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SPEECH DAY 1952

AS in the previous year, Speech Day was held in conjunction with Old Stoic Day on the last Saturday of the Summer Term, July 26th. First and Second Eleven Cricket matches and a Lawn Tennis match were played against the Old Stoics; there was a Swimming Display, an Art Exhibition, a Concert by the School Orchestra (this on the Sunday), and performances of "Hamlet" by the Historians at the Queen's Temple on the Friday and Saturday.

Before the presentation of this year's School Prizes on the Saturday afternoon, speeches were made by Lord Wimborne, Chairman of the Governors; and by the Headmaster.

Lord Wimborne first paid tribute to his predecessor, the late Sir Arthur Pickard-Cambridge, who for nearly twenty-five years as a Governor and for fifteen as Chairman had found time to give so much valuable service to Stowe. He next congratulated the Headmaster on a rapid and full recovery from his climbing accident of the year before. Finally, he referred to the difficult battle that Stowe and all Public Schools were waging against costs. Stowe, he said, had no endowments but was fortunate in the possession of a generous and self-sacrificing body of parents to whom much gratitude was due.

The Headmaster welcomed the new Chairman and the addition of Mr. Wykes to the Governing Body; and he mourned the loss of the late Chairman and of Canon Didsbury. He then proceeded to his report upon the doings of the past year, which he prefaced with an appreciation of the work of the late Dr. Huggins and the information that a new Music School was to be built as soon as practicable with money left for the purpose by Dr. Huggins himself.

The Headmaster also told his audience that the construction was now well in hand of a new Workshop, which was the gift of Stowe's first Headmaster, Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, who had made available for the purpose the bulk of the leaving-present which he received in 1949 from Old Stoics and others.

In conclusion, the year's Prizes were presented. A list of the winners was included in the July issue of *The Stoic*.

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School Officials—Christmas Term, 1952.

Prefects :—M. J. Fenwick (C), Head of the School; A. J. Beerbohm (C), Second Prefect and Prefect of Chapel; P. S. Ashton (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; P. R. Cutforth (G); J. N. L. Chalton (B), Prefect of Library; H. G. Fennell (T); P. W. Fisher (C); S. F. N. Waley (W); D. M. Vance (G); R. A. C. Meredith (G); T. R. H. Lewis (B).

Rugby Football :—Captain, T. R. H. Lewis (B); Secretary, M. Grieve (G).

The following visitors have preached in the Chapel this term :—October 12th, C. P. C. Smith, Esq., Master of Haileybury; October 19th, the Reverend C. J. Ellingham; November 2nd, The Rt. Rev. K. Riches, Bishop of Dorchester; November 16th, the Ven. C. Phillips, Archdeacon of Nottingham.

Chapel Collections have been as follows :—July 27th, for the Crippled Children's Society, £52; October 5th, for the King George VI National Memorial Fund, £54; November 9th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £103; November 30th, for the Shaftesbury Homes and "Arethusa" Training Ship, £24.

A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Monday, November 24th, when one hundred and four members of the school were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The Straight Course, which was recently presented to the School by Mr. J. N. Buchanan, has now been planted with an avenue of limes which are also the gift of Mr. Buchanan. The limes are of the species *Tilia cordata*, which is described as "a clean-growing lime", as opposed to *Tilia vulgaris*, the common kind at Stowe, which sends out a profusion of suckers.

Recently, the Biology Laboratories were re-built. And now, the new School Workshops, built with a major part of the funds subscribed by Old Stoics and others for the leaving-present to Mr. Roxburgh in 1949, are nearing completion. They are situated near the woodsheds beyond Chatham.

Two new houses for Masters are being built near the Oxford Lodge. The East Boycott Pavilion has been converted into a house for the Clerk of the Works.

Under the supervision of Mr. Mounsey, the Alder River has now been cleaned below the Grotto. This virtual lake is being planted with aquatic plants.

For the first time for many years, there has been skating before Christmas.

The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held in London at Grosvenor House on Saturday, November 29th. Sixty-seven members of the Society were present. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. (C, 1927) was in the Chair; the Headmaster, J. D. A. Langley (G, 1936), and Dr. E. Zettl also made speeches.

It is seldom that *The Times* has announced, as on November 5th, as many as three Old Stoic births. But on September 2nd, notice appeared of no fewer than five. This is indeed a "school record". Perhaps a stranger one is reported from America. Not only are we told that R. L. Henry (T, 1924) is a grandfather, and of course the first Old Stoic to become so, but our informant adds that Henry reached this status nearly five years ago.

We have pleasure in recording the birth of a daughter to Mrs. R. C. Pinchbeck on August 15th, and of a daughter to Mrs. A. J. Chapman on September 15th.

As a result of their performances in the June General Certificate Examination, D. G. duB. Dew (C), B. S. Wessely (G) (both offering Mathematics), and P. H. Krusin (B) (offering Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) were awarded State Scholarships.

Representative Colours were awarded at the end of last term as follows:—

For Lawn Tennis, R. A. Duncan (C), J. Briggs (C).

For Swimming, T. A. Trimmingham (W), G. K. Burrell (Q), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), N. M. Bates (G).

Football Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XV.:—H. G. Fennell (T), H. D. E. Woods (G), S. F. N. Waley (W), N. M. Bates (G), J. C. Witham (T), D. G. duB. Dew (C), R. J. Fennell (T), P. E. S. Lilley (Q), G. M. Corbett (T).

2nd XV.:—D. G. N. Horswell (C), T. S. Wilkinson (G), C. W. J. Butler (T), R. P. H. Atkins (B), B. S. Wessely (G), J. R. F. Raw (G), W. F. Tremayne (C), H. Radford (Q), C. J. Garratt (C), J. D. Hill (C), A. J. Beerhobm (C).

3rd XV.:—J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), J. C. Power (T), B. R. Dewing (Q), J. Hawtrey-Woore (B), W. P. Cooper (Q), J. L. Gale (C), D. G. Guyer (G), J. S. W. Whitley (W), M. E. P. Cross (G), A. Bernstein (Q), R. J. Nettleship (C), J. D. Turnbull (B), P. B. C. Fenwick (C).

Colts' Stockings:—M. J. Burrows (Q), J. E. B. Thompson (G), H. Boden-Bladon (G), D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C), R. E. Shelley (G), D. Cameron (B), G. W. Rose (C), J. B. Hamer (G), B. W. Mallinson (T), P. T. Craig (W).

School Colours for Squash have been awarded to D. H. Hart (C).

LAURUS CUP

	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
FOOTBALL—								
House Cup (24)	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—
Leagues (6) ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
Juniors (6) ...	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—
CRICKET—								
House Cup (24)	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—
Leagues (6) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Juniors (6) ...	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
HOCKEY—								
House Cup (10)	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—
Leagues (6) ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ATHLETICS—								
Sports (12) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cross-Country (12)	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	4
Relays (8) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Standards (4) ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TENNIS—								
House Cup (10)	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Leagues (6) ...	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
SWIMMING—								
Sports (8) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Relays (4) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Water Polo (4)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FENCING (6) ...	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—
FIVES—								
Seniors (4) ...	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Juniors (2) ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
GOLF (6) ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
SQUASH RACKETS—								
Seniors (4) ...	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Juniors (2) ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
SAILING (6) ...	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
SHOOTING—								
Empire Test (3)	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Casualty (3) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
P.T. (16) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Totals ...	14	17	4	20	12	56	30	35
Position ...	6	5	8	4	7	1	3	2

Holders 1951: Bruce. Winners 1952: Chatham.

OLIM ALUMNI

A. A. D. MONTAGUE BROWNE (C, 1941) has been appointed to be one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries.

H. J. BONNING (C, 1951) has been awarded the Queen's Sword on passing out of H.M.S. "Devonshire", the Cadet Training Cruiser. The Sword has not previously been won by a member of the Electrical Branch.

J. D. LLOYD (B, 1948) has again represented Cambridge in the inter-University Relays; R. LUSH (C, 1951) who has again played Squash for Oxford and won his match against Cambridge, has been elected Captain for next year; and D. P. WELLS (C, 1951) has been rowing in the Oxford Trial Eights 'A' crew.

BIRTHS

To the wife of R. F. C. DAVIS (B, 1941), a son, on July 10th; to the wife of K. M. CHITTENDEN (T, 1936), a daughter, on July 17th (in Southern Rhodesia); to the wife of P. T. B. HARKER (C, 1936), a son, on July 24th; to the wife of DR. F. A. WHITLOCK (C, 1934), a daughter, on July 28th; to the wife of D. E. M. EARLE (B, 1940), a daughter, on July 29th; to the wife of H. P. RYLAND (G, 1929), a daughter, on August 7th; to the wife of R. LAW (B, 1936), a daughter, on August 7th; to the wife of MAJOR T. V. H. BEAMISH, M.C., M.P. (T, 1935), a daughter, on August 9th; to the wife of CAPTAIN C. A. GOLDINGHAM (C, 1936), a son, on August 9th (at Fayid); to the wife of P. B. LUCAS, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.P. (G, 1934), a son, on August 10th; to the wife of P. R. WESTALL (C, 1938), a son, on August 11th; to the wife of B. C. BRIANT, M.B.E. (B, 1935), a son, on August 17th; to the wife of M. B. HICKLING (C, 1939), a daughter, on August 19th; to the wife of F. D. A. BINNS (W, 1946), a son, on August 22nd; to the wife of G. G. RIDDICK (C, 1938), a daughter, on August 30th; to the wife of G. VERDON-ROE (C, 1936), a son, on August 30th; to the wife of W. E. D. MOORE, M.D. (G, 1931), a son, on August 31st.

To the wife of R. S. DARBY (C, 1936), a son, on September 1st; to the wife of J. S. HILLYER (G, 1943), a son, on September 1st; to the wife of T. D. HIGHAM (C, 1945), a son, on September 4th; to the wife of MAJOR H. O. M. BISHOP (C, 1933), a daughter, on September 10th; to the wife of H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, O.B.E. (T, 1929), a son, on September 12th; to the wife of D. P. M. RAMSAY (T, 1936), a son, on September 14th (in Nairobi); to the wife of W. L. KESTEVEN (C, 1933), a son, on September 14th; to the wife of P. I. R. MACLAREN (C, 1936), a son, on September 17th (in Southern Rhodesia); to the wife of A. G. DELGADO (C, 1927), a son, on September 21st; to the wife of J. J. RIDDICK (C, 1937), a daughter, on September 22nd; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER A. R. AMBERTON, R.N. (C, 1934), a son, on September 23rd; to the wife of P. W. KEMMIS, D.F.C. (C, 1935), a daughter, on September 27th; to the wife of D. SCOTT (T, 1934), a daughter, on September 30th.

To the wife of SQUADRON-LEADER J. C. BREESE, D.F.C. (C, 1935), a daughter, on October 1st; to the wife of G. A. EVE (G, 1942), a son, on October 6th; to the wife of J. W. GOODY (G, 1930), a daughter, on October 7th; to the wife of B. M. KNOX, M.C. (B, 1934), a son, on October 18th; to the wife of M. P. FORSYTH-FORREST (T, 1940), a daughter, on October 20th; to the wife of G. E. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T, 1941), a daughter, on October 26th; to the wife of A. R. MOTION (B, 1939), a son, on October 26th; to the wife of B. D. HENRY (C, 1937), a son, on October 28th; to the wife of A. D. WALKER (W, 1937), a son, on October 30th.

To the wife of J. V. BARTLETT (T, 1945), a son, on November 1st; to the wife of R. H. MARTEN, M.R.C.P. (G, 1939), a daughter, on November 2nd; to the wife of DR. R. J. WALKER (T, 1936), a son, on November 2nd; to the wife of P. H. GUEST (B, 1944), a son, on November 2nd (in Kuala Lumpur); to the wife of G. M. WOLFE (G, 1929), a son, on November 6th; to the wife of H. W. SANSOM (B, 1942), a daughter, on November 11th (in Nairobi); to the wife of R. J. BROADLEY (W, 1946), a son, on November 12th (in Southern Rhodesia); to the wife of P. W. FORSYTH, D.F.C. (C, 1936), a daughter, on November 12th; to the wife of THE HON. A. MAFFEY (C, 1931), a daughter, on November 15th; to the wife of P. D. A. CHIDELL (G, 1930), a son, on November 18th (in Hong Kong); to the wife of D. A. L. HOLDEN (B, 1940), a daughter, on November 18th; to the wife of R. BENSON (C, 1940), a daughter, on November 19th.

To the wife of P. J. FRANKLIN (T, 1925), a son, on November 25th; to the wife of THE REV. A. A. H. RADICE (T, 1933), a son, on November 27th; to the wife of DR. A. D. THOMSON (C, 1941), a son, on November 28th; to the wife of M. I. ATKIN-BERRY, M.C. (C, 1940), a daughter, on December 2nd (in Singapore).

MARRIAGES

J. HERRON (G, 1945) to Miss A. Pritchard, on July 19th; MAJOR J. W. PROCTER (G, 1939) to Miss M. Allwork, on July 23rd; J. B. FRANKENBURG (C, 1940) to Miss D. P. Holmes, on July 26th; C. A. VANDERVELL (B, 1944) to Miss B. P. Brooke, on August 12th; R. S. WATSON (B, 1940) to Miss P. T. Lewis, on August 30th; C. M. HILTON (W, 1947) to Miss D. Dixon, on September 6th; CAPTAIN J. M. ICKE, R.M. (C, 1937) to Miss G. Stokes, on September 10th; M. G. MANTON (C, 1945) to Miss I. du Plessis, on September 13th; R. E. HODGKIN (C, 1942) to Miss K. Montagu-Pollock, on September 13th; P. H. H. SPENCER-COOPER (T, 1941) to Miss P. Holdsworth Hunt, on September 27th; CAPTAIN J. H. DE BURGH, M.C. (G, 1939) to Miss C. S. Shennan, on September 29th; R. W. B. NEWTON (T, 1929) to Lady Palmer, on October 1st; PRINCE Y. GALITZINE (C, 1937) to Miss S. Sandford-Johnson, on October 6th; G. W. KINDER (C, 1943) to Miss M. O. Foster, on October 11th; R. S. LLOYD, M.B.E. (C, 1935) to Miss M. C. Scott, on October 16th (in Tanganyika); MAJOR D. S. L. DODSON, M.C. (C, 1937) to Miss J. Barnes, on November 29th (in Paris); A. B. OLIVEIRA (C, 1942) to Miss P. Scott, on December 6th; J. O. OUTWATER (C, 1941) to Miss A. H. Davidson, on December 13th (in New York).

DEATH

P. R. A. H. BILLINGE (C, 1942), in a motor accident, on August 16th.

STOWE TEMPLARS CRICKET CLUB

Rain has figured too prominently in our matches this year for us to call the season a good one. However, the fixtures proved enjoyable once again.

Our only new fixture was the match, at Dulwich, against the Old Alleynians who have invited us to return next year on Whit Monday. We are fortunate indeed to secure a fixture with these friendly and most hospitable people.

The Week marked the beginning of a wet August, and we were only able to finish two of the four games. The second of these, against the Northants Amateurs, which we won, was played in heavy rain throughout our innings, our gallant opponents demonstrably not believing in a day-off from the office without a result! We are sorry that the Radley Rangers have still to dress in flannels and even sorer that we were unable this time to tutor them in Fives, which game is incidentally becoming our summer sport.

We are once again most grateful to all those good friends at Stowe who make our stay comfortable and enjoyable and who provide us with scorers, umpires, spectators, encouragement and sherry.

The games against the School are the most popular with Members, the seriousness with which the game on the North Front is played being scorned by our members on the South Front, whose happy and carefree efforts are frequently more successful.

We hope that those among our number who modestly declare that they have retired or are out of practice will put on their ties and visit us at play, especially during the two week-ends which we spend at the School.

N.C.S.B.

THE LIBRARY

For several years the School Library has been in need of re-decoration, and during the summer holidays this work was carried out. The ceiling has been painted and repaired, the paintwork is now a dazzling white, and the room now looks restored to its former glory.

The Half-hour Shelf was started again at the beginning of term. Each week several books suitable for reading during an odd half-hour are selected by the librarians from the library and placed in this shelf.

The Librarians this term are R. Blaker (C), J. S. W. Gibson (W), P. H. Krusin (B), E. A. Le Jeune (G), M. E. Llowarch (W) and F. H. M. Craig-Cooper (T).

The following books have been presented by M. Goulden, Esq. :-

Sixty Years of Fleet Street (Hamilton Fyfe), *Alexander of Tunis* (Norman Hillson), *Symbols, Signs and Signets* (Ernst Lehner), *To the Finland Station* (Edmund Wilson), *Classics and Commercials* (Edmund Wilson), *Gentleman Spies* (Kurt Singer), *Leonardo da Vinci* (Antonia Vallentin), *Dickens the Dramatist* (F. Dubrez Fawcett). (All published by W. H. Allen.)

R.B.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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21st November, 1952.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

For the second time recently we have held our annual camp in the grounds of the School. Twenty-six boys were there throughout the fortnight. Unfortunately the weather was again wet and disappointing. However, the boys made the best of it and from all accounts thoroughly enjoyed the holiday. Trips were made to Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford, the latter being the more popular. One Old Stoic spent the weekend with us. (In pre-war days it was quite the usual thing to have three or four in camp for the whole time.) Mr. Clifford, Mr. Adams, the Bursar and his staff were most helpful in making the preliminary arrangements for us and so ensured the smooth running of the camp. We did appreciate this.

During the summer session the boys were very successful at the local athletic sports, cricket and swimming. The senior team won the Paddington Youth Cricket Cup, and the juniors were top of their division in the L.F.B.C. competition. As regards swimming, the Club obtained the most points and therefore retained the Paddington Youth Swimming Cup. In the London Federation swimming competition (which is of a much higher standard) we again won the 100 yards in 67 seconds and were third in the back-stroke and in the under-14 relay races.

Our visit to the School on October 12th was made on a really lovely day. Only fifteen boys turned up and we were unable to field the usual two football teams. However, the coach-driver helped the seniors by playing in goal but was unable, in spite of his gallant efforts, to save the Pineapple from defeat. The junior game was a mixed one of school boys and club boys and appeared to be an enjoyable one. We are very grateful to all those who made our visit successful.

Another Boxing Tournament was held at the Seymour Hall, Marylebone, on November 3rd, and approximately one thousand spectators were present. The credit for this is due to the members of the Boxing Committee who arranged the contests and sold the majority of the tickets. The financial success of the evening will help towards meeting some of the much heavier winter expenses of running the Pineapple. Boxing has a great attraction for the boys and quite a number of the under-14 section now join the regular training classes held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The football season is in full swing. There are four teams playing most Saturday mornings or afternoons. Up to the present the senior and junior teams are doing very well. Our regular home pitch is at Boston Manor and now costs as much as £1 per game. Four teams are apt to be more than a handful and it would be a tremendous help to have volunteers to share in the task of accompanying the boys. They do appreciate that kind of personal interest.

The mural of the Club's activities drawn and painted by the art class, to which I have referred in previous letters, has now been framed and hung on the wall of the canteen. A photograph of it has recently been published in the local press.

The present club membership totals 166 boys, viz. 14-18 years 116, and 11-14 years 50.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HONE,
Warden.

THE STOWE CLUB,
EDGWARE ROAD,
LONDON.

19th November, 1952.

To the Editor, *The Stoic*.

SIR,

The weekly visits of Stoics during term time are much appreciated by members of the Stowe Club for Boys.

On several recent occasions, I have had the pleasure of welcoming the Stoics on their arrival at the Club and, after supper, of introducing them to Club members. It is apparent that, in some ways, the Stoics are at a disadvantage, for their knowledge of the Club's history is poor compared with the "Pineapple" boys' information about Stowe. I have heard that some Stoics do not know why the Club is commonly called "The Pineapple". May I go back twenty-five years? From the early days of Stowe's existence, it had been agreed that the School would start a Boys' Club as soon as possible. After careful enquiry, it was found that such a club would be acceptable in the Lisson Grove area—at that time a block of poor streets north of the Marylebone Road and East of the Edgware Road. The last war has changed the face of the district but not its needs.

Eventually, in May 1927, we were offered a building by the Portman Estate, and it seemed ideal for our purpose. This was the Pineapple Public House at 62, Carlisle Street, which had been closed some years before and had remained unoccupied. By mid-Summer 1928, the house had been rendered habitable and ten boys had been admitted to probationary membership. To those of us who were at Stowe at that time, it became known quite naturally as "The Pineapple".

The war brought about many changes in that neighbourhood but, although the original building was destroyed, the Club neither closed its doors nor changed its name.

Today, as in the past, a welcome awaits Stoics at all times. I only ask that those of you at Stowe who are familiar with our history and circumstances should see that no one comes to the "Pineapple" without knowing just a little about the Club which he is to visit.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc.,
H. G. MORISON,
Chairman, London Committee.

STOWE IN 1871

(The Library has recently acquired an Inventory of Stowe in 1871 and the Duke of Buckingham's Letter Book of 1871-2.)

On the 8th December, 1868, the Derby-Disraeli administration went out, and with it went Richard Plantaganet Campbell Temple Nugent Brydges Chandos Grenville, 3rd and last Duke of Buckingham and Chandos. His had been a political career, first in the House of Commons, and since the death of his father in 1862 in the House of Lords. In 1866 he had been promoted to cabinet rank as Lord President of the Council, later changing to Secretary for the Colonies. Now, for the first time, he was able to devote himself entirely to the affairs of Stowe, of Buckinghamshire, where he was Lord Lieutenant, and of the Royal Bucks Yeomanry, in which he was lieutenant-colonel commander. It is therefore especially interesting to be able to discover a little of what Stowe was like at that time from the Duke's Letter Book of 1871-2 and the inventory made of all the contents of the House in 1871.

Of the eight hundred or so letters that the Duke wrote during 1871-2, the majority concern the Yeomanry or bills he is paying—"Herewith cheque £12 4s. 6d. in settlement of special train accounts of Xmas 1870". There are many others, nevertheless; several to the Dean of Christ Church on a question arising from the death of an incumbent of the parishes of Dorton and Ashenden; one arranging for the compilation of the 1871 Inventory. Finally there is one which shows that even Dukes and Duchesses are not immune from the vagaries of the railways:—

"The Manager, Great Northern Railway.

Stowe. Jan. 17th, 1872.

Sir,

About Dec. 11th a parcel was received at Bradford Station addressed to the Duchess of Buckingham—at Wotten—it has never been delivered—

Two applications by me—on postal cards to the Station Master, Bradford—have been received unnoticed and without reply. I am informed now by the tender that the Bradford station master has written to say the Duchess can obtain it on application at Kings X—the parcel is therefore clearly in the possession of your Company and has been and is detained in your offices—

I have therefore handed the matter to my solicitor with peremptory instructions to take necessary proceedings unless the parcel be delivered free of expense at the address shown—or to the Duchess—who is now *here*—on Thursday next.

(signed) BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS."

These were only everyday letters, however, and it is the Inventory which affords most interest. From this it is evident that Stowe had virtually recovered from the effects of the famous sale twenty-three years earlier. Many of the paintings which can be seen today already hung on the walls. The "life size Equestrian Portrait of Richard Duke of Buckingham and Chandos in gilt frame by Sr. W. Beecher" and the "Portrait of Lady Anna Eliza Brydges, Daughter and Heiress of Duke of Chandos, Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos" seem to have been fairly permanent occupants of the North Hall, and the "large Water Color drawing view of the Bay of Naples in black and gilt frame glazed" was to be found even then in the East Corridor. In the North Hall also were the "Alto Relievos in marble" one "containing many figures subject Alexander visiting the tent of Darius", and the other "Car-

actacus in the presence of the Emperor Claudius". Here too was a "shaped top marble table with moulded border the top inlaid with 88 various specimens of Portuguese marbles . . ." but this was beaten by one in the Ante-Library, the top of which was "composed of 136 specimens of various marbles". Among other luxurious ornaments in what is now Bruce house-room were to be found "2 Ceremonial Spades with velvet handles"—perhaps used by Queen Victoria during her tree-planting near the Temple of Concord in 1848. In the State Gallery there was the famous "cricket-pitch" table—"a set of 6 feet 9 Spanish Mahogany Telescope Dining-Tables consisting of 2 circular ends and a centre 16 mahogany leaves 3 deal leaves on turned and fluted legs and castors opening to 65 feet", together with 47 chairs of various patterns. Outside (in the East Corridor) were a "richly carved side table with a carved parrot on swing" and another "with a carved Eagle" to correspond, while in the West Corridor there were two more with "a winged dragon" and "an ostrich". In the State Bedroom there was a "gilt frame State Arm Chair surmounted by Royal Coronet covered in crimson silk velvet with white silk embroidery" against which the Duke has noted "this chair was used by H.M. Q. Victoria as her throne for the Drawing Room held at Stowe 1848". Here too are "a richly embroidered silk and gold coverlet" "brought by me from Portugal—obtained in the Civil War in 1846" and a settee "Expedition 1862 Italy, silk from Rome 1864". And there was the "8 foot State Bedstead" itself, "richly carved and gilt with a shaped canopy with wreaths and foliage", and—is this symbolic?—"surmounted by a Pine Apple".

These were the State Rooms at Stowe, and naturally they held the most gorgeous of the Duke's belongings; but the House throughout was well-equipped. Though the "Billiard Room", in what is now the Headmaster's suite, held no billiard table, there was one in the Library. A separate chapel was provided for the Stable-Yard. And finally there was the Duke's equivalent of the Sanatorium, whose outfit ends, with the Inventory, with—

- "2 Metal bed-pans.
- "3 Crutches".

J.S.W.G.

MUSIC

CONCERT: SUNDAY, JULY 27TH.

The programme for this concert was a lavish one, not only for the richness and variety of its contents, but also owing to the fact that it included the words of the Choral items. This may have been something of an insult to the Madrigal Society whose diction was admirably clear, but it was a help in the bigger works by Parry and Quilter.

Like most Stowe concerts, this one started off with a lively and exciting overture—Weber's 'Freischütz'. His use of Agathe's big second act aria as its climax is one of the most irresistible things in nineteenth century opera, and the orchestra did it full justice. This exciting opening was just the thing to lead the way to Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens', perhaps the noblest example in existence of English choral music. From its great orchestral opening, reminiscent in its sublimity of those of the 'Meister-singer' Overture or Brahms' First Symphony, to the unforgettable final melody—

'O may we soon again renew that song'—it achieves the miraculous by matching Milton's words with their musical equivalent.

The first of the soloists followed as M. Davis (T) played the solo flute part in the first Movement of Mozart's Flute Concerto in D major efficiently and well, and the Orchestra followed this up with the final movement from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, notable for one of the finest crescendos in symphonic writing, and also for the only passages for brass in the symphony, a fact which obviously pleased the Stowe trombones.

D. Duke (G) and C. J. Cheesman (C) then shared the first and last movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto in A major. Both tackled its difficulties with competence and taste. Sandwiched between, and taking the place of the absent second movement, we had an operatic aria from G. W. A. Kent (C). Verdi's 'Celeste Aida' was somewhat unexpected as a baritone aria, but by skilful transposition it came off, and Kent gave evidence of much hard work by singing it in Italian. He made things, in fact, about as difficult for himself as he could, and his undoubted success is all the more of a credit to him.

The music now took a lighter turn with Edward German's version of the Kipling "Just So" songs. The Madrigal Society made full use of a rather larger number of really good voices than usual.

Three items from Tchaikowski's 'Casse-noisette' Suite followed with his 'Valse des Fleurs' to tickle the ears of the groundlings, and then we had the second of our swan-songs as C. N. H. Hordern (W) sang Purcell's 'I attempt from love's sickness to fly'. Both he and Kent have done so much for Stowe music with their fine voices that it was truly sad to think that we were hearing them for the last time.

And so we came to the Finale, as Choral Society and Orchestra once more combined, this time in Roger Quilter's version of Kipling's 'Non Nobis Domine'—a fine work and a fitting end to a delightful concert which combined an unusually large number of different types of music. Mr. Negus is much to be congratulated on his choice of programme as well as on his execution of it.

A.M.

THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

All the works rehearsed this term have been chosen in order to provide a reasonable range of experience for the players rather than to become dramatic material for programme building. Most of this music will be heard at the Christmas Concert when surely variety is most appreciated by an end-of-term audience.

The Wind Department rehearses, with understudies, and their playing is now heard in a more reasonable perspective and contrast to the strings. This improvement is largely due to the Sectional Rehearsal held every three weeks at which attendance is compulsory—an arrangement more satisfactory to all.

As few boys seem to be given the opportunity of trying a string instrument in their Preparatory Schools we have organised String classes. Any beginner may receive free instruction for a term on a School violin or 'cello. It is gratifying to find that already several boys have found the instrument to their liking and next term will proceed to become pupils having instruction individually.

H.C.K.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

On Wednesday, October 15th, the Music Society was once again privileged, after an interval of only two years, to hear a recital by the eminent pianist, Denis Matthews.

It took place in the Gymnasium. The piano was situated on the stage and by it was placed a vase of tastefully arranged flowers, which contributed to creating an atmosphere worthy of the beauties of music.

The recital opened with Bach's "English Suite in A minor". The work rambles on pleasantly, but Denis Matthews played it rather monotonously and with little variety of tone. The Mozart Sonata was, however, played with all the grace and charm that this composer needs.

Beethoven's Sonata ("Waldstein") demanded all the pianist's skill. Denis Matthews never allowed one hand to drown the other, and each note rang out with superb clarity, yet blended into a perfect and thrilling whole. There was, however, a little too much use of the sustaining pedal especially in the last movement.

The second half of the recital was devoted mostly to more modern works. An unusual choice was the sonatina by Sibelius. The three short works by Debussy, so reminiscent of the vague, meandering poetry of Verlaine, were played with great delicacy. Finally a rousing performance of Chopin's "Fantaisie" was a fitting end to a wonderful evening of music.

PROGRAMME

I.

English Suite No. 2 in A minor	...	...	...	...	Bach
Sonata in F, K. 332	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Sonata in C, Op. 53 ("Waldstein")	...	...	...	...	Beethoven

II.

Bourrée Fantasque	...	...	...	...	Chabrier
Sonatina in B flat minor, Op. 67 No. 3	...	...	...	...	Sibelius
La fille aux cheveux de lin, La Danse de Puck, and Minstrels	...	...	...	...	Debussy
Fantaisie, Op. 49	...	...	...	...	Chopin

R.A.C.M.

CONCERT GIVEN BY FREDERICK FULLER (*Baritone*) AND JULIAN BREAM (*Guitar*)
IN ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 1952.

A Concert given by a singer and a guitarist is an unusual thing at Stowe, and a very large audience had gathered in Assembly when Mr. Fuller opened the programme with two Elizabethan and two Spanish songs. His voice is pleasant rather than impressive, but one could have nothing but admiration for his full, round tone, and for his exemplary breath control, which were particularly notable in the Dowland song.

We had heard Mr. Bream as a sympathetic accompanist, but there were some who were afraid that the guitar would not prove an effective solo instrument. These fears

were quickly dispelled by his remarkable playing; he had the whole audience gasping with amazement at the agility of his fingers, especially in the works by Bach and Sor; after his performance of the latter, he was not allowed to continue until some of the Variations had been repeated.

Mr. Fuller sang the two well-known Schubert songs excellently, though this type of music did not appear to suit him particularly well. A Spanish song ending in a cry of fury brought the first half of the programme to a rather violent but extremely effective close.

The second half of the Concert was less successful. Mr. Bream devoted his second group of solos to works by Spanish composers which were musically unexciting, though again the artist's technique was astounding. The recital ended with a group of folk songs, which were not very enjoyable; in his search for authenticity, Mr. Fuller assumed in turn a Spanish, a Scottish, an Irish, and an Italian accent, which markedly affected the quality of his tone. It is only fair to add that these folk songs were enthusiastically received by the majority of the audience, as was the whole of this unusual and for the most part excellent concert.

PROGRAMME

I.

Songs—"Fine knacks for Ladies" (*John Dowland*); "Sweet was the Song the Virgin sang" (*John Attey*); "Toda mi vida os ame" (*Luis Milan*); "Isabel" (*Alonso de Mudarra*).
Guitar Solos—Two Galliards (*John Dowland*); Minuet (*Rameau*); Prelude and Fugue (*Bach*); Theme and Variations (*F. Sor*); Minuet (*Haydn*).
Songs—"Nacht und Träume" "Heidentröslein" (*Schubert*); "Nana" (*Manuel de Falla*); "Granadina" (*Joaquin Nin*).

II.

Guitar Solos—Serenata (*Malats*); Granada (*Albeniz*); Chorus No. 1 (*Villa-Lobos*).
Songs—Folk songs from: Brazil ("Adeus Ema"); Spain ("A la una" and "El vito"); Hebrides ("Kishmul's Galley"); Ireland ("The Old Turf Fire"); Italy ("Cicerenella").

K.A.H.

RECITAL GIVEN BY THE ENTENTE STRING QUARTET ASSISTED BY COLIN DAVIS
(*Clarinet*) ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1952, IN ASSEMBLY.

In a well contrasted programme the Entente String Quartet, assisted by Colin Davis (*Clarinet*), showed their ability to grasp the styles of composers as far apart as Mozart and Rubbra. The Dvorak sounded a little odd coming before Mozart, but the inclusion of a clarinetist in the second item no doubt rendered this necessary for the sake of the balance of the programme.

The Quartet were greatly helped in their interpretation of the Mozart by the sensitive playing of Colin Davis. This item was the high light of the evening.

The Rubbra quartet proved less formidable to those unacquainted with it than was to be expected. It was easy on the ear, but the gloom of the second movement rather overshadowed the quartet as a whole.

Good team work is a *sine qua non* in the performance of Chamber Music. It was most noticeable in the rhythmical and lively playing of this Quartet.

PROGRAMME

Quartet in F Major, Op. 96 (The Nigger)	Dvorak
Quintet in A Major, Op. 108	Mozart
Quartet in F Minor, Op. 35	Edmund Rubbra

M.T.B.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Society, which is over 150 strong this term, has been rehearsing choruses from Haydn's "Creation" and C. V. Stanford's "Songs of the Sea". The former will be performed in the Chapel on Sunday, December 7th; the latter will be one of the items in the School Concert in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, December 16th.

K.A.H.

HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The Competition was held on November 22nd and Mr. R. B. Talbot-Kelly came from Rugby to criticise and judge it. Seven Houses competed and managed to produce a fine show of work between them. The general standard was rather higher than last year and the trouble taken over the hanging was a great deal more. There is, however, still much to be learned in the art of presenting a set of pictures so that they look their best. And, as the work of each House is hung in a separate group, this is of much greater importance than is generally realised.

Mr. Talbot-Kelly began by saying that it was difficult to set any definite standards by which one could measure the merit of a drawing or painting. He himself considered that a picture should be a personal expression of an experience of life; that the personality of the artist should be strong enough to overcome the influences which are certain to be bound up with his background and upbringing; that a picture should be a decorative pattern in colour or monochrome filling a given space, with the emphasis on decorative, the hardest condition to fulfil; and that, finally, the craftsmanship of the artist should be sufficient to enable him to accomplish what he set out to do; the value of craftsmanship may at times have been over-stressed, but there was a tendency today not to stress it enough. It was on a basis of these four points that he had judged the exhibition.

Mr. Talbot-Kelly then began to criticise the landscape painting. He said that we were all very lucky to work in such a lovely place with such fine trees around us; yet in spite of that there was lamentably little interest shown in the drawing of trees; trees are of different kinds and every tree has an individuality of its own. The same lack of observation was noticeable in the treatment of skies in the landscape painting; Constable painted sky after sky in order to learn about them. The same lack of observa-

tion led to the lack of variety in the colour green; the variation of this colour in nature is infinite and it needs much training to see the subtleties of this variation; study should be made of the differences caused by light and distance; colour values help to give the third dimension even more than perspective.

Mr. Talbot-Kelly did not think that the craftsmanship shown in the watercolour and poster colour paintings was nearly as good as that shown in the pen-and-ink. He mentioned the following work to illustrate the points he had been making: J. Arnold (B) had done a painting in which he had filled the space well; B. W. Bond (B) had done a charming pen-and-ink drawing of a bridge in which he had shown real feeling for the medium; J. M. Meade (B) had done one of the few pictures where the sky was part of the pattern of the picture; W. D. Blair (C) had done watercolours that seemed a very personal experience and were nearly a good pattern; J. V. Hippisley (C) made a skilful use of pastel and was one of the few people who really looked at trees; R. G. F. Arnott (C) had done one of the best watercolours in the room; he had shown the ability to select what he wanted and leave out the rest, his drawing of his grandfather was also a very good piece of work; A. A. Fairrie (C) had done an excellent picture of a Highland dance, the people were really individuals; R. M. Shepherd-Barron (W) had done some excellent black-and-white industrial subjects and had achieved a good pattern in two of them; A. J. Whitehead (W) had shown an appreciation of the value of craftsmanship in his watercolour of a blue jug; J. S. W. Gibson (W) was learning his heraldry from late and debased examples; he had done his crest well, but should study good medieval work; D. J. V. Fitz-Gerald (G) had done some very nice drawings of buildings; he clearly could draw quite well but almost always spoilt his work by not taking as much care over his trees and background as over the building; H. L. D. Rose (G) had a watercolour of some cottages which had a sense of pattern and rhythm and the sky was seen as part of that pattern; P. England (T) had two oil paintings which were delightfully simple and decorative; R. A. B. Day (T) had some good colour in his figure painting; his landscape painting was obviously influenced by Constable and Lorraine but that influence was being wisely used; M. N. Boggon (T) had good bits in all his paintings but his colour values were apt to be all over the place so that colours in the background were often as strong as those in the foreground. Mr. Talbot-Kelly welcomed the inclusion of a mobile by K. S. Ashton (C) but did not venture to criticise it.

Temple won the competition and Chatham and Walpole were bracketed second.

M.J.M.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

The as yet unrecorded 248th meeting of the Club was held late last term when Mr. Valentine Heywood, the Editor of *The Sunday Times*, spoke of some of his experiences of Peerage Law. He explained the complicated Laws of Abeyance and of Special Remainder and thereafter he allowed himself to be guided by the questions of the Club, which led to a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

So far this term, R. K. Middlemas (C) has read an excellent paper on Cagliostro. After an early life of absorbing wickedness Cagliostro had turned to the more specialised mystical deception by which he had made himself a European figure. The Club heard of the fantastic inaugural ceremony and was amazed at the gullibility of the 18th century. The end of Cagliostro's intriguing career came when, together with his friend the Cardinal de Rohan, he was implicated in the Great Diamond Robbery; and, although he was acquitted, a year in the Bastille had ruined him and he died in 1791. The Club regretted the absence of the President, who had been present at the last 101 meetings.

Later in the term, C. F. McK. Cox (B) will read a paper on "The Historical Theory of Mythology".

The new members this term are M. J. Fenwick (C), T. M. Molossi (G), A. J. Beerbohm (C), R. A. C. Meredith (G), D. G. duB. Dew (C), R. F. S. Hamer (G), B. S. Wesseley (G) and C. F. McK. Cox (B).

J.N.L.C.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

This term has been an unusually active and successful one for the Vitruvians. Membership has increased so spectacularly that it was felt at a Committee Meeting at the beginning of the term that at least three expeditions could be undertaken. So far two expeditions have taken place.

On October 19th, the Society visited Broughton Castle, an Elizabethan manor which bore few traces of its original mediaeval fortifications. We were most hospitably received and conducted by Lord Saye and Sele, and the Society must record its gratitude for the time and trouble he took in showing us round.

On November 16th, the Society went to Althorp to see Lord Spencer's magnificent library and collection of pictures. His is undoubtedly one of the finest private collections in the country. Once again, we are indebted to Lord Spencer for his very kind reception.

A third expedition, to Warwick Castle, took place on November 29th.

E.A.LcJ.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

As usual in the winter term, the energies of the Club have been devoted entirely to the annual play. Gordon Daviot's "Richard of Bordeaux" was chosen as this year's play and, the Vice-President having decided to take a well-earned rest, Mr. Mounsey very kindly agreed to produce it. The performances took place on December 5th and 6th.

At a meeting held on Sunday, September 28th, K. A. Henderson (C) and R. J. Nettleship (C) were chosen as the new Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and M. A. Rushton (G) and T. M. G. Leon (C) were elected members of the Club.

K.A.H.

THE MUSIC CLUB

Although the Music Club has been rather dormant this term, an important stage in its history has been reached, for Mr. Kelynack, now firmly established as Director of Music, has kindly consented to be our President. There is no doubt that, under his guidance, the Club will learn to appreciate increasingly the beauties and wonders of music.

It was through the efforts of the President that the 57th Meeting, which took the form of an expedition to Oxford, was able to take place. He obtained a number of seats for a concert in the Sheldonian Theatre on October 23rd, given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. The concert opened with Mendelssohn's Overture "The Fair Melusine" which was followed by a brilliant performance of Beethoven's fourth symphony, which is in parts reminiscent of the vivacity of Haydn's and Mozart's music. Rimsky-Korsakov's Symphonic Suite "Antar" is very disjointed and sketchy, but the orchestra succeeded in raising the work from a rather low level to a more exalted one by their rendering of it. The concert ended with Berlioz's rousing overture "The Corsair", and one felt that a programme note which stated that "Sir Thomas Beecham can make the most bigoted anti-Berlioz enthusiast doubtful of his views of that composer" was very true.

Many members have already begun to think about papers for next term, and it is to be hoped that the period of inactivity will not continue.

R.A.C.M.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The papers expected from C. L. Manton (C) and R. G. L. McCrone (G) eventually materialised towards the end of last term, the first on July 14th and the second on July 28th, the last day of term.

"The Etruscans" were the subject of Manton's paper, which investigated as fully as possible, the evidence being fragmentary, the origin and habits of this mysterious race. At the end, it was generally felt that the Society had heard everything known about the Etruscans, though some people were disappointed that nothing further could be learned about them.

R. G. L. McCrone, who had for the past year been all but a member of Side 8, displayed his geographical knowledge in a paper on "Ancient Exploration and the Mediterranean Trade-routes". His description of the maps made by Eratosthenes and Ptolemaeus caused great amusement, and we were amazed to learn that ancient traders had ventured as far as China. We were indeed fortunate that time was found for this most interesting paper.

This term's only meeting was held on Thursday, November 20th. Mr. C. Macdonald, who was "substituting" at Stowe during the absence of Mr. A. Macdonald, read a paper on "Greek Astronomy". He dealt fully with the progress and occasional regress of this science from 585 B.C., when Thales of Miletus predicted an eclipse correctly, until after the death of Aristotle, when astronomy became indistinguishable

from astrology. This paper was certainly one of the best which the Society had heard for some time.

K.A.H.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

The Society re-assembled at the beginning of the term for the first time since Easter, the Society being in no way active in the Summer term.

As the Society included several scholarship candidates, the programme decided upon was not prodigious. We decided to read "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand, and at the time of writing, three acts have been read. As it is a very long and complicated play, howbeit a very amusing one, there will be no time for a second play.

Two new members were elected to bring the total up to a satisfactory number of seven.

The members who, under the President, Mr. Hart Dyke, and Mr. Capel Cure, attended throughout the term were:—Secretary, T. M. Molossi (G); Committee-men, A. J. Beerbohm (C), R. A. C. Meredith (G), J. R. Morriss (C) and J. S. W. Whitley (W). E. A. Le Jeune (G), although a member, was unable to attend.

T.M.M.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The 137th meeting was held at 9.15 on October 6th in the Old Art Room, where a very good gathering was present to watch a lecture on television entitled "The Moon," given by Mr. Alan Hunter, of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. The President had set up a telescope on the roof, and in the time preceding the broadcast, members were given an opportunity to study the harvest moon and Jupiter and its satellites. Fortunately, we were given a perfect night for viewing, although the lecture itself was a little disappointing. It was of a highly popular nature, but was not presented with the polish usually associated with such talks. We must thank Ted Parks for lending us his television set.

On October 15th, Dr. J. L. Stoves addressed a gathering that was necessarily small because of the specialised nature of his subject, the Chemistry of Synthetic Compounds. He prefaced his lecture with a biological introduction, explaining how exactly doctors classify diseases, especially those due to bacteria. Dr. Stoves went on to describe the work of Ehrlich, Veittgart, and subsequent workers up to Fleming. He furnished his narrative with a wealth of historical detail which by itself would have given us an interesting evening's entertainment. As it was, the clarity with which he elucidated the chemical structure of the various drugs derived from azo dyes and related compounds put his lecture in the superlative class.

The President obtained some films of general interest from the Shell petroleum organisation. Before seeing them on November 12th, senior members of the Society were given their customary tea. It was during this tea that the President, in a mood of extreme generosity, said that henceforth he will take it upon himself to pay for the buns supplied; the funds collected by the Treasurer will be used to expand the scope of the Society. Two films were shown: the first, "Malaria", dealt in general terms with the physiological effect of the disease, how it is carried, and how it might be controlled; the second, "Sardinian Project", was a detailed pictorial survey of how U.N.R.R.A. has completely eliminated the disease from the island.

D. M. Connah (B) is preparing a paper which will deal with some aspects of music from a scientific viewpoint, and should present it before the Society later this term.

The officers of the Society this term were:—President, Mr. W. Llowarch; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Osborne; Secretary, P. H. Krusin (B); Treasurer, R. A. Duncan (C).

P.H.K.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The re-organised Society this term consists of:—Mr. B. S. Stephan, President; R. P. H. Atkins (B), Secretary; G. M. Tetlow (T), W. A. McMullen (C), A. A. V. Rudolf (C), J. O. B. Rosedale (T), P. C. Berg (C), A. B. Hyslop (T), D. R. Speight (B), A. C. Cowdy (T), M. G. M. Haines (C), A. P. Hill (B) and S. D. Brown (C). Owing to delay in choosing members, only three meetings will be possible this term.

The first of these, the 138th meeting of the Society, was held on October 31st, when W. A. McMullen read a very catholic and informative paper on "Hitler".

The Secretary followed on November 21st with a rather low-brow paper entitled "Reflection on Sport".

A. B. Hyslop will read a paper later in the term.

R.P.H.A.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, the Secretary, P. W. Fisher (C), resigned and his post was taken by C. J. Day (G). W. F. Tremayne (C) became the Treasurer and C. M. Goulden (G) and J. B. Hamer (G) the Curators. It was decided to form a Ciné Section and P. B. C. Fenwick (C) was elected Hon. Secretary.

On Sunday, October 26th, C. L. Manton (C) gave a much appreciated lecture on amateur ciné photography, in the place of his father Brigadier Manton who was indisposed.

An expedition to see the Third International Colour Print Exhibition in London is planned for Saturday, November 29th.

CINÉ SECTION

This term it was decided that one newsreel should be filmed by the section, and as 16 mm. film was found to be too expensive, 8 mm. was used. This created the problem that the film could not be shown on the school projector; but this was eventually overcome by the co-operation of Mr. Llowarch who kindly provided the necessary equipment. The film is intended to be shown at the end of term. The Hon. Secretary wishes to thank all those who have helped to make this film.

C.J.D.

P.B.C.F.

THE RIFLE CLUB

There was considerable enthusiasm to join the Rifle Club at the beginning of this term, but lack of time meant that only half of the original fifty applicants could be accepted. Arctic conditions on our outdoor range have at times been a hindrance, but many excellent targets have been obtained.

A "Possibles" prize, offered by the C.O., has given those who like to couple finance with their recreational activities a chance to line their pockets with a guinea book token. Always marked by a close finish, last term's competition was eventually divided between A. A. Fairrie (C) and P. A. T. Loup (T).

There have been five matches under *Country Life* conditions and four under N.S.R.A. conditions. Besides these, the team shot for the "Staniforth Cup", a Public Schools competition in which Stowe came 38th out of 66.

The following have shot in the team:—A. A. Fairrie (C), P. A. T. Loup (T), R. K. Middlemas (C), M. J. Fenwick (C), D. R. Wallace (B), the Hon. M. N. Wingfield (W), J. Hawtrey-Woore (B), M. D. A. Hanmer (T) A. P. Hill (B), G. Wolcough (T), P. G. Huxtable (T).

Results of matches:—

Oct. 4th.	v. KELLY COLLEGE.	<i>Country Life.</i>	588—597.	Lost by 9 points.
Nov. 15th.	v. LANCING.	<i>Country Life.</i>	581—580.	Won by 1 point.
Nov. 22nd.	v. OUNDLE.	<i>Country Life.</i>	583—576.	Won by 7 points.
	v. ST. EDWARD'S.	<i>Country Life.</i>	583—604.	Lost by 21 points.
	v. ST. PAUL'S.	<i>Country Life.</i>	583—	by points.
Nov. 29th.	v. WELLINGTON.	N.S.R.A.	717—	by points.
	v. BEDFORD MODERN.	N.S.R.A.	717—722.	Lost by 5 points.
	v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	N.S.R.A.	717—	by points.
Dec. 6th.	v. BRADFIELD.	N.S.R.A.	731—	by points.

A.A.F.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The first meeting this term was held in the Biology Labs on October 1st. The year's programme was reviewed and a statement of accounts given by the retiring Treasurer. New Club Officials were then elected. M. E. P. Cross (G) was re-elected Chairman; J. D. Jackson (G) was elected Secretary and G. M. Corbett (T) Treasurer. T. D. Philips (G) was elected to the committee.

A motion was put forward by W. G. Fiske (G) that meetings should be made shorter and held more frequently. As the term's programme had been previously arranged, the Secretary said he could not put this into practice this term, but it would be tried as an experiment next term.

The trial quiz was held in mid-October in order to pick a team to meet a Buckingham Y.F.C. team early in November, and on Wednesday, November 12th, the following represented Stowe against Buckingham:—M. E. P. Cross (G), J. D. Jackson (G), T. D. Philips (G), N. H. Pennington (G). The meeting was again held in the Biology Labs. The Question Master was provided by the Buckingham Club. The questions varied from farming topics and general knowledge to the history of Stowe and knowledge of the district. One round consisted of trick questions. Four points were awarded for a correct individual answer; two for an answer given by the team; and 3 or 1 if any help was given by the Question Master. The final score was: Buckingham 60, Stowe 52. This was a very successful meeting; and we hope to arrange further quizzes both internally and with other clubs.

If all goes to plan a coach-load of Young Farmers will visit the Smithfield Agricultural Machinery and Fat Stock Show at Earl's Court on December 10th. Unfortunately we shall not be able to leave Stowe as early as last year, as School examinations are being held at the same time.

On November 26th, Dr. Blount, from B.O.C.M. Ltd., is coming down to give the club a film and lecture on modern Poultry Management. This should be of particular interest to those members who visited the B.O.C.M. experimental farm at Stoke Mandeville last term.

Our membership has risen once more and it is good to see that a lot of younger boys are joining. They will be able to take on the running of the club in future years. It is hoped to reduce subscription rates in the near future, and we look forward to a full programme next term.

J.D.J.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The 'O' gauge outdoor railway, consisting of cuttings, embankments and other features which add to the realism of the railway, is now well under way. Although at present only a single line is available, it is hoped that double track will be assembled when circumstances permit.

Through the kindness of Mr. Mounsey and the Puppet Club, we now at last have the permanent use of an indoor site. After a substantial amount of track had been presented to the Club by a well-known manufacturer, the "OO" gauge lay-out was started this term and is now well in hand.

J.M.R.
T.J.W.B.

THE RHYTHM RAMBLERS JAZZ CLUB

The Rhythm Ramblers have been confined to private meetings and recording sessions this term. We look forward to a time when we will once again be able to perform in public. Present policy is to confine ourselves to a small group as far as possible on the New Orleans system.

R.F.S.H.
C.A.H.L.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Mr. A. B. Clifford is President of the Junior Debating Society; G. W. Horner (C) was re-elected Vice-President; M. E. F. Fitzmaurice (W) was elected Secretary, and C. J. R. A. A. Cross (G) was elected Committee-man.

As the Vice-President was absent for most of the first half of the term, P. J. C. Clarke (G) was elected acting Vice-President.

Two of the best motions were:—"That this house thinks that all Chapel should be voluntary" and "That in the opinion of this house the award of Corporal Punishment by Criminal Courts should be re-instituted".

Of the new members of the Society, J. D. Harris (B) and R. M. S. Rees (B) spoke remarkably well.

C.J.R.A.A.C.

BOOK REVIEW

"REX WHISTLER: THE KÖNIGSMARK DRAWINGS", edited and introduced by LAURENCE WHISTLER (G, 1930). *The Richards Press, 105/-*.

The climate of Summer 1940 was not the most obviously suited to fostering the arts of peace. We could understand his reason, if Mr. A. E. W. Mason had not thought to invite an army subaltern in the throes of a rigorous training to do some illustrations for a novel already two years published. We may be very thankful that he did, and even more thankful that the commission was accepted and delivered within the year that followed; and incidentally we may be less surprised than either artist or author appear to have been that the fulfilment took rather longer than expected. It is these pictures of Rex Whistler's for Mason's "Königsmark" that Laurence Whistler has now set out in a beautifully designed volume with a brief introductory account, not only as an act of piety but also as something of a national duty; for of the ten drawings, which Mason bequeathed to the Tate Gallery, five are hitherto unpublished and the other five have only been shown, in a flat tone and a reduced size, in the short account of his brother's life and work which Laurence Whistler wrote five years ago. In the present volume, the Richards Press magnificently reproduces all the ten drawings in nearly the original proportions and the colouring, in which a sparing use of one or two shades adds life to the predominant sepia.

The first plate is an architectural title-page, of a type which the artist often adopted with marked success, sometimes for book-wrappers, sometimes for framed vistas such as occur here and there in his earlier illustrations to "Gulliver's Travels". The remaining nine plates tell independently the main story of this historical romance. Sophia Dorothea, daughter of a German Duke, first meets the Swede Philip Königsmark in the course of Court rehearsals at Celle when both were little more than children. Mutual attraction leads to secret trysts, which a member of the court stumbles upon. He, sadistically exploiting his discovery, overplays his hand and comes in turn to fear for his own position. By this man's intrigues, after Philip has been sent away, Sophia is compelled into an unwilling marriage with the son of the Elector of Hanover. Her first entry to this new estate involves the enmity of influential ladies of the Hanoverian court. (There is a brilliant portrayal of Clara von Platen and her sister watching the arrival from a first-floor window). Several years later, and after other humiliations, Philip's way chances by Hanover, and he receives from the Elector a military command. His acquaintance with Sophia is renewed, at first lightly, but its gradual intensification is balm to the sufferings of both. She confesses her love to him; and in due course, after his further absence on campaign, she receives him as her lover. Unforgetting enemies at court, resentful and jealous of both Philip and Sophia, watch their chance and the liaison is betrayed. Philip is trapped after a stealthy entrance to the palace one night; he is set upon in the darkness and is murdered; the body is hastily disposed of.



Looking at the plates which depict these salient occasions, one is enchanted, as so often before, by the delicate care for detail which characterized Rex Whistler's art. It is less precise here than in the Gulliver drawings or the larger illustrations to Hans Andersen; but the effect is maturer and perhaps fits better with the central figures. These romantic and full-blooded figures are interesting. More usually, this artist's detached wit gave us either robust Brobdingnagians and clothes-proud Emperors or else slender and Arcadian sylphs and swains. But here, in a situation that demanded something more substantial, he has, in most of the plates, united effectively the vitality of the one with the grace of the other.

These qualities are evident in the plate reproduced in this issue of *The Stoic* which depicts Königsmark after his appointment to the colonelcy of the Elector's Regiment of Guards. It is, however, printed here only in monochrome, whereas in the book itself all the plates are printed from three-colour blocks and retain the tinted framework which Whistler gave them.

But since a Book Review in a school magazine not only aims to pay a tribute but also implies a claim to some pride of maternity, it is time to set a proper limit to Stowe's claim in the case of this book. Our own Laurence Whistler designed and introduced it, but his elder brother Rex, who provided the substance, was a Hailey-burian.

Yet the substance of the book is in itself of two-fold interest to Stoics, quite apart from its intrinsic merit. In the first place because, although Rex Whistler showed from early years an imaginative capacity for draughtsmanship and an interest in romance, yet we are told that his inspiration as an artist did not come greatly from his school-days. To a very large extent it was Stowe (where he came often to visit his brother) that inspired him and aroused his passionate interest in the art and architecture of the eighteenth century. Indeed, in the plate here shown, the Elector's palace seems almost wholly compounded of features which are not hard to recognize in Stowe's own architecture.

In the second place, Sophia Dorothea, after the climax of this story, was divorced and virtually imprisoned in the Castle of Ahlden by the husband who must bear most of the blame for her infidelity and who even now is not certainly acquitted from the suspicion of complicity in Königsmark's death. There, after more than thirty years, she died in 1726. Historians will know, but others may not, that the husband was by that time George I of England; and it must have been about then that he assumed his familiar equestrian seat in the grounds of Lord Cobham's nascent Stowe.

P.G.H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was held on October 22nd, when the House debated that "The world would be a happier place if Irishmen stayed in Ireland".

THE TREASURER, proposing, delighted the House with his examples of Irish poetry which originated in Limerick; he explained why the Irish call their isle "eerie". The opposer, R. M. TULLOCH (B), gave us all the irrelevant facts and figures. D. G. duB. DEW (C) was serious and A. C. COWDY (T) (and brogue) decidedly partisan. Despite the high percentage of Irishmen present, the Motion was carried in both Houses (by 16 votes to 7 in the Upper, and by 32 to 27 in the Lower). Many of the speeches gave promise of a renaissance of debating at Stowe in the near future, but, alas, our hopes were soon to be shattered.

The meeting of November 12th was a disgrace to the Society. It is to be hoped that the Upper House will never again show such a complete lack of good manners, and that the standard of speeches will soon rise from this nadir. The Motion was that "The world owes more to Bob Hope than to Winston Churchill".

T. A. TRIMINGHAM (W) muffled through for the Proposition. THE SECRETARY, on the other side, spoke about dogs to support his irrefutable arguments. D. E. STEWART (B) compared fishermen to politicians, and J. A. READ (T) showed us an intimate knowledge of public houses. The Motion was lost in both Houses (by 12 votes to 5 in the Upper, and by 25 to 9 in the Lower).

It is intended to have a third debate on December 3rd.

Messrs. A. B. Hyslop (T), P. Mayhew (G) and M. R. Millbourn (T) have been the new members elected to the Society.

This term's officers have been: President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Secretary, P. H. Krusin (B); Treasurer, R. Blaker (C); Librarian, R. F. S. Hamer (G).

P.H.K.

C.C.F. NOTES

The Coldstream Cup Drill competition, as announced in last term's issue, took place on July 22nd, with the following results:—1st, Grenville, 58; 2nd, Temple, 57; 3rd (equal), Cobham and Walpole, 55; 5th, Chatham, 52; 6th, Bruce, 48; 7th, Grafton, 44; 8th, Chandos, 38.

This has been a quiet term, with nothing much to report except the issue to the I.C.E. Section of a Class VI Bedford Truck "for instructional purposes" (there is no such thing as a Class VII vehicle). The combined operation of lifting out its (remains of) engine by the Naval and I.C.E. Sections was recorded in the Stowe News Film.

The Certificate "A" Examination on December 2nd promises to be an interesting occasion, with no fewer than four Old Stoic Guards officers on the Board.

The following promotions were made this term:—

To *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer T. A. Trimmingham (W).

To *Under-Officer*: Sgts. R. Blaker (C), S. F. N. Waley (W).

To *Sergeant*: Cpls. J. G. Rigg (W), D. G. duB. Dew (C), J. S. Peterkin (B).

To *Corporals*: L/Cpls. A. C. Macintosh (T), R. K. Middlemas (C), R. A. C. Meredith (G), R. S. L. Pearman (W), D. E. Stewart (B), R. H. A. Rycroft (C), M. Grieve (G).

Rated *Acting Leading Seamen*: A.Bs. G. A. Catchpole (G), J. D. Jackson (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets D. V. Fisher (C), J. D. Turnbull (B), W. D. Morgan (C), J. D. Wallis (T), J. F. F. Atterbury (G), F. J. R. Boddy (C), C. L. Manton (C), A. S. Durward (W), J. N. Lacey (T), R. L. Vincent (T), R. D. Selby (C).

J.C.S.

C.C.F. ANNUAL CAMP—JULY 29th—AUGUST 6th.

Camp this year was at Bourley Wood, near Aldershot. The Stowe contingent was 103 strong and, together with Dean Close School, formed "A" Company of No. 3 Battalion. Training areas on the heath which surrounded the camp were allotted to each contingent, and we spent the first few days in ours practising fieldcraft. Unfortunately it was about a mile from the camp, so that we had to march for some time before the training began, the first platoon setting up a dense cloud of dust which smothered those immediately behind. However, our Liaison Officer, Mr. Stott, R.E.M.E., proved invaluable as a guide, and we had no difficulty in getting to the right place at the right time.

On Thursday, July 31st, about 50 Stoics went to Sandhurst to see the Sovereign's Parade which was greatly admired by all. A battle with Sherborne was planned for the following day, when we drove them from their position on a hillside in the morning, and prevented them from recapturing the hill during the afternoon.

But we did not spend all our time on exercises of this kind: several demonstrations were put on during the week, the most interesting being Tank Recovery, Fire Power, Armoured Vehicles, and Night Patrols. There were also some training films. A great deal of time was spent on the ranges at Caesar's Camp, where we fired .303 rifles and the Bren LMG. The highest score was obtained by Under-Officer Boultee and the Sergeants, with the occupants of tent No. 15 a close second. The Night Operation, which began at midnight on Monday, was carried out without mishap, apart from one distracting incident when a flare set a large patch of gorse alight; contrary to all expectations and hopes, it was soon extinguished. We then marched to a rendezvous where hot soup was distributed, and No. 1 Platoon later departed to the far side of Long Valley. After this, everyone went to sleep in the open until dawn when No. 1 Platoon was attacked and routed by the other two. After a successful though somewhat damp night, the contingent marched back to the camp, and woke the remainder of the battalion with martial songs.

One of the best things about camp was that, although we had plenty of spare time in the evenings and over the week-end, it was impossible to be bored. In addition to the various amusements to be found in Aldershot, there were the camp cinema, the NAAFI, and on Sunday Potted Sports, almost all of which were won, by sheer gamesmanship, by the Stowe team under Sergeant Campbell. Captain Pinchbeck

organised a swimming match against Sherborne, whom we beat. These victories compensated largely for our failure to win the Guard Mounting competition this year. Another success for Stowe was gained by Cadet Henderson, who came top in a Signals Instructors Exam., after attending a course held at the camp.

After a camp concert on the last night, we joined forces with Dean Close for a final sing-song, thus bringing to a close a week's camping in every way as enjoyable as in previous years.

R.B.

“HAMLET”

(Acted by the Historians at the Queen's Temple, July 25th and 26th, 1952)

Historians' Shakespeare is a chancy wine: sample it on a cold and windy day, and you will not taste it for the noise of trees; drink it on a hot night, mixed with the perfume of anti-midge cream—as boys to wanton gods are we to the flies; they spot us for their kill—and the sorrows of a score of widowed queens will be light compared to your own afflictions. But take it as it should be served, and its greatest vintages will live on, as do the original '35 (“Richard II”), the '36 (“Henry IV”, Pt. II), the '37 (“Macbeth”), the '39 (“King Lear”), and, though in the Gym, the '48 (“Twelfth Night”). And 1952? There were misgivings when we first heard that “Hamlet” was contemplated, for its personal, meditative flavour could so easily be lost somewhere on the glacis of the Queen's Temple. Yet it will not be surprising if in future this is thought of as one of the great years.

In B. J. Calvert (G) there was obviously the makings of a leading actor of some stature; his Cassio in 1951 was sufficient warrant of that. There were adequate players for Claudius, the Queen, Polonius, and Laertes. There were one or two superlative clowns. This year the play must have cast itself more than in most years. Calvert's greatest asset was his voice, and he employed a very large range of tone and expression. He seemed at times perhaps too sprightly, too much enjoying the spectacle of himself as Hamlet, but it was, for a boy, an amazingly even performance, and was extremely moving on certain occasions, in particular in the Grave Scene and in the lines

“Give me your pardon, sir: I have done you wrong;

But pardon't, as you are a gentleman”.

This play is a miraculous example of an author's sitting on the fence; and Calvert's treatment of his mad scenes was quite in accordance with Shakespeare's intentions. We were never quite sure when the madness was real or feigned.

His stabbing of Polonius was horribly good; his failure to stab the King, after the Play, was in comparison ineffective.

M. N. Boggon (T), as Claudius, was good, and in character, but could not quite rise to the agony of his speech beginning “O, my offence is rank”. The Queen (J. D. Turnbull (B)) was not quite florid enough, but nevertheless gave a good performance of a woman who was clever enough to be stupid. Horatio (T. R. H. Lewis (B)),

after a very noisy opening on the battlements, settled down as a competent foil for Calvert, but did not speak his lines quite easily enough for one who has to stand so much outside the action and rely on the verse to carry him through. Laertes was a little too stiff even for that abominable prig, and tended, when excited, to move about too much and to swallow his words; but we could believe in him and in his father Polonius (E. A. Le Jeune (G)), in whom pompousness and pedantry became an elaborate facetiousness. Ophelia (S. J. F. Ruscoe (B)) carried off her Mad Scene well; Osrice (R. M. Tulloch (B)) was a brilliant “water-fly”; the Ghost (A. E. des C. Chamier (C)) was quite uncannily “right”; and the clowns (R. Blaker (C) and J. S. W. Gibson (W)) made us think that all the other characters were a set of upstarts, and that they alone held up Adam's profession. The whole atmosphere of the performance, helped as it was by the effectiveness of the costumes, the lighting, the trumpets, drums and cannon, was that of a brilliant and sinister court, and one felt—and this is a touchstone of success—that more, much more, was going on behind the facade. Yes, an interesting wine; and more than possibly a vintage year.

J.C.S.

RICHARD OF BORDEAUX

In many respects Richard of Bordeaux makes a good school play. It has a large cast, it provides impressive spectacle and it gives appropriate opportunity for instrumental music.

Its disadvantages are lack of action, a plethora of politics and lack of obvious humour. It is also a risk to put on a play which stand or falls by the performance of its central character. Clearly this choice called for skilful production and a principal actor of resource and sensitivity. Without hesitation the Congreve Club invited Mr. M. J. Mounsey to direct this year's production and M. A. Rushton (G) to play Richard.

The producer did his work well. His scenery, designed by P. S. Ashton (C), was most effective, economical of time and space and furnishing a restful and unobtrusive background to a variety of scenes. He relieved long stretches of dialogue with decisive movement, and his grouping was a constant pleasure to the eye.

His actors were well drilled and worked harmoniously and hard, perhaps over hard at times. The dialogue was brisk and the diction careful and correct. For the first time in our recollection “power” was not stocised into “pah” (though occasionally a “Juke” took his wonted place among the aristocracy). The producer, rightly in view of the paucity of action, underlined his characterisation, which was vigorous and consistent.

Where the cast failed, perhaps inevitably, was in the projection of emotion. This typically feminine play is essentially romantic and makes continual demands on the emotional capacity of its performers. Here the players as a whole lacked technique. In anger, indignation and the like they were fairly competent, though they tended to “press”, and their untrained voices sometimes degenerated into a painful “yank-

ing". Less virile emotions defeated them; they used their eyes too little and hardly anyone smiled, the standard expression being a glum stare in the direction of the footlights. Nevertheless they made full use of the opportunities within their compass, and interpreted their lines with intelligence.

Richard used the full range of his voice and gave a sincere if somewhat pessimistic performance. "Sad stories of the death of kings" make poor theatre unrelieved, Shakespeare gave his Richard superb poetry; here we have a gaiety, charm and compelling affection which Rushton did not quite bring out. But he had plainly studied his lines with great care, and sustained his exacting part with vigour and conviction. We liked the fellow, which is as it should be.

M. N. Boggon (T) and M. E. Llowarch (W) were as thorough-going a pair of villains as ever trod the boards. They played with immense energy but too little variety, indulging in shrill shouting-matches. Gloucester might have shown less blatant ferocity and more dangerous cunning, Arundel more stupidity and less truculence. A formidable pair though, and dramatically effective.

Lancaster, that downy old bird (J. S. Peterkin (B)) was excellent in counsel but less convincing in his pleading for the son he disliked but could not help loving. Of the other counsellors Simon Burley (B. R. Williams (Q)) acted smoothly and with obvious stage-sense, de la Pole (M. R. Millbourn (T)) was as dull as he was bound to be and J. O. B. Rosedale (T) managed to convey some impression of the obese and futile York, no mean feat at his age.

Best of all the villains was the Archbishop (D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)). His voice, soft and beguiling (but quite audible), skilfully combined with face, hands and body to merge the gentle with the sinister. Another first-rate performance came from I. D. Sutherland (C) as that arrogant, specious gallant, Thomas Mowbray. Crisp, vivid, and impetuous, he wore his clothes magnificently and held the eye wherever he moved.

R. M. Tulloch (B) just missed being very good as Robert de Vere. Naturally graceful and nonchalant (though he might have heightened these attributes for dramatic effect), he played his early scenes with charm and sympathy. Later, muffled in an unbecoming helmet which he might well have jettisoned, he became negative and failed to bring out the misery and shame underlying his assumed indifference. A difficult part this.

Henry of Derby (R. J. Nettleship (C)) and his wife (T. D. Philips (S)) made a life-like pair of provincials. But Henry should have been more than a club bore. This man was dangerous, humourless, tenacious, as Richard found to his cost. A certain lack of intensity in this character made the eventual Henry IV little more than a figure-head, which he certainly was not. Otherwise the actor fitted the part well. The two pages (T. M. G. Leon (C) and M. Anson (S)) and Montague (P. H. McMullan (T)) filled small roles adequately.

The author gives little significance to her women. Anne has charm, love for her Richard and a fatal attack of the plague. R. M. Elliott (C) portrayed them all with singular stoicism. Perhaps he was right. Emotional men often marry phlegmatic women. R. Dacey (C) looked becoming as Agnes and sang in a small voice a charming little song composed for the occasion by Mr. Kelynack, whose chamber orchestra was a great asset to the play.

The cream of the production was in the last two scenes, when Richard was at his best; and the quiet sincerity of I. J. Moir (C), as Maudlyn the page, brought the play to a moving conclusion. Your reviewer, for one, enjoyed his evening.

A.A.D.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE 1ST XV.

It must have appeared to Old Stoics and the interested public that this year's XV has been a very poor one. This, however has not been the case: the XV has upheld the highest traditions of Stowe rugby. It has been made up of players who, despite some heavy defeats, have never given up and for the first half of most of the games have been the equals of such star schools as Bedford, Oundle and Radley. It must be admitted that in the second halves they have failed to hold the weight and experience of older sides—but then did the British teams hold the Springboks in the last half-hour? The spirit of this team has been quite outstanding and of a higher quality than any other 1st XV I have coached. Had it not been, four schools might easily have knocked up fifty points.

The team did not play at its best in the Bedford, Rugby and Cheltenham matches. The Rugby result was particularly flattering to Rugby, as was shown by our respective results against Harrow, who must have got an unwelcome shock at being beaten 12—6. A crucial match was the one against St. Edward's: for the respective coaches it was a nerve-racking spectacle. A win, narrow as it was, bucked up the Stowe XV so that it played magnificently against two one-man teams in Radley and Oundle.

In the former match the Stowe plan failed in that Davis hardly ever got Dexter, the penetrating Radley fly-half, who scored about 20 of the 27 points. Boggon of Oundle did a most unkind thing: from the middle of the back row, using his speed and weight, he scored all of his side's nineteen points. McCoy, of Rugby, was very nearly equally ungenerous in kicking six out of six conversions and not by any means from in front of the posts. Cheltenham, the only side to defeat Radley, had a good West Country pack which decided the match in their favour, but it was not a good game.

Most of the club sides have been too strong for us. Again weight and experience have been the deciding factors. The London Scottish made sure that they would not be beaten by thirty points again, by bringing down a really good side which might easily have scored more than nineteen points. A poor game v. Richmond was won by Stowe 10—8.

The captaincy has been shared by T. R. H. Lewis (B) and M. Grieve (G), but the former, with his damaged leg, has been a vociferous inspiration to his team from the touch-line. Grieve in his quiet way has done a very good job, ably backed by H. G. Fennell (T) as leader of the pack.

The forwards, despite their lack of size, have fought courageously against heavy odds and have made superhuman efforts to achieve the impossible. Lewis was a great fighter, but his strength lay in his natural leadership and in his ability to get the ball from most loose scrums. H. G. Fennell is a grand player in the loose and never spares himself. His young brother has hooked very well, but has not yet got so much devil in the loose. G. M. Corbett (T) and S. F. N. Waley (W), despite their inexperience, have improved considerably and have shown up conspicuously in the line-outs. H. D. E. Woods (G) has become much more aggressive and as blind-side forward has tackled well. N. M. Bates (G) has been one of the best positional players and might go far if he keeps the game up after leaving. J. R. F. Raw (G) and M. Davis (T) have contested the position of open wing-forward. Davis has not fulfilled last season's expectations and Raw has filled the unexpected gap with rugged zeal. W. F. Tremayne (C) has filled Lewis's place in the front row with success.

The backs have shown more attack than teams of the last few years. Grieve has made some glorious penetrations and has become a drop-goal expert. J. C. Witham (T) and P. E. S. Lilley (C) have improved considerably and should be good next season. D. G. duB. Dew (C) at full-back is slow and a poor kick, but he makes up these deficiencies by unparalleled courage in his tackling and falling. T. S. Wilkinson (G) is an opportunist and pounces on dropped passes in a most businesslike way: he is particularly good on a wet cold day. The wing threequarters have been in no way impressive, but D. N. White (C) has done some good things: it is a pity his kicking has gone off. C. J. Garratt (C) and C. W. J. Butler (T) have not yet developed enough speed for a position on the wing, but they have worked hard. J. D. N. Hartland-Swan (B) would be one of the best players in the school if he could hold the ball.

It is a shame that this young light team should have run up against such strong opposition among the other schools, but it is to be hoped that most of them will stay on next season and indulge in some sweet revenge.

D.I.B.



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STOWE V. WASPS

[R.A.B.D.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on October 18th. Lost, 3—26.

In ideal conditions Stowe lost the toss and kicked off against the hill but with the sun.

Stowe went off with a bang and generally upset what eventually became the Bedford machine. The backs came up quickly in correct position and slowed up a heavy and powerful back division to such an extent that passes were fumbled and dropped. In the scrums Stowe got their fair share of the ball in the first half, but ground was usually lost at the line-outs even though Stowe gained possession.

The first try was gained by Stowe. Rigg made an opening in the Bedford '25', Lilley another, and Grieve, when threatened, passed to White, who dived over. The kick failed. This stirred up Bedford, who counter-attacked in the Stowe '25'; their stand-off kicked ahead, Radford hesitated and was lost. Result, five points to Bedford. This was followed quickly by a cruel blow—a very good penalty from a difficult angle. Half-time: Bedford 8, Stowe 3.

Bedford weight began to tell and the defence went to pieces. For some unknown reason Woods changed places with Raw, the open forward, and from that moment the Bedford backs had a field-day. The stand-off employed a devastating kick-ahead in an attempt to demoralise the already shaken Radford. These were varied with powerful penetrations in the centre against now hesitant opposition. The score mounted very fast and eighteen points were rattled up in fifteen minutes.

However, let it not be said that Stowe did not try or that the team packed in. Whenever they got the ball they attacked and kept on attacking; they might easily have had a couple of tries, but chances were missed.

Lewis led the team well, playing his usual stalwart game, and with the Fennell brothers formed a small but compact front row. The tackling of the forwards was generally weak and high. The backs did not really see enough of the ball to form an effective striking force and lost much of their confidence as the game proceeded.

However, we have won for the last two years and I suppose it was their turn.

Team:—H. Radford (C); D. N. White (C), M. Grieve (G), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), C. J. Garratt (C); P. E. S. Lilley (C), J. G. Rigg (W); T. R. H. Lewis (B), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), R. P. H. Atkins (B), G. M. Corbett (T), J. R. F. Raw (G), N. M. Bates (G), H. D. E. Woods (G).

THE SCHOOL *v.* RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Wednesday, October 22nd. Lost, 3—30.

Another shattering defeat and due mainly to rank bad tackling and indifferent covering. There is no doubt that Rugby deserved to win handsomely, but the score was perhaps a little flattering. Congratulations to McCoy, of Rugby, for his very unkind performance in kicking all six goals—an exceptional feat which he, among others, will always remember. Other Rugby players to deserve mention were the gazelle-like Eagar; Drysdale, who resembled his father with his perfectly safe hands and long, lazy kick; Deane, a powerful centre with a low centre of gravity.

Now what of Stowe? Well the backs were a write-off both in attack and defence, and White's attempts at his many penalties would have undermined the strongest of



constitutions. The forwards, except in tackling, played heroically against an experienced and well-drilled pack. They pinned Rugby in their '25' for fifteen minutes, but could not get over.

Stowe's try was scored by White. The forwards who deserve special mention were Lewis, H. G. Fennell and Raw.

Team:—D. G. du B. Dew (C); D. N. White (C), M. Grieve (G), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), C. J. Garratt (C); P. E. S. Lilley (C), J. C. Witham (T); T. R. H. Lewis (B), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), R. P. H. Atkins (B), G. M. Corbett (T), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), J. R. F. Raw (G).

THE SCHOOL v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Oxford on Wednesday, October 29th. Won, 6—5.

All the conditions were right for a great school game. The ground was firm and the ball dry, but the most important factor was that both sides had been beaten handsomely by other schools and were out to redeem themselves at the other's expense.

Stowe began nervously. Rigg was hesitant, Horswell juggled, and the centres were tackled in possession. It seemed as if it would be impossible to penetrate the St. Edward's defence. Their attack was equally ineffectual and usually died in front of the advantage line; their captain looked dangerous when he picked up the occasional loose ball; he was usually well tackled by Bates, the covering forward.

After some strong forward attacks there was a loose maul on the St. Edward's line and Davis dived over on the blind side. From a difficult position Lewis hit the upright and the ball rebounded into the field of play. St. Edward's immediately put in a counter-offensive and from a line-out Davis passed behind Grieve's neck: Dew missed the ball in falling and White was robbed while in possession—result a try. The kick hit the upright *and went over*. Half-time: St. Edward's 5, Stowe 3.

The spectators responded to the tempo of the game, which grew fast and furious. Horswell began to take the ball on the move and Grieve got two very good cuts-through. The latter one was thrilling. He passed his opposite number on the half-way line and veered towards the posts: he took off a few yards from the line but was hauled back by an unseen hand. In a flash the ball came back to Horswell; he took deliberate aim as St. Edward's stood spell-bound, and dropped; the ball seemed to be borne away on an invisible string to the right of the posts. After this let-off St. Edward's attacked and their captain made many valiant efforts to get over, but failed. However, following one of his runs a forward broke loose and a try would have resulted had he not tripped over Dew. The game ricocheted from end to end and the excitement was so intense that a St. Edward's centre had to leave the field with nervous hysteria. In the middle of all these thrills there was a sudden silence—Stowe was awarded a possible penalty. In the deathly hush Lewis put it over and a cheer from seventy Stowe throats stilled the bustle of Woodstock Road. Despite St. Edward's using kitchen sink tactics for the last few minutes Stowe held out and won their first school match of the season.

The forwards played a great game with Lewis, H. G. Fennell and Woods always in the van, but the others did their jobs well. As the game proceeded, Horswell improved, but Grieve was easily the best of the backs. Dew was slow, but tackled very courageously.

Team:—D. G. du B. Dew (C); D. N. White (C), M. Grieve (G), C. W. J. Butler (T), A. J. Beerbohm (C); D. G. N. Horswell (C), J. G. Rigg (W); T. R. H. Lewis (B), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), R. P. H. Atkins (B), S. F. N. Waley (W), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), M. Davis (T).

THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 5th, Radley winning by three goals, three tries and a penalty goal (27 points) to a dropped goal and a penalty goal (6 points).

Following a slight misunderstanding over the toss, Stowe kicked off and immediately forced their way into the Radley '25' where a quick heel resulted in Grieve dropping a goal barely five minutes from the start. A rather surprised Radley team sprang into action at this and they were only stopped on the Stowe line. An infringement in the scrum gave Radley a chance to equalise, but Dexter missed from 35 yards. A ding-dong forward battle ended with the ball at last reaching the much praised Radley three-quarter line; three Stoics brought their left-wing down on the corner flag. Radley continued to attack, but were consistently held out until Dexter, the fly-half, cut through to score in the corner; his kick, this time much harder, failed. Again we went down to the Radley half, profiting by their mistakes: as yet the Radley three-quarters had not seen through the strange Stowe tactics and they were surprised at being tackled long before they reached the advantage line. Rigg just failed to score round the blind side and Butler forced Radley to race for the touch-down after Horswell narrowly missed with a drop at goal. But again Dexter took the game in his own hands and, by a series of short punts and runs, he scored five points between the posts. Half-time came with Radley leading 8—3, but with little to choose between the teams.

Radley kicked off for the second half with a new ball which was kicked straight back to their own '25'. The Radley hooker was caught with his foot up and White had an attempt from a long way out. Unfortunately Dexter caught the ball and found touch in the Stowe '25'. A Stowe forward was penalised in the ensuing line-out and Dexter scored again. Bad mistakes by their centres cost Radley a lot of ground and their full-back was caught behind his own goal-line. From the five-yard scrum, the Radley forwards dribbled to half-way and then started a passing movement; Carr held his pass and, in spite of having to hold up his trousers, was only brought down ten yards from the line. He was rewarded immediately with a try, the ball being heeled very quickly from a loose scrum. Dexter made it 16—3. Now Stowe took charge. The forwards won every loose scrum and line-out and took the ball up the field with them, Woods, Fennell and Waley being always in the lead. They were rewarded when the Radley scrum-half was penalised for not putting the ball in straight and Waley made no mistake from forty yards. However, Dexter once more showed his strength and, despite desperate tackles by Dew and Bates who often hurled him into touch at the last moment, scored 11 more points by himself. With the score at 6—27 Stowe was the only School to date against whom Radley had not amassed thirty points: they fully deserved to be, especially the forwards who, according to plan, had to do most of the work.

Team:—D. G. du B. Dew (C); D. N. White (C), M. Grieve (G), T. S. Wilkinson (G), C. W. J. Butler (T); D. G. N. Horswell (C), J. G. Rigg (W); R. P. H. Atkins (B), G. A. Catchpole (G), H. G. Fennell (T), B. S. Wessely (G), S. F. N. Waley (W), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), M. Davis (T).

THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE

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Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 12th, Oundle winning by 19 points to 5.

For half of this game at Stowe it seemed that the form book might be in for a rude reverse, for Oundle, unbeaten this year, were led 5—3 at half-time by the young Stowe side.

In the end, however, Oundle won comfortably by two goals, two penalty goals and a try to a goal, and their acting captain, Boggon, the No. 8 forward, showed a suitable appreciation of his responsibilities by scoring all 19 points.

If on paper this looks a remarkable achievement, it is no fantastic exaggeration of Boggon's worth to the side. Oundle's strength lies in their big, capable forwards. Their backs are less distinguished and looked dangerous only when Boggon was among them.

In the first half the Stowe forwards played so well that he could not leave the scrum. But in the second the Oundle pack found its form and played very well.

Now when it was Oundle's ball in a scrum, Boggon, tall and fast, became an extra centre. Spragg and Le Marquand, a competent pair of halves, got the ball to him with all despatch and the whole back division sprang to life.

This has not been one of Stowe's more successful years, but they will probably take heart from their first-half performance. Moreover, 10 or 11 of the present side will be available next season. Like Oundle, they were without their captain.

Though the Stowe forwards could not quite sustain their early promise, they fought on well against heavy odds. H. G. Fennell and Raw were usually involved in their more successful activities.

Stowe began by using the slightly greater speed of their backs to advantage. After 10 minutes a high punt ahead by Lilley was fumbled. Three Stowe backs were on the spot and one of them, Grieve, touched down. Waley converted from a narrow angle.

Boggon's achievements had a modest beginning, for it was not until just before half-time that he was successful with his third attempt at a penalty goal.

Afterwards he stormed about the field doing much as he liked. His first try came from a diagonal run in the three-quarter line. His attempt at a conversion bounced back off a post, but two minutes later the same post proved more accommodating and the ball fell over for a penalty goal.

For his second try he picked up after a heel near the line and pushed his way through to the corner. For the third he took an inside pass after Le Marquand, the scrum-half, had broken away from a scrum. Both tries he converted from the touch-line.

Team :—D. G. du B. Dew (C); C. W. J. Butler (T), T. S. Wilkinson (G), M. Grieve (G), D. N. White (C); P. E. S. Lilley (C), J. C. Witham (T); W. F. Tremayne (C), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), S. F. N. Waley (W), G. M. Corbett (T), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), J. R. F. Raw (G).

THE SCHOOL v. HARROW

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 15th. Won, 12—6.

On form it appeared as if Harrow must win. They had beaten Rugby by 12—3 whereas we had lost by 30—3. Since that match Stowe had improved, and having played some good attacking rugby against Oundle prayed for a dry ball. Harrow normally prefer a wet one so that their forwards can indulge in their traditional game.

The conditions were half-and-half, so the scales were heavily weighted against Stowe. However, nothing daunted, the Stowe pack caused Harrow to reel back to their line on many occasions and only for ten minutes in the second half did Harrow gain any ascendancy. Stowe got more than its fair share of the ball from loose, tight and line-out, and when Harrow did get it Raw and Woods effectively squashed the scrum-half. The backs handled well on the whole, but Butler was unreliable.

After Stowe had withstood one dribbling offensive, they kept play in their opponents' half. Once, when near the Harrow line, Stowe was awarded a penalty, which Waley could not miss. This stirred Harrow and a long kick to the blind side should have been saved by Butler, but he fumbled and fell and when half-tackled he threw the ball away for their wing to score. It was Stowe's turn now and from a mass of players Grieve dropped a goal. Not many minutes later Harrow dropped a pass and Wilkinson pounced on the mistake, dribbled over and got the touch. Unaccountably Waley missed from straight in front. Half-time: Stowe 9, Harrow 3.

Harrow were better this half but still not convincing. Their forwards got cruising for ten minutes with their rushes, and after a long kick ahead Dew fumbled and the pack was there to score. Stowe was no longer more than a length ahead, and Grieve led his men to the attack with a copy-book try, scored by White, but Grieve did all the running—unconverted. The wing forwards kept up their spoiling tactics and Lilley cleverly used the touch line: Harrow was given little chance of doing anything else but kick for touch defensively.

The following deserve special mention. Dew for his courage; Grieve for his captaincy and general efficiency; Wilkinson for his quickness on the dropped ball; Lilley and Witham for their combination; the wing forwards for their spoiling; and H. G. Fennell for his outstanding leading of the pack.

Team :—D. G. du B. Dew (C); D. N. White (C), M. Grieve (G), T. S. Wilkinson (G), C. W. J. Butler (T); P. E. S. Lilley (C), J. C. Witham (T); W. F. Tremayne (C), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), S. F. N. Waley (W), G. M. Corbett (T), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), J. R. F. Raw (G).

THE SCHOOL v. CHELTENHAM

Played at Cheltenham on Saturday, November 22nd. Lost, 0—13.

This is a difficult account to write, for very few incidents of note occurred. It was a game of line-outs and loose mauls with forwards of both teams in both sides of the scrum. This suited the heavier Cheltenham pack, which won the day by 13—0.

The game is perhaps best described, by an Old Cheltonian, as "like a House League".

Team :—D. G. du B. Dew (C); C. J. Garratt (C), T. S. Wilkinson (G), M. Grieve (G), D. N. White (C); P. E. S. Lilley (C), J. C. Witham (T); W. F. Tremayne (C), R. J. Fennell (T), H. G. Fennell (T), S. F. N. Waley (W), G. M. Corbett (T), H. D. E. Woods (G), N. M. Bates (G), J. R. F. Raw (G).

Other results were as follows :—

Sat., Oct. 4th.	v. WASPS (Home).	Lost	9—16
Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won	17—0
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. LONDON SCOTTISH (Home).	Lost	6—19
Sat., Nov. 8th.	v. RICHMOND (Home).	Won	10—8

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

Snow and frost having descended, the 2nd XV season has ended prematurely with 5 wins and 4 defeats. G. A. Catchpole (♄), the hooker, has led the side well throughout the season and has set a good personal example of dash. Behind him the backs, led by J. G. Rigg (W), a capable and tough scrum-half, have been forceful and fast, with D. G. N. Horswell (C) resourceful at stand-off, J. D. N. Hartland-Swan (B) and J. L. Gale (C), a late-comer to the side, thrusting centres, and A. J. Beerbohm (C) and C. W. J. Butler (T) useful on the wings. H. Radford (C) has played very soundly at full-back. In fact it has been one of the best Second Fifteen back divisions in recent years. But the forwards, in spite of Catchpole's efforts, have not worked hard enough or given them enough of the ball. J. D. Hill (C), B. S. Wessely (G), W. P. Cooper (C) at times, and M. Davis (T) on his rare appearances, have hustled and got down to it; but too often the pack has been sluggish, and has forgotten their primary duty of defeating the opposition forwards in all phases of the game.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Won	23—3
Wed., Oct. 15th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Lost	3—6
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won	14—5
Wed., Oct. 22nd.	v. R.G.S., HIGH WYCOMBE (Away).	Lost	6—14
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Won	16—0
Wed., Nov. 5th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	0—3
Tues., Nov. 11th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	3—15
Sat., Nov. 15th.	v. HARROW (Away).	Won	9—6
Wed., Nov. 19th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	33—0

J.C.T.U.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

With two matches as yet unplayed, the Third Fifteen's record so far stands even, four victories and four defeats. The usual opening match with Bloxham and a good win against Bedford seemed to augur well, but in most matches since then erratic tackling and a failure by both forwards and backs to support individual effort has brought narrow defeats by teams fundamentally no whit more skilful but just a little more determined; this was certainly the case with the Oundle, Radley, and Harrow games; only by Kettering G.S. was the team really out-played. The early translation of J. L. Gale (C) to the 2nd team made a big difference; he was the most reliable defender in the team and quite an effective fly-half; D. G. Guyer (♄), the captain, moved back from scrum-half to be replaced by J. R. Warden (T), a plucky performer but as yet too slow in picking the ball up and unreasonably reluctant to let it go; of the other players behind the scrum F. J. B. Taylor (C) has been spasmodically good and may turn into a competent three-quarter with more experience, and M. E. P. Cross (G) as full-back has, when present, saved a good many points. Among the forwards the most noteworthy have been the hooker, J. S. W. Whitley (W) (less good of late), and P. B. C. Fenwick (C), the value of whose height and weight became all the more apparent when injury kept him out of the game. The pack as a whole has played with a certain

amount of spirit but little co-ordination, and as a second line of defence has not been quick or safe enough to support a rather weak three-quarter line. On the whole, even when allowance is made for absence and changes through injury, it has been a rather disappointing season.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. BLOXHAM (Away).	Won	20—0
Wed., Oct. 15th.	v. KETTERING G.S. (Away).	Lost	0—20
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won	9—3
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	11—0
Sat., Nov. 1st.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	0—11
Wed., Nov. 5th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	0—8
Sat., Nov. 15th.	v. HARROW (Away).	Lost	3—6
Wed., Nov. 19th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	53—0

B.S.S.

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

The Fourth Fifteen started its season by beating Bedford in a game that was good to watch; since then it has been beaten by Oundle and Harrow (in the latter game mainly by superior weight), but with one match in hand has still a chance to make its score even. As is often the case, there has been little to choose between the 3rd and 4th XV forwards, but the shortage of good backs in the 3rd has been proportionately more acute in the 4th, and the quality of the defence in particular has been mainly very low.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 11th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Won	8—0
Sat., Nov. 1st.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	3—24
Sat., Nov. 15th.	v. HARROW (Home).	Lost	0—24

B.S.S.

THE COLTS' FIFTEEN

The Colts had a poor season, as can be seen from their record; their results as Under Fourteens and Junior Colts had previously shown them to be a weak side, but that there has been improvement this term is shown by the fact that a Harrow side who won 47—0 last year were held to one try, and Radley, who in the two previous seasons had won easily, were beaten by 20 points.

The obvious fatal weakness was in attack. In the first matches the forwards seldom, if ever, got the ball, and the backs spent their afternoons tackling their opposite numbers. But even when the scrummaging improved and the three-quarters were given chances, they seldom looked dangerous. What was lacking was speed, first and foremost—there was no player who combined thrust and determination with real pace; secondly, there was none of that instinctive skill which, given a well-planned attack or a good opening, will ensure a score. Though they tried hard, the backs were bound

always to be handicapped by these shortcomings. In extenuation, it should be pointed out that Cameron and Hall were Junior Colts, promoted to fill what had been virtually wide open spaces. Given that extra yard of pace, which they should have next year, they would have made all the difference.

By the second half of the term the forwards had become a well-organised unit who could nearly always hold their own and get a fair share of the ball in tight and loose. But they lacked just the extra touch of quickness and skill which might have enabled them to dominate their opponents, though in fairness it should be said that against Radley they took control of the game, and that they held a strong Oundle pack—it was largely a defensive weakness on the right wing in this match that allowed Oundle to score 16 points in the last quarter of an hour. What they did learn thoroughly and well was organised defence, and here an enormous improvement was made—they showed this against an outstanding Bedford side who attacked continuously, for they only weakened in the last minutes of each half when they were exhausted.

The front two rows worked consistently hard, Boden-Bladon and Rowe-Beddoe being the best. The introduction of Thompson and Rose, a former centre, into the back row greatly strengthened the defence; Rose also showed initiative in attack. Thompson's tackling was an outstanding feature. Burrows, if a little slow, is improving fast as scrum-half; he has a long pass and his occasional breaks were well-judged. Hall showed promise, but was inclined to leave his passes too late. Cameron and Shelley defended very well, but the latter needs to improve his passing. Hamer also defended and covered well, but was too hesitant in attack.

It reflected great credit on the whole Club that in spite of disappointing results they maintained a good spirit throughout the season, and many members showed that they have possibilities if they continue to improve.

Finally, a word of thanks is due to H. G. Fennell whose enthusiastic help in coaching was of great value.

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 15th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Won	11—0
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD SCHOOL (Away).	Lost	0—27
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost	0—20
Wed., Oct. 29th.	v. DOUAI (Away).	Lost	0—5
Wed., Nov. 5th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won	20—0
Wed., Nov. 12th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	0—19
Sat., Nov. 15th.	v. HARROW (Home).	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 22nd.	v. CHELTENHAM (Away).	Lost	0—9

Team :—M. J. Burrows (C), J. E. B. Thompson (S), H. Boden-Bladon (G), D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C), R. E. Shelley (G), D. Cameron (B), G. W. Rose (C), P. T. Craig (W), R. T. C. A. Hall (C), J. B. Hamer (G), B. W. Mallinson (T), G. R. N. Wetton (B), D. J. F. Renwick (S), C. M. W. Killingbeck (B), G. P. Renwick (C).

Also played :—I. Campbell (C), C. H. Pattinson (T), A. P. Hichens (C), R. P. Yeoward (C), M. A. Home (C), D. D. McIntyre (C).

C.F.D.

THE JUNIOR COLTS' FIFTEEN

From the very beginning it was clear that the Junior Colts intended to enjoy their rugby. They have done so and have gradually welded themselves into a good side. Last year's nucleus remained, though weakened considerably outside the scrum. In the early stages of the season there was weakness in the middle of the field in defence, and Radley in particular were quick to exploit this. Later, however, the hole was patched, and the forwards, by learning their defensive drill, provided good covering.

Offensively the team was well served by an enthusiastic pack, well led by R. P. Trevor (C). He captained the side most competently. W. J. C. Ford (S) showed that he could be a good attacking pivot if supplied with a stream of passes, and the wings, M. K. Ridley (C) and C. J. Sherwin (T), improved fast into very promising runners. P. R. Vincenzi (G) was an outstanding forward who used his height to advantage in line-out play, his speed in the loose and his strength in loose mauls. He was ably abetted by others among whom special mention ought to be made of B. E. Toye (S), who with Trevor formed a solid second row. Worth's hooking was consistently good.

Others who played were R. D. Turrall (C), A. H. Latham (W), D. D. Barlow (C), J. L. H. Stisted (B), M. D. Miall (B), T. D. Philips (S), N. S. Murray (C), A. M. Wessely (G), J. Sherjan (T), R. O. Cobham (G) and D. H. G. J. Pepper (B).

Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. BLOXHAM (Away).	Lost	0—5
Wed., Oct. 15th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Lost	0—32
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Lost	8—15
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Drawn	11—11
Wed., Nov. 5th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	13—17
Tues., Nov. 11th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Drawn	6—6
Sat., Nov. 15th.	v. HARROW (Away).	Drawn	6—6

"A" XV MATCHES.

Wed., Oct. 22nd.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	11—9
Sat., Nov. 1st.	v. KINGHAM HILL (Away).	Lost	0—17
Sat., Nov. 8th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Away).	Won	16—3

R.E.S.

UNDER FOURTEEN XV.

The game against Bedford came very early and was disappointing. With a good pair of halves we might easily have won it, and those halves were to emerge within a week of the game. The forwards well earned their commendation that they played like "an old Scottish pack," and were rewarded by a single dropped goal by Kerr.

Against St. Edward's and Brackley, the side showed its paces. The opposition was not strong in either case, but Stowe would have taken a lot of stopping. So strong was the XV that for the first time we fielded a complete 2nd XV against the Dragon School. This was tempting the fates because we had heard that the Dragon was strong and had beaten Radley Juniors the week before. But our 2nd team gave them what they acknowledged to be their toughest match of the season and came home crowned with honour.

The Radley match was our biggest test and we came through with a six-nil win. Our forwards met their match in a lighter but very courageous Radley pack, and it was left to the genius of Albrecht to supply a solution to the problem of how to win. With a clever back-flip to Kerr on the wing, he twice wrong-footed the Radley backs and gave Kerr a chance to use his enormous pace and weight to get a try.

There have been many good players: P. J. Sefton (G), the captain and fly-half, although he played only against St. Edward's, was a very dangerous player; P. F. Albrecht (C), the scrum-half, minute but brilliant; J. H. Harris (C) and J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), the centres, both excellent at taking the ball and clever at using it; J. P. Kerr (W), a fast and heavy wing, and J. Arnold (B), an astonishingly elusive player.

The forwards were collectively the largest I have known. C. M. Hill (C), A. G. Morison (G), R. M. Orlebar (C) and S. G. H. Sinclair (S) were all in the very heavy class and excellent marauders into the bargain; A. C. Sabey (C), B. R. C. Hesketh (C) and K. H. Wells (C), only overshadowed by their heavier fellows, and R. M. Elliott (C), scrum-half turned wing-forward and most successful in his new position. Only once did this pack meet its equal.

It would not be right to pass over those who so magnificently challenged the Dragon. The 2nd XV was stronger than any I have previously known. The Dragon will answer for their prowess.

Results:—

Sat., Oct. 11th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	3—20
Wed., Oct. 22nd.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	22—3
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	36—3
Wed., Nov. 5th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Won	6—0

2ND XV MATCH.

Sat., Nov. 1st.	v. DRAGON SCHOOL (Away).	Lost	0—3
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A.J.C.

LAWN TENNIS

The match against the Old Stoics, played on Speech Day, was drawn, each VI winning five matches.

Chatham beat Walpole in the final House-match.

J. G. Rigg and M. D. Beck, both of Walpole, won the Doubles Competition, by beating R. A. Duncan and L. P. Coni of Chandos in the final.

In the final of the Mornington Singles Competition, J. Briggs (C) beat J. G. Rigg (W).

M. J. Burrows and P. E. S. Lilley, of Chatham, won the Junior Doubles Competition.

In the Youll Cup Competition at Wimbledon, the VI lost to Rugby, the ultimate winners, in the first round.

R.W.

CRICKET

STOWE v. MALVERN

Played at Malvern on Saturday, July 19th. Malvern won by 5 wickets.

STOWE				MALVERN			
D. G. du B. Dew, c Straker, b Potter	6	R. H. E. Russell (Capt.) not out	54				
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, c Whiley, b Pepper	35	W. A. N. Lane, b Vance	6				
C. N. H. Hordern (Capt.), b Pepper	17	R. K. Whiley, st Dew, b Hill	36				
J. R. F. Crombie, lbw, b Pepper	25	I. G. Elliott, b Cobham	4				
A. J. Beerbohm, c MacLaurin, b Pepper	1	M. M. D. Laidlaw, b Cobham	6				
F. J. B. Taylor, b MacLaurin	0	T. J. Smellie, run out	4				
R. F. Butlin, b Pepper	0	J. W. Potter, not out	4				
D. M. Vance, b Pepper	1	I. C. MacLaurin, T. J. Straker, O. Hanson and J. D. Pepper did not bat.					
A. P. Hill, lbw, b MacLaurin	2						
R. Cobham, not out	6						
P. L. Morris, b MacLaurin	4						
Extras	16						
Total	113	Extras	3				
		Total (for 5 wkts.)	117				

STOWE				MALVERN					
Hanson	6	1	15	0	Morris	7	1	23	0
Potter	4	2	5	1	Vance	11.3	1	30	1
Smellie	19	6	25	0	Cobham	15	4	36	2
Lane	4	1	9	0	Hill	11	5	14	1
Pepper	21	8	33	6	Jenkyn-Jones	1	0	11	0
MacLaurin	6.1	2	10	3					

STOWE v. STOWE TEMPLARS (12-a-side)

Played at Stowe on July 25th and 26th. Match drawn.

STOWE				STOWE TEMPLARS			
1st Innings				2nd Innings			
D. G. du B. Dew, st Carr, b Connell	31	c Connell, b Loup	28				
F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Kemp	36	c Illingworth, b Connell	14				
C. N. H. Hordern, not out	84	c and b Lezard	48				
J. R. F. Crombie, c Carr, b Connell	33	b Arnott	25				
A. J. Beerbohm, c Lezard, b Kemp	4	b Kemp	10				
M. J. Fenwick (Capt.), b Loup	9	c and b Kemp	0				
R. F. Butlin, c Carr, b Illingworth	32	c Connell, b Lezard	25				
F. J. B. Taylor, not out	22	not out	2				
D. M. Vance, did not bat.		c and b Kemp	35				
A. P. Hill, R. Cobham and P. L. Morris did not bat.							
Extras	12	Extras	8				
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	263	Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	195				

STOWE				STOWE TEMPLARS					
Cobham	2	0	10	0	Arnott	12	0	51	1
Arnott	9	3	27	0	Connell	14	2	57	1
Illingworth	12	3	51	1	Loup	11	4	25	1
Kemp	14	2	43	2	Kemp	11	2	39	3
Connell	14	3	42	2	Illingworth	1	0	6	0
Roberts	7	1	24	0	Lezard	2.2	0	9	2
Lloyd	3	1	6	0					
Loup	7	1	28	1					
Lezard	5	0	20	0					

STOWE TEMPLARS

1st Innings					2nd Innings				
M. D. T. Loup, c Dew, b Vance	12				lbw, b Morris	36			
N. C. S. Barling, st Dew, b Cobham	24				c and b Morris	21			
H. V. Kemp, c Dew, b Hill	91				run out	10			
C. H. Lezard, c Dew, b Cobham	55				b Morris	12			
H. J. Lloyd, b Cobham	13				c Beerbohm, b Vance	28			
D. A. Illingworth, run out	11				run out	9			
D. A. MacL. Connell, b Hill	0				b Morris	0			
A. A. Hawker, not out	1				not out	44			
R. H. G. Carr (Capt.)					b Vance	24			
D. Cobham					c Hill, b Vance	0			
R. J. Roberts					b Cobham	10			
W. D. M. Arnott					not out	0			
Extras	2				Extras	14			
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	209				Total (for 10 wkts.)	208			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	17	2	62	0	Morris	17	2	64	4
Vance	10	0	46	1	Vance	12	2	54	3
Cobham	15	3	41	3	Cobham	8	1	27	1
Hill	10.1	0	47	2	Hill	6	0	35	0
Hordern	3	0	11	0	Hordern	2	0	14	0

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES 1952

Each House is allowed a maximum of 80 overs per match. If there is no clear issue, the side making the most runs in 80 overs is the winner.

First Round.

WALPOLE beat GRAFTON by 49 runs.

Walpole, 187 for 7 wkts. dec. (Hordern 52 not out, Wright 46) and 229 for 6 wkts. (Hordern 43, Robinson 45, Kennedy 46 not out).

Grafton, 226 for 8 wkts. dec. (Grieve 85 not out, Wilkinson 36, Waddilove 58) and 141 for 8 wkts. (Grieve 33, Woods 31; Wright 4 for 52).

GRENVILLE beat CHANDOS by 6 wickets.

Chandos, 94 (Allerton 5 for 27) and 111.

Grenville, 141 for 7 wkts. dec. (Butlin 52) and 66 for 4 wkts.

CHATHAM beat TEMPLE by 106 runs.

Chatham, 157 (Brassey 6 for 64) and 136 (Brassey 6 for 44).

Temple, 96 and 91.

COBHAM beat BRUCE by 6 wickets.

Bruce, 125 (Withinshaw 6 for 35) and 60 (Withinshaw 6 for 30).

Cobham, 117 (Gray 47) and 71 for 4 wkts.

Second Round.

GRENVILLE beat WALPOLE by 6 wickets.

Grenville, 199 for 5 wkts. dec. (Campbell 50, Vance 58) and 58 for 4 wkts.

Walpole, 88 (Vance 6 for 25) and 167.

CHATHAM beat COBHAM by 108 runs.

Chatham, 109 and 177.

Cobham, 90 and 88.

Final.

CHATHAM beat GRENVILLE by 4 wickets.

Grenville (1st innings), 84 (Calvert 35; Lilley 8 for 28).

Chatham (1st innings), 200 (Crombie 61, Jenkyn-Jones 32; Cobham 4 for 48).
Chatham led by 116 runs.

Grenville (2nd innings), 210 (Cross 54, Bates 50 not out; Morris 4 for 55).

Chatham were left with 95 to make to win and lost their first five wickets for 57.

Chatham (2nd innings), 97 for 6 wkts. (Crombie 68 not out).

With five wickets in hand Chatham required 39 to win. Of these runs Crombie made 31 and Moir (I. J.) kept the other end going for thirty-five minutes.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES 1952.

Maximum of 80 overs per house per match.

First Round.

WALPOLE beat GRAFTON by 1 wicket.

Grafton, 105 for 8 wkts. dec. (Rushton (M. A.) 34; Carr 3 for 12, Earlam 7 for 42) and 122.

Walpole, 140 (Kerr 41; Smith 5 for 50, Ford 3 for 28) and 88 for 9 wkts. (Kerr 39).

GRENVILLE beat CHANDOS by 6 wickets.

Chandos, 74 and 60 (Hamer 4 for 18).

Grenville, 67 and 68 for 4 wkts.

TEMPLE beat CHATHAM by an innings and 98 runs.

Chatham, 41 (Day 8 for 10) and 47.

Temple, 186 for 3 wkts. dec. (Witham 82).

BRUCE beat COBHAM by an innings and 34 runs.

Bruce, 161 for 9 wkts. dec. (Cameron 88 not out).

Cobham, 58 and 69 (Hill 6 for 25).

Second Round.

GRENVILLE beat WALPOLE by 10 wickets.

Walpole, 122 for 7 wkts. dec. (Hamer 5 for 47) and 72 (Hamer 5 for 44, Shelley 5 for 20).

Grenville, 153 (Earlam 6 for 69) and 42 for 0 wkt.

TEMPLE beat BRUCE by 7 wickets.

Bruce, 104 (Sherjan 6 for 37) and 75 (Sherjan 7 for 23).

Temple, 96 for 8 wkts. dec. and 88 for 3 wkts. (Witham 33).

Final.

TEMPLE beat GRENVILLE by 4 wickets.

Grenville (1st innings), 163 for 7 wkts. dec.

Temple (1st innings), 127 (Gambier 46).

Grenville led by 36 runs.

Grenville (2nd innings), 99 (Day 6 for 53).

Temple needed 136 to win.

Temple (2nd innings), 140 for 6 wkts. (Witham 101 not out).

SWIMMING

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Senior sports were won by Bruce, one point ahead of Walpole who also lost the Junior sports to Grenville by one point. The combined Cup was won by Walpole.

The Diving Cup was won by N. M. Bates (G).

The Senior Water Polo was won by Bruce and the Junior by Temple.

The Elkington Inter-House Relays were won unexpectedly by Walpole.

T.A.T.

R.L.S.S. CLUB

In spite of an epidemic of "strep", fifteen Stoics met fairly regularly throughout the summer term to practise life-saving and were rewarded with a hundred-per-cent success in the July examination.

As an experiment, the responsibility for instruction for the Intermediate Certificate and Bronze Medallion was put into the hands of three 1951 Bronze Medallion holders who were taking their Award of Merit this year. They did their job well, were awarded Instructor's Certificates by the Society, and M. Fogg-Elliot (C) was congratulated by Mr. Poulton, the examiner, for being the best Schoolboy Instructor that he had examined for years.

Results :—

Instructor Certificate and Award of Merit :—M. Fogg-Elliot (C), M. Fraser-Allen (C), R. L. Vincent (T).

Intermediate Certificate and Bronze Medallion :—J. C. Brown (G), N. D. Cameron (C), N. L. M. Boulthbee (G), C. M. Hill (C), V. V. Pope (G), P. A. Fontes (C), B. D. Bramley (W), P. G. Fleury (W), N. G. Gambier (T), M. F. Walmsley (W), T. J. H. Downing (C), J. G. Rigg (W).

R.C.P.

SQUASH

As only two, instead of the expected four, of last season's team remained, the team has not been as strong as was hoped. Of the two School matches, that at Mill Hill was narrowly lost, while Harrow were easily beaten.

D. M. Vance (G) has been fully up to the recent high standard of Stowe first strings. Especially notable was his performance in reaching match ball against R. N. Tomkinson, the 1950 Cambridge captain, in the best match the writer has seen at Stowe. He also beat D. J. Hunt of the Old Paulines, that player's first defeat in many visits to Stowe, and would undoubtedly have beaten the King's College, Cambridge, first string had the match been refereed. He had little difficulty in winning his two school matches. S. F. N. Waley (W), after a disappointing match at Mill Hill, has improved greatly both in his stroke play and match tactics; he played particularly well at Harrow, only losing three points in a fine display of attacking squash. D. H. Hart (C) and C. M. Maher (C) have had to play too high for their first term in the team. Recently Hart has come on rapidly and played especially well at Harrow, but Maher is too inclined to hit wildly when losing.

Vance has been an admirable captain and has put in much useful work in helping to raise the standard of squash.

Results were as follows :—

Sunday, October 12th. *v.* WESTON MANOR. Away. Won, 5—0.

D. M. Vance (G) 3—0; S. F. N. Waley (W) 3—0; D. H. Hart (C) 3—1; C. M. Maher (C) 3—0; R. A. P. Blandy (T) 3—0.

Saturday, October 18th. *v.* WIMBLEDON. Home. Won, 3—2.

Vance 2—3; Hart 0—3; Maher 3—1; Blandy 3—0; R. C. St. G. Kelton (W) 3—1.

Sunday, October 19th. *v.* OLD PAULINES. Home. Lost, 1—4.

Vance 3—1; Hart 2—3; Maher 2—3; Blandy 1—3; Kelton 2—3.

Thursday, October 23rd. *v.* MILL HILL. Away. Lost, 2—3.

Vance 3—1; Waley 2—3; Hart 1—3; Maher 3—0; Blandy 0—3.

Sunday, November 2nd. *v.* THE JESTERS. Home. Lost, 0—5.

Vance 2—3; Waley 2—3; Maher 1—3; Hart 1—3; Blandy 2—3.

Thursday, November 6th. *v.* KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. Won, 3—2.

Vance 2—3; Waley 3—0; Maher 0—3; Hart 3—0; Blandy 3—1.

Thursday, November 13th. *v.* HARROW. Away. Won, 5—0.

Vance 3—0; Waley 3—0; Maher 3—0; Hart 3—0; F. J. B. Taylor (C) 3—1.

Sunday, November 16th. *v.* TRING. Away. Lost, 1—4.

Vance 1—3; Maher 0—3; Hart 3—0; Taylor 0—3; Blandy 1—3.

Wednesday, November 26th. *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. Home. Won, 4—1.

Waley 2—3; Hart 3—1; Maher 3—0; Blandy 3—0; L. P. Coni (C) 3—0.

Sunday, November 30th. *v.* EFFINGHAM. Home. Won, 4—1.

Vance 3—1; Hart 2—3; Maher 3—0; Blandy 3—0; Taylor 3—0.

FENCING

The results of this term's matches have been a little better than heretofore. On the result of the Rugby match, A. M. Crawford (G) was given his Colours.

The results were as follows :—

- v. BEDFORD MODERN. Lost 8—17 (Foil).
- v. RUGBY. Won 11—7 (Foil 5—4 ; Sabre 6—3).
- v. BEDFORD. Won 10—8 (Foil 4—5 ; Sabre 6—3).
- v. NORTHAMPTON F.C. Lost 2—25.
- v. HARROW. Lost 7—11 (Foil 3—6 ; Sabre 4—5).

The junior team did very well in their first and only match, losing to Harrow 4—5, against an already experienced team, who, probably due to some clerical error, turned out to be a year older than themselves. Out of three fights, M. P. Fincham (C) and M. K. Ridley (C) each won two and D. J. Bateman (C) none.

So far this season the following individual cups have been fought for :—

The Foil, which was won by R. A. Nicholson (C).

The Junior Foil, which was won by M. P. Fincham (C).

R.A.N.

