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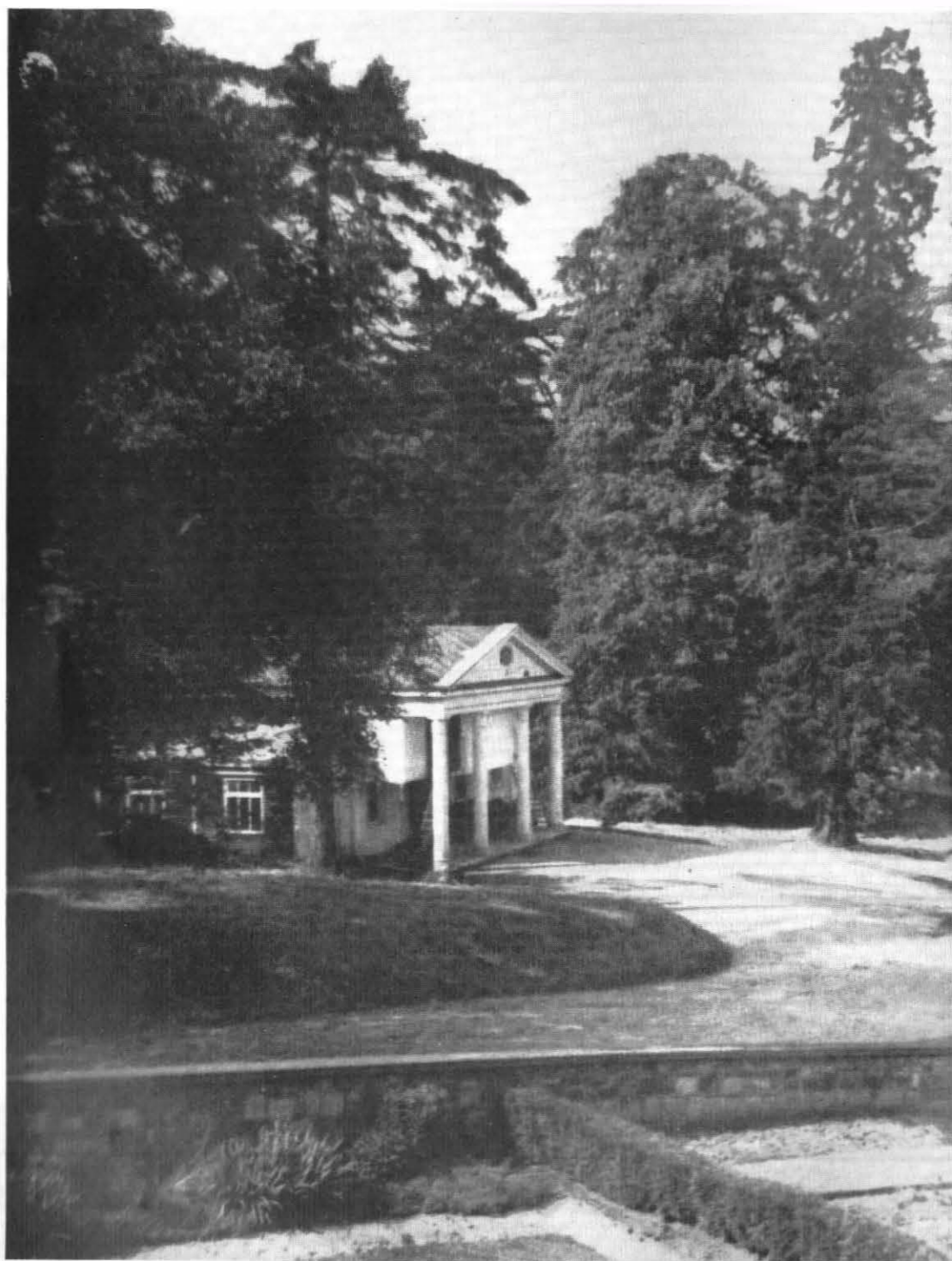


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THIRD PREP WORLD

“ Boy ! Why aren't you working ? ”

“ But, sir, I . . . ”

And there he broke off. What was the use? So few understand. You see, he *was* working, and in Prep to boot ; not in the pedestrian, unregenerate, *deuxième tiroir* periods of Stowe's diurnal grind : but in something infinitely more vibrant, more alive. This was Third Prep.

No strictly official note is made of the existence of such a period. The evening's programme of hard labour starts with a flourish of logicity before supper under the title of First Prep. After students have revived their energies and gained immeasurable insight into the fields of International Relations and Modern Languages on the fields of French Cricket, retreat is made to the ordeal of the succeeding Second, Fourth, and Fifth Preps. By this time most of the limp survivors have been packed forcibly off to bed, the succession nevertheless continuing with Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Preps *ad infinitum*—if not, more realistically for those who have attempted it, *ad somnum*, or even more realistically, *ad casae magistrum*.

Meanwhile the world of Third Prep has remained a world apart. It is a familiar world, in spite, perhaps, of our previous ignorance of its proper name. It is a world we see most of in the spring, although as summer wears on we come to question the predicted reduction of time spent there ; the world of somnolent inattention we have all seen in the

slips of a dreamy classmate, or just in the Slips. It is a world where we keep running into that other twenty of the Rugger Fifty, that other nine from the Swimming Twenty; where Lower Four A comes above Lower Four B; where people use *ascendre* and the first person plural of the imperfect of *inquam*; where Cricket sides equipped with fieldsmen at First and Second Man retire to tea flavoured with square-root-of-minus-one extract and doze off to the rapturous minuet in the third movement of the Eighth Symphony by Schubert.

Surely the tacit omission of the Third Prep World from the Day Table is, far from a disapproval of it, merely a tacit Nihil Obstat for frequent visits. It is not after all a world of wanton fancy, but in its pellucid logic more logical than logic, and furthermore reasonable to the point of gratuitousness. The next time you are reprimanded for vacuity, why not plead the truth? We doubt, frankly, that with the Other Preps World the way it is you will be able to succeed. But perhaps you'll can.

TWINS

This day the slipping breeze
Shall whisper through the trees,
"Hers!"

The humming honey-bees
Shall spread it o'er the leas,
"His!"

The owl, in unseen flight,
Shall ask the depth of night,
"Whose?"

The distant river's roar
Shall rumble as before,
"Theirs!"

N.A.G.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1952.

Prefects :—R. G. L. McCrone (C), Head of the School; G. W. A. Kent (C), Second Prefect and Prefect of Gymnasium; M. J. Fenwick (C); The Viscount Tiverton (B), Prefect of Library; B. J. Calvert (G); A. J. Beerbohm (C), Prefect of Chapel; J. C. M. Shepherd (T); M. D. Beck (W); P. S. Ashton (Q).

Cricket :—Captain, M. J. Fenwick (C); Secretary, D. M. Vance (G).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain and Secretary, J. G. Rigg (W).

Swimming :—Captain, T. A. Trimmingham (W); Secretary, G. K. Burrell (Q).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—Sunday, May 11th, The Right Reverend the Bishop of Hereford; Sunday, May 25th, The Very Reverend H. G. M. Clarke, Provost of Birmingham; Sunday, June 22nd, The Venerable C. H. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Northumberland; Sunday, June 29th, The Reverend E. G. Selwyn, Dean of Winchester; Sunday, July 13th, The Reverend Canon C. H. Smyth, Rector of St. Margaret's and Canon of Westminster.

Chapel Collections have been as follows :—March 30th, for Saint Luke's Hostel, £21 13s. 6d.; May 11th, for the Pineapple, £20 7s. 6d.; June 8th, in response to the Bishop of Oxford's Appeal for the Ordination Candidates' Fund, £18 11s. 9d.; June 29th, for the Missions to Seamen and to Deep Sea Fishermen, £30; July 13th, for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and King George's Fund for Sailors, £25 1s. 9d.

The Exeat was from Friday, June 13th, to Monday, June 16th, both days included. The School Dance was held on the previous evening.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were again held in conjunction, on Saturday, July 26th. The Historians' play, given on this and the previous night, was 'Hamlet'. Accounts of these events will appear in our next issue.

For the second year in succession, bad weather prevented the completion of the School Sports in March; for, owing to a heavy fall of snow, the Finals and also the Relays two days later had to be abandoned.

The Basil Williamson Memorial Prize has been divided between P. J. Tickell (B) and R. G. L. McCrone (G).

The following have passed in the Cambridge 1st M.B. examination:—
Part I, A. P. Skyrme (T), I. C. McLellan (C); Part III, H. J. Lloyd (T);
Part IV, J. C. M. Shepherd (T).

Representative Colours have been awarded as follows:—

For Fencing: J. Briggs (C).

For Golf: M. H. Spence (Q), W. D. Wright (W), R. S. L. Pearman (W),
D. G. N. Horswell (C).

For Squash: S. F. N. Waley (W), M. S. P. Gardner (B).

For Cross-Country: R. M. Instone (C), J. G. Soar (C), D. N. Dixon (W).

School Colours for Cricket have been awarded as follows:—

1st XI.:—C. N. H. Hordern (W), A. J. Beerhohm (C), re-awarded;
R. F. Butlin (G), D. G. duB. Dew (C), P. L. Morris (Q), R. Cobham
(G), J. R. F. Crombie (Q), F. J. R. Boddy (Q), F. J. B. Taylor (Q).

2nd XI.:—A. P. Hill (B), W. D. Wright (W), H. D. E. Woods (G), M. E. P.
Cross (G), D. H. Hart (C), G. W. A. Kent (C), R. C. Withinshaw (C),
The Hon. A. P. Moynihan (G).

3rd XI.:—H. J. Gray (W), T. I. Brassey (T), R. J. V. Robinson (W),
M. Grieve (G), D. N. White (C), D. C. Campbell (G), G. A. Catchpole
(G), J. G. R. Harding (Q), D. Morton Jack (Q), B. R. Waddilove (G).

Colts' Caps:—W. A. Jenkyn-Jones (Q); J. C. Witham (T) and P. E. S.
Lilley (Q), re-awarded; R. A. B. Day (T), M. A. Rushton (G),
R. A. Opperman (B), R. W. Slater (C), N. G. Gambier (T), J. B.
Hamer (G), J. A. Hawkings (C), P. T. Craig (W).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded to:—R. A.
Duncan (C) and J. Briggs (C).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to:—N. M. Bates
(G) (re-awarded); J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), A. M. Crawford (G),
R. J. Nettleship (C), B. G. W. Spencer (B), J. D. Turnbull (B).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:	C. L. Manton (Q)
PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE:	R. K. Middlemas (Q)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING:	J. C. Brown (G)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING:	B. J. Calvert (G)
EDWARD HARDING PRIZE FOR READING:	D. J. Feathers (G)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH:	
<i>Senior</i> :	Not awarded
<i>Junior</i> :	Not awarded
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY:	J. C. Brown (G)
SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE:	E. A. Le Jeune (G)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY:	R. K. Middlemas (Q)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	R. K. Middlemas (Q)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	A. E. des C. Chamier (Q)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS:	P. G. Corbett (G)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Prose):	J. R. Warden (T)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN (Translation):	Not awarded
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION:	J. R. Warden (T)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES:	A. J. Beerhohm (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES:	J. R. Morris (C)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS:	D. J. Lerman (B)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	C. D. Mullineux (T)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:	P. H. Krusin (B)

- PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School):
 B. K. Finnimore (T)
- HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:
 Not awarded
- BRUXNER-RANDALL SERVICES PRIZE:
 H. J. Bonning (C)
- WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES:
 D. J. Lerman (B)
- MUSIC PRIZES:
- GILLING-LAX PRIZE—*Senior*:
 D. M. Connah (B)
- Junior*:
 D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)
- Piano: *Senior*, D. Duke (C); *Junior*, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C). Woodwind:
 M. J. R. Padmore (C). Brass: P. C. Berg (C). Strings: T. S. S. Walley
 (G). Organ: C. J. Cheesman (C).
- ANTHONY HORWARD PRIZE FOR ART:
 C. P. Nuttall (B)
 and M. N. Boggon (T)
- JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR CARPENTRY OR METAL WORK:
 A. S. P. Watney (C)

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The following additional awards have been won:—

- E. H. JARVIS (C) was elected to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford, in March.
- R. J. R. HARTLEY (C) was elected to an Exhibition in History at Hertford College, Oxford, in March.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1952

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships:—

- N. W. D. STURCH (St. Paul's Junior School).
- M. A. THORPE (Highfield, Liphook, and Stowe School).
- B. O. H. GRIFFITHS (The Leas, Hoylake).
- N. K. W. WILLIAMSON (Town Close, Norwich, and Stowe School).
- C. J. A. BINNIE (Beaudesert Park, Minchinhampton, and Stowe School).

IN MEMORIAM

LESLIE PARRY HUGGINS

Director of Music, 1928-1952

Stowe has been singularly fortunate in attracting to itself during the early and vital years of its existence men of real distinction, originality, and character, who set a pace and a tone which others might feel proud and privileged to follow. They came here with so much to give, and they gave so freely, adapting themselves with a sense of personal life-work achieved to all the pioneer possibilities of a new venture. They were chosen by Stowe's great founder Headmaster, and they used their outstanding talents to help him to build up in their own individual ways the various departments of a school in which all was new, where there were no traditions, and where a man could feel that he was laying foundations on which others could build, making a road along which future generations could travel.

Men like Major Haworth and Ian Clarke came in their prime to set standards of housemastering, and to start, respectively, the Corps and the Games in their own inimitable ways; and in Music, that most sensitive and moving of Arts, we were indeed fortunate to have, in succession to the fine start given by Dr. P. A. Browne in the School's first five years, the inspired leadership of Dr. Huggins through nearly a quarter of a century.

For the word 'inspired' is by no means too strong to describe the power exerted by a most remarkable man. The teaching of music is an art in which of all things dullness is to be avoided, and Dr. Huggins could not have been dull even if he had tried to be so. He had the most musical of voices, so that it was a pleasure merely to listen to him, and he had a rare combination of great gentleness and the most daemonic energy. He led by enthusiasm and confidence, and, like all born leaders, he had no need to drive. Nothing was too difficult for him to attempt. He gave us, with the able co-operation of Mr. Saunders, no less than four operas, 'Der Freischütz', 'Boris Godounov', 'The Marriage of Figaro', and, last but by no means least, 'Carmen'. One felt that if it had been seriously suggested that Stowe should put on the whole of the 'Ring' cycle, Dr. Huggins could have done it. People did things for him because

he made them believe that they could do them, and that is surely the mark of the really great teacher.

In the teaching of music it is not only necessary to avoid dullness, but also to create happiness, and Dr. Huggins radiated a serene and joyous spirit of pure content. The atmosphere at any of his fine end-of-term concerts was one of universal enjoyment. The orchestra was clearly loving every moment of the evening, and in the audience there was a feeling of warm appreciative satisfaction which showed that the tremendous potential power of music was being exerted with the easy grace of a consummate master of the art.

To his inspiration and enthusiasm he added a very typical generosity. Stowe music lacked for nothing while Dr. Huggins was at its head. Nothing but the best was good enough. One has only to think of the superb virtuosi he brought to play here—pianists like Solomon, Moisevitch, Kentner, Smeterlin, Eileen Joyce, to mention only a few; violinists like Albert Sammons and Alan Loveday; orchestras led by men like Sir Thomas Beecham, and all heavily subsidised at his own expense. Concerts at Oxford, Opera at Covent Garden, anywhere where great music was being played he set within the range of the Stoic with musical leanings. His own standards were so high, and he was determined that musicians at Stowe should have the chance to pitch them high too. His final magnificent bequest of £5,000 to build a new music-school merely rounded off what he had been doing throughout his life at Stowe.

One might have thought that with all his intense concentration on his work at Stowe, Dr. Huggins would have had little time for anything else. Nothing could be further from the truth. As far as music was concerned, he continued Dr. Browne's good work with the Buckingham Choral Society, and he also found time to run a Scout Troop at Tingewick, take a prominent part in the Buckingham Branch of the British Legion, and ride to hounds with such effect that he was at one time Master of the Grafton. Thus he touched life at a vast number of points: he was known and loved by Stoics of all sorts and ages, musicians and sportsmen, by villagers, townsfolk, soldiers and farmers, county gentlemen and small boys in Scout uniform.

He died on Easter Sunday, falling asleep on a golden evening with the consciousness of a full life lived exactly as he had wanted to live it, and with several men's achievements to his account. Many of his friends had gone to his brother's house to say goodbye to him, and we all came away

feeling that he had helped and strengthened us by his great courage and faith, his inexhaustible and inimitable courtesy and charm.

He lies at rest in the graveyard of Stowe Church, half-way between the Chapel he had made so much his own, where his fine tunes will continue to be sung by generations of Stoics, and the Queen's Temple, his music-school in the woods above the Grecian Valley, and, where he wished to be, in the heart of the Grafton country.

On Sunday, May 11th, instead of the usual Evening Service, there was held a Memorial Service for Dr. Huggins. After the opening Sentences, the hymn "Say not the struggle nought availeth" was sung to the tune composed by Dr. Huggins. Then followed the First Lesson, from Ecclesiasticus xlv, "Let us now praise famous men . . . and such as found out musical tunes". Then came Psalm 121, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills". The Second Lesson was taken from the Book of Wisdom, "The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God". The hymn "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want" (one of the paraphrases of the twenty-third Psalm) came after to the tune "Crimond" as harmonised by Dr. Huggins for the new Cantata Stoica. The Prayers followed, including this one:

"Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: we give Thee hearty thanks for the life and work of Thy faithful soldier and servant Leslie Parry Huggins, whom we commemorate this day, and pray that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

After the Grace, the hymn "Father of all, to Thee" was sung to the tune "Jeremy" composed by Dr. Huggins and named after his youngest nephew.

The Chaplain conducted the Service and gave the Address, in which he expressed to the School and to members of Dr. Huggins's family an appreciation of one who had been to all a pattern of Christian nobility and kindness.

There followed in conclusion The Blessing and the Walford Davies setting of "God be in my Head and in my Understanding".

OLIM ALUMNI

J. D. MURRAY (C, 1928), now Head of the South-East Asia Department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Karachi, with effect from September 1952.

M. STIRLING (G, 1927) has been appointed Bursar and an Official Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, with effect from September 1952.

I. G. BUTLER (S, 1943) was runner-up in the Finn class at the Olympic Sailing Trials held in Torbay in June.

H. I. MEYNELL (C, 1948) was in March awarded the prize for the Runner-up for the Sword of Honour at Sandhurst. He has been commissioned in the 12th Royal Lancers.

Others commissioned on passing out of Sandhurst have been P. J. UPTON (C, 1949), in the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers; N. B. BUDD (T, 1948), in the 10th Royal Hussars; and T. M. IRVINE (T, 1949), in the Durham Light Infantry.

BIRTHS

To the wife of F. H. V. BEAZLEY (B, 1940), a daughter, on March 18th; to the wife of MAJOR J. B. SOPPER (C, 1931), a daughter, on March 19th; to the wife of E. P. HICKLING (C, 1941), a daughter, on March 21st; to the wife of M. L. CLEMENT JONES (C, 1931), a daughter, on March 21st; to the wife of V. R. PARAVICINI (C, 1931), a son, on April 11th; to the wife of S. J. H. SHERRARD (C, 1933), a daughter, on March 30th (in Buenos Aires); to the wife of SQUADRON-LEADER R. U. P. DE BURGH (G, 1940), a son, on April 20th; to the wife of P. K. WITHINSHAW (C, 1943), a son, on April 20th; to the wife of SIR LINDORES LESLIE, Bart. (T, 1937), a daughter, on April 21st; to the wife of W. T. FISHER (C, 1934), a daughter, on April 21st; to the wife of A. N. C. BRUCE (B, 1943), a daughter, on April 24th; to the wife of MAJOR B. K. S. EVANS-GORDON (C, 1934), a daughter, on April 24th.

To the wife of A. S. HOOPER (C, 1936), a daughter, on May 1st; to the wife of B. N. I. MAUDE-ROXBY (B, 1935), a son, on May 1st; to the wife of J. R. B. FOX-ANDREWS (formerly Butler) (S, 1939), a son, on May 7th; to the wife of THE HON. G. D. E. RUSSELL (T, 1938), a son, on May 10th; to the wife of C. LAWSON-TANCRED (C, 1941), a daughter, on May 14th; to the wife of R. A. SOAMES (C, 1941), a son, on May 20th (in Nairobi); to the wife of G. W. EMRYS-ROBERTS (C, 1932), a son, on May 23rd; to the wife of E. J. SPURRIER (S, 1929), a son, on May 24th; to the wife of MAJOR C. S. MADDEN (C, 1933), a daughter, on May 27th; to the wife of P. M. JEAVONS (G, 1938), a son, on May 28th.

To the wife of M. L. GRAEME (T, 1938), a daughter, on June 2nd; to the wife of THE HON. R. C. M. NATHAN (C, 1941), a daughter, on June 4th; to the wife of N. G. ANNAN, O.B.E. (T, 1935), a daughter, on June 13th; to the wife of B. W. GUEST (B, 1943), a son, on June 24th; to the wife of M. H. FRANKLIN (T, 1934), a daughter, on June 24th; to the wife of W. M. LANYON (T, 1937), a son, on July 2nd; to the wife of G. C. O'FARRELL (C, 1935), a daughter, on July 10th; to the wife of G. R. C. PEATFIELD, F.R.C.S. (T, 1931), a son, on July 13th; to the wife of H. O. EVERSOLE (B, 1930), a daughter, on July 13th (in Athens).

MARRIAGES

J. K. A. BROMLEY (C, 1941) to Miss M. D. Procter, on June 16th, 1951; G. M. BOOTH (C, 1947) to Miss J. Marshall, on August 24th, 1951; A. D. PAGE (C, 1943) to Miss J. E. Harrold, on March 15th, 1952; R. C. ROXBURGH (W, 1938) to Miss A. M. E. Grylls, on March 21st; K. E. G. CHENEVIX-TRENCH (C, 1943) to Miss B. O'Brien, on April 5th; THE HON. R. D. G. WINN (T, 1933) to Miss L. Jones, on May 8th; C. M. CAMPBELL, M.C. (W, 1943) to Miss M. A. C. Bain, on May 21st; A. M. CARR-GOMM (C, 1936) to Miss J. F. Hamilton, on June 7th; J. R. FREELAND (C, 1945) to Miss S. M. Pascoe Hayward, on July 12th; COLONEL N. A. C. CROFT, D.S.O. (C, 1925) to Mrs. D. G. Madden, on July 24th.

DEATHS

J. G. A. S. CLENDENIN (B, 1943), on June 13th, as the result of a motor accident at Kuwait, Persian Gulf.

B. R. ARMSTRONG (W, 1941), on June 14th, drowned as the result of an aeroplane accident over the English Channel.

M. MULHOLLAND (S, 1950), Second-Lieutenant, The Royal Ulster Rifles, on June 27th, killed as the result of a motor accident while on duty near Hong Kong.

SCHOOL DANCE

The annual School Dance was held this year in Assembly on Thursday, June 12th.

Everything was in our favour: the weather could hardly have been better, the Rhythm Aces dance band was excellent, the floor was quite considerably larger than last year, and finally, in spite of the decreased food subsidies, the caterers once again excelled themselves.

After a very pleasant evening, which included an elimination dance won by J. R. Warden (T)—the only gentleman in the last four not using hair oil, "Auld Lang Syne" was played at 1 a.m. and thus ended the 1952 Stowe dance.

TIVERTON.

A.J.P.C.

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30th June, 1952.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

More than half of the summer session has quickly passed and all the club talk at the moment is of cricket, whether it is of the Test matches or of our own efforts. The senior boys are playing in two leagues—one is the Paddington Youth and up to the present they are at the top of the league, but in the London Federation competition they are not doing so well. The junior boys are very enthusiastic and have a good team. So far they have won all their London Federation matches. We are hoping to have two boys in the Federation Trial XI when the team will be picked to play at Lords on August 14th.

The Paddington Youth sports were held on June 21st. Two boys of the under-14 section of the Club won the high jump and the long jump, and in the under-15 age group we won the 220 yards flat race and the relay. One of our boys, aged 15, also won the senior 880 yards flat race. These young boys are very keen and it is a great pity that we now have no one to coach and encourage their efforts. The same remark also applies to the cricket, as Mr. Grey is now living in Tunbridge Wells and is only able to give us one evening per week.

We have entries for each race, including diving, in the Paddington swimming gala which is being held on July 2nd. We have also entered our best swimmers for the London Federation competition which is being held a week later on July 9th when we hope to retain the cup which we won last year.

The summer camp is again being held in the grounds of the School. So far we have twenty-six boys, who are looking forward to their fortnight's holiday under canvas. We are all hoping to enjoy better weather this year than last.

On Friday, June 13th, Mr. H. G. Morison, Chairman of the London Committee, presented the medals to the football teams and the cup and medals to the senior table tennis team.

Our visit to the School (yesterday) was a most successful and enjoyable one. We were fortunate in having a perfect day and the boys made the most of the outing. On our arrival we made our way down to the swimming pool where we bathed and had a picnic lunch. At two o'clock the two cricket teams assembled on the South Front for their matches against the two School XI's. For the first time for many years we were able to produce a junior team which won its match against the School. The seniors' match was drawn. We are indeed most grateful to all who helped to make the visit such a happy one.

Our thanks are also due to those Old Stoics who have helped the Club by their regular visits this season.

To most Club Leaders it is a matter of concern that in spite of all that is done by the State these days one so easily overlooks the fatherless children nearing school-leaving

age. With the continuously increasing cost of living (of which clothes for a growing child form not a small item) the mothers must be making great sacrifices to take advantage of the additional educational facilities provided today.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HONE,
Warden.

CONGREVE : UPON RETURNING TO THIS EARTH

I walked through the dim moonlit landscape of the classical eighteenth-century gardens, and felt my mind at last attuned to the gracious spirit of our time. The presiding genii of Borra, Kent and Vanbrugh quietly led me to their deepest recesses : sweet temples hidden in luxuriant overgrowth. Above all spread Decay, not the vile cancer, but a gentle influence, common with the moon, shedding over cracked plaster, rank disordered shrubs, the shadow of an elegiac elegance more delicate and transitory than anything the original could ever have attained to. Dim avenues spread out over a landscape strange and shadowy in the unaccustomed gloom ; groves of beech and yew led to temples dedicated to woodland gods. Faun, Pan, the Nymphs and Satyrs danced in frescoes, peeling slowly above the flowery Corinthian pillars. One grove, longer, darker than the rest, invited with its languorous night. Unending seemed the ageless yews on either side, clasping each other in their centuries-old embrace : antique lovers of an earlier age, whose deep unbroken gloom hid traces of a fear whose roots led back to Roman sites and Druid sacrifice. Stray slivers of the moon penetrated the closely woven branches, thick brushwood on both sides shut out the view. Only the far-off paleness of the lake drew the eyes slowly along the endless vista.

Hours it seemed before the waters became visible, spreading out clear and unruffled in the moonlight. Two lakes appeared, both gracefully proportioned, one small and exquisite, perfectly centred with a delightful island, the other like a mere, long, cold, and beautiful, between its dark overshadowing trees.

For a while the bitterness of my misery has lifted. I shall stay here now. There are few places for a wandering ghost amidst these modern ways. I am a lost Scholar-Gypsy from a former time, Dryden's pastoral pupil, condemned to eke my years out pining for the vanished days. Let me stagnate in peace. It is the only fruit not bitter in my lot. Let my soul pass gently into the ripples on the water, my mind become the gentle genius of the place, and my spirit some wandering wraith about the silent misty streams.

Tendebatque manus ripae ulterioris amore.

Farewell.

R.K.M.

CHAMPION

Walter Smithers was happy. He was a timid little man, particularly so in his wife's presence, and it was for this reason that his neighbours called him "The Mouse". But to-day he was happy. To-day was a great day, for at last he had fulfilled his life's ambition to buy a motor-cycle. He had been saving carefully for the last ten years and here was the result. Mathilda would be annoyed, but the show-down would not come until that evening, so why should he worry? It was a large shiny motor-bike with plenty of noise—super-sports they called it in the shop. Adjusting his goggles (an essential extra, the man in the shop said), Mr. Smithers crouched low over the handlebars watching the speedometer-needle climb from 40 to 50 and then slowly to flutter around 60 m.p.h. The singing in his head was delicious. This is life, he thought.

Entering the outskirts of a town, he regulated his speed and sailed on. Suddenly he became uncomfortably aware that people were staring at him; embarrassed he sped down some side-turnings to avoid the crowds, and coming to a cross-roads narrowly missed running over a policeman, who shouted and waved an arm. Rather alarmed, Walter Smithers opened the throttle and made off in great haste. The crowds were becoming larger and more noisy. They waved handkerchiefs and shouted; whether in pleasure or anger, Mr. Smithers did not have time to discover.

He came out into the main street which was quite empty of traffic. People thronged the pavements and gave three loud cheers, almost unseating the unhappy motor-cyclist. By now terrified, with but one thought in his head, and that to escape from this lunatic multitude, Mr. Smithers pressed every knob he could see. The speedometer-needle rose swiftly (or was that the oil gauge?) and it was all he could do to remain in the saddle. Rounding a bend he saw, about two hundred yards away, a large barrier across the road. There was a screech of brakes, a loud crash and then silence for a moment.

Mr. Smithers stood up, pinched himself, and looking anxiously round for a trace of his motor-cycle saw a large section of the frantic crowd bearing down upon him. Before he had time to move, he had been hoisted onto somebody's shoulders and found himself being borne towards a large dais in the middle of the street. Here he was placed on a plush-covered throne while the Mayor prepared to begin his speech.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he said, "it gives me the utmost pleasure to present to this gallant and victorious gentleman this silver rose-bowl, and at the same time to proclaim him the winner of this year's Round Britain Tourist Trophy Race for middle-aged motor-cycles of 433 c.c." (Loud cheers from the crowd.) "We hear from our observers, posted around the course, that all the other competitors have been forced to retire, a fact which makes the winner's success all the more meritorious. I will now ask the victor to say a few words."

Mr. Smithers rose shakily to his feet.

"Ta muchly", he said. "Ta muchly indeed".

With that, he fell back upon his throne, quite overcome by the reception.

After a splendid evening, Mr. Smithers returned to Mathilda, who awaited him on the doorstep. With the help of the spirits comfortably warming his stomach, Walter Smithers withstood all her fury, which quickly abated at the sight of the trophy.

"But, my dear, how did you do it?" exclaimed the bewildered Mathilda, having examined the inscription.

"Oh, it was quite easy", replied her husband truthfully, "but please don't ask me about it now; I feel rather tired".

His friends still can't understand why the great hero will never give them a full account of his magnificent victory. The motor-cycle was smashed beyond recognition, and everybody agreed that that was the reason why the winner's racing number, stuck on the windscreen, was never found.

D.M.V.

THE WITCH

(adapted from Renato Fucini)

Rheumatism had stiffened old Marina's joints, and her sixty summers lay heavily on her that hot July afternoon. The heavy basket of fruit she held burdened her more, but some deep impulse drove her on. Jem, her little grandson, ran playfully beside her, urging her on, catching at flowers and butterflies, darting after rabbits as they jumped from the road. Dust rose in clouds at their feet, and covered everything with a harsh film. At a small wooden bridge they stopped, and saw another woman coming towards them.

"Good-day, Gramma Mary", she said. "'Tis hot for walking".

"Why, Grace", she cried. "I didn't recognise ye. Me eyes are bad, ye know. I be goin' to see Martha up at the farm. They say her little boy's worse, but mebbe this fruit 'll cheer him up".

They parted, and Marina trudged on, a little slower than before, while Jem stayed on the bridge, throwing stones at minnows, and laughing at the splashes.

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The farmyard rose steeply and dirtily from the gate. At the top a sullen crowd of labourers was standing. In the shade by the house were the women, round a small wooden cot. What lay inside bore little resemblance to the fine young child they had known. Shrunken and emaciated, breathing with difficulty through blue lips it looked like some ragged doll.

There was a stir in the crowd, and all eyes were turned to the newcomer who came walking up the yard. He appeared to be expected, this odd figure, ill-dressed, arrogant, with shifty eyes and a mean expression. The countryside knew him equally well as doctor and sorcerer, for where medical science was lacking, white magic was a harmless

enough resort, so it seemed. He looked at the child, took a toad from his pocket, laid it on its forehead, muttered a few words, and said solemnly :

"The child is bewitched!" A low murmur ran round the crowd.

He traced a design in the dust, blew on it, and examined the mess carefully.

"It will die unless the witch recants." Again the murmur.

"She is the first to cross that threshold", pointing to the gate.

He turned to the farmer, held out his hand for the gold piece, tucked it away, and shambled off.

The women sat down, and the men gathered, silent, purposeful, waiting.

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It was an hour before Marina reached the gate. She turned in, laid down her basket with a weary sigh, and greeted them :

"Good-day, sister Martha. How's the child? See what I've brought him!" Surprised by the silence and the grim faces she faltered.

"Is he worse?" Nothing.

"Dead?" she whispered.

Then like a wind rising came her answer.

"Witch, she's the witch, damn her!—kill her!"

Rough hands grasped her, threw her roughly to the ground.

"Help! Let go! My arm, it's broken. Oh! Help!" shrieked the old woman. She sobbed helplessly on the stone flags till the farmer stepped forward sternly.

"You know what you must do. Recant. Witch!" He spat.

"What! In the Name of Our Holy Mother! What?"

"Remove the spell".

"What spell? What do you mean? I'm Marina your sister", she whispered. A shout from the back started the fury :

"To the oven with the witch!"

They surged forwards, kicking, beating, stamping on the thing that they hated, did not understand.

"Granny Mary. Granny Mary".

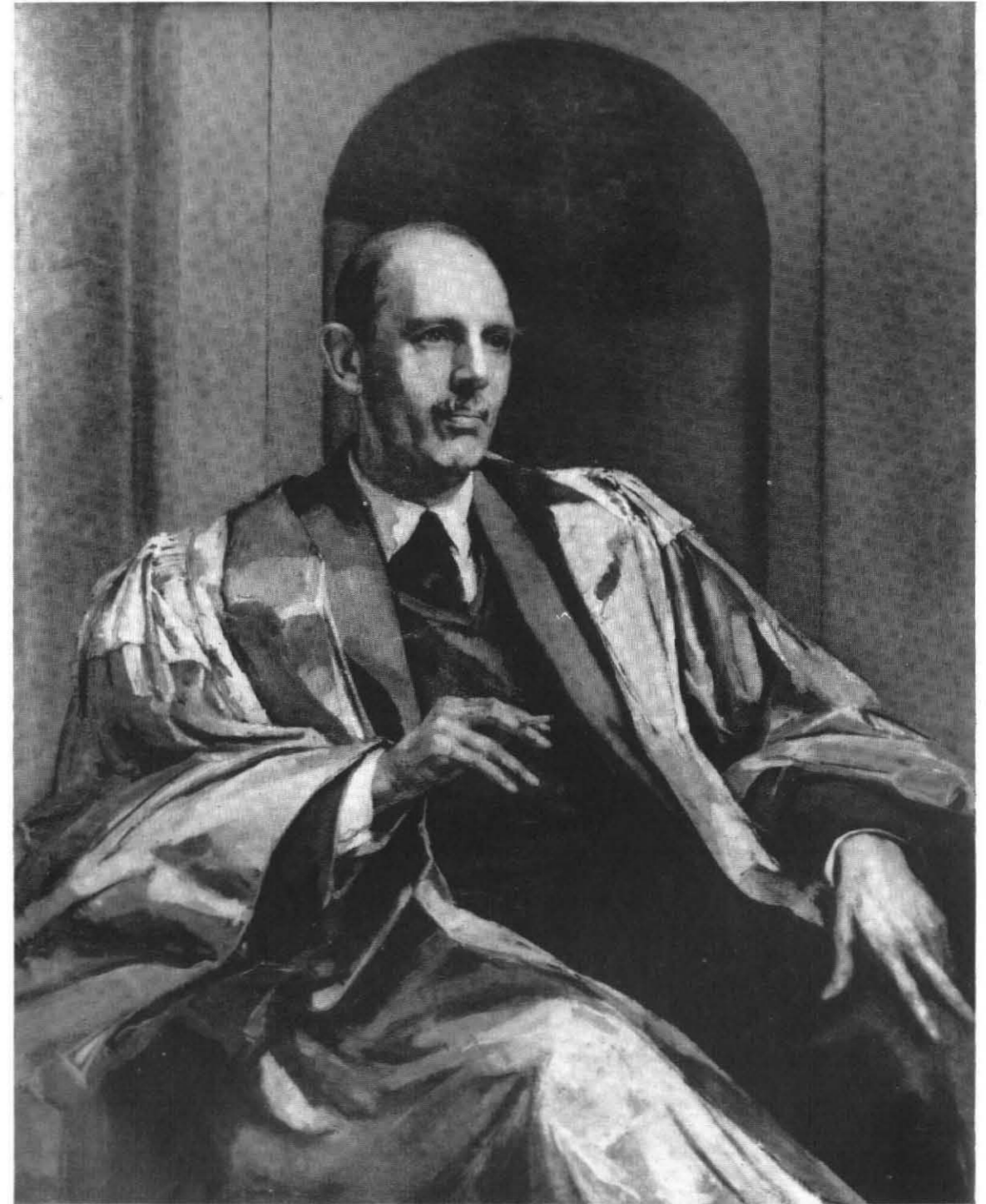
For a moment they turned to see Jem scramble up the yard, shrieking: "Let her go! Please—she's my granny, help me, please!"

Their backs were a wall. Kicks, bites, scratches were useless. As the old woman's screams checked suddenly, he turned, half-mad, and ran out of the yard, down the road screaming.

"They're killing her! Please stop them, please!"

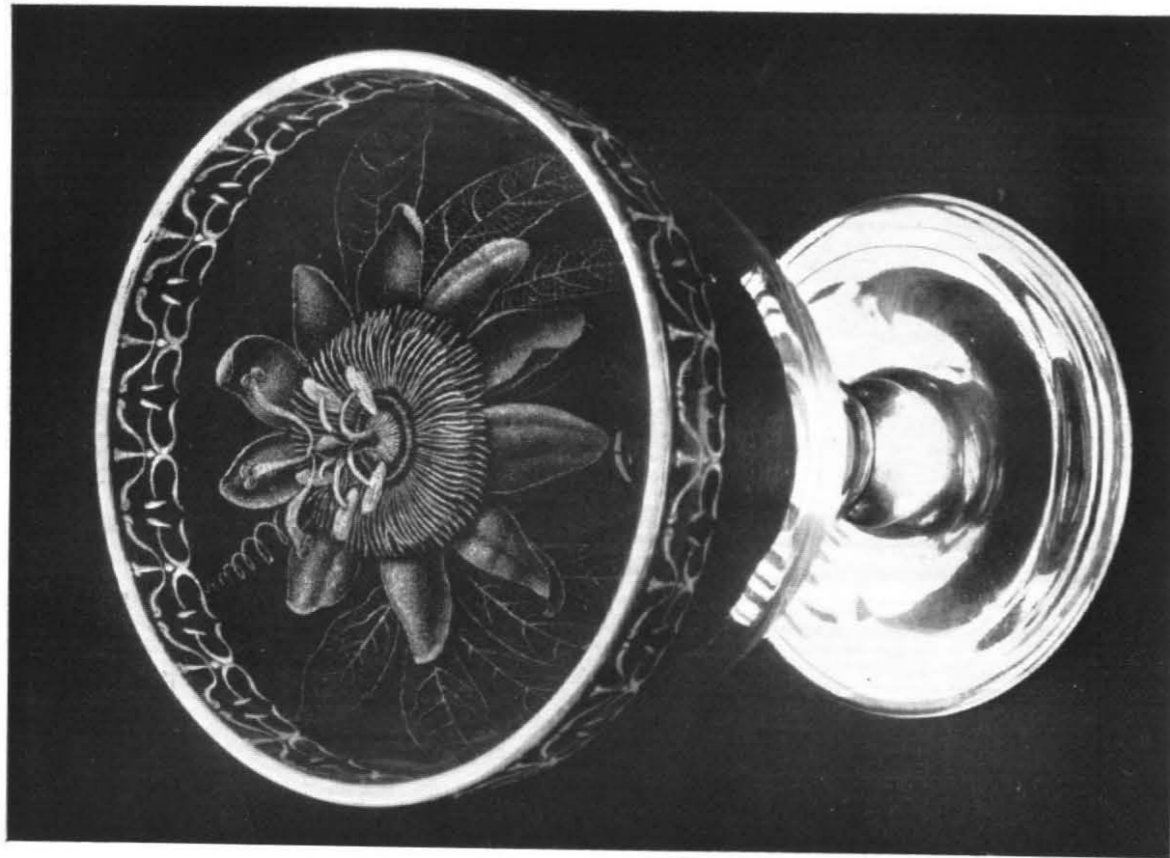
A mile down the road he meet a half-drunk constable, who beat him for telling lies and took him home by the ear.

R.K.M.

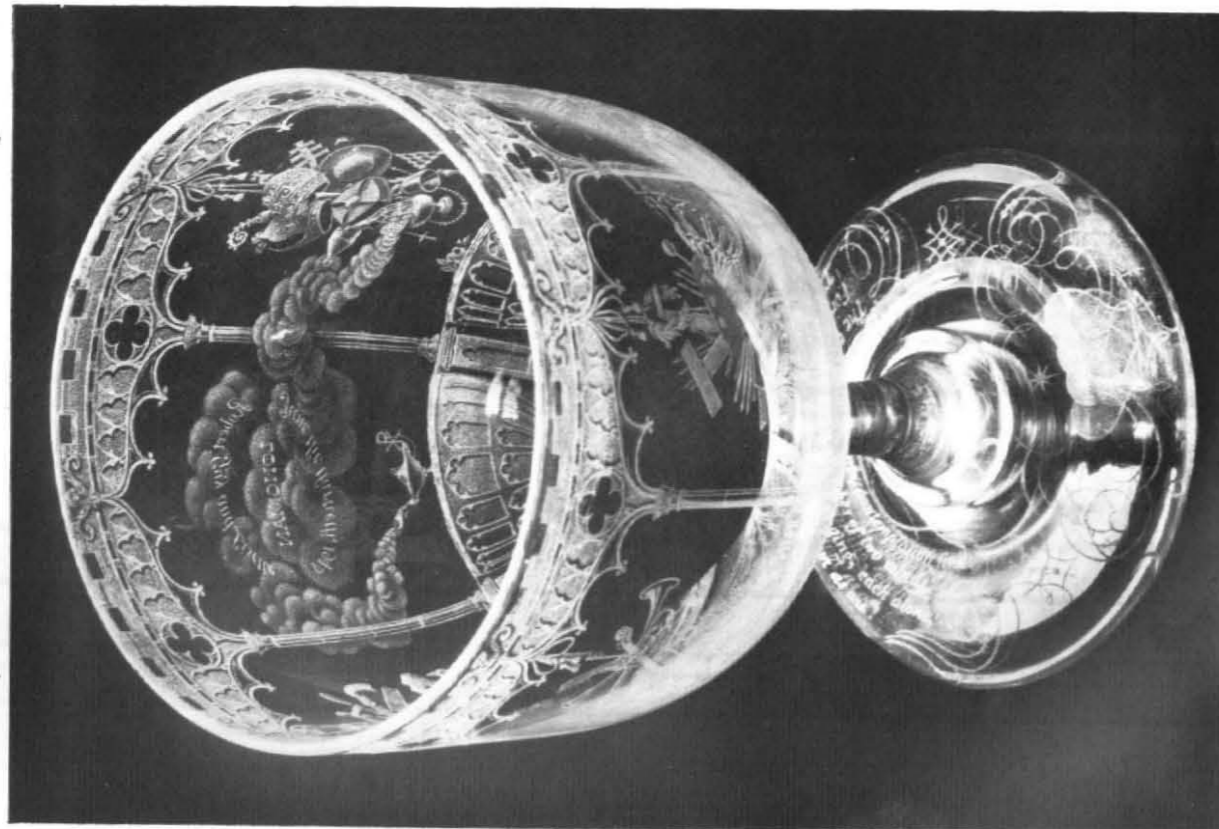


PORTRAIT OF DR. HUGGINS

By A. M. Burton, R.B.A.



[The Cupid Press



GOBLET AND WINE GLASS (engraved 1948-9)

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BOOK REVIEWS

THE ENGRAVED GLASS OF LAURENCE WHISTLER * (*The Cupid Press*).
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* Grenville, 1930.

When Sir Duff Cooper wrote that he considered "Laurence Whistler one of the few artists of our age whose work will be treasured in the future", he expressed an opinion with which no owner of this book is likely to disagree. Unfortunately the owners of it must be few, for the edition is limited to 500 copies, of which only 300 are available for Great Britain. Nor can the glass which the book describes be easily seen, for each piece was engraved for an individual friend or a special occasion, and, although King George's casket was exhibited to the public for a short time on the South Bank, all the other pieces have (naturally enough) remained in the cabinets of their fortunate first owners. *The Stoic* is therefore particularly glad to be able through the kindness of the publishers to reproduce four of the 82 plates which form the larger part of this beautiful volume.

Mr. Whistler's work, as these plates will show, is something unique—something entirely his own. Glasses have been engraved before and collectors have collected them, but how conventional do the engravers' designs now seem and how characterless their technique! Mr. Whistler has not only created designs which are highly individual and full of such delicious fancy as surely no one but he commands. He has also evolved a technique which is wholly his own, for he tells us that he was "never able to receive instruction". This technique, besides requiring infinite skill and delicacy in the working of it, makes a new use of the peculiar qualities of glass as a medium—its transparency and what Mr. Whistler calls its "luminous darkness". His designs are worked partly in stipple and partly in line, the two methods merging into each other. Mr. Whistler says that he finds himself "building up and giving roundness to the forms by any kind of stroke that seems appropriate at any point". "The engraver", he explains, "when trying to indicate an object really indicates the form and quality of the light it might reflect or absorb. Thus to engrave a cylindrical object he might first determine the outline in dots small enough to be virtually invisible, if left to themselves. Then he would draw a line along the side that is supposed to be lit, and begin working it up into a patch of light, and shading it away in dots, with fine stippling on the shadow side to show a convex not a concave form". When one remembers that the material is glass and the instrument a diamond point, it becomes the more remarkable that the scale of the work is so small. The Longman Goblet is only 6½ inches high including the stem, the Raffles Rummer and the Furse Wineglass are only 5 inches high and the King's casket is less than 6 inches long.

The royal casket was of course a new creation. But much of Mr. Whistler's work has been done on old goblets and decanters. These, he says, were chosen on account of "shape, colour and softness rather than antiquity". But old glass has its dangers. Sometimes there are stresses within the material which the old glassmakers did not know how to avoid or discover. Then when the engraver's point breaks the skin, "cutting through the outer layer of compression to the inner layer of tension", disaster follows. Happily a method of detecting strains has now been devised and the artist can be warned of danger areas in advance.

The subjects of Mr. Whistler's designs are many and various. There is a Vanbrugh house; there are dolphins and dragons; there is a series of insects treated both symbolically and realistically (the Stag-Beetle, Mr. Whistler says, has just arrived on the glass "whirring in low gear"); there is a scene in a wayside ditch; above all there are "trophies" in the Eighteenth Century manner representing arts, crafts and hobbies of many kinds. The King's casket has four of these—gardening, designing, shooting and reading—and so fine is the workmanship that His Majesty's shooting outfit contains nine separate articles (including two kinds of shooting-stick) and the set-square with which he is to do his drawing is made of visibly transparent talc. Perhaps the most subtle of all Mr. Whistler's designs is the likeness of a passion-flower, which at whatever angle the glass be held seems to be floating in velvet darkness. The artistry by which this effect has been achieved cannot be detected or even guessed at, and, if all the engravings are the work of genius, the passion-flower is a feat of magic. Indeed no one who has studied these photographs or had a sight of the work which they represent can think of Mr. Whistler as having less than a magician's powers. Happily the account which he gives of himself and his labours and which occupies the first third of this book shows that if he is a genius and a magician he is also a very human and delightful companion with whom to go looking at lovely things.

Mr. Whistler is a poet as well as an artist—"a master in two crafts", as Mr. Walter de la Mare calls him—and he has written some charming verses to explain or enhance his designs. Sometimes—and he tells us this as if there were nothing notable about it—he wished the design to be viewed and the verses to be read through the thickness of the glass, and therefore (in the case of the King's casket) he "resolved to engrave all the panels on the inside, that is to say, back to front, with the poem on the lid in looking-glass writing". "There is no special difficulty", he adds, "in working like this". One wonders what Mr. Whistler would consider specially difficult. The fact is that his whole achievement involves such difficulties that the work would have seemed impossible if it had not been done. But done it has been, and those who have seen it, while marvelling at its creator's skill, must be truly grateful to him for its loveliness.

J.F.R.

HARPOON AT A VENTURE

by GAVIN MAXWELL (C, 1930) (*Hart-Davis*, 21s.)

This is a fascinating and satisfying book. It can appeal to many people for different reasons. The jaded escapist can have his palate stung into pleasant action by the sheer originality of the story—a new quarry and a new technique in the annals of hunting; the connoisseur of style can find many passages which demand re-reading for the aesthetic pleasure they give; while the philosopher can sit, like the man in Lucretius, and watch the struggles of a fellow human-being on the great sea, with much admiration for the resourcefulness and courage shown, and for the nice assessment the author shows in regard to the comparative values of the material and the immaterial, as he tells of his complete failure in the former sphere, and, in his telling, reveals his delightful and individual success in the latter.

In an admirable opening Major Maxwell traces the seemingly inevitable series of events which led him to purchase the island of Soay off the south-west coast of Skye, and, because he was debarred by a technical flaw in his lease from fishing for salmon, to start a new industry by hunting the basking-shark—a truly formidable creature, longer than a London bus, with a minute brain and a liver weighing nearly a ton and containing vast quantities of oil worth from £80 to £110 a ton in a steadily rising market.

The purchase of the boats, the assembling of a crew of adventurers, the research to discover the right type of harpoon, the seemingly endless failures to kill one of the sea-monsters—all this is narrated excitingly and clearly, and one feels as thrilled as the entire population of Mallaig which turned out to watch the arrival of the first shark killed, when one reads the account of this first success. From then on great strides are made in technique and equipment, and eventually a sufficient number of sharks can be killed. That there were plenty to kill may be seen in the following striking passage:—

"Down there in the clear water they were packed as tight as sardines, each barely allowing swimming-room to the rest, layer upon layer of them, huge grey shapes like a herd of submerged elephants, the furthest down dim and indistinct in the sea's dusk".

There were indeed plenty of kills, but the truth was that it did not pay to tow the sharks back to the factory at Soay, thus wasting time and losing sharks, and that the answer, discovered too late, was a factory-ship which, as in whaling, could do all the processing on the spot. And even without a factory-ship the Soay factory might have paid its way had it concentrated on the oil alone and eschewed all by-products of lesser value.

The adventure ended in material failure, but the book by no means gives one that impression. It is a story of triumph over successive difficulties, of problems solved by resolution and ingenuity, of courage and comradeship, of humanity and humour. Major Maxwell knows and loves the Western Isles, and he has re-created their atmosphere in the most unmistakable way. His descriptions are so clear that they almost render irrelevant the fine collection of accompanying photographs.

The triumph of the immaterial over the material. "So, too, when I think of Soay, it is not the stench of the rotting shark-flesh nor the myriad clamouring problems of the factory that come to my mind; nor the civil wars and demands, about which a separate book could be written, of its tiny population; nor the days of unhappiness, loneliness and frustration that those who cut themselves off from their kind must endure. I remember it on those glorious summer days when a smooth blue sea lapped the red rock of the island shore and the cuckoos called continuously from the birch-woods; or on bright winter mornings when the Cuillins were snow-covered, hard, intricate and brittle as carved ivory; I remember it with nostalgia for something beautiful and lost, the Island Valley of Avalon to which there can be no true return, no second spring!"

Fine writing this—too good for the cynical little verses quoted at the end of the book. Let me give Major Maxwell some better ones—in the Gaelic manner:—

"I cannot find your treasure,
And yet I care not.
Silver to me are your waters at dawn,
Red gold at evening".

A.M.

THE MURDER OF SIR THOMAS OVERBURY

by WILLIAM McELWEE (*Faber and Faber*, 21s.)

To give an account of the circumstances leading to Sir Thomas Overbury's murder by poison in September 1613, while a prisoner of state in the Tower of London, and of the subsequent trials, requires a peculiar measure of literary courage. Nothing could be more difficult than the task Mr. McElwee has set himself: evidence about the case is copious but incomplete, so that a temptation to heap together picturesque details in the absence of some of the crucial data is almost overwhelming; the men and women

involved, except possibly Lord Essex and James I, show only the sordid side of their characters, so that a risk must be run of repelling the reader by a tale of unrelieved squalor; while the connection with really interesting political issues, the downfall of a party at court or the discredit of the Stuart monarchy, is probable but not easy to prove. Clearly the effort to overcome these particular difficulties gives this book its salt and flavour. The author has chosen a subject which, at first sight, it might seem that other types of writer would have preferred, but he makes no concession to their taste and treats of murder, poison, magic and political blackmail in his most astringent manner. Stendhal, it is said, wished to record the incredible adventures of his characters in the style of the *Code Napoléon*; Sir Thomas Overbury, the Countess of Essex, Forman the Quack, Elwes the gaoler, Mistress Anne Turner of easy virtue, are here considered in the same fashion, with a somewhat similar effect on the reader's mind. The result is a narrative of odd fascination.

In the reign of James I, according to the custom of that time, Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, marries Frances Howard when he is fourteen years old and she is thirteen. Again in accordance with custom, he at once sets out on his travels to complete his education while she remains in England. The Countess grows up and is violently attracted to Robert Carr, a favourite of James, so that when Essex returns as a young man to claim his wife, she is infatuated with Carr, and the elders of her ambitious family are equally concerned to attach the rising favourite to their own party at court. Later events record, in the most baffling manner possible, the Countess's efforts to remove all obstacles from her path, including Sir Thomas Overbury who is Carr's most influential personal servant and adviser: she and her relatives secure a judgment from the King's Commissioners that the marriage with Essex is null and void, Overbury is imprisoned and then poisoned, she marries Carr. The world must now salute them as the Earl and Countess of Somerset, uniting the power of the King's favourite with the power of the Howard family. In the course of years nemesis overtakes the pair, trial, condemnation, ostracism, much bitterness with one another, and death. These events were naturally of great interest to contemporaries. Poison and murder in connection with politics are always good news value. For us, however, the story is far more remarkable and far more difficult to understand, springing as it does from a variety of conditions and circumstances which were common knowledge at the time but have since passed into limbo. For example, the ideas and practice of the Jacobeans about marriage and divorce, about the law of evidence and the rights of accused men in a court of law, about the administration of prisons, about medicine and the medical profession, about the King—his prescriptive influence on the course of justice and his personal interest in political appointments—about the reasonable perquisites of office-holding and the connection between patronage and promotion: and understanding of the contemporary view on these points is the only proper approach to the Essex divorce and the Overbury murder.

Mr. McElwee's book, in addition to the astringent quality of writing, has the merit of describing the singular course of events between 1610 and 1617, after making full allowance for this difficulty. It follows that he is very good and very instructive on legal proceedings; Archbishop Abbot's conduct of the suit for divorce and the spirit of Sir Edward Coke's investigation after the murder are alike admirably interpreted. It must also be said that the state of affairs in the Tower (which almost passes belief) while Overbury was a prisoner is in fact made credible. The medical practitioners, from Sir Theodore Mayerne—that Harley Street luminary—down to the apothecary's apprentice who administered the fatal clyster, fit plausibly into the scene. There will,

of course, be critics, and I am bound to admit myself one of them, who regret that the author feared that he would spoil a good story if he added detailed notes to show the documentary source for this fact or that conclusion. Without such notes it seems that there are far too many questions which the worth-while reader would like to ask, without any possibility of discovering an answer except by doing the same hard work (and with less skill) that Mr. McElwee has done himself. On the other hand, the whole work leaves a general impression of profound reliability, and for that reason it is a pleasure to feel that this book certainly contains the most satisfying full-length account which has been written of the Great Oyer of Poisoning in James I's reign.

J. W. STOVE (C, 1936).

AN ENGLISHMAN AT M.I.T.

Among the rather few possessions I have reminiscent of Stowe are several copies of *The Stoic*, the number of which is increasing more steadily now than before, as, I am afraid, I was usually foolish enough to mislay them while I was at Stowe. One of the most interesting articles in my collection is in the July 1951 issue; a summary of one year's experience at Stowe, and certain interesting conclusions drawn therefrom by an American exchange student. I am referring, of course, to "Stran", whom I was happy to count among my friends.

The most recent reading of his essay has fired me to attempt a similar article, and I will apologize right now for the inevitable shortcomings, while at the same time reminding my readers that, whereas Stran was with us for a year, and we saw the impression that Public-School life made upon him, I am writing for the benefit of people who have not been with me here, and who have not seen me acclimatizing myself. Moreover, he, an American, was giving us his views on *our* school; I am not representing my view of M.I.T. to Techmen, but to Englishmen. Perhaps, too, the discussion will not limit itself to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but will touch upon various other universities in this area of Massachusetts, which is prolific in them.

The first impression the visitor to M.I.T. has is the vast size of the place. What would not seem abnormally large in the country is enormous in a densely populated, industrial town. We have a frontage on the river of more than a mile and a half, and a depth of roughly three-quarters of a mile, both of which figures are slowly increasing, as the neighbouring industrial concerns give way and the Institute expands in all directions. Speaking from the point of view of an on-campus resident, I am not at all sorry to see these factories' leases expire, and their land sites taken over, as they are a very ugly blot on the landscape. The Harvard area of Cambridge is far more pleasant, only slightly less comfortable than Oxford; we, having been founded just before the turn of the century, must pay the price of living in an industrial area.

The second impression one has here is that one is in a huge, well-equipped factory. The students number near 5,000, but only slightly outnumber the faculty and staff combined. A vast force of secretaries forms the largest section of the staff, followed by the members of D.I.C., or the Division of Industrial Co-operation. The under-

graduates here are a necessary evil as far as the Institute is concerned; their importance is quite overshadowed by D.I.C., the Graduate School, and the research projects, which number about 700. Tuition here far exceeds that at any other college in this country, but the income from the 3,000 undergrads comprises a pitifully small part of the annual take! M.I.T., which has been a pioneer in the development of intricate machines such as digital computers, differential analysers, and all kinds of business machinery, makes full use of IBM equipment for student administration. Continuous scheduling of classes and compiling information on 5,000 students is well-nigh impossible without mechanical aid. So each student has a small folder of punched cards, one of which is handed in at the first class in each subject each term. Each student's card, which has about twenty rectangular slots punched in it in seemingly random places, is a complete dossier of his career and activities. A rather ridiculous example which was jokingly mentioned to me the other day may help to illustrate the use of this array of equipment. Suppose someone wanted to know exactly how many students at the Institute were born in Lower Slobbovia-on-the-Mould, had two left feet, and had failed in first-year chemistry! Some 5,000 cards are placed in the IBM, which runs through them at high speed, and comes out with the answer in less than twenty minutes. More commonplace usage would be the following, for instance. A certain folder has to be sent to all juniors in Food Technology. Those same 5,000 cards are run through, after the necessary adjustments have been made on the machines, and in half an hour a hundred or so envelopes are ready with addresses typed on them. The same job might take twenty secretaries more than two hours.

These are the more spectacular aspects of the Institute. Now I should dwell on the facets of life here which concern me, as an undergraduate. First mention should be made of the correlation with English schools. There are four years of study here, leading to the Bachelor's degree, which are designated, in order, the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years. Entrance requirements to the freshman class for English and European students are the old Higher Certificate, or its equivalent in Europe, with the new General Certificate of Education the situation has probably changed somewhat. However, 18-year-old European students find that they have already completed all the work done in the freshman year, and a good deal of that done in the second year also. They will usually be put in the sophomore class, as those subjects they have not taken are usually in the field of specialization and must be taken here. The mathematical layout of the courses provides opportunity to take other subjects instead of the rest of the scheduled second-year courses. I have not as yet been able to discover the reason for this over-evaluation of entrance requirements.

As regards the courses themselves, they are laid out so precisely and mathematically that any student knows exactly what subject he will be taking at any stage in his career, how many class-hours there will be, who his lecturers and instructors will be, and all the other details of his future life. I might as well take the plunge and attempt to evaluate critically the education here, at the risk of offending any of my readers who either have had even closer contact with the system than I have, or who are proposing to educate themselves here in the future.

The first fault that one finds is that there is no apparent attempt to encourage promising material, by which I mean clever students, or to differentiate in any way between members of a class. There is no personal contact at all with one's tutors as at Oxford and Cambridge except in a very specialized way while writing a thesis in the senior year. Lecturers vary between extremes in quality, while instructors, who manage smaller groups of fifteen or so, as opposed to the large numbers who hear lectures

together, are often rather colourless. It is sometimes necessary for a pair of students to get together and learn a subject in spite of an instructor, rather than with his help. Use is made both of lectures, a feature of English universities, and of preparation assignments and fortnightly "quizzes", a feature of English prep schools! Attendance at classes is not compulsory, of course.

In the matter of out-of-class preparation, I found that there is much less than there was at Stowe, and it took me some time to adjust myself accordingly. As far as labs are concerned, there are practically none in my year (I am a sophomore, and have one Physics lab every two weeks: Physics, incidentally, is one of the subjects in which Stowe gave far more advanced instruction than any of my contemporaries here have had), but next year I shall be plunged into a mad rush of labs in Electrical Engineering, and it is most unsettling!

However, for a student who wants to learn, and especially in the two years previous to the Bachelor's degree, the courses are excellent. My lecturer in Circuit Theory, for instance, is only one of a large group of world-famous men, many of whom have degrees from European universities, and have innovated new teaching systems in their subjects. Most of them are born lecturers, and can teach a class of 400 with no effort at all, and get surprisingly good results to boot. It would be out of place here to wax technical about teaching methods in the sciences, as I would like to do, since there are too many other things of more general interest to cover.

It has often been thought by those who do not know the Institute, and who are understandably biased by its title, that there is far too much emphasis placed on the sciences, and not enough on the arts, or even on what they here call "Social Sciences" or "Humanities". This is true to a certain extent, in that students are not taught the elements of appreciation and criticism of literature or the arts. In this respect, Harvard is better than M.I.T., in fact better than any American university. Besides, a good background is necessary. One cannot start an extensive course in literature here at the age of 19 and hope to do more than scratch the surface. However, the English and History Department here makes a valiant attempt, it must be admitted; the personnel are far better suited to teach these things than one would have expected in a place such as this, and lead their classes in much freer and broader discussion of various topics than I ever enjoyed in England; discussions which, though they may not be based on such a wide literary knowledge as an Oxford undergrad might have, show penetrating and useful views on current affairs, foreign policy matters, and related subjects such as economics and business administration.

The arts are woefully neglected in this institution. Although there are five musical organizations in the Institute, and a large record library with numerous listening-rooms for the students, there are only two music professors (compared with about 250 in Electrical Engineering) and, what is even more strange, these only teach the history and theory of music. No instrumental instruction; with one-tenth the student population that this place has, Stowe has approximately ten times as many pianos available to the student body! Painting and sculpture are not among the evident forms of student activity.

Living conditions were a drastic change from those at Stowe, for me. Students live either in the dormitories on campus, three large groups of houses accommodating 800 each, roughly, or in fraternity houses in Boston, or they commute daily from their homes or from digs somewhere in the area. There is no discipline as such in the dormitories, and practically no regulations. One of the results of the impersonal attitude between the Institute and the students is that one might get into serious trouble, or be

taken ill somewhere outside, and the Institute would have no knowledge of it for days unless some observant switchboard operator in the dormitory office happened to wonder why an occasional 3 a.m. phone call was not answered, or unless there was a sudden accumulation of mail in one's box. Rooms are usually single, but there are some double and triple "suites", and they all have the luxury of a house telephone.

As Stran observed in his letter, there is no direct equivalent of the Prefect-Monitor-Settler system here. They prefer to do things in the democratic way, though in this case a less efficient way, by committees. The various election-times are most amusing; all the main halls have voting-booths, surrounded by noticeboards advertising the qualities, claims, and aspirations of all the candidates, together with photos and complete dossiers, including their most recent scholastic ratings.

There are many 'activities,' including four periodicals, a commercial radio station, five musical groups, two or three dramatic clubs, an amateur radio station (which is the oldest station in the country) and many others.

Every university has its own particular appeal, or specializes in one particular group of subjects, and it is in this connection that I mention Harvard University, which, incidentally, is our rival in much the same way that Oxford and Cambridge are rivals. (We win the boat-race more often than Harvard does; but our counterpart, Cambridge in England, easily wins from both of us.) We both look down upon Yale, of course. Harvard is an excellent university, and their Law School, their Business School, and their Medical School, all at the graduate level, are deservedly famous in their respective fields. M.I.T. is famous for its Electrical Engineering and Physics Departments, while the Chemical Engineering Department is rightly considered to be the best in the world. Also famous is the recently inaugurated School of Business Administration, whereas the Pure Chemistry Department, for instance, has never won particular praise.

However, as there are some twenty undergraduate courses of study, and countless more in the Graduate School, it would be foolish to expect that they should all provide the best possible training in their fields, and, indeed, students have very little to complain of if they are willing to work. Even for Europeans there is no equivalent to M.I.T., and this explains the very large number of Europeans who have studied here.

I have tried to give a lucid account of this university, but I am painfully aware that the presentation lacks in many ways. My only hope is that my readers will benefit from this account of a very exceptional American university, and will be indulgent towards faults. I have tried not to throw my weight too heavily on either side of any controversial question raised, because I would prefer the reader to judge the facts for himself, and maybe also because I feel it would be unfair and foolish to state a definite opinion about particular facets of life in this country until I have had a longer acquaintance with it. Especially for the English people, life here must remain strange in comparison with life in Europe, and even after some ten years of living here—though for very short periods—I feel just as inadequately prepared to explain it as if I had just arrived!

I was acquainted with at least two Stoics who had heard of M.I.T., one of whom was intending to study here himself, and I am sure others may be interested. If anyone would care to discuss further any of the above-mentioned controversial points, or even any of the many details of life here which there has not been space to include, I would be grateful for the correspondence, which, as far as I am concerned, will serve to strengthen the ties I already have with Stowe.

M. J. O'NEILL (C, 1951).

MUSIC

The Music Competitions were held on Sunday, March 23rd. The Singing Cup was won by Chatham, the set piece being a four-part arrangement of the folk song "Sheep Shearing".

The Instrumental Cup was won by Temple with a programme consisting of a work for three flutes by Hook, an effective arrangement by Mr. Webb of a Gaillard by Byrd for three flutes, clarinet, horn and euphonium, and Tschaikowsky's Chanson Triste for horn and piano.

The competitions were judged by Mr. W. L. Snowdon, Director of Music at Haileybury. The names of the prize-winners will be found in the list of Annual Competition Prizes, on page 94.

CONCERT GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH.

This end-of-term Concert took place, as usual, in Assembly, and contained a very well blended programme of instrumental and choral music drawn from all quarters of Europe. Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture, with its gloomy opening in the strings and its tremendous climax and finale where the brass really enjoys itself, made a stirring start, and thereafter we had as much variety as one could wish for. The two operatic choral fantasias were very well sung indeed and made an interesting contrast. If the music from "Die Meistersinger" was more sublime, the Viennese charm of "Die Fledermaus" was quite irresistible. In their brands of excitement Berlioz's "March to the Gallows" and Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance" were well played, particularly the former, and in a gentler vein there were Holst's Intermezzo, and the Andante from Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony. The Madrigal Society sang a group of part-songs in the middle of the concert which were up to their usual high standard.

It was, in fact, a most enjoyable concert. If one may venture to criticize the negative rather than the positive, one missed the concerto which has so often formed a notable part of these concerts, though its place was taken to some extent by G. W. A. Kent's very fine singing of Pogner's aria from "Die Meistersinger". His voice seems to improve in quality every time we hear it. Mr. Negus handled his troops very well indeed, but he might perhaps have increased the school's appreciation of the music by a word or two of explanation of such items as Berlioz's "March to the Gallows" and of the reason why Haydn called his Symphony the "Surprise".

PROGRAMME

1. Overture—"Egmont" *Beethoven*
(Written 1810)
2. Intermezzo from Suite in E flat *Holst* (1924)
(Composed for the Wembley Exhibition)
3. CHORAL SOCIETY—
Fantasia on the Opera "Die Meistersinger" ... *Wagner* (1868)
4. March to the Gallows, from the Fantastic Symphony *Berlioz* (1830)

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| 5. | MADRIGAL SOCIETY—"Steal Away" | Trad. |
| | "Billy Boy" | <i>Shanty</i> |
| | "Swing Low" | Trad. |
| 6. | Andante from the Surprise Symphony | <i>Haydn</i> (1791) |
| 7. | Fire Dance from the ballet "Love the Magician" | <i>Falla</i> (1920) |
| 8. | CHORAL SOCIETY—"Die Fledermaus" | <i>J. Strauss</i> (1874) |

In the Orchestra and Choral Society the sections are unevenly balanced, the wind section outweighs the strings and the basses outweigh the trebles. Both majorities strive, however, under constant exhortation to offset their numbers by discreet performance.

For the concert at the end of term, the Orchestra is working at the Overture to "Freischütz" by Weber, three items from Tschaikowsky's "Casse Noisette" Suite and at the last movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. There are to be three movements from Mozart's Concerto, one from the Flute Concerto in D and the first and last movements of the Piano Concerto in A. Choral Society and Orchestra join forces in a performance of Parry's "Blest pair of Sirens" and Quilter's "Non nobis, Domine".

We greatly sympathize with Mr. Webb whose motor-cycle accident in May has so hampered his movements. But he has refused to let it keep him away from Stowe.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

There have been only two meetings of the Music Society this term, but both have been exceptionally good ones: it was considered wiser to have two really first class concerts in the summer than a greater number of less outstanding ones, as most people are then studying for examinations and are unable to spare much time.

On Wednesday, May 28th, the following concert was given by Alan Loveday and Leonard Cassini:—

1. Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Pianoforte in A minor *John Ireland*
Allegro—Poco lento quasi adagio—In tempo moderato.
2. PIANO SOLOS—
Sonata in G minor *Scarlatti*
Ballade No. 3 in A flat, Op. 47 *Chopin*
Roumanian Dances *Bartok*
3. VIOLIN SOLOS—
Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso *Saint Saens*
Hora Staccato *Heifetz*
4. Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte in D minor, Op. 108 ... *Brahms*
Allegro — Adagio — Un poco presto e con sentimento—
Presto agitato.

A very good audience attended this concert and the performance was no less magnificent than it was when these two artists came two terms ago. Alan Loveday is the best violinist we have heard at Stowe for a very long time and Cassini a very outstanding

pianist. It was unfortunate that his brilliant piano solos should be spoilt by some fault in the piano which produced a buzzing noise every time he touched A flat. Apart from an interruption from the clock, the concert was otherwise very successful. The general enjoyment of the meeting was enhanced greatly by the intimate atmosphere that the artists gave to the whole concert.

The second meeting of the term was held on June 25th, when Gerald Moore gave a lecture on "How and how not to accompany". His talk was copiously illustrated by examples which he played on the pianoforte. Being of an utterly different nature from anything we have had in recent years this lecture drew a very large audience. Gerald Moore proved to be a superb lecturer, being able to make his audience rock with laughter and yet learn. By the end of the evening the art of accompanying had assumed a new importance in the eyes of an audience worn out with mirth.

As an artist as well as a speaker Gerald Moore was outstanding; when he showed how effects could be produced, so different from each other merely through differences in touch, technique and composure, his audience was enthralled.

R.G.L.McC.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MUSIC CLUB

There has been one meeting of the Music Club so far this term and it is hoped that time may be found for another in the last three weeks. An expedition was arranged to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham who gave a concert in the Sheldonian at Oxford; but unfortunately, owing to pressure of other activities, there was insufficient support from members of the Club and the expedition had to be cancelled.

On Wednesday, May 21st, a meeting was held in Mr. Negus's room at 8.30 p.m. when R. F. S. Hamer (G) read a paper and K. A. Henderson (C) gave a lecture. The title of Hamer's paper was "The Music of John Dowland". The music of John Dowland was previously not well known or appreciated by the club and this paper was highly instructive as well as entertaining. The aim of the paper was to bring to the notice of the club the work of a man who in his time had done a great deal for the development of music and whose work had a very definite charm of its own.

K. A. Henderson's talk was entitled "Outstanding Moments in Opera". It came as a complete contrast to Hamer's paper and being such was all the more appreciated. Henderson played on the gramophone extracts from various operas which were widely different in texture and composition, but all of which had their charm. By the end of his talk Henderson had won the admiration of the whole club, for he had given an excellent talk without even notes to help him.

R.G.L.McC.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

This term has seen a change in the meeting-place of the Debating Society, from the Library to Assembly. The change has been successful, if we are to judge by this term's two meetings, in both of which speakers met the challenge of this uvular hall and repelled it by their liveliness and adaptability.

The first debate, on May 14th, was on the motion that "This House approves of commercial broadcasting". The motion was proposed by the Treasurer and opposed by J. N. L. Chalton (B). The motion was lost by a narrow margin in both Houses.

On June 4th a second meeting was held, and a series of "snap" motions were debated. The combined upper and lower Houses rejected by thirty-two votes to thirty the motion that "This House is delighted with its new chamber". The motion that "This House believes watching matches should be compulsory" was then defeated roundly. The final motion "That this House considers the General Paper a good thing" provoked a good deal of argument, and was finally carried by eleven votes. The debating was of an excellent standard throughout.

D. R. Wallace (B), G. D. Morrison (G), E. H. Jarvis (C), J. C. Brown (G), E. A. LeJeune (G), R. D. M. Mann (G), J. S. W. Gibson (W) and C. A. Hart Leverton (G) have been elected to the Society.

B.J.C.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, the following were elected officers for the term:—G. W. Horner (C) (Vice-President); P. H. P. Hoos (W) (Secretary); J. M. Bragg (W) (Committee-man).

The debating this term has been of a very high standard and a welcome increase in the number of members kept the debates lively.

Among the more interesting debates that have been held this term were: "That in the opinion of this House it is better to be single than married", and "That in the opinion of this House policemen should be armed".

Among the new members this term M. E. F. Fitzmaurice (W) and A. G. Barbour (C) showed great promise and with practice both should become good speakers.

P.H.P.H.

THE EPHEMERALS

Owing to the pressure of examinations the Society has only met once so far this term. This meeting was held on Tuesday, June 3rd, when A. J. Beerbohm (C) read an excellent paper entitled "Things that go bump in the night". It dealt with the mischievous spirits called Poltergeists which, unlike good little boys, are heard but not seen. The paper was both entertaining and thought-provoking.

It is hoped that there will be two more meetings in the near future, at the first of which three short stories will be read in lieu of a paper.

Members this term are:—G. W. A. Kent (C), A. J. P. Campbell (C), R. J. V. Robinson (W), M. J. Fenwick (C), N. A. Gray (C), A. J. Beerbohm (C), P. G. Rivière (C), J. G. R. Harding (C), P. R. Cutforth (G), J. R. M. Thompson (G), J. Briggs (C), and C. N. H. Horder (W).

G.W.A.K.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday, June 17th, the Society travelled to Bradfield and, on a fine afternoon, in the charming open-air Greek theatre there, witnessed an impressive performance, in the original tongue, of the "Antigone" of Sophocles.

There have been no evening meetings of the Society up to the time of writing, owing to examinations, but C. L. Manton (C) is reading a paper on 'The Etruscans' in the near future, and it is hoped that time will be found also for R. G. L. McCrone (G) to read a paper before the end of the term.

R.J.V.R.

THE XII CLUB

There has been only one meeting of the XII Club so far this term, at which the Secretary read a paper on "Early Chinese Communism". It was an attempt to put in its proper perspective the growth of the Communist party in China and the decay of its rivals. The discussion afterwards was very lively and profitable. Two distinguished guests were present in Mr. Noel Annan and Major Gavin Maxwell. The meeting was a memorable one, since the President signed the minutes of the Club for the 100th time consecutively.

It is hoped to have two more papers this term, one of which will be from the Editor of the *Sunday Times* who has kindly offered to speak on "Peerage Law", and the other from E. H. Jarvis (C).

B.J.C.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

At the end of last term we had a meeting after the closing date of *The Stoic* when P. H. Krusin (B) read a paper on "Electromagnetic Radiations".

This term we have had no meetings, but several members have been on one or other of the two expeditions which were arranged.

On the first Wednesday of term a party of eleven boys and three masters went to visit the de Havilland works at Hatfield. After an excellent lunch we were shown round the factory where they are building the new "Heron" and "Comets", which was made more interesting by the fact that the "Comets" were just entering service with B.O.A.C. Our thanks are due to D. J. Lerman (B) for organizing the outing and to Mr. Llowarch, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Playford for supplying the transport.

On May 28th, several members of the Society accompanied by Mr. Llowarch and Mr. Dewing, went to visit Roche Products at Welwyn Garden City. We were shown round the laboratories by a friend of Mr. Dewing, who was responsible for the visit. The tour included a view of a lot of large-scale apparatus and both the pill-making and packing departments.

There will be no Science Society Exhibition this term.

K.L.W.

C.P.N.

THE VITRUVIANS

This has been a most successful term with record membership and greater support for the activities of the Society. At a General Meeting on the first Sunday the term's programme was outlined and by the Exeat much was completed.

On Wednesday, May 7th, Mr. G. B. Clarke gave an illustrated lecture on "The Modern House-estate at Pimlico". He outlined modern building construction and the difficulties of communal planning.

There was a most successful expedition to Castle Ashby House on Saturday, May 30th, when members of the Society saw the house and garden of the Marquess of Northampton. On the return journey a halt was made to see the Norman Tower of Earls Barton Church.

For the first time the Society held a film-show, on Wednesday, June 11th. Two short architectural films were shown, "The Cathedrals of England" and "Architects of England". Although a little unsuitable, they were a success and it is hoped to have more in the future.

Owing to examinations and numerous other activities it has been very difficult to arrange meetings in the second half of the term, but the Secretary will read a paper on Stowe.

N.L.M.B.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Club has now fifteen members, and is increasing not only in numbers but in the scope of its activities. Both 'o' and 'oo' gauge temporary lay-outs have been built, and these are being exhibited in the Old Art Room at the end of term. In addition, a model village has been made, by way of scenery; and posters have been painted: R. J. Roberts (G), A. G. Ellison-Macartney (G) and J. C. Bolton (C) have taken a leading part in this work. The Club intends next term to put its lay-outs on a more permanent basis.

T.J.W.B.

J.M.R.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

The activities of the Club are not usually on a large scale in the Summer Term, but to some extent this term has been an exception. There have to date been three meetings, and an expedition to London to see "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Phoenix Theatre.

The first meeting was purely for business purposes, and the Secretary read an amusing article entitled "Do you know your Colour Chart?" The second meeting was held on Saturday, May 31st, when the play "Richard of Bordeaux" was read. All who attended enjoyed the meeting, and some valuable information was gained in prospect that this might be the School Play for next term.

Mr. Alex Reeve, General Manager of the Northampton Repertory Company, was the guest of the Club at its third meeting this term. He spoke for over an hour on the general management and production of plays, and we were very disappointed when he had to leave promptly at 10.0 p.m. to catch his train. Mr. Reeve is to be thanked for his very interesting talk which was thoroughly appreciated by a large audience.

It is proposed to hold one more meeting this term when arrangements for next term will be discussed and a new Secretary elected.

J.D.D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

In spite of the difficulties presented by the General Certificate and a slight reluctance on the part of the remaining four members who were due to read papers, there have been three meetings so far this term. The only member who will remain and stay on next term is R. P. H. Atkins (B).

On May 15th, D. Morton Jack (C) read a very interesting paper on "Georges Bizet" and accompanied it with some very good gramophone records. On June 5th A. J. Clarke (C) read a fairly brief paper on "Scotland" giving a good description of its history, literature, arts and customs. On June 24th, I. M. Haynes (C) read a paper on the "Origins of Music" which was interesting but rather technical. D. J. Feathers (G) will read a paper later on in the term.

It has been a very satisfactory year, and the papers which were read were generally of a high standard and certainly of a great diversity in subject matter, which is as it should be.

J.D.N.H.S.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Owing to the resignation of our former Secretary, R. A. Nicholson (C), P. W. Fisher (C) was given the position temporarily.

The main event this term has taken the form of an expedition to Whipsnade, with the idea of combining a pleasurable afternoon and a photographic competition. This materialized in spite of many complications which depleted the number of available members of the Society.

The day, although too changeable for ideal photographic conditions, was nevertheless quite warm and dry. The excursion was a great success.

The Vitruvians proposed that they should combine an exhibition of their photographs with those that we had collected from our expedition, if enough entries could be obtained. At the time of going to press, however, little has been determined on this point.

The Society had also hoped to hear a paper from Brigadier Manton on Ciné Photography, but on account of his being unable to come until rather too late in the term the visit was postponed.

P.W.F.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

On Thursday, March 20th, the Secretary handed in his resignation, and it was decided by the Committee that P. M. Prior-Wandesforde (T) should take over this position, and that G. H. Mallinson (T) should take over the now vacant position of Committee-man.

During the holidays, Mr. Barr managed to get the Buckingham Young Farmers' Club to join up with us. At a committee meeting with Miss Busby, the Buckingham Young Farmers' Club Secretary, it was decided that some meetings should be held between the two clubs next term.

THE STOIC

As the Cloven Hoof Section at the Oxfordshire Show was cancelled owing to the Foot and Mouth Disease, it was decided that the proposed visit by bus to the Show should be cancelled; but Mr. Barr very kindly took four members in his car on Wednesday, May 14th.

There will be a visit on Wednesday, July 9th, to the British Oil and Cake Mills experimental farm at Stoke Mandeville.

P.M.P-W.

THE RIFLE CLUB

Owing to the fact that other schools shoot .303 rifle matches this term, and we do not, there have been no school matches so far; but we are hoping to have one against the Buckingham Police, and also one against the Masters in the near future.

The normal Thursday shooting has been of a quite high standard, and we are hoping to have a small team competition amongst ourselves before the end of term.

The team has continued to shoot on Sundays and some very good targets have been shot, especially by A. A. Fairrie (C) and P. A. T. Loup (T). A Possibles prize has been offered, and so far has not been awarded, but it will probably be won before the end of term.

G.H.M.

RHYTHM RAMBLERS' JAZZ CLUB

Although the Club has reached a high standard of proficiency during the term, we have not been allowed to perform. We shall be sorry to lose M. J. R. Padmore, an irreplaceable loss, and A. S. Jackson, the last of the founders of the Club, and an expert accompanist and drummer. We shall be much depleted next term, but we are looking for the new blood which seems to be somewhat lacking.

The Club has consisted of:—A. S. Jackson (G), piano and drums; C. A. Hart Leverton (G), saxophone and piano; M. J. R. Padmore (C), clarinet; R. F. S. Hamer (G), bass; I. D. Sutherland (C), drums.

C.A.H.L.

THE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

The last two terms have seen a large increase in membership, in the quality and quantity of models produced, and in the trouble that has been taken over their construction.

One of the most interesting aeroplanes is a radio-controlled "Southerner" made by R. C. Wallace (B) which unfortunately has not yet flown with the receiver installed.

J. A. Hutson (B) has been making a large free-flight power model and C. M. Hill (C) intends to construct "Unlimited"—an unusual stunt control-liner with an almost square plan-form.

"Minimoa" and "Vortex" gliders have been built; the former is like a seagull, "the perfect glider", and the latter has a five-and-a-half-foot wing-span, which makes it one of the largest models built at Stowe.

We hope to have a public display of these models before the end of term.

D.J.L.



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C.C.F. INSPECTION, June 2nd.

[B.E.T.

J.C.S. with General Sir Ouvry Roberts and G.S.O. III.



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DETAIL OF OXFORD LODGE

[G.M.C.



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MARCH PAST OF ROYAL FUSILIERS

[Associated Press

Twin Lieutenants David and John Conington (B, 1949) carrying the Colours past the Lord Mayor.

C.C.F. NOTES

The chief event of this term was the Inspection of the Contingent on June 2nd by the Army Commander, General Sir Ouvry L. Roberts, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. The clothing situation, luckily, was good; the whole Corps except the Recruits had the new type battledress, shirts and ties; dark-blue berets arrived about a week before the day; and the I.C.E. Section even sported a new scarlet crash-helmet. The Band had suffered a severe blow early in the term by the absence, due to a motor accident, of Mr. Webb, but the fort was more than held by his friend, Major Bagwell, Royal Hampshire Regiment, who came from his retirement in Bicester to help us out. On the Ceremonial Parade, the arms drill and turn-out, especially of the R.N. Section, were exceptionally good.

Other events included a most enlivening visit from D/Sgt. Tomlinson, Coldstream Guards, on May 13th; a Field Day, very much restricted by foot-and-mouth disease, on May 20th; and the Certificate "A" examinations on July 15th.

The Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup is to take place on July 22nd, and will be judged by Col. E. R. Hill, D.S.O., Lieutenant-Colonel commanding Headquarters, Coldstream Guards, and by his Regimental Adjutant, Major D. A. H. Toler, M.C. (G, 1939).

A Contingent of about 120 will attend Camp from July 29th to August 6th, at Bourley, near Aldershot. There will be, in addition, Summer camps for the R.N. Section and R.N.V.R. entrants in H.M.S. "Battleaxe" and elsewhere, and for the R.A.F. Section at Hullavington.

The following promotions were made this term:—

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION:

To *Under Officer*: A/P/O B. J. Calvert (G).

To *Petty Officer*: Ldg. Seaman R. C. Withinshaw (C).

To *A/Petty Officer*: A/Ldg. Seaman Viscount Tiverton (B).

ARMY SECTION:

To *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer G. W. A. Kent (C).

To *Under-Officer*: Sgts. E. F. Williamson (C), N. L. M. Boulton (G).

To *Sergeant*: Cpls. S. P. Rees (G), C. P. Nuttall (B), G. H. Mallinson (T), A. J. Beerbohm (C), R. Blaker (C).

To *Corporal*: L/Cpls. A. M. B. Watson (G), S. F. N. Waley (W), M. D. Beck (W), M. Davis (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cds. R. C. Kelton (W), A. C. Macintosh (T), R. K. Middlemas (C), R. A. C. Meredith (G), R. A. Duncan (C), M. D. A. Hanmer (T), J. S. Peterkin (B), R. M. Tulloch (B), R. S. L. Pearman (W), P. H. K. Steveney (T), H. A. C. Boddington (W), R. F. Kennedy (W), A. M. Crawford (G).

R.A.F. SECTION:

To *Corporal*: Cdt. W. D. Wright (W).

To *Leading Cadet*: Cds. R. F. Butlin (G), H. G. Fennell (T).

THE CORPS BAND

Owing to an unfortunate accident to Mr. Webb near the beginning of the term, no concert has been given and the only activity has been the General Inspection which took place on May 28th. The standard of playing was higher than it has been for many years, the brass section in particular being much improved. We are much indebted to Major Bagwell, a friend of Mr. Webb, who very kindly took over the position of Bandmaster. His wide knowledge and experience were invaluable to the band.

We wish Mr. Webb a speedy recovery, hoping to give a concert next term, on his return to normal work.

P.R.C.

ATHLETICS

Bad weather again robbed us of Sports Day, when a blizzard almost paralysed all movement in a few short hours. Bruce had previously won the Standards competition, now divorced from the Sports Cup, by a comfortable margin, and "Events Previously Decided" were completed on schedule; these results are shown below. It is worthy of note that the discus record was exceeded by A. W. Fraser (C), whose throwing shows excellent promise.

One Hundred Yards (under 15)—1, D. D. McIntyre (C); 2, J. B. Hamer (G); 3, R. T. C. A. Hall (C); 4, M. K. Ridley (C); 5, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards (Open)—1, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 2, M. S. P. Gardner (B); 3, T. S. Savery (W); 4, R. F. Butlin (G); 5, P. J. Shaw (C). Time, 24.6 secs.

Half Mile (under 16)—1, P. E. S. Lilley (C); 2, D. J. Feathers (G); 3, C. H. Rutter (G); 4, I. J. Moir (C); 5, P. J. Yardley (B). Time, 2 mins. 20.3 secs.

Putting the Weight (under 16)—1, A. P. Pemberton (B); 2, C. W. J. Butler (T); 3, J. Hawtrey Woore (B); 4, R. J. Nettleship (C); 5, D. V. Fisher (C). Distance, 37 ft. 8 ins.

Quarter Mile (under 15)—1, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 2, P. Mayhew (G); 3, D. J. Bateman (C); 4, M. K. Ridley (C); 5, R. C. C. Temple (T). Time, 64.3 secs.

Long Jump (Open)—1, P. J. Tickell (B); 2, A. W. Fraser (C); 3, C. J. S. Cullum (B); 4, R. C. Meredith (G); 5, R. Blaker (C); 6, T. R. H. Lewis (B). Distance, 20 ft. 9½ ins.

Long Jump (under 15)—1, D. Cameron (B); 2, D. D. McIntyre (C); 3, H. R. Yorke-Davies (G); 4, W. J. C. Ford (G); 5, M. J. Burrows (C). Distance, 16 ft. 6 ins.

Half Mile (Open)—1, A. J. P. Campbell (C); 2, P. J. Tickell (B); 3, M. S. P. Gardner (B); 4, G. K. Burrell (C); 5, C. P. Nuttall (B); 6, F. J. B. Taylor (C). Time, 2 mins. 7.6 secs.

Quarter Mile (under 16)—1, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, J. R. F. Raw (G); 3, R. P. H. Atkins (B); 4, G. P. Renwick (C); 5, M. A. V. Harris (C). Time, 59.2 secs.

High Jump (under 16)—1, E. Harvey (W); 2, P. E. S. Lilley (C); 3, A. P. Pemberton (B); 4, R. W. Slater (C); 5, G. P. Renwick (C). Height, 4 ft. 10½ ins.

Discus (Open)—1, A. W. Fraser (C); 2, P. J. Tickell (B); 3, R. K. Middlemas (C); 4, P. V. Clegg (C); 5, D. N. White (C); 6, Viscount Tiverton (B). Distance, 122 ft. 8½ ins. Record.

Pole Vault (Open)—1, J. C. Power (T). Height, 8 ft.

CRICKET

At the time of writing the 1st XI have played twelve matches, of which they have drawn six and lost six. The matches with Malvern and the Old Stoics have yet to be played. Of the inter-school matches, drawn games have been played with Westminster, Bedford, St. Edward's and Oundle, while defeats have been suffered at the hands of Bradfield, Radley and Rugby.

It has been a season of disappointments and unexpected failures, but there has been no slackening of effort, and the side has come up cheerful and hopeful for the next encounter. The first piece of misfortune was the slow recovery of M. J. Fenwick from an operation on his feet. He was unable to play in the first two matches, and then gallantly did his best in the next five, but he was too handicapped and had to give up the unequal struggle. C. N. H. Hordern then took over the captaincy of the side in the field, and carried it out with quiet efficiency. It has not been an easy task, as both the bowlers and batsmen at his command have often played far below the standard of which they are capable.

The greatest weakness has been in bowling, where four regular bowlers have borne the brunt of the attack. All have bowled extremely well on occasion, but all have bowled far too many loose balls. The Stowe wicket is a batsman's paradise and bowling on it is a gruelling business. It is essential therefore to attain a high degree of accuracy. R. Cobham's 5 for 13 against Westminster in 21 overs; P. L. Morris's 7 for 26 against Radley in 17 overs; A. P. Hill's 3 for 84 in 22 overs against Rugby; and D. M. Vance's 2 for 27 in 18 overs against Bedford, were all good pieces of bowling on plumb wickets, and incidentally on foreign grounds, but none of these bowlers has been consistent, and all have lacked real steadiness under pressure. A. P. Hill has gained valuable experience in the side whilst still a Colt, and he will have to play a big part in the attack next season.

Only once in the season has the side been dismissed for a really low score, and on that occasion rallied so strongly in the field that victory was actually in sight. It cannot be denied, however, that the batting has, on the whole, been extremely disappointing, both to the performers themselves and to their mentors. In four of the first six matches half the side was out for 60 odd runs, and it became quite a habit for R. F. Butlin at No. 6 or 7 to come to the rescue. In four consecutive innings he scored 62, 63, 42 and 51, and very worthy efforts they were too. He hit the ball

as if he meant it. Aggression carried him through, and with more of this attacking spirit other of the side's batsmen might well have met with greater success.

C. N. H. Hordern, A. J. Beerbohm and D. M. Vance from last year's side were regarded as the most probable run-getters, but apart from an occasional good score they have met with remarkably little success. An opening pair proved a difficult problem to find, and eventually it appeared that by the promotion of D. G. du B. Dew to join F. J. R. Boddy greater solidarity would be achieved. But it was not to be, for the safer Dew became the less reliable became Boddy.

J. R. F. Crombie has played good innings, but has invariably got out just when he has appeared to be set. F. J. B. Taylor, a left-hander, coming late into the side has met with some success and has hit the ball well at times, but he is at present a very shaky starter.

The wicket-keeping of Dew has been generally of a high standard. As a rule the fielding of the team has been sound, and against Radley it became positively brilliant.

It is expected that Dew, Crombie, Taylor and Hill will be available next year; and there were several very useful batsmen in the Colts' side who should do well. Bowling is again going to be the chief problem.

STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 14th. Oxford University Authentics won by 8 wickets.

STOWE					O.U. AUTHENTICS				
M. Grieve, st Abell, b Young	19				Saunders, run out	8			
F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Young	30				Price, c Hordern, b Hill	30			
C. N. H. Hordern, c and b Saunders	0				Hordern, not out	39			
A. J. Beerbohm, c Saunders, b McGuinness	5				Williams, not out	45			
D. M. Vance, b McGuinness	0				Gaekwar, Raison, Young, Crabtree, Nathan, Abell and McGuinness did not bat.				
J. R. F. Crombie, lbw, b Young	28								
R. F. Butlin, c Williams, b McGuinness	23								
R. Cobham, not out	3								
D. G. du B. Dew, lbw, b McGuinness	3								
A. P. Hill, c Williams, b Young	0								
G. W. A. Kent, run out	5								
Extras	7				Extras	3			
Total	123				Total (for 2 wkts.)	125			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Gaekwar	6	0	11	0	Butlin	7	1	22	0
Hordern	9	2	29	0	Cobham	8	2	28	0
McGuinness	18	5	24	4	Kent	7	0	36	0
Crabtree	5	0	21	0	Hill	6	1	27	1
Young	13	4	16	4	Vance	2	0	9	0
Saunders	3	0	9	1					
Nathan	2	1	6	0					

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, May 17th. Match drawn.

Stowe lost the toss and were put in to bat on a perfect wicket, but the opening batsmen were very uncertain and were soon out. In Jones Westminster had a match-winning leg-break bowler, and he was the chief anxiety. Hordern and Crombie, however, played him very well and took the score to 60 by sound play. One beautiful square-drive by Crombie flashed to the boundary, and Hordern was very strong on the on side. Crombie was out, caught in the slips, when he just failed to get hold of a leg break which he meant to drive past extra cover. Beerbohm joined Hordern and these two remained till lunch, when the score was 98 for 3 wickets.

Soon after lunch Hordern was out, but he had played a sound and valuable innings on which a good total could be built. Beerbohm played some attractive off-shots and Vance, hitting the ball with a longer swing, gave him good support. When these two were out the remaining batsmen were soon dismissed, but with only one exception all looked as if they knew something about batting. The most satisfactory thing, from a Stowe point of view, was the sensible and workmanlike way in which numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 tackled the slow leg-breaks of Jones and the flighted off-breaks of Garcia.

Westminster started to bat at 3.15 and had 190 minutes in which to make 176. Butlin and Vance opened the bowling with reasonable accuracy and both made the ball move about. There were several confident appeals for lbw, but all were disallowed. Hill and Kent were tried without success, and tea arrived with the score at 35 for no wicket. After tea the feature of the Westminster innings was the bowling of Cobham, who bowled for 2 hours without relief and finished with an analysis of 21 overs, 12 maidens, 13 runs and 5 wickets. He bowled in-swingers to a leg-trap of five fielders with such accuracy that they did not have to duck once and took two catches. Dew's wicket-keeping was excellent and included two smart stumps and a catch wide on the leg side.

Stowe's fielding was sound and Hordern's captaincy left nothing to be desired until the last quarter of an hour, when runs were of little consequence and the taking of wickets was vital. He might then have brought all his field round the bat and tried either Kent or Hill with their slows in place of Vance.

STOWE					WESTMINSTER				
F. J. R. Boddy, b Davies	0				J. W. Tourlmain, b Butlin	17			
M. Grieve, c Lorimer-Thomas, b Jones	5				F. D. Lorimer-Thomas, not out	51			
C. N. H. Hordern, c Tourlmain, b Jones	55				D. G. Higgins, st Dew, b Cobham	27			
J. R. F. Crombie, c Tourlmain, b Jones	25				C. J. H. Davies, b Butlin	8			
A. J. Beerbohm, c Renshaw, b Jones	49				A. C. Hornsby, c Dew, b Butlin	0			
D. M. Vance, st Hornsby, b Jones	20				D. M. J. Jones, c Crombie, b Cobham	1			
R. F. Butlin, b Jones	3				S. L. Henry, st Dew, b Cobham	0			
R. Cobham, c Lorimer-Thomas, b Garcia	6				E. J. N. Kirkby, lbw, b Cobham	1			
D. G. du B. Dew, not out	2				D. M. Renshaw, c Crombie, b Cobham	0			
A. P. Hill, st Hornsby, b Jones	1				J. M. Blume, not out	1			
G. W. A. Kent, b Garcia	1				M. D. Garcia did not bat.				
Extras	9				Extras	10			
Total	176				Total (for 8 wkts.)	116			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	8	3	20	1	Vance	17	7	40	0
Blume	7	3	22	0	Butlin	10	6	12	3
Jones	26	7	73	7	Hill	10	0	23	0
Garcia	21.1	4	52	2	Kent	4	0	18	0
					Cobham	21	12	13	5

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 21st. Match drawn.

FREE FORESTERS					STOWE				
R. J. Morris, b Cobham				17	M. J. Fenwick, b Cobham				3
P. Walker, c Crombie, b Cobham				56	F. J. R. Boddy, c Conington (J.), b Cobham				2
J. F. Conington, b Cobham				19	C. N. H. Hordern, not out				75
D. E. Conington, c Wright, b Cobham				20	J. R. F. Crombie, b Cobham				0
Lt.-Col. O. C. B. Smith-Bingham, b Cobham				0	A. J. Beerbohm, b Bradshaw				2
T. C. N. Flynn, not out				67	D. M. Vance, b Morris				29
P. Hope, c Hordern, b Cobham				13	W. D. Wright, b Morris				4
T. P. Lawrence, b Butlin				9	R. Cobham, b Morris				0
W. H. Bradshaw, c Dew, b Butlin				3	R. F. Butlin, b Lawrence				12
M. D. Cobham, not out				2	D. G. du B. Dew, lbw, b Morris				8
N. A. Gray did not bat					A. P. Hill, not out				4
Extras				12	Extras				9
(Total for 8 wks. dec.)				218	Total (for 9 wks.)				148

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Vance	11	1	39	0	Cobham	16	6	30	3
Butlin	14	0	45	2	Bradshaw	11	4	20	1
Cobham	19	3	43	6	Morris	11	2	31	4
Hill	4	0	21	0	Lawrence	13	1	51	1
Hordern	12.5	2	58	0	Walker	2	1	7	0

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 24th. Match drawn.

STOWE					BUCKINGHAM				
F. J. R. Boddy, c Inns, b Timms				17	R. G. Janaway, b Hill				32
R. J. V. Robinson, c Janaway, b Timms				14	T. E. Busby, b Hordern				69
C. N. H. Hordern, c Hanson, b Timms				0	Dr. P. Murphy, c Crombie, b Vance				27
J. R. F. Crombie, b Timms				7	A. H. Busby, b Hill				4
A. J. Beerbohm, c and b Timms				70	J. E. Timms, st Dew, b Vance				63
D. M. Vance, b Timms				7	R. O. Fulks, b Hill				1
R. F. Butlin, c Janaway, b Timms				62	R. J. Longland, st Dew, b Cobham				15
M. J. Fenwick, b Wilby				27	M. W. Inns, not out				11
R. Cobham, b Wilby				0	J. Hanson, not out				1
D. G. du B. Dew, not out				6	R. N. Wilby and H. R. Lillistone did not bat				
A. P. Hill, not out				6	Extras				2
Extras				19	Total (for 7 wks.)				225
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)				235					

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lillistone	11	3	26	0	Vance	9	0	43	2
Inns	7	1	22	0	Butlin	6	0	38	0
Timms	28	10	48	7	Hill	18	0	62	3
Wilby	20	5	56	2	Cobham	12	0	58	1
Busby (A. H.)	9	1	48	0	Hordern	5	0	22	1
Longland	3	0	16	0					

STOWE v. ADASTRIANS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 28th. The Adastrians won by 8 wickets.

STOWE					ADASTRIANS				
C. N. H. Hordern, b Lewis				14	F/Lt. R. Gebbels, c Hordern, b Hill				61
F. J. R. Boddy, b Morley				5	F/Lt. G. E. Lanning, c and b Hill				37
J. C. Witham, b Morley				8	F/Lt. A. Mills, not out				39
J. R. F. Crombie, c MacRae, b Morley				29	F/Lt. E. Senior, not out				35
A. J. Beerbohm, b Morley				5	F/Lt. D. H. MacRae, W/Cdr. J. W. Stokes, F/Lt. T. A. F. Andrew, Sqn. Ldr. B. E. Goodwin, Sqn. Ldr. H. L. Lewis, Sqn. Ldr. A. J. Goodrich, F/Lt. B. C. Morley did not bat				
D. M. Vance, b Morley				6	Extras				3
R. F. Butlin, c Gebbels, b Morley				63	Total (for 2 wks.)				175
M. J. Fenwick, c Goodrich, b Morley				6					
A. P. Hill, run out				0					
D. G. du B. Dew, lbw, b Goodwin				18					
R. Cobham, not out				9					
P. L. Morris, c Edwards, b Goodwin				6					
Extras				4					
Total				173					

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lewis	17	2	60	1	Morris	19	1	48	0
Morley	22	6	64	7	Cobham	10	1	40	0
Senior	4	1	10	0	Hill	12	0	50	2
Edwards	4	0	24	0	Vance	5	0	20	0
Goodwin	5	2	11	2	Butlin	2	0	14	0

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, May 31st. Match drawn.

The sky was grey and rain was in the air when Bedford won the toss and decided to bat. Morris and Vance opened the bowling and immediately began to worry the batsmen. Vance swung the ball away late and beat the bat frequently, but only one chance was offered off his bowling and that was not accepted. Morris made the ball lift and had the first two men caught at the wicket before many runs had been scored. Hill replaced Vance, but he did not look dangerous. Morris was possibly kept on rather too long, but was eventually relieved by Cobham, who had Collinge well stumped by Dew on the leg side. A fine rain had been falling for some time, making conditions very trying for the fielders and bowlers and at 12.50 it was decided to stop play and have an early lunch. The score was then 58 for 3 wickets.

Play could not be re-started until 2.50 p.m. and even then the light was poor and the turf very damp. Soon after the re-start Vance had Meeson held by Hordern at mid-off, to the relief of Stowe, for he is a dangerous and quick-scoring left-hander. The fifth wicket fell at 98, and things were going well in spite of the weather until J. Smith began to force the pace. He was certainly favoured by fortune but played a valuable innings, and shortly after Dew had stumped another man off Cobham's bowling, the Bedford captain declared at 168 for 6 wickets, leaving Stowe 105 minutes in which to get the runs. Towards the end of the Bedford innings, the ball had begun to pop, but the roller took all the spite out of the wicket during the tea interval, and Stowe batsmen had nothing to complain of in that respect.

As has happened so often this season the start was disastrous, four wickets falling for 16 runs and then a fifth at 33. At this point Butlin and Vance came to the rescue

and pulled things round. Both batted well, Butlin being the crisper and more certain of the two. Each in his own way dealt with the slow bowlers without being unduly troubled—Vance with his jerky forward stab, and Butlin with his long stretch down the wicket. When they had been dismissed, both clean bowled, only about 10 minutes' play remained, but even in that time accidents can occur and the last two men sighed with relief when stumps were drawn with Hill and Dew still undefeated.

From a Stowe point of view this was an undistinguished match, played in miserable conditions. The batting was poor apart from the innings of Butlin and Vance, though perhaps the light, which at times after tea was very bad, may have been partly to blame. In the field the side put up a creditable performance.

BEDFORD				STOWE			
R. W. Street, c Dew, b Morris	8	M. J. Fenwick, c Eldridge, b Strong	5				
D. Coley, c Dew, b Morris	12	J. C. Witham, c Strong, b Murray-Clarke	3				
P. E. Smith, b Vance	28	C. N. H. Hordern, c Meeson, b Murray-Clarke	4				
R. A. Collinge, st Dew, b Cobham	24	J. R. F. Crombie, c Collinge, b Murray-Clarke	11				
M. S. Meeson, c Hordern, b Vance	9	A. J. Beerbohm, c Collinge, b Murray-Clarke	0				
J. Smith, not out	59	R. F. Butlin, b Strong	42				
P. C. Eldridge, st Dew, b Cobham	18	D. M. Vance, b Murray-Clarke	33				
J. D. S. Hay, not out	5	D. G. du B. Dew, not out	3				
M. C. Strong, J. O. Murry-Clarke and M. J. Davison did not bat.		A. P. Hill, not out	0				
		R. Cobham and P. L. Morris did not bat					
Extras	5	Extras	10				
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	168	Total (for 7 wkts.)	111				

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	18	1	59	2	Murray-Clarke	14	2	44	5
Vance	18	5	47	2	Strong	10	2	19	2
Hill	5	0	28	0	Collinge	4	0	22	0
Cobham	6	1	21	2	Street	4	1	11	0
Hordern	1	0	8	0	Smith	2	0	5	0
					Hay	1	1	0	0

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 4th. Bradfield won by 5 wickets.

Stowe won the toss and went in to bat on a perfect wicket. The innings had an unpromising start, for both Fenwick and Hordern were out with the score reading only 6 runs. Boddy and Crombie started to restore the position and were both batting well when Crombie was tragically run out, as a result of confused calling, and in spite of a poor throw over the bowler's head to mid-on, who threw down the wicket. Boddy and Beerbohm, and later Beerbohm and Butlin, took the score along at a good steady pace, and the latter pair were together at lunch. Boddy contributed a workmanlike 32 before being out lbw in attempting a hook—a stroke which he had successfully executed several times before at some risk.

Butlin reached his individual 50 after lunch and was then caught at mid-on off a rather half-hearted shot. He had one piece of luck when he was dropped in the gully, but played a forceful and valuable innings. Beerbohm was shaky to start with and missed the ball outside the off stump fairly frequently, but as he settled down he treated

us to some beautiful off-drives. Vance opened with a classic four through the covers off his first ball, but both he and Beerbohm were caught behind the wicket. Something like 210 by 40'clock was what the Stowe captain hoped for, but his later batsmen could not manage it. The Stowe innings closed at ten minutes to four with the score at 188.

When play was re-started Bradfield had 145 minutes in which to get the runs, which meant that they had no particular reason to hurry. They did, in fact, make them for 5 wickets with 25 minutes to spare.

Morris took a wicket in his third over, having conceded only 3 runs, and Vance's first three overs cost only 6 runs. Two possible chances were missed off his fourth over, and he was then unaccountably replaced by Hill, who over-pitched his slow off-breaks, and the keenness of the attack began to weaken. Cobham replaced Morris, and took a wicket with his fourth ball. 35 for 2 looked a good deal better for Stowe. Farr and Cormack, however, were not greatly troubled by the bowlers, and when Cormack was eventually bowled by Hill at 5.39 with the score 94 for 3, Bradfield had another 95 runs to get in 66 minutes. Parkinson came in and raced down the pitch to the first ball he received from Hill. Up went a high spinning catch to mid-off, who had to run ten yards or so to get under it. He got there, but failed to hold the ball. Parkinson then proceeded to hit everything within reach, and in 21 minutes the score was increased by 74 runs to 170, when Farr was caught and bowled by Vance for a very sound 74. The rate of scoring during this period was helped considerably by some very inaccurate slow bowling, and the fielding also deteriorated. A run-out gave Stowe one more wicket before the winning run was made.

188 was not a good enough score to give Stowe any great expectation of victory, but had chances been taken and the bowling been adapted more to the occasion, anything might have happened. At least Bradfield would have been made to fight for the runs.

STOWE				BRADFIELD			
M. J. Fenwick, lbw, b Stewart	2	H. M. Pearce, b Morris	5				
F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Cumberlege	32	R. G. Wyatt, lbw, b Cobham	14				
C. N. H. Hordern, b Stewart	0	S. H. F. Farr, c and b Vance	74				
J. R. F. Crombie, run out	23	D. G. Cormack, b Hill	26				
A. J. Beerbohm, c Cormack, b Cumberlege	39	M. C. Parkinson, not out	57				
R. F. Butlin, c Coate, b Stewart	51	J. R. P. Cumberlege, run out	6				
D. M. Vance, c Cormack, b Stewart	10	W. Lamier, not out	4				
D. G. du B. Dew, b Farr	11	C. R. Joynt, R. C. Chapman, D. J. C. Stewart and R. V. L. Coate did not bat.					
A. P. Hill, run out	10						
R. Cobham, not out	2						
P. L. Morris, b Farr	0						
Extras	8	Extras	5				
Total	188	Total (for 5 wkts.)	191				

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Stewart	15	8	20	4	Morris	14	1	46	1
Wyatt	13	4	27	0	Vance	7.3	1	36	1
Parkinson	6	1	18	0	Hill	8	1	42	1
Farr	23.3	7	52	2	Cobham	8	0	42	1
Coate	6	2	14	0	Fenwick	2	0	20	0
Cumberlege	13	1	38	2					
Joynt	2	0	11	0					

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 7th. M.C.C. won by 4 wickets.

STOWE					M.C.C.				
F. J. R. Boddy, c Hart, b Watkins.....	13				D. Roberts, lbw, b Cobham.....	23			
D. G. du B. Dew, c Wyatt, b Roberts.....	4				W. R. Watkins, lbw, b Morris.....	24			
J. R. F. Crombie, c and b Watkins.....	22				M. T. D. Wyatt, c Boddy, b Cobham.....	21			
A. J. Beerbohm, c and b Watkins.....	53				B. C. Phillips, b Cobham.....	0			
R. F. Butlin, b Feldman.....	0				E. B. Trubshaw, b Cobham.....	0			
D. M. Vance, b Feldman.....	8				R. G. Jennings, b Hill.....	20			
C. N. H. Hordern, b Feldman.....	0				H. M. O. Jones Davies, not out.....	11			
F. J. B. Taylor, st Hart, b Feldman.....	11				T. B. G. Welch, not out.....	24			
A. P. Hill, c and b Phillips.....	4				E. H. Hart, S. D. Rhodes and S. Feldman				did not bat.
R. Cobham, b Phillips.....	1								
P. L. Morris, not out.....	0								
Extras.....	9				Extras.....	3			
Total.....	125				Total (for 6 wkts.).....	126			

STOWE					M.C.C.				
Trubshaw.....	6	0	24	0	Morris.....	16	2	45	1
Roberts.....	4	0	14	1	Vance.....	5	0	21	0
Watkins.....	18	6	29	3	Butlin.....	5	0	9	0
Jones Davies.....	3	0	15	0	Cobham.....	10.1	4	32	4
Feldman.....	19	8	30	4	Hill.....	4	1	16	1
Phillips.....	3.3	2	4	2					

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Tuesday, June 10th. Radley won by 2 wickets.

"If you can meet with triumph and disaster"—well, we did, and although the final result was disaster, triumph was so near and so well worked for that we almost forgot to say: "If only . . .".

The first disaster to face us was the news that Cobham, our most successful bowler to date, had been taken ill in the night and was unable to play, and this against a side which had never yet had to bat below number 6! To balance this we learned on arrival that the almost legendary Dexter was also not playing.

Stowe lost the toss and was put in to bat. Dew and Boddy opened confidently, if a little slowly, against the fast bowlers, and we had visions of a large score on a perfect day and a wicket that, though slower than usual, seemed to contain no particular vice. However, the slows brought disaster, and batsman followed batsman, each out after making one good scoring stroke to raise our hopes. Crombie stayed a little while before being out leg-before, and Hordern seemed to have played himself in when he gave an easy catch. Rushton, playing instead of Cobham, pulled one to leg nicely for four, and was then caught almost miraculously off another attempt to do the same thing. Square leg sprinted after the ball, and caught it at full length with his back to the wicket. The fielding was remarkably good, and every possible chance was taken, and Stowe were finally all out for 63 at a quarter to one.

When Radley went in Morris and Vance opened the bowling, and one of the opening batsmen dismayed us with one beautiful shot to the leg boundary off a short-bouncer

from Morris. Then came the transformation. Morris seemed inspired, and bowled with tremendous fire throughout the innings, producing ball after ball that beat the batsman and either hit or shaved the stumps. The Stowe fielding became electrified, and bodies were flung full length to effect seemingly impossible saves. Vance, fielding at cover, threw down the wicket on two occasions brilliantly, after making a lot of ground to the ball, to run out two startled batsmen engaged on what must have seemed perfectly safe runs. Hill was brought on for Vance, who had bowled very steadily without much luck, and immediately struck a length and bowled very accurately for 8 overs, keeping his batsmen tied up while Morris wrought havoc at the other end. Hordern took a good catch in the slips. 5 for 43, 6 for 44, Stowe hardly dared to hope it could go on, but it did. Vance came back for a caught and bowled, and it was 60 for 7. We stuck there for over after over, till Morris bowled a wide, which was greeted by a little subdued Radley applause. This was hastily apologised for by the horrified Radley captain, who said "Only wet bobs". Another wicket fell, and then at last a slightly less accurate ball was struck for four, and Radley had won, 65 for 8. The match continued, to comply with M.C.C. rules, and another wicket fell to Morris at the same total. The last two men were comparatively carefree, and 11 runs were added before Hill took a catch off the moist but still determined Morris to dismiss the entire unbeaten Radley side for 76.

The further continuation of the game was anti-climax, except for a good innings of 38 not out by Dew, promising the solution of the opening-pair problem for some time to come. Great praise is due to the team for recovering from such a depressing position, and for the fire and alertness of the fielding of every member of the side. Vance, Butlin and Hordern, who handled the side magnificently, deserve special mention, and Dew kept wicket in a manner which surpassed even his previous high standard. Six byes only assisted Radley, though Morris beat the bat so often, and four of these from a ball which everyone confidently looked to see amid the wreckage of the wicket but which somehow skimmed it. A great day for everyone except the batsmen.

STOWE					M.C.C.				
1st Innings					2nd Innings				
F. J. R. Boddy, c Davies, b Gleave.....	11				c Waddilove, b Carr.....	12			
D. G. du B. Dew, c Cooper, b Gleave.....	7				not out.....	38			
C. N. H. Hordern, c Duff, b Gleave.....	7				c and b Carr.....	4			
J. R. F. Crombie, lbw, b Teale.....	14				st Davies, b Gleave.....	2			
A. J. Beerbohm, c Waddilove, b Duff.....	1				lbw, b Huddy.....	28			
R. F. Butlin, c Teale, b Gleave.....	4								
D. M. Vance, c Waddilove, b Duff.....	4								
F. J. B. Taylor, b Duff.....	3								
M. A. Rushton, c Cooper, b Duff.....	4								
A. P. Hill, lbw, b Gleave.....	3								
P. L. Morris, not out.....	1								
Extras.....	4				Extras.....	6			
Total.....	63				Total (for 4 wkts. dec.).....	90			

STOWE					M.C.C.				
Huddy.....	5	3	6	0	Huddy.....	6.5	1	23	1
Duff.....	9	5	15	4	Duff.....	8	1	16	0
Gleave.....	12.4	6	26	5	Gleave.....	10	2	27	1
Teale.....	8	5	12	1	Carr.....	8	2	18	2

RADLEY										
1st Innings					2nd Innings.					
A. C. Walton, b Morris	11				not out				33	
J. S. Waddilove, b Morris	16				not out				9	
C. E. B. L. Carr, b Morris	0									
S. M. Scott, c Hordern, b Morris	5									
L. Cooper, run out	6									
T. I. Perkins, run out	0									
J. B. Gleave, c and b Vance	11									
M. W. G. Duff, lbw, b Morris	5									
R. R. Davies, c Vance, b Morris	11									
M. B. C. Teale, c Hill, b Morris	0									
E. C. H. Huddy, not out	4									
Extras	7				Extras				5	
Total	76				Total (for no wkt.)				47	
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.	
Morris	17	1	7	26	7	Morris	2	0	10	0
Vance	9	2	30	1	Vance	2	0	9	0	
Hill	8	2	13	0	Rushton	2	0	11	0	
					Butlin	2	0	5	0	
					Hill	1	0	7	0	

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 18th. Match drawn.

This match, which at lunch time looked like being a victory for Stowe, eventually finished as a draw, in favour of St. Edward's.

The Stowe bowling and fielding before lunch was satisfactory, and wickets fell regularly, till at lunch the scoreboard read 92 for 7. Morris had taken 4 wickets, Cobham 2 and one man had been run out. Dew kept wicket well, catching three victims and stumping one. After lunch it was a different story. The St. Edward's Nos. 7 and 9 made a determined assault on the bowling and soon had it looking very ragged. They met with their fair share of luck, and when the eighth wicket fell the score had reached 164, a respectable total. The ninth wicket added a further 37 runs, and the innings closed at 219 at the tea interval.

Stowe were left with 155 minutes in which to get the runs, and started off well enough, but each of the early batsmen got out just as he appeared to be settling down. 106 for 3 wickets looked promising, but soon it was 140 for 7. Beerbohm, Butlin and Vance, all likely run-getters and capable of scoring fast, were dismissed cheaply, and Stowe then faced the prospect of defeat. Taylor and rain, however, came to the rescue, and although St. Edward's did their best, after a heavy storm, to capture the remaining wickets, they were unsuccessful, Taylor and Cobham remaining undefeated.

ST. EDWARD'S					STOWE				
M. P. Rohde, st Dew, b Cobham	16				F. J. R. Boddy, c and b Cranmer	29			
J. A. T. Beard, lbw, b Cobham	15				D. G. du B. Dew, c Fell, b Cranmer	30			
M. E. Thorne, c Dew, b Morris	19				C. N. H. Hordern, b Thorne	20			
B. T. Fell, c Dew, b Morris	6				J. R. F. Crombie, c Carlyon, b Thorne	29			
R. A. Cranmer, c Taylor, b Morris	5				A. J. Beerbohm, lbw, b Hadlee	2			
C. T. Shaw, c Dew, b Morris	10				R. F. Butlin, b Thorne	10			
D. J. Cole, c Crombie, b Vance	62				D. M. Vance, b Thorne	10			
J. K. Carlyon, run out	6				F. J. B. Taylor, not out	34			
S. T. W. Anderson, c and b Vance	42				A. P. Hill, lbw, b Thorne	1			
M. E. J. Woods, b Hill	19				R. Cobham, not out	1			
R. B. Hadlee, not out	8				P. L. Morris did not bat				
Extras	11				Extras				9
Total	219				Total (for 8 wickets)				175
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	22	3	59	4	Carlyon	12	3	39	0
Vance	19	2	63	2	Woods	6	1	17	0
Cobham	15	5	31	2	Thorne	25	9	50	5
Hill	13	4	36	1	Cranmer	6	0	20	2
Butlin	1	0	9	0	Hadlee	14	3	40	1
Hordern	2	0	10	0					

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 21st. Match drawn.

Oundle batted first on a beautiful hard wicket, and scored 217 for 5 wickets in approximately 193 minutes. The ball only reached the boundary 13 times during the innings, and the Stowe bowling and fielding therefore must have had some steadiness to commend it. As a spectacle, however, it was decidedly dull. A very praiseworthy century by E. L. Jenkins formed the basis of the Oundle score, and their batsmen's running between the wickets was distinctly brisk and enterprising. Stowe had put in some practice on the previous afternoon in order to stop this very thing, but the side appeared to have lead in their boots. Vance, who is generally very accurate at cover-point, had strained his shoulder and was throwing wildly, and the Oundle batsmen seemed to run almost as they pleased with impunity. Eventually Oundle declared at 3.30, leaving Stowe five minutes under three hours to bat, which was a generous gesture.

Boddy was out in the first over, but Hordern and Dew remained till tea, and after tea more than one Oundle fieldsman treated Hordern with extreme generosity. One hoped that a big score might then come from him, but he never looked happy, and was next man out, when the score had reached 68. Dew was batting steadily enough, but he could not force the pace. He, Beerbohm and Crombie then departed in quick succession, which considerably altered the picture. Butlin and Taylor brightened things up, and if Butlin could have stayed a little longer he might well have brought the Oundle total in sight. 24 out of his 30 runs came in boundary hits.

When Vance succeeded Butlin 95 runs were still needed with only thirty-two minutes left for play. Any chance of a Stowe victory seemed remote, a draw looked probable, but an Oundle victory still on the cards. However, Taylor and Vance produced some of the brightest cricket of the day, and when Vance left Hill looked safe. At 6.45 Stowe had scored 181 for 7 wickets, still 36 runs behind, but going well. Had the Stowe batsmen run all the runs they could, and had they prevented the odd 20 runs Oundle should have been denied, the result would have been a good deal closer.

OUNDLE					STOWE				
L. P. Morris, c and b Vance	39				D. G. du B. Dew, b Morris	22			
P. J. Reynner, b Vance	1				F. J. R. Boddy, c Jenkins, b Kahn	0			
E. L. Jenkins, not out	107				C. N. H. Hordern, c T. Herbert, b D. Herbert	43			
D. N. Herbert, c Butlin, b Morris	13				J. R. F. Crombie, b Kahn	8			
R. M. Miles, b Hill	15				A. J. Beerbohm, c Jenkins, b Kahn	3			
G. R. Mawer, c Morris, b Hordern	29				R. F. Butlin, b D. Herbert	30			
H. E. K. Allen, F. J. B. Taylor, S. M. Kahn, T. W. O. Herbert and J. R. Dugard did not bat.					F. J. B. Taylor, not out	36			
					D. M. Vance, b Morris	16			
					A. P. Hill, not out	8			
					R. Cobham and P. L. Morris did not bat.				
Extras	13				Extras	15			
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	217				Total (for 7 wkts.)	181			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	19	5	56	1	Kahn	15	2	46	3
Vance	23	3	59	2	Morris	13	2	39	2
Hill	9	1	34	1	Dugard	16	5	43	0
Cobham	11	1	36	0	Taylor	6	3	8	0
Butlin	3	1	10	0	Herbert	9	2	30	2
Hordern	14	0	9	1					

STOWE v. RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Saturday, July 15th. Rugby won by 114 runs.

There was little to impress in the first appearance of Stowe at Rugby, which resulted in an easy win for Rugby. The consoling features of the Rugby innings were the way bowlers and fielders stuck to their task on a very fast ground; the steadiness through sixteen consecutive overs of Hill, who frequently had the batsmen in trouble besides getting three good wickets, and a really startling catch by Vance at square leg off Cobham to dismiss Hunt, the captain. The Rugby batsmen looked mature, and it was difficult to keep down their rate of scoring on a glassy outfield.

The Stowe batting was very timid and tentative by comparison, apart from a really worthy 27 from Dew, who batted with confidence until given out, one of four lbw decisions against Stowe. Butlin raised a momentary hope, but he never looked happy and was caught off a half-hearted shot. Taylor achieved his customary not-out score, though he was not as convincing as usual, even after his habitual shaky start, and might have done better to try to farm the bowling after Vance left.

RUGBY					STOWE				
E. M. Rose, b Cobham	20				F. J. R. Boddy, b Hunt	3			
M. A. Eager, st Dew, b Hill	44				D. G. du B. Dew, lbw, b Hunt	27			
J. A. Dyde, b Morris	0				C. N. H. Hordern, c and b Preece	11			
D. A. C. Marshall, b Hill	49				J. R. F. Crombie, lbw, b Hunt	6			
R. A. Hunt, c Vance, b Cobham	67				R. F. Butlin, c Hunt, b Ward	23			
R. N. H. Boddington, not out	11				A. J. Beerbohm, lbw, b Hunt	4			
D. G. Trentham, c Butlin, b Hill	16				F. J. B. Taylor, not out	28			
R. W. Ward, not out	21				D. M. Vance, b Marshall	19			
M. J. S. Preece, G. D. C. Shaw and G. A. A. Currie did not bat.					A. P. Hill, b Marshall	0			
					R. Cobham, b Preece	0			
					P. L. Morris, lbw, b Marshall	1			
					Extras	6			
Extras	14				Total	128			
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	242								
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	12	3	48	1	Hunt	13	1	45	4
Vance	7	1	29	0	Dyde	5	0	11	0
Cobham	14	4	46	2	Preece	8	0	37	2
Hill	22	3	84	3	Ward	6	0	29	1
Hordern	4	1	12	0	Marshall	3.5	3	0	3
Butlin	2	0	9	0					

2ND XI.

Up to the date of writing (July 11th) the team has played nine matches and has lost five, won three and drawn one. The wins have been against Buckingham, Bloxham and Oundle. The team was defeated by Harrow, Halton, Bedford, St. Edward's and Rugby, and the Radley match was drawn. Two matches, versus Emmanuel College and the Old Stoics, remain to be played.

Though we have not had a very successful season, it has been in many ways a good one and the cricket has been enjoyed. The policy has been to force a result somehow and therefore risks have been taken, which have not always come off but which were always justified.

At the beginning of the season it appeared likely that the batting would be strong and the bowling weak. As the term passed, the bowling seemed to improve and the batting became patchy, though both remained incalculable factors.

The win against Oundle, after a crushing defeat by St. Edward's, was a very good one. Oundle were dismissed for 95 on a plumb wicket and the runs got for the loss of one wicket.

The morale was always high and this was in a large measure due to the captain, B. J. Calvert (G), who held the team together in good and bad times, besides batting and keeping wicket very adequately.

H. D. E. Woods (G), The Hon. A. P. Moynihan (G), W. D. Wright (W) and D. H. Hart (C) were the backbone of the batting together with the captain, Moynihan and Hart doing the steady stuff and Woods and Wright the hard hitting. H. J. Gray (W) made a promising entry into the team in the latter half of the season.

At the beginning of the season, most of the quick stuff was in the hands of R. C. Allerton (G) and J. G. Soar (C). The latter bowled with great energy and little luck. The former improved as the term went on and had several good days, particularly against Radley. R. C. Withinshaw (C) came in to do the medium length bowling and was quite successful. T. I. Brassey (T) joined us late in the season and bowled well. M. E. P. Cross (G) had his moments, some of them very good ones. The spin attack was given to G. W. A. Kent (C) who turned the ball prodigious distances from leg and who will do very well when he has more control of length.

The fielding was always keen and the throwing-in fierce, if a bit untidy. Most of the catches available were held.

In all, the team has upheld the tradition of the 2nd XI and played proper cricket and we have all enjoyed ourselves.

Results have been as follows :—

- Sat., May 17. *v.* HARROW. Home. Lost by 8 wickets.
Stowe, 159 (Wright 51).
Harrow, 163 for 2 wkts.
- Wed., May 21. *v.* R.A.F., HALTON. Lost by 65 runs.
R.A.F., Halton, 110 (Cross 4 for 27).
Stowe, 45.
- Sat., May 24. *v.* BUCKINGHAM. Home. Won by 68 runs.
Stowe, 145 for 6 wkts. dec. (Hart 43).
Buckingham, 77 (Morris 4 for 19).
- Wed., June 4. *v.* BLOXHAM 1ST XI. Away. Won by 3 wickets.
Bloxham, 127 (Cross 4 for 22).
Stowe, 128 for 7 wkts. (Woods 33).
- Sat., June 7. *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Lost by 4 wickets.
Stowe, 144 (Fenwick 70 not out).
Bedford, 145 for 6 wkts.
- Tues., June 10. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Drawn.
Radley, 162 for 6 wkts. dec. (Allerton 6 for 51).
Stowe, 80 for 9 wkts.
- Wed., June 18. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost by 10 wickets.
Stowe, 67.
St. Edward's, 72 for no wkt.
- Sat., June 21. *v.* OUNDLE. Away. Won by 9 wickets.
Oundle, 98 (Brassey 3 for 33).
Stowe, 99 for 1 wkt. (Calvert 33 not out, Moynihan 27, Woods 27 not out).
- Sat., July 5. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Lost by 2 wickets.
Stowe, 140 (Moynihan 39 not out, Withinshaw 33).
Rugby, 144 for 8 wkts. (Withinshaw 3 for 34).

3RD XI.

The 3rd XI have had a moderate season. Well captained by N. A. Gray, they had two good victories over Radley and St. Edward's, but in the other matches the batting was unreliable, the bowling rather ineffective, and too many chances were missed in the field. Results :—

- Sat., May 17. *v.* HARROW. Home. Lost by 84 runs.
Harrow, 164 for 6 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 80.
- Wed., June 4. *v.* BLOXHAM. Home. Lost by 5 wickets.
Stowe, 105 (Campbell 25).
Bloxham, 107 for 5 wkts.
- Sat., June 7. *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Lost by 7 wickets.
Stowe, 86.
Bedford, 91 for 3 wkts.
- Tues., June 10. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Won by 4 wickets.
Radley, 111 (Harding 3 for 22).
Stowe, 115 for 6 wkts. (H. J. Gray 46, White 26).
- Wed., June 18. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Won by 4 wickets.
St. Edward's, 91 (Harding 4 for 14, Catchpole 3 for 21).
Stowe, 92 for 6 wkts. (N. A. Gray 42).
- Sat., July 5. *v.* TWYFORD. Away. Lost by 81 runs.
Twyford, 127 for 9 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 46.
- Sat., July 12. *v.* BLAKESLEY. Home. Drawn.
Blakesley, 144 for 4 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 137 for 2 wkts. (Robinson 67 not out, Waddilove 44).

THE COLTS

With four matches won, three lost and one drawn, the Colts had a satisfactory season. They showed a very worthy enterprise, for on winning the toss they always chose to bat second, knowing that they would almost inevitably have less time for batting than their opponents. Three of their victories were won under these conditions, and they were beaten by Bradfield by only six runs after an exciting struggle.

Witham made 300 runs in seven innings, an excellent record for an under-16 player. Jenkyn-Jones batted and bowled intelligently and well, and much of the team's success was due to his enthusiastic and thoughtful captaincy. Rushton bowled well, and played two useful innings at times when runs were needed quickly. Lilley and Day both bowled well at times; Day looked the soundest bat in the Club at the beginning of the season, but his performances were really a little disappointing. However, he should make runs in the future. Slater bowled steadily but was not always lucky. Hamer suffered from the inability of anyone to hold catches near the wicket, the one really bad feature of the side's cricket this season. Opperman played a good innings against Rugby; Gambier and Craig had few chances, but they both fielded keenly throughout the season. Hawkings was quietly efficient behind the wicket, except at Oundle, where he appeared to be out of practice. His batting improved.

The ground fielding was generally good, and in most matches the team succeeded in making the opposition fight for their runs. The only lapse was during one unhappy

hour against Rugby, but the subsequent batting more than made up for this. The throwing showed rather more enthusiasm than accuracy and one effort in particular will not easily be forgotten. This was a return to the wicket from cover-point that landed squarely in the hands of a startled first slip.

Team.—W. A. Jenkyn-Jones (C), J. C. Witham (T), P. E. S. Lilley (C), R. A. B. Day (T), M. A. Rushton (C), R. A. Opperman (B), R. W. Slater (C), N. G. Gambier (T), J. B. Hamer (G), J. A. Hawkings (C), P. T. Craig (W).

Results :—

- Sat., May 17. *v.* HARROW. Away. Lost by 9 wickets.
Stowe, 93.
Harrow, 94 for 1 wkt.
- Sat., May 24. *v.* ETON UPPER SIXPENNY. Drawn.
Stowe, 189 for 8 wkts. dec. (Witham 55, Jenkyn-Jones 41).
Eton, 145 for 7 wkts. (Slater 3 for 28).
- Wed., June 4. *v.* BRADFIELD. Home. Lost by 6 runs.
Bradfield, 148 for 7 wkts. dec. (Hamer 2 for 19).
Stowe, 142 (Jenkyn-Jones 41, Day 39).
- Sat., June 7. *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Won by 7 wickets.
Bedford, 147 for 6 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 148 for 3 wkts. (Witham 60, Jenkyn-Jones 56 not out).
- Tues., June 10. *v.* RADLEY. Away. Lost by 9 wickets.
Stowe, 38.
Radley, 39 for 1 wkt.
- Wed., June 18. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD. Home. Won by 7 wickets.
St. Edward's, 136 for 4 wkts. dec. (Lilley 2 for 36).
Stowe, 137 for 3 wkts. (Witham 62 not out).
- Sat., June 21. *v.* OUNDLE. Away. Won by 7 wickets.
Oundle, 128 (Rushton 5 for 32, Jenkyn-Jones 3 for 11).
Stowe, 129 for 3 wkts. (Witham 54 not out).
- Sat., July 5. *v.* RUGBY. Home. Won by 9 wickets.
Rugby, 167 for 4 wickets dec.
Stowe, 168 for 1 wkt. (Opperman 57 not out, Jenkyn-Jones 55, Witham 52 not out).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts could only win one match, losing three and drawing four. Twenty players have represented the team, and if the standard at the top was not as good as last year the over-all standard was much higher. The main weakness was the lack of a reliable opening pair: in the majority of the matches, half the side were out for under fifty. However, different batsmen have managed to rise to the occasion and there have been some remarkable last-wicket partnerships. Against Harrow, Kerr scored all the 56 runs added for the last wicket; there was an unbeaten stand of 45 against Bloxham; and against St. Edward's Cobham and Reynolds took the score from 60 to 120. Cameron and Worth saved the situation after a disastrous start at Bedford, while Cobham and Ridley did the same at Radley. Only against Oundle did the batting fail to recover. These recoveries showed that there were plenty of players with determination, but also indicated that the earlier batsmen were afraid to attack the bowling.

“A bowler only bowls as well as he is allowed” is a well worn phrase, but none the less true.

Cobham was the most reliable batsman and had the soundest technique. Cameron and Kerr are both natural strikers of the ball; the former did not do himself justice, but should make plenty of runs in the future; the latter ran himself out in three of five innings and against Rugby it probably cost us the match. All the other batsmen who have played have shown possibilities and, provided they are prepared to practise hard to eliminate faults, should do well.

The bowling was promising in quality and variety. Sherjan bowled very steadily, having figures of 72 overs, 123 runs, and 13 wickets. Cameron has a good action and with a smoother run-up should become a dangerous opening bowler. Philpott flighted his left-hand leg-breaks cleverly and obtained many valuable wickets, while Reynolds really spins his off-breaks. More use might have been made of Bagnall's leg-breaks, especially at the end of the season, when he was pushing them through faster.

The fielding was variable, but reached a high standard in the last game against Rugby. Cameron, Cobham, Bagnall, Sherjan, Pepper and Smith always fielded well, but some of the others will have to become more mobile.

Results :—

- Sat., May 17. *v.* HARROW. Away. Drawn.
Stowe, 106 (Kerr 73).
Harrow, 78 for 8 wkts. (Philpott 4 for 14, Cameron 3 for 20).
- Sat., May 24. *v.* ETON LOWER SIXPENNY. Away. Lost by 8 wickets.
Stowe, 103 (Gridley 36).
Eton, 104 for 2 wkts.
- Wed., June 4. *v.* BLOXHAM COLTS. Away. Won by 104 runs.
Stowe, 166 for 9 wkts. dec. (Sherjan 38 not out, Charlton 27, Johnson 24).
Bloxham 62 (Sherjan 4 for 18, Cameron 3 for 21, Philpott 2 for 6).
- Sat., June 7. *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Drawn.
Stowe, 124 for 9 wkts. dec. (Sherjan 30, Worth 26, Cameron 24).
Bedford, 102 for 6 wkts. (Sherjan 4 for 27).
- Tues., June 10. *v.* RADLEY. Away. Drawn.
Radley, 172 for 5 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 96 for 6 wkts. (Cobham 33, Ridley 22).
- Wed., June 18. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Drawn.
Stowe, 120 (Cobham 60).
St. Edward's, 54 for 4. Rain.
- Sat., June 21. *v.* OUNDLE. Home. Lost by 72 runs.
Oundle, 158 for 9 wkts. dec. (Philpott 4 for 50).
Stowe, 86 (Cobham 25).
- Sat., July 5. *v.* RUGBY. Home. Lost by 16 runs.
Rugby, 124 for 7 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 108 (Kerr 25).

The following have played :—D. Cameron (B) (Captain), R. O. Cobham (G), J. Sherjan (T), J. A. R. Bagnall (C), J. P. Kerr (W), D. H. Philpott (C), A. D. Evans (W), G. W. Reynolds (C), M. K. Ridley (C), J. B. D. Smith (C), D. H. G. J. Pepper (B), D. E. D. Johnson (C), M. J. Worth (C), R. Charlton (C), R. M. T. Earlam (W), E. P. S. Curtis (W), C. J. Gridley (C), C. H. Pattinson (T), A. Mackintosh (C), A. C. Sabey (C).

CRICKET LEAGUES

At the time of writing, nothing has been decided in the Leagues and the championship remains an open question. Temple have a slight lead over Grafton, but the latter have a match in hand; behind them, Walpole and Chandos can still overtake the leaders, but are not likely to do so. The position is the more interesting because Grafton meet Temple in the final round and are generally expected to win this encounter.

It has been a good season, with many matches going against form, in spite of the fact that the ground has been hard throughout. Symbolic of this was Chatham's first wicket partnership of 178 against Chandos, when Chatham were struggling at the bottom of the League. The batsmen were I. J. Moir and W. P. Cooper. Yet in the following round Chatham were losing to Bruce and the Chandos team was defeating a depleted Grafton side. All this has added interest to the competition, which has not been in any way interrupted by weather.

An important innovation this year has been the two-innings game, which has permitted a team to get six points as against four for a single-innings result. This has almost entirely obviated the unsatisfactory "practice" games of the past.

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1ST XI. AVERAGES

(up to July 7th)

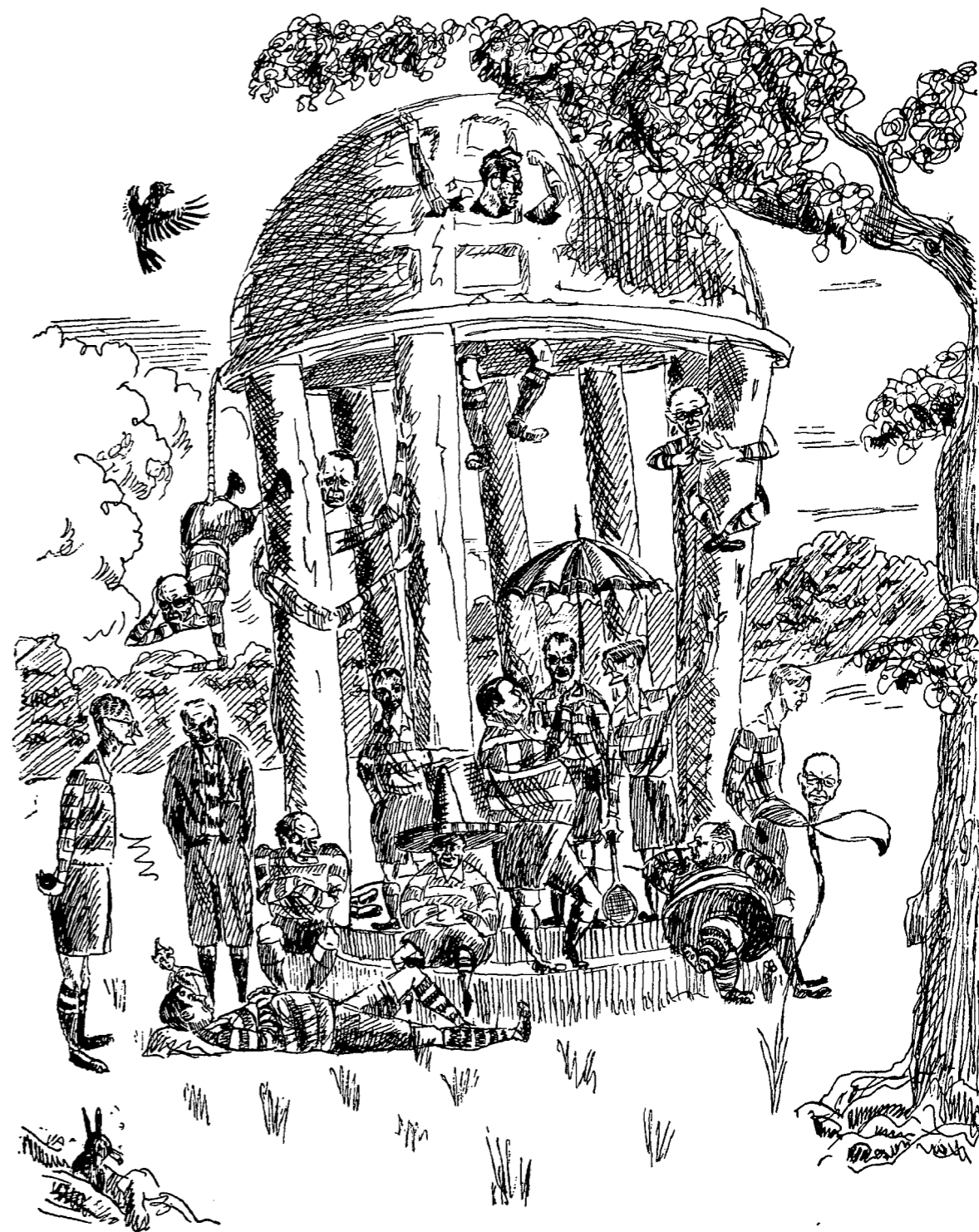
BATTING

	Total of Runs	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Average
F. J. B. Taylor (C)	112	5	3	36*	56.00
R. F. Butlin (G)	323	12	0	63	26.92
A. J. Beerbohm (C)	261	13	0	70	20.04
D. G. du B. Dew (C)	179	13	4	38*	19.88
C. N. H. Hordern (W)	233	13	1	75*	19.42
J. R. F. Crombie (C)	204	13	0	29	15.43
D. M. Vance (G)	162	12	0	33	13.50
F. J. R. Boddy (C)	154	12	0	32	12.83
A. P. Hill (B)	37	12	3	10	4.11
R. Cobham (G)	22	9	3	9*	3.67
P. L. Morris (C)	8	5	2	6	2.67

*Not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Cobham (G)	134.1	33	390	23	16.96
P. L. Morris (C)	139.1	23	397	17	23.35
A. P. Hill (B)	120	13	443	13	33.19
R. F. Butlin (G)	52	8	173	5	34.60
D. M. Vance (G)	134.3	22	445	10	44.50
C. N. H. Hordern (W)	26.9	3	119	2	59.50



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THE MASTERS' XV, WITH RESERVE
(and apologies to the Historians)

[N.A.G.

In the Air: BRM, HBP, AJC, HVGK,

Down to Earth: WHB, RGG, BSS, HR, JCTU, CFD, DIB, AM, RW, CWR, GBC, BAB

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 4.—Wasps	Home.
Wed., Oct. 8.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18.—BEDFORD	Away.
Wed., Oct. 22.—RUGBY	Away.
Sat., Oct. 25.—London Scottish	Home.
Wed., Oct. 29.—ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—RADLEY	Home.
Sat., Nov. 8.—Richmond	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12.—OUNDLE	Home.
Sat., Nov. 15.—HARROW	Home.
Sat., Nov. 22.—CHELTENHAM	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29.—T. A. Kemp's XV.	Home.
Wed., Dec. 3.—KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY	Home.
Sat., Dec. 6.—Old Stoics	Home.
Sat., Dec. 13.—Rosslyn Park	Home.
Sat., Feb. 7.—ETON	Away.

2ND XV.

Wed., Oct. 8.—Bloxham	Home.
Wed., Oct. 15.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley	Away.
Tues., Nov. 11.—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow	Away.
Wed., Nov. 19.—Berkhamsted	Home.
Wed., Nov. 26.—Wellingborough	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Buckingham	Home.
Wed., Dec. 3.—Northampton Grammar School	Home.

3RD XV.

Wed., Oct. 8.—Bloxham	Away.
Wed., Oct. 15.—Kettering Grammar School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford	Home.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Oundle	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 8.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12.—M.C.S., Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow	Away.
Wed., Nov. 19.—Berkhamsted	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Northampton Grammar School	Away.
Wed., Dec. 3.—Towcester Grammar School	Away.
Wed., Dec. 10.—M.C.S., Brackley	Home.

4TH XV.

Sat., Oct. 11.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow	Home.
Sat., Dec. 13.—Kingham Hill School	Home.

COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 15.—Bedford Modern	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Oct. 29.—Douai	Home.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley	Home.
Wed., Nov. 12.—Oundle	Home.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow	Away.
Sat., Nov. 22.—Cheltenham	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Rugby	Away.
Sat., Dec. 13.—Northampton Grammar School	Away.
Sat., Feb. 7.—Eton	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS' XV.

Wed., Oct. 8.—Bloxham	Away.
Wed., Oct. 15.—Bedford Modern	Away.
Sat., Oct. 18.—Bedford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 22.—M.C.S., Brackley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Kingham Hill School	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley	Away.
Sat., Nov. 8.—Berkhamsted	Away.
Tues., Nov. 11.—Oundle	Away.
Sat., Nov. 15.—Harrow	Away.
Wed., Nov. 19.—M.C.S., Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 26.—Rugby	Away.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Home.
Wed., Dec. 3.—M.C.S., Brackley	Home.

UNDER FOURTEEN XV.

Sat., Oct. 11.—Bedford	Away.
Wed., Oct. 15.—M.C.S., Oxford	Home.
Wed., Oct. 22.—M.C.S., Brackley	Away.
Sat., Oct. 25.—St. Edward's, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 1.—Dragon School, Oxford	Away.
Wed., Nov. 5.—Radley	Away.
Wed., Nov. 12.—M.C.S., Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 19.—M.C.S., Brackley	Home.
Sat., Nov. 29.—Bloxham	Home.

LAWN TENNIS

The VI is distinctly better this year than last, though it has not reached a standard comparable with the team which included Downing, Cunningham-Reid and Scott. The general standard of tennis in the School is also higher than it has been for a few years and it is not unreasonable to expect that 1953-5 will be vintage years. For it would be possible to turn out a team of Under-Sixteens who would, even now, give a good account of themselves against other schools.

The members of the Ten are J. G. Rigg (W) (Captain), M. D. Beck (W), J. Briggs (C), R. A. Duncan (C), I. M. Haynes (C), C. M. Maher (C), M. J. R. Padmore (C), S. F. N. Waley (W), T. S. S. Walley (G) and L. P. Coni (C), a first-year member of the School who, though technically not in the Ten, practises with the others when not required to play C League cricket. As is always the case when talent is rather scarce, team-building has been difficult, and almost every combination has been tried in an effort to make the most of the available material. It was not until about mid-June that the best arrangement emerged, and the VI is now more or less stable.

Rigg and Duncan have developed into quite a strong First Pair; their services and ground shots are not as strong as one could wish, but they volley well and when at their best they play the doubles game excellently. Briggs and Waley are now combining well as Second Pair. The former is essentially a singles player, and is likely to win the Mornington Singles Competition, but his doubles play has steadily improved and he has been the mainstay of the Pair. Waley began the term disappointingly after shaping well during the winter months, but he is now improving rapidly. Coni and Maher, a very junior Third Pair, have often played very well indeed, and with Duncan and M. J. Burrows (C) they should form the nucleus of a strong side next season.

Beck and Haynes have also represented Stowe a number of times. Beck seems recently to have lost confidence. Haynes has a decent service, but will have to work hard to get into next year's VI, as his other strokes are rather weak.

Rigg has most successfully shouldered the responsibility of captaining the VI. His efforts to instil the fighting spirit into his team have not been in vain, and the record to date of five matches won, two drawn and three lost is certainly better than was to be expected when the season opened.

The VI will again compete in the Public Schools' Tournament at Wimbledon, but the draw is rather unfavourable. Eton is the first obstacle, and after that Rugby, last year's winners.

Tickets for the Championships at Wimbledon were forthcoming as usual, and most members of the Ten were able to take advantage of the opportunity of watching the world's leading players.

The replacement of two of the Palladian Courts by two of the non-upkeep sort should allow a great deal more winter tennis than hitherto.

Results of matches. (The scores shown after each pair are the results of their matches against the opponents' First, Second and Third Pairs respectively.)

May 10. *v.* MR. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI. Home. Lost, 3-6.
Rigg and Briggs, 6-4, 3-6, 7-9; 6-4, 5-7, 4-6; 6-0, 6-3.
Duncan and Maher, 4-6, 3-6; 4-6, 3-6; 6-2, 6-2.
Beck and Haynes, 1-6, 0-6; 2-6, 4-6; 8-6, 6-3.

May 17. *v.* DALLINGTON L.T.C. Home. Drawn, 4-4.
Rigg and Duncan, 11-9, 8-7; 1-6, 6-0, 3-1; 5-7, 3-6.
Beck and Briggs, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6; 5-7, 6-4, 6-8; 5-7.
Coni and Maher, 3-6, 0-1; 6-2, 1-6, 4-6; 6-3, 6-4.

May 24. *v.* U.C.S. Home. Lost, 0-9.
Rigg and Duncan, 5-7, 2-6; 1-6, 3-6; 4-6, 3-6.
Beck and Coni, 1-6, 3-6; 2-6, 4-6; 2-6, 7-9.
Briggs and Gardner, 0-6, 6-3, 1-6; 2-6, 4-6; 2-6, 4-6.

May 31. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. (abandoned owing to rain).

June 7. *v.* COOMBE WOOD L.T.C. Home. Won, 5-4.
Rigg and Duncan, 6-0, 6-0; 7-9, 4-6; 6-4, 6-3.
Waley and Coni, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; 7-9, 3-6; 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Beck and Briggs, 6-8, 3-6; 7-9, 3-6; 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

June 11. *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. Home. Won, 5-4.
Rigg and Duncan, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; 6-1, 6-0.
Briggs and Coni, 1-6, 2-6; 6-8, 6-8; 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.
Beck and Waley, 3-6, 3-6; 2-6, 5-7; 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

June 25. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Home. Won, 6-3.
Rigg and Coni, 2-6, 8-10; 6-4, 7-5; 6-1, 6-3.
Briggs and Haynes, 3-6, 2-6, 2-6; 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; 6-2, 6-3.
Maher and Waley, 6-2, 0-6, 2-6; 6-1, 6-2; 6-2, 6-1.

June 28. *v.* MILL HILL. Away. Won, 7-2.
Rigg and Duncan, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; 4-6, 3-6; 9-7, 6-1.
Briggs and Haynes, 6-4, 6-0; 6-3, 7-5; 6-2, 6-4.
Waley and Maher, 6-3, 7-5; 3-6, 4-6; 6-4, 6-2.

July 5. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Lost, 1-8.
Rigg and Duncan, 1-6, 0-6; 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; 6-2, 1-6, 3-6.
Briggs and Haynes, 1-6, 1-6; 1-6, 6-4, 2-6; 1-6, 7-5, 3-6.
Waley and Maher, 3-6, 3-6; 5-7, 3-6; 1-6, 7-5, 5-7.

July 12. *v.* CRANWELL. Home. Won, 5-4.
Rigg and Duncan, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6; 6-2, 6-1; 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Briggs and Waley, 9-11, 2-6; 6-1, 6-3; 6-2, 6-2.
Coni and Maher, 1-6, 2-6; 4-6, 10-12; 6-0, 6-1.

July 16. *v.* K.C.S. Home. Drawn, 4½-4½.
Rigg and Duncan, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5; 5-7, 6-8, 5-7; 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.
Briggs and Waley, 8-6, 6-3; 5-7, 9-7; 7-5, 6-4.
Coni and Maher, 2-6, 2-6; 1-6, 8-6, 4-6; 0-6, 3-6.

Matches are still to be played against Miss Parkinson's VI and Old Stoics.

SWIMMING

Swimming started for the 'Twenty' early this year in a premature heatwave, and almost immediately an epidemic of strep prevented all but Dolphins from swimming. Under intensive training from Mr. Pinchbeck, what was left of the team (by this time Walpole and Cobham had been put completely under the ban) managed to give Northampton Grammar School a sound beating.

By the Harrow match the Walpole and Cobham Dolphins were back in circulation, but no junior team could be raised. We were beaten by a narrower margin than the score suggests, for the races were very close and we were just beaten in both the Medley and the Free Style Relays. It is our only defeat to date and the match was the most enjoyable so far.

Our Bath Club Public Schools' Free Style Relays team was not very successful. Although the standard of swimming was much higher than usual, our time was slower than that of two years ago, when we last entered a team, and our place, 17th out of 28, was not very impressive. The team was T. A. Trimingham (W), A. M. Crawford (G), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B) and B. G. W. Spencer (B).

In the next three matches we went from strength to strength, beating Cranwell, Bloxham and Wellingborough by increasingly wide margins. Burrell broke the 100x Breast Stroke record, as expected, by 4 seconds in the Cranwell match. For the first time ever we won the Wellingborough match by the maximum number of points, being first and second in every event. Two new records were achieved, Burrell beating his own record by another second, and J. D. N. Hartland-Swann breaking the 100x Free Style record in 64.3 seconds. We also beat them at Water Polo, our first win of the season.

To close the term we have had three further victories; the first against St. Edward's, the others against our two most formidable opponents, Bedford Modern and Berkhamsted.

M. Buttrose (G), S. J. F. Ramsay (G), and J. G. Church (W) are promising juniors and are shaping well under Mr. Pinchbeck's training.

The team has been as follows:—T. A. Trimingham (W), G. K. Burrell (C), N. M. Bates (G), R. S. L. Pearman (W), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), B. G. W. Spencer (B), A. M. Crawford (G), J. D. Turnbull (B), R. J. Nettleship (C), B. S. Wessely (G), J. G. Ratcliffe (G).

T.A.T.

G.K.B.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMERS AT STOWE

On Sunday, July 6th, Stowe was entertained to a superb exhibition of swimming by Misses H. Yate, E. Church, B. Bishop and Mr. B. Kinear, four of Great Britain's leading swimmers. All were delighted with the polished ease of their movement through the water and their large repertoire of water tricks.

They demonstrated all the strokes to perfection and gave us a short demonstration of how they trained. Mr. Kinear emphasized the importance of training by showing us that he had even developed a training stroke for the bath tub.

N. M. Bates (G) assisted during the interval with a competent diving display.

GOLF

v. CHARTERHOUSE; v. HARROW; v. WINCHESTER. April 15th, at West Hill; April 16th, at Worplesdon.

That we should win this match was beyond our expectations, but once the match was played it was apparent that we were in fact the best team and had deserved to win, though we did so only by the narrowest of margins.

All four teams assembled at West Hill on the morning of the first day in perfect weather that held throughout the meeting and, combined with the first class condition of both the courses, ensured that the match would be a success. J. G. Behrend, of Winchester, who had arranged the match, made the draw and the School were drawn with Winchester and Charterhouse with Harrow. The result of the morning's golf was rather disappointing for Stowe, because what had seemed a certain 2—1 lead on the foursomes was unexpectedly reversed at the last minute, when Wright and Boddy, after being two up with three to play, suddenly lost three holes in succession. Pearman and Spence started badly and, though they later held their opponents for a time, never looked like winning. But Horswell and Cooper scored a fairly easy win in the bottom match to give us our only point. However, in the afternoon, though we had to win four out of the six singles we were far more successful. In the top match, Pearman found his opponent a bit wild and won an easy point, Boddy and Cooper won the bottom two matches, but Wright and Spence lost rather stiffer games. This left the two schools level with four wins each and only the fourth single to be completed. Horswell was allsquare going to the last hole and so the whole match depended on the result of this one hole. Owing to nervousness on the part of both players the advantage repeatedly changed hands, but the eventual result was a half in 7. So they proceeded to the nineteenth which turned out to be no less exciting and which Horswell at last won with a 6. We had by this time persuaded ourselves that Stowe and Winchester were the two strongest teams and so we looked forward to the morrow with optimism.

At Worplesdon, on the second day, we played the final against Harrow, who had beaten Charterhouse by five matches to four, and this time we had a lead on the foursomes through the narrow win of Horswell and Cooper at the nineteenth. The highlight of the afternoon's singles was Pearman's victory over S. K. Procter, vice-captain of the English Boys' team. Pearman did not play outstandingly going out and reached the turn in 42 to be one down. After this he played really good golf and came home in 35; with two to play he was still one down, but won the seventeenth by holing a long putt for a birdie 3 and then at the eighteenth he holed another from the edge of the green for a birdie 4 to win the match by one hole. Wright had a very good match, which he unfortunately just lost, and the rest of the team all won except Cooper who was very unlucky to be beaten at the nineteenth after fighting back from four down with six to play. Thus Stowe beat Harrow by six matches to three and thereby won the whole meeting, while Winchester beat Charterhouse, also by six matches to three, to secure second place.

The strength of the Stowe team lay in the last three players, Horswell, Boddy and Cooper: their only defeats were when Cooper was beaten at the nineteenth and Boddy just lost his foursome with Wright. Perhaps this can be taken as a good omen for the future, but in any case a repetition of this match would certainly be no mistake.

Results :—

<i>Foursomes.</i>	<i>v. WINCHESTER.</i>	<i>v. HARROW.</i>
R. S. L. Pearman (W) & M. H. Spence (C)	lost by 5 and 4 0	lost by 4 and 3 0
W. D. Wright (W) & F. J. R. Boddy (C)	lost by 1 hole 0	won by 2 and 1 1
D. G. N. Horswell (C) & W. P. Cooper (C)	won by 4 and 2 1	won at the 19th 1
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	1	2
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<i>Singles.</i>		
R. S. L. Pearman (W)	won by 6 and 4 1	won by 1 hole 1
W. D. Wright (W)	lost by 1 hole 0	lost by 2 and 1 0
M. H. Spence (C)	lost by 3 and 2 0	won by 2 and 1 1
D. G. N. Horswell (C)	won at the 19th 1	won by 3 and 2 1
F. J. R. Boddy (C)	won by 4 and 2 1	won by 1 hole 1
W. P. Cooper (C)	won by 7 and 5 1	lost at the 19th 0
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	4	4
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	5—4	6—3

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The Inter-House P.T. Competition was held on Monday, June 9th, and resulted as follows :—

<i>House</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>
Walpole ...	76	80	156
Grafton ...	71	84	155
Chatham ...	78½	75	153½
Temple ...	77½	75	152½
Chandos ...	72½	78	150½
Grenville ...	83½	64	147½
Cobham ...	79½	67	146½
Bruce ...	80½	65	145½

THE LIBRARY

The following books have been presented this term :—

By R. P. CHATELANAT (T, 1945):

Various books on Photography and on the Air Force.

By THE AUTHOR :

History of the O'Briens (The Hon. Donough O'Brien).

