased and almost caught up by his late victim he just hurled himself over the line after an eighty-yard run. This was undoubtedly the run of the match, and Pearson showed that he has far more speed than is commonly vouchsafed to scrum-halves. Barham converted the easy kick. (18—3.) Fortunately Stowe succeeded in reducing the deficit. Herrington made a beautifully judged kick out to the right wing. The ball bounced helpfully, and Henderson was over, though just too far out for the try to be converted. (18—6.) This was virtually the end, though we were privileged to see Fanning on one occasion jump clean over Gray. He looked all set for a try, but Adams used his speed to come across and cover.

Oundle were indubitably a much better balanced side. Their forwards, though outclassed by the Stowe pack, gave their stronger backs enough of the ball to enable them to win comfortably. Pearson was head and shoulders above every other player on either side. Everything he did was so competent and intelligent that it was a real pleasure to watch. Of the Stowe players, the highest praise must be given to Malden and his forwards who played splendidly throughout. Patterson hooked as well as he has ever done. The two outstanding players behind were Gray, who got through a tremendous amount of hard work most competently, and Herrington, who certainly cannot be blamed for our failure to score more points. If we had had one centre with a really strong cut-through the result of the game might easily have been reversed. In conclusion it ought to be stated that Cyril Gadney's refereeing was, as might be expected, as near perfection as we get in an imperfect world.

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THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 18th, the School winning by 13 points to 6 points.

Considering the results of the other school matches it seemed inevitable that Stowe should win, but Stowe was handicapped by many injuries and untried substitutes were being given their first chance. Besides, it was possible that Malden and his men might be suffering from the after-effects of the Oundle match only three days previously.

It appeared that the conditions might be abominable. The wind had risen and rain seemed imminent. However, the rain kept off and the wind was mainly across field,

unusually from the South. This suited both sides admirably and a good game was in the offing.

For the first twenty minutes the home team were very definitely suffering post-Oundelian apathy. There was little shove in the tight, heads were towering above the loose scrums and the backs were strolling along. Defence was non-existent alike in tackling, falling and covering. During this period Harrow put in some first-rate attacks and fully deserved to score more than once. The Harrow centres, who were being well plied with the ball, always made ground and on one occasion Sorley prevented a certain try with a magnificent tackle. The Harrow try came from a dribble over the line from a five-yard scrum. It was not converted. After this Stowe attacked and Harrow was hard pressed for the remainder of the first half. Herrington began to play well and some of his tactical kicking had the stamp of class. Whitcombe began to show some devil and a Stowe try seemed possible at last. After a long kick by Herrington to touch the Harrow wing threw in quickly, Highwood intercepted, took off ten yards from the line and landed just short of Cobham Arch. The kick failed. The pressure was kept up, but no more points were scored. Half-time, 3—3.

There was no doubt which was the better side in the second half. Stowe gained the ascendancy in nearly every phase of the game. Malden had rallied his pack into the usual efficient machine and they got the ball with monotonous regularity from loose, tight and line-out. On numerous occasions the Harrow line was threatened. Twice Whitcombe penetrated deep into enemy territory to find himself with no-one unmarked to pass to; Henderson dribbled over to lose the touch; the scrum pushed the ball over at the goal-posts but lost possession at the critical moment; Herrington had some dangerous thrusts. It was from two of the latter that tries were scored. On the first occasion he went blind and passed to Malden who by a determined effort got over. Herrington converted. Just before the end Herrington broke the advantage line and passed to Ruhemann and finally Pendle scored beside the posts for Patterson to convert. Between the two Stowe tries a period of indecision and weak tackling led to the Harrow scrum-half being allowed to break half-a-dozen tackles to score a fine try too far out for conversion.

Malden is to be congratulated on managing to rally what appeared to be the weaker side during the first phases to what was obviously the superior one in the final stages. Whitcombe and Middleton played admirably for their first games and Gray was a very good forward. The outstanding forwards were Malden, Highwood and Patterson, but all the others were good in the end. Herrington played his best game and generally had complete command of the attack.

The game was admirably refereed by Colonel Warden.

Team :—G. R. T. Sorley (C); M. L. Henderson (W), T. Knight (B), H. R. V. Whitcombe (B), G. D. L. Adams (B); H. R. Herrington (C), P. J. Middleton (T); E. B. J. Williams (T), W. M. Patterson (B), P. J. Harkness (T), A. Highwood (B), H. J. Gray (W), C. C. Malden (S), S. Pendle (G), R. J. Ruhemann (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM

Played at Cheltenham on Saturday, November 25th, the School winning by three points to nil.

The conditions for rucker were not good and the game gradually degenerated into a mud fight, which had little merit as a spectacle. However, it would be unfair to end

but there were no penetrations by the backs. To try to secure a commanding lead, Gray came up, if anything, too much into the three-quarters and it was partly this which led to their match-winning try. Stowe pressed right underneath the goal-posts, Malden picked up a loose ball and threw it to Kimber, the ball was intercepted by their fastest man who had little difficulty in eluding Gray and scoring between the posts at the far end; it was converted and there wasn't time to make up for this unlucky reverse. Had the ball gone to Kimber it must have been a try for Stowe. During this half also, Patterson had the misfortune to miss, from an angle, a penalty kick which, on the referee's subsequent admission, should properly have been given under the posts.

The forwards, well led by Malden, played their usual first-rate game and they must have been disappointed at losing yet another match, having won the forward battle. Herrington, Adams and Gray only of the backs played well. The criminal tactical error of the game was that Herrington and Bannister always went right against their strength instead of left towards ours.

Team :—N. A. Gray (C); G. D. L. Adams (B), J. P. G. Goldfinger (S), H. R. V. Whitcombe (B), D. C. F. Kimber (B); H. R. Herrington (C), M. J. R. Bannister (W); E. B. J. Williams (T), W. M. Patterson (B), P. J. Harkness (T), H. J. Gray (W), A. Highwood (B), C. C. Malden (S), S. Pendle (G), R. J. Ruhemann (C).

Other results were as follows :—

Sat., Oct. 14.	v. WASPS "A" XV. (Home).	Lost 8—13
Wed., Oct. 18.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won 9—8
Sat., Oct. 28.	v. LONDON SCOTTISH (Home).	Won 19—9
Sat., Nov. 4.	v. T. A. KEMP'S XV. (Home).	Lost 3—23
Sat., Nov. 11.	v. RICHMOND "A" (Home).	Lost 0—8
Sat., Dec. 9.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Won 13—3

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

With 11 of the 13 fixtures completed so far, the 2nd XV has had a good season, winning eight matches, drawing against St. Edward's and Bedford, and only losing to Oundle, where we had to take a weakened team. The side became rather peculiar in the middle of the season owing to the 1st XV's demands for replacements, but Salt, a keen and intelligent captain, and Gooch, a determined and vigorous scrum-leader, kept them well together, and they have always played with dash. When at full strength, they have been a fast and effective team, playing good football. Middleton has done good work at scrum-half, combining well with Salt, and Heyward on the right-wing and H. R. V. Whitcombe (B) in the centre have been thrustful. The pack has been lively and has piled in hard with excellent work in line-outs by Gooch and Gray and in the loose by McConnell, Thompson and Morris. Murray Brown's hooking has been effective and the ball has generally come back quickly. The defensive covering has usually been sound, and the only criticism is of a tendency to tackle high.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 11.	v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Won 19—5
Wed., Oct. 18.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won 17—8
Wed., Oct. 25.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Drawn 6—6
Sat., Oct. 28.	v. R.G.S., HIGH WYCOMBE (Away).	Won 18—6
Wed., Nov. 1.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH G.S. (Away).	Won 48—3
Sat., Nov. 4.	v. OLD OXFORD CITIZENS (Home).	Won 6—0
Wed., Nov. 8.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Won 11—0
Tues., Nov. 14.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost 0—16
Sat., Nov. 18.	v. HARROW (Away).	Won 11—6
Sat., Nov. 25.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Drawn 3—3
Wed., Nov. 29.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won 3—0
Wed., Dec. 13.	v. ABINGDON G.S. (Home).	

Team.—G. R. T. Sorley (C); R. F. Butlin (G), T. Knight (B), M. L. Henderson (W), J. P. D. Heyward (C); P. M. Salt (G), P. J. Middleton (T); P. L. Morris (C), D. A. R. Murray Brown (C), J. R. M. Thompson (S), A. M. Gooch (B), H. J. Gray (W), C. G. Campion (C), A. J. P. Campbell (C), J. A. McConnell (T).

J.C.T.U.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

Six times victorious, beaten four times but never heavily except by Kettering G.S., the 3rd XV may look back on its record this term, if not with complacency, at any rate without shame. On paper at the outset it seemed likely to be the strongest 3rd for some time, but before long the usual crop of injuries in the "50" drew away some of the best players, who re-appeared, if at all, only at the end of the season. P. M. Rossiter (C), accepting with public-spirited resignation virtual life-membership of the 3rd, has again led the side with unfailing energy and good humour. The forwards have supported him well; though inevitably lacking precision, especially in defence, they have in their best matches played a fine bustling game, and J. W. L. Adams (B) has usually out-hooked his opponent. The push-over try has been a favourite manoeuvre. Behind the scrum, N. L. M. Boulton (G) and J. M. Hancox (G) have handled the ball neatly and with some mutual understanding; Hancox is a strong runner and difficult to stop, but a little too selfish as a fly-half. In a varying three-quarter line R. G. F. Barr (C) has been most valuable in attack and defence; E. K. O'N. James (T) and D. N. White (C) have played well on occasion, but defence, as so often, has been the backs' main weakness.

A new fixture this term was a match against Oundle, a pleasant game in which unfortunately the team reserved its main effort for the second half and lost by one point; the Bedford game this year had none of the qualities which usually make it one of our most enjoyable fixtures, and soon turned into an untidy scramble; the Harrow game, on the other hand, despite miserable weather, showed the side at its spirited and resourceful best.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 11. v. BLOXHAM (Away).	Won	14—0
Sat., Oct. 14. v. BEDFORD (Home).	Lost	5—10
Wed., Oct. 18. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD (Home).	Won	25—5
Wed., Oct. 25. v. KETTERING G.S. (Away).	Lost	3—33
Sat., Oct. 28. v. ROYAL G.S., HIGH WYCOMBE (Away).	Won	18—0
Wed., Nov. 1. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	14—8
Sat., Nov. 4. v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	8—9
Wed., Nov. 8. v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	5—14
Wed., Nov. 15. v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. (Away).	Won	10—6
Wed., Nov. 18. v. HARROW (Away).	Won	12—0

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

In two of its matches the 4th XV has played better Rucker than for a long time. In the Bedford game forwards and backs combined with a briskness and accuracy seldom seen at this level, and they thoroughly deserved their victory. The new fixture with Kingham Hill gave the side a nicely adjusted game which everyone enjoyed and which ended rightly in a draw.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 14. v. BANBURY G. S. (Home).	Lost	5—28
Sat., Nov. 4. v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	3—23
Sat., Nov. 11. v. BEDFORD (Away).	Won	19—0
Wed., Nov. 22. v. KINGHAM HILL (Away).	Drawn	6—6

B.S.S.

THE COLTS' FIFTEEN

This year's Colts were a small lot compared with the majority of sides encountered ; but against boys of their own age they more than held their own. With better finishing they would certainly have beaten both Radley and Oundle. The only big reverse was early in the term at Brackley where they ran up against strong opposition in Magdalen College School 1st XV. Surely, on present form, this is a 3rd XV. fixture at least ?

The season opened in promising fashion at Bedford Modern where they drew after an excellent game. Unfortunately, Harding, the Captain and fly-half, was injured in this game and has been out of the side until the time of writing. It is hoped, however, that he will be available for the remaining games against Rugby, Northampton and Douai. The loss of such a key player proved a great handicap to the back play of the side, for although Waley filled the position fairly well it meant the three-quarters never got moving quickly enough.

A close game, much closer than the score indicates, at Bedford School, was followed by the heavy defeat at Brackley. Here the Colts were thoroughly beaten by a far more experienced side. St. Edward's were beaten in yet another away game. It was during this game that Grieve scored a brilliant try, by football which is so sadly lacking amongst Stowe backs. Three home games followed, two of which were lost through bad finishing with the opposition beaten, and the other game against Harrow resulted in a win. The gradual improvement continued at Cheltenham where they won a great game against an unbeaten side.

The forwards, though light, were a good pack, and none did better than Lewis, Beck, Woods and Killingbeck, the hooker. Of the backs, Grieve and Lloyd were outstanding and should develop into useful players next year. Radford was a sound full-back.

A good deal of credit is due to Lewis who has deputised as captain for the injured Harding.

Team :—H. Radford (C); R. H. Lloyd (C), M. Grieve (G), S. F. N. Waley (W), T. S. Wilkinson (G); J. G. R. Harding (C), A. S. R. Villar (C); E. S. M. Cameron (C), M. C. G. Killingbeck (B), T. M. Molossi (G), M. D. Beck (W), R. J. W. Utley (C), H. D. E. Woods (G), T. R. H. Lewis (B), M. Davis (T).

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 18. v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Drawn	8—8
Sat., Oct. 21. v. BEDFORD SCHOOL (Away).	Lost	5—12
Sat., Oct. 28. v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Lost	3—32
Wed., Nov. 1. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Won	8—0
Wed., Nov. 8. v. RADLEY (Home).	Lost	6—14
Wed., Nov. 15. v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	3—8
Sat., Nov. 18. v. HARROW (Home).	Won	6—3
Sat., Nov. 25. v. CHELTENHAM (Away).	Won	6—3

A.D.G.M.

THE JUNIOR COLTS' FIFTEEN

I am not going to suggest that the Junior Colts are the best side we have had for a considerable time, but I am pleased to say that the Club as a whole contains many more promising players than usual. In the average year, I suppose, we are lucky if we get a dozen reasonable players, and consequently spend a lot of time trying to fill the holes and plug the gaps. This time we have had no such worry. There are at least five players who have been unable to gain a place in the XV, but, nevertheless, are good enough to distinguish themselves at some future date. Luckily, the new arrangement of fewer XV matches, and more "A" fixtures has given many more boys the opportunity of match experience and the experiment has been both interesting and successful.

So far the XV is undefeated. Behind a pack of robust and energetic forwards we have been able to build up an aggressive back division capable of convincing football. Like all three-quarter lines, it has its off days, but the mid-field play is steadily improving,

and I like the dash of P. E. S. Lilley (C) at fly-half and C. W. J. Butler (T) at centre. Lilley is quick off the mark, has an eye for an opening, and is now varying his game with some judicious kicking. Butler is a very strong runner, always prepared to make for the line, and refuses to be deterred unless well and truly grassed.

The two wings, P. G. Fleury (W) and C. J. Garratt (C) have their embarrassing moments but are capable of good things. However, Fleury must overcome his hesitancy and Garratt his awkwardness. D. Morton-Jack (C) was the other centre at the beginning of the term and showed every sign of promise, but unfortunately a broken finger has kept him out of the game since the Bedford match. J. D. Hartland-Swann (B) has played in the centre since Morton-Jack's accident, and, in spite of a tendency to snatch at his passes, has kept pegging away with admirable perseverance. D. G. du B. Dew (C) at full-back has again defended valiantly and his kicking is gradually becoming more accurate. At the base of the scrum, J. C. Witham (T) is resourceful, possessing the aptitude for finding his partner with a consistent stream of accurate passes.

Now for the forwards. First comes D. V. Fisher (C), the captain. He has shown a real sense of leadership, while his energy and enthusiasm have inspired the pack on all occasions. Equal to him in dash and determination are J. D. Hill (C), J. R. F. Raw (G) and I. C. McLellan (C). D. Provan (C) and R. J. Fennell (T) have alternated as hookers, while B. S. Wessely (G) and R. Atkins (B) have provided a staunch second row. Mention must also be made of H. W. Bannister (W). Rather small at present, he has not been able to maintain his position in the pack, but as his stature increases so will his usefulness as a footballer.

The "A" games have proved very popular, and I cannot emphasize too much the enthusiasm of all those boys who have played in these matches.

Results :—

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Sat., Oct. 21. v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won	21—0
Wed., Nov. 1. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	13—6
Sat., Nov. 4. v. HARROW (Home).	Won	10—0
Wed., Nov. 8. v. RADLEY (Away).	Drawn	0—0
Tues., Nov. 14. v. OUNDLE (Away).	Drawn	3—3

"A" XV.

Sat., Oct. 14. v. BANBURY G.S. (Home).	Won	23—3
Wed., Oct. 18. v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Lost	3—32
Sat., Oct. 28. v. R.G.S., HIGH WYCOMBE (Home).	Won	10—9
Sat., Nov. 18. v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Won	15—0
Wed., Nov. 22. v. M.C.S., OXFORD (Home).	Won	18—3
Sat., Nov. 25. v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	12—0
Wed., Nov. 29. v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	31—3

S.P.B.

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

What promised to be a very lean year for the Under 14s ended, if not in a blaze of glory, at least in a fashion which was most encouraging, with the team playing good football and running its opponents off their feet. This was in astonishing contrast to its performance in earlier games when there appeared to be no life in the side and no match-winning ability or thrust. The transformation came exactly at half-term, when after a defeat at Bedford, which would have made many sides think of taking up soccer, a very hard-fought game with a good St. Edward's team ended 5 points all. That this was no accident was shewn by a 40—0 win over Bloxham, a convincing victory over a reinforced Dragon School XV and a 6—0 defeat of M.C.S., Brackley, which would have run to many more points had the ball been more easy to handle.

The big problem of this team was to find a good player around whom to build. It became slowly obvious that, in the absence of such a player, team-effort alone would win matches, but this was not realized until after two important matches had been lost. Fortunately it was a team which was not discouraged by reverses, and in the long run it may benefit from having learned the hard way.

To come to details of play: in attack our most effective tactic was the loose dribble, in which the back-row forwards M. J. Crosby (G), M. C. Garner (G) and I. Campbell (C) were adept. The front-row, with P. T. Craig (W) as hooker and T. Boden-Bladon (G) and R. A. B. Day (T) on either flank, was successful in the tight and dangerous in loose-scrums and line-outs. The second-row was always a problem, of which the most satisfactory solution was D. Sanders (C) and J. B. Hamer (G), though, had R. P. Yeoward (C) been able to play forward throughout, a different arrangement would have been possible.

The pack as a whole played well, but the backs were only spasmodically effective. C. M. W. Killingbeck (B) developed into a powerful scrum-half, but he will have to learn to be quicker on the ball. G. P. Renwick (C), at fly-half, was difficult to tackle and took the ball well, but his defence leaves a lot to be desired. The centres, G. W. Rose (C), R. W. Slater (C) and G. R. N. Wetton (B) were all in different ways useful, but none of them is at the moment quick enough or forceful enough to win matches. Wing-threequarter was the biggest problem of all—J. E. Fletcher (G) did extremely well for a novice and will become more dangerous as he learns the game. R. P. Yeoward was a forward, prevented from playing in the scrum and filling a gap on the wing though never very happy in the position. A. Y. French (C), at full-back, was a very courageous player, whose tackling and kicking saved his side many points.

Altogether it was a side which improved enormously and which will not let the school down when it gets to the top.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 18. v. M.C.S., OXFORD (Home).	Lost	3—26
Sat., Oct. 28. v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 4. v. DRAGON SCHOOL, OXFORD (Away).	Won	10—0
Wed., Nov. 8. v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	3—26
Sat., Nov. 11. v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	0—41
Wed., Nov. 15. v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD (Home).	Drawn	5—5
Sat., Nov. 18. v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Won	40—0
Wed., Nov. 22. v. DRAGON SCHOOL, OXFORD (Home).	Won	14—0
Sat., Nov. 25. v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Home).	Won	6—0

A.J.C.

ATHLETICS

The sports were held in the summer term this year, as an experiment. It has been considered that the overall results have not entirely justified the continuing of the experiment, but everyone will agree that a most enjoyable Sports Day was produced. It was a lovely July day, a large crowd of parents and friends was attracted, and there was no one who waited impatiently for the last event so that he could retreat to a warm place.

The programme for standards had been a prolonged one. From some time before the Exeat until the final cricket match was over, Wednesday and Saturday evenings brought large numbers of competitors to a track on the Bourbon, at first, let it be admitted, not enthusiastically, but later, as the inter-house competition began to assert itself, at least attentively. It was soon apparent that the standards set for Easter term sports were easily achieved in more clement weather and a very large number of points was gained.

The outstanding race of the events decided on the Friday was the Open Half Mile. C. F. N. Hope (C), who was unfortunate to run into staleness after most promising training, nevertheless made a good pace, but G. R. B. Sewrey (G) ran away from him on the back straight and looked a certain winner. But his effort had come too soon and R. Brazil (C) came through to win a very well-judged race. R. A. C. Meredith (G) did very well to equal the one-year-old Long Jump record in the Under 15 group.

On the Saturday, July 29th, the Captain of Athletics, P. G. Shinner (B) set the tone of the afternoon by equalling the 100 yards record in the first race. A spate of records, broken, equalled, and broken but not ratified because the age-limit was exceeded, continued through the afternoon. B. C. Harris (C) threw a magnificent javelin a distance of 117 ft. and G. D. L. Adams (B) showed tremendous dash and commendable style in returning 16.3 secs. for the Open Hurdles. The Under 15 Hurdles record also went, to T. R. H. Lewis (B) in 11.5secs., while C. J. S. Cullum (B) was in front of a 21-year-old record in the Under 16 100 yards. A. J. P. Campbell (C) (Three-quarter Mile) and A. W. Fraser (C) (Weight and 220 Yards) easily beat the previous best performances in the Under 16 events, but their records were not accepted.

Even so, the greatest excitement was reserved for the Open Mile, where the record was never in danger, but where eight finalists with little to choose between them, provided us with a most interesting struggle which C. B. F. Rathbone (C) won in the moderate time of 4 mins 54.2 secs.

At the end of it all Mrs. Shinner distributed the prizes, which was most appropriate, because Bruce again proved easy winners of the House Cup.

Results :—

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, P. G. Shinner (B); 2, G. D. L. Adams (B); 3, G. T. Laing (B); 4, W. G. Rees (G); 5, D. C. F. Kimber (B); 6, S. Pendle (G). Time, 10.4 secs.

220 Yards.—1, P. G. Shinner (B); 2, G. T. Laing (B); 3, G. D. L. Adams (B); 4, W. G. Rees (G); 5, D. C. F. Kimber (B); 6, C. C. Malden (G). Time, 23.4 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, P. G. Shinner (B); 2, G. T. Laing (B); 3, P. J. Tickell (B); 4, D. S. Duckworth (G); 5, T. Knight (B); 6, A. M. Whitty (T). Time, 55 secs.

Half Mile.—1, R. Brazil (C); 2, G. R. B. Sewrey (G); 3, C. F. N. Hope (C); 4, P. J. Tickell (B); 5, D. S. Duckworth (G); 6, F. R. D. Blythe (G). Time, 2 mins. 8.6 secs.

One Mile.—1, C. B. F. Rathbone (C); G. R. B. Sewrey (G); 3, J. N. Vinen (W); 4, C. F. N. Hope (C); 5, F. R. D. Blythe (G); 6, M. Preece (G). Time, 4 mins. 54.2 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, G. D. L. Adams (B); 2, P. G. Dennison (G); 3, T. Manville Hales (C); 4, C. C. Malden (G); 5, R. F. Proctor (G); 6, J. M. Harrop (C). Time, 16.3 secs.

High Jump.—1, P. G. Dennison (G); 2, T. W. E. Robinson (T); 3, S. J. Twist (G); 4, T. Manville Hales (C); 5, M. V. Benthall (G); 6, H. R. Herrington (C). Height, 5 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, N. Cleeve (B); 2, P. G. Shinner (B); 3, B. C. Harris (C); 4, H. R. V. Whitcombe (B); 5, T. Knight (B); 6, H. R. Herrington (C). Distance, 19 ft. 0½ ins.

Pole Vault.—1, T. Manville Hales (C); 2, D. C. F. Kimber (B); 3, W. M. Patterson (B); 4, R. F. Proctor (G). Height, 9 ft. 6 ins.

Discus.—1, W. M. Patterson (B); 2 (equal), C. C. Malden (G) and D. A. R. Murray Brown (C); 4, H. R. V. Whitcombe (B); 5, T. D. Whitson (T); 6, A. M. Gooch (B). Distance, 104 ft. 7¾ ins.

Javelin.—1, B. C. Harris (C); 2, T. Knight (B); 3, P. J. Harkness (T); 4, J. P. G. Goldfinger (G); 5, H. R. V. Whitcombe (B); 6, A. M. Gooch (B). Distance, 177 ft.

Weight.—1, G. T. Laing (B); 2, B. C. Harris (C); 3, A. M. Gooch (B); 4, S. Pendle (G); 5, M. W. Grattan Holt (W); 6, H. J. Lloyd (T). Distance, 37 ft. 1½ ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Hundred Yards.—1, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 2, T. S. Savery (W); 3, R. J. R. Hartley (C); 4, A. J. P. Campbell (C); 5, E. H. Nelson (G). Time, 10.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 3, T. S. Savery (W); 4, R. F. Butlin (G); 5, E. H. Nelson (G). Time, 23.6 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, R. F. Butlin (G); 3, T. S. Savery (W); 4, R. M. T. Chetwynd (W); 5, J. M. Briers (G). Time, 58.8 secs.

Half Mile.—1, A. J. P. Campbell (C); 2, S. M. N. J. R. A. Cross (G); 3, P. J. de Roos (B); 4, R. M. T. Chetwynd (W); 5, R. F. Butlin (G). Time, 2 mins. 12.6 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, A. J. P. Campbell (C); 2, S. M. N. J. R. A. Cross (G); 3, C. N. H. Hordern (W); 4, D. G. N. Horswell (C); 5, D. N. Dixon (W). Time, 3 mins. 33 secs.

Hurdles.—1, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 2, P. Burgess (G); 3, D. N. White (C); 4, T. A. Trimmingham (W); 5, T. D. W. Slater (B). Time, 15.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, C. N. H. Hordern (W); 2, J. M. Briers (G); 3, T. M. Molossi (G); 4, C. D. Mullineux (T); 5, M. J. Fenwick (C); 6, J. L. Gale (C). Height, 5 ft. 1¾ ins.

Long Jump.—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, H. J. Gray (W); 3, A. S. R. Villar (C); 4, T. D. W. Slater (B); 5, D. N. White (C). Distance, 19 ft.

Weight.—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, R. F. Butlin (G); 3, P. L. Morris (C); 4, T. A. Trimmingham (W); 5, R. J. R. Hartley (C). Distance, 41 ft. 6½ ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, J. D. Scott (C); 2, C. W. J. Butler (T); 3, P. J. Shaw (C); 4, P. O. S. Marden (G); 5, H. Long (B). Time, 11.4 secs.

220 Yards.—1, J. D. Scott (C); 2, S. I. Lewis (C); 3, C. W. J. Butler (T); 4, P. O. S. Marden (G); 5, H. Long (B). Time, 25.2 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, J. D. Scott (C); 2, J. C. Power (T); 3, S. I. Lewis (C); 4, C. W. J. Butler (T); 5, H. Long (B). Time, 58.4 secs.

Half Mile.—1, M. S. P. Gardner (B); 2, J. C. Power (T); 3, P. J. Shaw (C); 4, S. I. Lewis (C); 5, F. J. R. Boddy (C). Time, 2 mins. 21 secs.

Hurdles.—1, T. R. H. Lewis (B); 2, G. M. Satchwell (G); 3, M. S. P. Gardner (B); 4, R. J. Tickler (G); 5, R. K. Middlemas (C). Time, 11.5 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. J. Tickler (G); 2, S. H. Finlow (B); 3, P. O. S. Marden (G); 4, T. S. Wilkinson (G); 5, H. Radford (C). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. A. C. Meredith (G); 2, C. J. Day (G); 3, G. M. Corbett (T); 4, R. J. W. Utley (C); 5, T. R. H. Lewis (B). Distance, 18 ft. 1 in.

House Cup.—1, Bruce, 505; 2, Grafton, 369½; 3, Chandos, 274½; 4, Cobham, 246; 5, Grenville, 235; 6, Walpole, 230; 7, Chatham, 207; 8, Temple, 197.

R.E.S.

RELAYS 1950

The inter-house relay races took place on Monday, 31st July, in the morning. Some exciting racing was seen, with Bruce and Grafton alternating in the lead as each event was decided, and Cobham, Grenville, Chandos and Walpole arguing over third place. The issue was not decided until the last race, the Composite Relay. Bruce won this race, but Grafton by finishing second managed to win the competition by two points.

Results:—1, Grafton, 13; 2, Bruce, 15; 3, Cobham, 21; 4 (equal), Grenville and Walpole, 31 each; 6, Chandos, 32; 7, Chatham, 35; 8, Temple, 38.

R.E.S.

SAILING

A team from Stowe again entered for the Public Schools Races held on the Clyde in August. Crewed by D. S. Duckworth (G) and C. C. Malden (G), W. M. Peacock (G) showed what a capable helmsman he is, even when in a strange boat and on foreign waters. On a points system similar to that used in the Olympic Games, Stowe eventually finished 4th out of 27 public schools and were only outsailed by three Scottish crews who were well acquainted with the peculiarities of the waters. Thanks to the weather and the hospitality of our Scots hosts, we spent a very interesting, enjoyable and amusing week and sincerely hope that Stowe will continue to enter a crew for these delightful races.

C.C.M.

SQUASH

Results of matches this term have been as follows:—

Saturday, October 7th *v.* WIMBLEDON. Away. Lost 1—4. (T. D. Whitson (T) 0—3; D. M. Vance (G) 1—3; H. J. Gray (W) 1—3; P. O. S. Marden (G) 1—3; J. A. Y. French (C) 3—2).

Sunday, October 8th *v.* HENLEY. Home. Lost 2—3. (Whitson 3—0; Vance 0—3; Gray 3—0; Marden 1—3; M. S. P. Gardner (B) 1—3).

Sunday, October 15th *v.* BUCCANEERS. Home. Lost 0—5. (Whitson 0—3; Gray 0—3; Marden 1—3; French 1—3; Gardner 0—3).

Sunday, October 22nd *v.* OLD PAULINES. Home. Won 3—2. (Whitson 3—2; Gray 1—3; Marden 3—1; French 0—3; Vance 3—1).

Sunday, November 5th *v.* JESTERS. Home. Lost 1—5. (P. G. Harris (G) 2—3; Whitson 1—3; Marden 0—3; Gray 1—3; Vance 2—3; French 3—0).

Sunday, November 12th *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. Home. Won 4—0. (Harris 3—0; Whitson 3—0; Marden 3—0; French 3—1).

Sunday, November 19th *v.* TRING. Away. Lost 1—4. (Harris 1—3; Whitson 0—3; Marden 1—3; Vance 1—3; Gray 3—2).

Thursday, November 23rd *v.* KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. Home. Lost 2—3. (Harris 2—3; Whitson 2—3; Marden 3—0; Vance 0—3; French 3—0).

Sunday, November 26th *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD. Home. Won 3—2. (Harris 0—3; Whitson 1—3; Marden 3—0; French 3—0; Vance 3—0).

Saturday, December 2nd *v.* HAMPSTEAD. Home. Won 5—0. (Harris 3—1; Whitson 3—1; Marden 3—0; French 3—0; Vance 3—0).

Thursday, December 7th *v.* HARROW. Home. Won 5—0. (Harris 3—0; Whitson 3—0; Marden 3—0; French 3—0; Vance 3—0).

A full account of the Squash will be given next term.

C.F.D.

BOOK REVIEWS

"FINAL OBJECTIVE,"

by WILLIAM McELWEE. (*Andrew Melrose*, 8/6.)

A first novel is usually a self-indulgence, a second possibly the result of a bet; a third cannot be anything but a habit. Let me say at once that this third novel has all the marks of a very good habit. Like "The House" and "The Cure" it is a careful analysis of one main character, through whose eyes almost all of the rest of the book is seen; but in "Final Objective" this main character, though still a little too introspective, is swept forward by the action, which is no less than an attack on a German castle by the Company which he commands.

The two phases of this battle are the main theme of the book, but McCann, the Company Commander, is concerned personally as well as professionally; for it is his unhappy lot to attack the very place where he had been happy in the years before the War, where he had fallen in love with Gerda von Arnburg, the daughter of the Castle, and where in 1939 they had said goodbye rather than risk a disastrous marriage. Reminiscences of his earlier visits are interwoven with the main action, and the two plots unite at the end of the book, when he finds Gerda still sheltering with other civilians in her home.

The dangers of such a method are obvious. Readers may tend to prefer the technical problems of the battle to the reminiscences, and resent the reappearance of the ghosts of pre-war days and the introduction of a whole new set of problems concerning the relations of lovers who are also enemies. Other readers may be too tired of war or too hazy about battalion organization to give the military narrative the close attention which it deserves. Both these categories must be warned, however, that the two plots are inseparable, and are so closely knitted together that one cannot afford to skip. Personally I enjoyed the battle scenes most; mainly, I think, because the soldiers come to life and the civilians do not always do so, and because of the fascination of seeing a difficult problem cleverly solved. At times I wished Gerda out of sight; like most civilians in a combat area, she got in the way of the combatants.

In one or two details the author might have shown a little more consideration for the reader. It is too much to ask for a map of the district and a diagram of the organization of an Infantry Battalion; but a little more description and explanation of the apparently obvious would save much bewilderment. In addition, some of the dovetailing could be neater. The familiar name of Arnburg Castle causes a shock of surprise to McCann when he hears it in his C.O.'s orders; but the Battalion was not many miles away, apparently, and an attack on the place was only to be expected. The reader is given no clue to the time of year until the twelfth page, and does not know whether to picture the soldiers as shivering in sheepskins or sweating in shirts tropical. Finally there are a few of the military details which made me rise from my armchair in protest. Were colonels in the last year of the war still talking about "temporary officers"? How, with an Intelligence Officer handy, was McCann "the only German speaker in the Battalion"? And does a Company Commander taking cover really find time to wonder whether he is looking silly in the eyes of his batman?

If one carps at these inconsistencies it is only because they appear larger than life in contrast to the completely convincing, authentic, and impressive account of the preparation for battle and the actual fighting. This is a vivid description of the moods, the exasperations, the intuitions and skill and flair of a Company Commander who knows his job. McCann is not a perfect commander: he makes one very serious mistake and leads his whole company astray through failure to use his compass, though, as luck would have it, by so doing he by-passes a hornet's nest; and he is apt to keep his plan too much to himself while risking himself unnecessarily,—and with only a ditherer to take over if he is knocked out: but he is given a most unenviable assignment by his colonel, makes the only possible plan, succeeds in spite of inefficiency and mistiming, is given another assault task before his Company has rested, starts again, and succeeds again. This account gives one a curious sense of the agelessness of the infantry battle, which is still, in spite of longer range and greater fire-power, what land combat has always been, a matter of timing and spacing, as certainly as when Grouchy failed to appear at Waterloo or when Harold bunched his men too closely at Hastings. It is the picture of a man keeping his head in a nightmare of detail which makes this book so absorbing.

J.C.S.

"THE MAZE OF SCHOOLS,"

by DICKIN MOORE. (*Bodley Head*, 10/6.)

Mr. Moore taught at Stowe for some while during the war years; he still lives and teaches within twenty miles; and he has brought local place-names onto his stage for the nomenclature of certain scenes and characters. "The Maze of Schools", however, is not about Stowe; nor, even in disguise, is Stowe its setting. Mr. Moore's teaching career has been long, varied and observant, so that his philosophy is naturally compounded from experiences of many types and times; but his book appears to draw principally on the distillations of a matured past and there is perhaps some significance in the dates which he assigns to his letters. For it is in the form of letters that he presents to us his ideas, over a period of two years from the beginning of the war.

Mr. Moore does not write in his own person, nor from actual schools. His exponent is an imaginary Richard Dayrell and his exposition is set at first in a school of traditional pattern with minor modifications and subsequently in a boldly experimental school of the present era. One side only of the correspondence being given us, the figure of "Charles", to whom the letters are addressed, is somewhat elusive and impalpable, and the reader is tempted to wish for a more substantial share of him. But to grant this might easily have introduced an artificiality which, as things are, is singularly absent. For Richard Dayrell, as a letter-writer, attains an ease and grace of style that greatly enhance the readability of the book; his wholly delightful prose might have been difficult to match in a second character of strongly contrasting personality.

As a human being, Richard Dayrell is sensitive. Without such sensitivity he would be a less effective and a less persuasive figure. But for this he pays his price. One welcomes his diffidence in so far as it reflects his conscientiousness and that 'divine discontent' which makes the artist in any craft; but there are occasions when his introspectiveness goes some way beyond this and one regrets it as distracting and irrelevant. But this is a small fault in a book relieved, even when it threatens to be morbid, by much charm and many a healing shaft of wit.

Moreover, a consideration of the machinery employed by Mr. Moore may seem of secondary importance to the educational dogmas that he expounds. But the great virtue of the book is that it avoids all dogmatism. Mr. Moore's own successes as an educator have largely been in fields which many a schoolmaster does not chiefly care to tread. It is appropriately that he chooses his title from the lines of Alexander Pope which are quoted on the fly-leaf of the book. He has seen "glimmering lights" not visible to all and has fanned them to candescence so that they do not "turn critics in their own defence". He may therefore claim to know as well as anyone that education is an essentially human affair and that there never is a dogmatic answer to its problems. That too is Richard Dayrell's virtue. For he emerges as a thoughtful, perceptive individual who can lend humour as well as illumination to his argument; and, towards his pupils, he is clearly capable of great devotion, much self-sacrifice and an enviable degree of patience. And this matters because Mr. Moore's most important message is that teaching demands not pre-conceived notions but an attitude. This is not to say that positive ideas are lacking, for he discourses on a great many aspects of adolescent education with excellent good sense, often approving and criticizing often, but sympathetically and constructively. If Richard Dayrell is sometimes out of love with life, he is never out of love with his profession. And the main thing is that he quietly and gently stimulates our thought and leaves us more reflective, more aware, perhaps more humble than we were before.

P.G.H.

'ARMS AND THE MAN'

BY G. BERNARD SHAW.

The Congreve Club's second production this term was one worth attempting for its own sake, and was particularly appropriate as a tribute to the late G. B. Shaw. It plays upon various moods, so giving the audience (and actors) unusually good value; yet is dominated by a sunny spirit of comedy which prevents its content of ideas from becoming portentous. Its main "idea"—announced by its sub-title "An Anti-Romantic Comedy"—is a fairly simple one, of puncturing inflated ideals about the "glories" of war and the heroism of soldiers. It pokes fun at other "ideals" too, hence its continued vitality. The simple basic idea hardly fits any surviving assumptions to-day when the last brilliant uniforms and cavalry charges have been swept away (though something of them survived among the Poles until 1939); but the first audiences of this play had still to face the South African War—and Shaw was not tilting merely at windmills.

While it is true, as the programme note pointed out, that this play is for all times and about human beings of all ages, and that the setting though labelled "Bulgaria 1885-6" is really the Ruritania of romances and light operas, there is another aspect which did have particular relevance to the ideas of its time and which does invite consideration of the precise setting. For, although Shaw may seem to know little enough about Bulgars and less about Serbs, he does in his Preface refer (in one of several inter-

esting sentences about Balkan affairs) to "the theatrical nature of the first apings of western civilization by spirited races just emerging from slavery". (He does not add that before their slavery some of these peoples were as civilized as the west).

This obliges us to take seriously the author's indications for staging. In this important matter, the Congreve Club was once again extremely well served by the Art School. The three sets were ingenious, handsome, and correct for their purpose; and the three admirably appropriate prospects of mountains were—as mountains should be—outstanding.

Effective costumes are also vital to this play, and those used, although they appeared to represent rather a wide range geographically and chronologically, were very handsome, and atmospherically appropriate. The lighting was satisfactory, except for one late entry. Other effects were few but good: no ordinary theatre could do the necessary sounds of pursuit so well, for no ordinary theatre stands in a wood and has unlimited manpower with generous issues of .303 blank.

A cast of only eight simplifies the Producer's task. This play—perhaps fortunately—was not an occasion for stars so much as for team-work of a high average level. The casting was happy, except perhaps for such a very tall and not quite vocally appropriate Catherine (M. J. Fenwick (C)). The longest part, that of Raina, was not only competently but attractively played by K. A. Henderson (C), with a fine range of admirable voice and tone. There was a slight risk at times of a certain monotony creeping into the part, but this was on the whole very well avoided. As Catherine, Fenwick's slightly disadvantageous appearance, referred to, was underlined by a too artless use of the voice, which tended to make the character sound like Fenwick dressed up; but he stood well—a most important matter—and his mood was always well in harmony with that of others, especially Raina, as was required.

Louka (I. J. Moir (C)) was excellent in almost every respect, only just failing to represent the sultry power which no boy could well be expected to give to this very feminine part. Bluntschli (B. J. Calvert (G)) surprised by his ability to carry off this part with much less than the toughness of physique and depth of voice which one would look for. He succeeded principally by his infectious sense of the ludicrousness of so many of his situations, but he also deserves credit for his acting of the utter weariness of the exhausted fugitive in the First Act. He made some inconvenient slips in his words, but did not allow them to put him out.

As Major Petkoff and Sergius Saranoff, M. J. W. Anstey (C) and C. G. Campion (C) both struck a vein of mannered acting which seems to be called for by the fairly simple comedy, almost caricature, in their parts. Petkoff indeed was quite excellent in this, his appearance, speech and movements being richly comical: an outstanding performance. Sergius was not fully master of his part, but his best moments were effective. The Nikola of G. W. A. Kent (C) was an intelligent study of that ambitious but servile retainer. A. W. Fraser's (C) brief appearance as the Russian Officer was competent and satisfactory.

The whole production testified to admirable training and well thought team-work, directed by Mr. Dams.

D.S.

LAWN TENNIS

Stowe played fine lawn-tennis to win the Glanvill Cup (for the third time) at Hurlingham on 24th July. The result was in doubt until the very last moment, for having beaten Sherborne 3—0, and lost 1—2 to K.C.S., we had to win 3—0 against Manchester G.S. to carry off the Cup, a result which was not at all likely in view of their 2—1 win against K.C.S. But thanks largely to Lush's steadiness and Burnham's brilliance, Stowe did win those last three deciding matches. It was a magnificent victory. The members of the team were J. R. J. Burnham (T) (capt.) and J. M. Lunn (C); J. S. Yates (C) and C. H. Lezard (C); J. Broom Smith (C) and R. Lush (C).

In the Mornington Singles Final, J. R. J. Burnham (T) beat J. M. Lunn (C) by two sets to one.

Burnham and R. Lush (C) beat J. P. D. Heyward (C) and J. Broom Smith (C) in the Final of the Open Doubles competition by two sets to one.

R.W.

LATE NEWS

SHOOTING.

Results of matches, in addition to those recorded on p.199, have been as follows :

Nov. 19th. v. OUNDLE (Country Life).	Lost 564—630 pts.
Nov. 19th. v. CHARTERHOUSE (Country Life).	Lost 564—637 pts.
Nov. 19th. v. ST. EDWARD'S (Country Life).	Lost 564—609 pts.
Nov. 30th. v. BRADFIELD (N.S.R.A.).	Lost 731—741 pts.
Nov. 30th. v. CRANLEIGH (Country Life).	Lost 599—653 pts.
Nov. 30th. v. CHELTENHAM (Country Life).	Lost 599—614 pts.
Nov. 30th. v. LANCING (Country Life).	Lost 599—613 pts.

