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QUEEN MARY AND STOWE

THE death of Queen Mary took place just after the last issue of *The Stoic* had gone to press. It is therefore permissible, even at this tardy date, to recall the occasion of her visit to Stowe on June 13th, 1927. The full account, taken from *The Times* of June 14th, is to be found in the last number of the Second Volume of *The Stoic*.

In view of what we have now grown accustomed to on big days at Silverstone, it is interesting to read that, in spite of the provision of a special train from London, so many visitors came down by road, to see not only Her Majesty but also "this recently established but rapidly developed institution", that "careful organization was necessary in order to prevent confusion among the vehicles which converged from all directions on the school." The weather fitted the occasion and "the sun shone continuously from a cloudless sky": which was fortunate, for if memory serves, days of that sort were notably rare during a Summer Term of somewhat cheerless skies.

The main purpose of The Queen's visit was, of course, to lay the foundation stone of the Chapel. The stone was laid with the silver trowel now to be seen in the ante-Chapel and tapped into position with a wooden mallet made out of a yew tree which grew upon the site. Beneath the stone were placed the day's issue of *The Times*, a current Blue Book, and a full set of the gold, silver and copper coins of 1927.

Before this ceremony, and after luncheon (which she took with the Headmaster), Queen Mary held a reception in the Headmaster's Garden, at which she received the Governors, the Prefects and a certain number of others. Finally, her visit was marked by a week's extension of the Summer holidays.

A photograph of the laying of the Stone is reproduced opposite.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1953.

Prefects :—P. S. Ashton (C), Head of the School ; R. A. C. Meredith (G), Second Prefect and Prefect of Library ; T. R. H. Lewis (B), Prefect of Chapel ; T. A. Trimingham (W) ; G. A. Catchpole (G), Prefect of Gymnasium ; D. N. White (C) ; R. K. Middlemas (C) ; D. G. du B. Dew (C) ; W. F. Tremayne (C) ; M. D. A. Hanmer (T) ; J. S. W. Whitley (W).

Cricket :—Captain, D. G. du B. Dew (C) ; Secretary, F. J. R. Boddy (C).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain and Secretary, R. A. Duncan (C).

Swimming :—Captain, T. A. Trimingham (W) ; Secretary, N. M. Bates (G).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—Sunday, May 10th, The Rev. D. MacWilliam ; Sunday, May 24th, Lt.-Col. W. Rose (Dr. Barnardo's Homes) ; Sunday, July 5th, The Rev. L. H. Morrison, Chaplain of Cheltenham College ; Sunday, July 12th, C. M. E. Seaman, Esq., Headmaster of Bedford School.

Chapel Collections have been as follows :—March 29th, for The Crippled Children Fund, £25 ; May 10th, for Sir Samuel Baker School, Uganda, £26 ; June 7th, for St. Dunstan's, £24 6s. 9d. ; June 28th, for The Children's Country Holidays Fund, £26 ; July 12th, for the Westminster Abbey Appeal, £33.

The Exeat was earlier and longer than usual, because of the Coronation. It ran from Saturday, May 30th, to Wednesday, June 3rd, both dates inclusive. The School Dance was again held on the previous evening, that of Friday, May 29th ; a short account of it appears on another page.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were again held in conjunction this year, on Saturday, July 25th. On this and the previous night, performances of "Henry the Eighth" were given by the Historians. Accounts of these events will appear in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

Miss R. H. Parkinson is leaving Stowe this term. For twenty-three years, in all weathers, she has motored from Oxford two or three times a week to give piano lessons and to take part in the various musical activities of the School. The performances of her pupils at concerts are sufficient evidence, if any were needed, of her excellence as a teacher. Large numbers of present and former pupils, masters, matrons and others with whom she has come in contact will remember with affection her cheerfulness, friendliness and willingness to give help wherever possible.

We look forward to seeing her again from time to time, both at concerts and as non-playing captain of the Lawn Tennis team she brings from Oxford each year to play the VI.

FRIENDS OF STOWE APPEAL.—The Trustees and Members of the Appeal Committee are very grateful to those who have so generously contributed ; but the amount so far received is not enough to enable them to carry out the various projects described in the Special Appeal. The need for the new buildings is urgent, the threat to some of the loveliest of the existing ones is very real and the danger to them will soon be irreparable. If you have not subscribed, will you consider doing so—in any of the ways suggested in the Appeal ? Letters should be addressed to The Treasurer, Friends of Stowe Appeal, Stowe School, Buckingham.

THE STOWE NATURAL HISTORY JOURNAL.—A Journal of Natural History has been produced this term. It contains articles dealing with Natural History in the grounds, such as the butterflies in general, the wood white, the warblers and the nightjar, fresh water animals and plants, the fungi ; also some notes on the animals that are now kept in the laboratories ; one or two other articles ; and some photographs. If anybody would like to have a copy of the Journal, will he please send 2/- to Mr. B. A. Barr.

The following have been successful in the 1st M.B. examination at Cambridge :—Pts. 1 and 3, I. C. McLellan (C) ; Pt. 2, A. L. King Cline (C) and P. B. C. Fenwick (C).

School Colours for Cricket have been awarded as follows :—

1st XI :—A. P. Hill (B) (re-awarded) ; M. A. Rushton (⊕), J. C. Witham (T).

2nd XI :—P. E. S. Lilley (C), P. A. T. Loup (T), J. A. Hawkings (⊕), J. B. Hamer (G), R. A. Opperman (B), R. W. Slater (⊕), W. A. Jenkyn-Jones (C), R. H. A. Rycroft (C), P. T. Craig (W), D. N. White (C), R. A. B. Day (T).

3rd XI :—P. G. Fleury (W), R. P. Yeoward (C), R. M. Instone (C), C. W. J. Butler (T), J. A. Gale (C), G. R. N. Wetton (B), A. B. Hyslop (T).

Colts' Caps :—R. O. Cobham (G), D. Cameron (B), R. D. Turrall (C), J. Sherjan (T), M. J. Worth (⊕).

School Colours for Lawn Tennis have been awarded to L. P. Coni (C), D. H. Hart (C), R. M. T. Earlam (W), M. J. Burrows (C).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to J. D. Turnbull (B), R. S. L. Pearman (W) (re-awarded) ; E. I. S. Rees (B).

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1953

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships :—

C. D. G. COLTART (The Leas, Hoylake).

C. G. KENYON (Mostyn House, Parkgate).

W. R. C. HEAP (Mostyn House, Parkgate).

D. A. K. SIMMONDS (Arnold House School, St. John's Wood).

P. L. C. RIBEAUX (Arnold House School, St. John's Wood).

D. M. MIALL (The Hall School, Hampstead).

M. L. A. ANDREWS (Westerleigh, St. Leonards-on-Sea, and Stowe).

E. W. FULTON (Beachborough School, Westbury).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	C. J. Garratt (⊕)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	P. H. Krusin (B)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCES :	P. H. Krusin (B)
WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES :	R. Blaker (C)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH :	R. F. S. Hamer (G)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY :	R. K. Middlemas (C)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY :	R. K. Middlemas (C)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	Not awarded
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	D. G. du B. Dew (C)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS (Middle School) :	J. O. Kennedy (W)
HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE :	C. F. McK. Cox (B)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	K. A. Henderson (C)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	K. A. Henderson (C)
EDWARD HARDING PRIZE FOR READING :	M. K. Ridley (⊕)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	M. A. Rushton (⊕)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN :	J. R. Warden (T)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK (Translation) :	J. R. Warden (T)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	Not awarded
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES :	J. R. Morriss (C)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	F. L. Sanderson (C)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :	
<i>Senior</i> :	R. D. M. Mann (⊕)
<i>Junior</i> :	R. M. Elliott (C)
SYRETT PRIZE FOR HISTORY :	T. A. Trimmingham (W)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	A. S. Durward (W)
JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR CARPENTRY OR METAL WORK :	D. J. F. Renwick (⊕)
ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART :	R. A. B. Day (T)
MUSIC PRIZES :	
GILLING-LAX— <i>Senior</i> :	D. M. Connah (B)
<i>Junior</i> :	D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)
Piano : <i>Senior</i> , I. M. Haynes (C) ; <i>Junior</i> , D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C).	
Woodwind : J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B). Brass : P. C. Berg (C).	
Strings : R. F. S. Hamer (G). Organ : J. A. R. Innes (W).	

IN MEMORIAM

R. J. RUHEMANN

Robin Ruhemann came to Chatham as a Scholar in September 1946 and left in July 1951. At the end of his time here he had been Head of his House for five terms, and Head of the School for three. If his death in action in Korea some two months before his twentieth birthday deprived him of the chance of showing in its entirety what he might have done hereafter, what he did for Stowe was complete, individual and impressive.

He was a most unusual blend of maturity and simplicity. He had wisdom far beyond his years in dealing with people and situations, and yet was completely devoid of the sophistication which, to those who have it, makes contact with the immature mind seem a nuisance or a bore. His intense humanity made him find an interest in boys of every age and stage, and his natural kindness showed him always what was best in them. It was this quality which made him such a stimulating leader in the School, and such a successful and inspiring officer in war.

Whatever the situation, he never lost his sense of proportion or his sense of humour, and he had an uncanny gift of knowing what one was going to say before one said it, which made him a wonderfully easy person to work with. He was one of the happiest people imaginable, and there was a kind of serenity about him which smoothed away the troubles of others—he himself never seemed to have any.

His life was short, but intensely valuable. By influence, example, and personality he showed a generation of Stoics how to achieve true happiness, and when at last the account of his death came through in the citation for his "Mentioned in Dispatches" the story it told was so much what one would have expected of him, particularly its last sentence. "He and the four men with him gallantly held their ground and continued to engage the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting until they were overrun. In this way the remainder of the patrol were able to withdraw successfully".

He gave most generously and fully in his life among us, and on that night-patrol in Korea he gave all that he had. His death cast a dark shadow over the school for which he had done so much, but his life will be a bright and lasting memory for all—and they were so many—who were privileged to call themselves his friends.

OLIM ALUMNI

A. d'A. BELLAIRS (T, 1935) has been appointed to the Readership in Anatomy tenable at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School. This is a senior post at London University. He leaves Cambridge, where he is now a Lecturer in Anatomy, in October.

J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) in May added to the long list of his distinctions in the world of golf by winning, at Sunningdale, the *Golf Illustrated* Gold Vase for the second year in succession.

J. W. R. KEMPE (B, 1936), who is a schoolmaster in India, completed in three days the first ascent from the north of Kabru, a Himalayan peak of 24,000 ft. He was accompanied by one Englishman. Kabru has been climbed once before, but from a different approach. Kempe reached the summit on May 29th, on which day another Briton surveyed the world from another peak.

T. C. P. WHIDBORNE (T, 1944) has had a picture in this year's Royal Academy Exhibition.

N. C. S. BARLING (G, 1944) captained the Richmond team which won the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham in April.

D. P. WELLS (C, 1951) rowed in the Magdalen College boat which went head of the river in the Summer Eights; he also rowed No. 2 in the Magdalen College Four which won the Visitors' Cup at Henley.

The following were gazetted from Sandhurst in April: A. D. J. CAMERON (C, 1950) to The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; T. T. LUNHAM (C, 1950) to the 1st King's Dragoon Guards; D. A. R. MURRAY-BROWN (C, 1951) to the 4th Queen's Own Hussars; and O. B. WORMAN (C, 1949) to the Welsh Guards.

HONOURS AND DECORATIONS

GROUP-CAPTAIN G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES (C, 1929) was made a C.B.E. in the Coronation Honours.

C. E. TAYLOR (B, 1946), 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, has been awarded the M.C. in Korea.

R. J. RUHEMANN (C, 1951) was posthumously mentioned in Dispatches from Korea.

BIRTHS

To the wife of A. M. MITCHELL (C, 1940), a son, on August 21st, 1952; to the wife of R. P. COURTS (C, 1935), a son, on November 29th, 1952; to the wife of C. LYLE (B, 1944), a son, on March 19th; to the wife of MAJOR H. R. HOLDEN, M.C. (C, 1934), a daughter, on March 19th; to the wife of S. M. SOWERBY (C, 1932), a daughter, on March 20th; to the wife of M. WORNUM (W, 1943), a daughter, on March 23rd (in Kenya); to the wife of D. W. PARTRIDGE (W, 1943), a son, on March 27th (in Kenya).

To the wife of F. L. ASHCROFT (C, 1935), a son, on April 2nd; to the wife of J. A. CUTFORTH (G, 1938), a daughter, on April 3rd; to the wife of J. T. HOLMAN (W, 1939), a son, on April 8th; to the wife of A. G. WHITEHEAD (G, 1940), a son, on April 9th; to the wife of G. P. ALLSEBROOK (W, 1936), a daughter, on April 10th; to the wife of MAJOR N. P. D. BAIRD (T, 1935), a son, on April 11th; to the wife of W. B. DRYSDALE (G, 1935), a daughter, on April 11th; to the wife of THE LORD STRATHSPEY (T, 1929), a son, on April 22nd; to the wife of MAJOR D. A. H. TOLER, M.C. (G, 1939), a son, on April 30th.

To the wife of J. F. P. TATE (W, 1941), a son, on May 1st; to the wife of THE HON. W. HILTON-YOUNG (W, 1941), a daughter, on May 7th; to the wife of MAJOR J. P. SEARIGHT (C, 1934), a son, on May 16th; to the wife of P. L. WOOD (G, 1929), a son, on May 27th; to the wife of COLONEL N. A. C. CROFT, D.S.O. (C, 1925), a son, on May 28th (in U.S.A.); to the wife of MAJOR B. K. S. EVANS-GORDON (C, 1934), a son, on May 30th (in Kenya).

To the wife of D. CARNEY-ARBUTHNOTT (B, 1943), a son, on June 8th; to the wife of C. M. CAMPBELL, M.C. (W, 1943), a daughter, on June 11th (in Calcutta); to the wife of THE HON. J. V. FISHER, D.S.O. (T, 1940), a son, on June 14th; to the wife of N. FORBES (C, 1930), a daughter, on June 15th; to the wife of K. J. S. RITCHIE (T, 1938), a son, on June 19th; to the wife of MAJOR J. C. MONTEITH, M.C. (G, 1933), twins, a son and a daughter, on June 19th; to the wife of A. E. BOLTON (C, 1928), a daughter, on June 29th.

To the wife of D. L. C. HODGES (W, 1942), a daughter, on July 1st; to the wife of J. B. FRANKENBURG (C, 1940), a son, on July 2nd; to the wife of A. T. R. NICHOLSON (W, 1939), a daughter, on July 12th; to the wife of DR. J. ROCHE (T, 1938), a son, on July 15th; to MAJOR R. A. SIMPSON (C, 1934) and his wife, by adoption, a daughter (born in January).

MARRIAGES

R. B. CHIDELL (G, 1937) to Miss E. A. I. Fairman, on March 28th; W. KEE (G, 1938) to Frln. H. Wessel, on March 31st (in Norway); R. N. C. KNIGHT-BRUCE (T, 1942) to Miss G. E. Tighe, on April 7th; B. W. B. SPARROW (T, 1942) to Miss E. M. Wykes-Sneyd, on April 9th; P. P. BAGSHAW (G, 1945) to Miss S. A. Gilbey, on April 11th; D. I. HIRD (C, 1946) to Miss J. L. Harmer, on April 11th; S. G. HAMMICK (W, 1944) to Miss G. E. Inchbald, in April; ROBERT S. CROSS (T, 1942) to Miss M. Hanbury-Tracy, on April 25th.

B. R. B. PATERSON (W, 1947) to Miss N. J. Moscrop, on May 11th (in Canada); R. J. DICKSON, M.D. (T, 1936) to Miss S. A. Crump, on May 23rd; D. K. MURDOCH (T, 1939) to Miss S. M. Chalmers, on May 30th; LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER J. A. LAKE, R.N. (C, 1939) to The Hon. Caragh Le Poer Trench, on June 6th (in Northern Ireland); G. T. G. CONANT (B, 1942) to Miss E. Handley, on June 27th; R. H. E. FRANKLIN (G, 1945) to Miss J. B. Allen, on June 27th (in U.S.A.); M. M. T. PAXTON (C, 1946) to Miss J. G. Hammond, on June 27th; SIR FRANCIS GRANT, Bart. (C, 1939) to Miss J. M. Tollemache, on June 29th; G. MCC. CORBETT (B, 1941) to Miss R. Phillips, on July 4th; MAJOR C. R. DAVIS (B, 1932) to Miss B. M. Grey, on July 17th.

DEATHS

MAJOR G. V. SEYMOUR, M.C. (C, 1929), very suddenly, in Singapore.

C. L. I. MUNTZ (G, 1946), in April. Killed in a flying accident in Kent.

R. J. RUHEMANN (C, 1951), on April 29th. Killed in action in Korea.

THE CHAPEL

On Sunday, March 22nd, Passion Sunday, the School was honoured by a visit from His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York. After celebrating the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, the Archbishop preached at the Morning Service. In his sermon he said:

“To forgive is never easy; it does not consist in simply saying ‘I forgive you’; it is a far more costly business than that. The Cross of Christ is the supreme event in history, for there all mankind could learn the need and the cost of forgiveness. The need is obvious—we are all sinners requiring reconciliation—but the cost is terrible; only God can make such atonement possible. He does so on Calvary.

“So often man thinks that there may be an easy way out of a difficulty: it is not so.” The Archbishop illustrated this point by recalling an incident that happened to him years ago when on a walking tour in Switzerland. It was getting late and he was anxious to reach a certain place by nightfall but had somewhat lost his way; there seemed to be two possible routes. In the distance on the horizon he could see set up a Cross, but the road going that way seemed hard and tortuous. He asked a passing peasant how to get to the place he wanted to reach and the peasant replied, ‘You see that Cross? Well, keep it in view all the time. Go that way and you’ll

get where you want to go all right'. 'But', said the Archbishop, 'is there not an easier way?' 'No', replied the peasant, 'there is no other way. You must pass by that Cross!'

"And that", said the Archbishop, "is the lesson of Passion Sunday; there was 'no other way' to bring about this reconciliation between God and man; Jesus had to go the hard way—the way of the Cross. We, too, have to learn the same lesson; it can be only by the path of duty, however hard it may be, only by bearing our Cross that we can hope to reach the end of the road, to attain the haven where we would be. That is the meaning of the Cross and it cannot be shirked or avoided".

For some time past the idea had been considered of having hymn boards in Chapel to obviate the giving out of hymns, psalms and canticles, so that the offer of Major and Mrs. Tattersall-Wright to give these in memory of their son J. R. Tattersall-Wright (W, 1947-1951) was gratefully accepted.

There are four boards, each with a double column divided into eight spaces; the oak of which they are made blends admirably with the stalls to which they are attached. The memorial inscription at the top of each board is in incised gilt lettering.

Two silver almsdishes for use at the Communion Service have been presented by Mrs. Armstrong in memory of her son B. R. Armstrong (W, 1936-1941): these now stand on the Credence table within the Sanctuary; they were dedicated by the Chaplain at the Communion Service on Wednesday, June 10th.

At the same service was dedicated a small silver-gilt chalice, the gift of Lt.-Col. F. A. Gardiner, O.B.E.

The new edition, with music, of "Cantata Stoica" came into use this term. It contains 312 hymns and 38 carols. The front cover bears on the outside in gilt letters the words CANTATA STOICA and the School Crest. The book is dedicated to Dr. L. P. Huggins who was Director of Music at Stowe from 1929 to 1952.

The need for a new book had been felt for some time. The former edition (which was really more of an anthology of sacred poems than a hymn book) contained only 135 hymns, some 76 of which had never

been sung. To provide for the number of hymns required during the term another book, 'Songs of Praise', had to be introduced. This book, apart from being too bulky and heavy, contained far too many hymns and left out many which we are accustomed to sing at Stowe. Quite a few, too, of the better known hymns were changed almost beyond recognition.

The new book incorporates most of the well known hymns and provides, without any need for repetition, enough hymns for any term or special occasion: it also contains all the hymns for which Dr. Huggins had composed tunes, and many of his descants; the new Director of Music, Mr. H. C. Kelynack, has also written some descants for the book.

THE LIBRARY

The following books have been presented to the Library this term:—

R. M. SHEPHERD-BARRON (W):

"*The Beast in Me*", by James Thurber.

W. J. NEEDHAM (W):

"*The Traitors*", by Alan Moorehead.

D. A. O'BRIEN (C):

"*Sourcebook on Atomic Energy*", by Samuel Glasstone.

ANONYMOUSLY:

"*Exploration Fawcett*", by Colonel P. H. Fawcett.

Librarians this term were R. Blaker (C) (Senior Librarian), M. E. Llowarch (W), F. H. M. Craig-Cooper (T), R. D. M. Mann (G), C. F. McK. Cox (B), T. P. Boyd-Carpenter (C); Prefect of the Library—R. A. C. Meredith (G).

The following description of the library, written in 1827, may be of interest to the many people who have commented upon the elegance of this room since it was re-decorated last September.

"Returning through the rooms already passed, we enter the Library, seventy-five feet long, by twenty-five feet wide: the whole is fitted up with mahogany, and the curtains of blue cloth with draperies of yellow, the same as in the Ante-Library, are tastefully supported by gilt lions' heads. Round the room runs a gallery of singularly light construction, the entrance to which is by a small staircase contrived within the wall; the balustrade is of ornamented iron work—the ceiling is most richly decorated, and from it hang three splendid cut-glass crystal lamps. There is a chimney at each end of the room, over which are two glasses, and upon each chimney-piece is a magnificent Clock of Parisian manufacture, and alabaster groups and urns of most elaborate and beautiful workmanship. In this room are above 20,000 volumes of printed books, constituting one of the most magnificent libraries in Europe, collected principally by the late Marquess of Buckingham, and much increased by the present Duke.

"In the centre is a table, on one side of which stand two Globes, of the largest size, made by Mr. Dudley Adam: the Celestial Globe differs from those usually made, by being graduated in the same manner as the Terrestrial Globe, by lines of longitude and latitude, on a dark blue ground; the Stars, of seven different magnitudes, are distinguished by foil of different colours; and the Nebulae are marked in silver. Opposite to them is an elaborate and magnificent Chronometer, made by Raingo of Paris; it is surmounted by an Orrery, which is connected with the works of the Clock, and shews the movement of the heavenly bodies as they pursue their regular course. This piece of mechanism is wound up only once in four years: it can be disconnected from the Clock to be lectured upon and worked at will. Two Slabs of Egyptian Porphyry on which stand two French Lamps, two Circular Tables, a large Piano-Forte, a Table inclosing a library ladder, and Chairs and Sofas covered with blue Morocco leather, complete the furniture of the room.

"A small stair-case of oak, concealed within the walls, lighted by a lamp of painted glass, leads down into a small vaulted Hall fitted up with painted glass".

SCHOOL DANCE

The School Dance was held on Friday, May 29th, and as on previous occasions a floor was laid down in Assembly for the purpose. One hundred and fifty-three people attended the dance, and, in spite of the great attractions produced by the caterers in the Library, the floor was almost continually full.

The following account was received from a visitor to the School on the night of the dance.

"Once again this has been a memorable occasion, not only because of its ideal setting or because it is Coronation year, but because we all enjoyed ourselves. Our thanks go to all those whose help has made this annual event before the Exeat an even greater success than usual; and to the caterers for what was indeed a 'spread' and to which we did full justice.

"The elimination dance caused a great deal of mirth, for the questions asked were well suited to those taking part. The prizes for this and the lucky number ticket were extremely handsome. There were notably few sambas and rumbas during the evening, and, judging by the enthusiasm with which they were greeted, a few more would have been welcome.

"As darkness came the floodlighting was turned on, both in the roof of Assembly and along the South Front. The perfect weather allowed couples to stroll outside, and during an interval in the dancing the playing field resembled a palace garden party. For those inside music for dancing was provided at the piano by Mr. Walker, while the Rhythm Aces took a well-earned rest. When, in the early hours of the morning, the dance regrettably came to an end, we wondered whether it was worth going to bed to be rudely awakened at five-thirty."

T.R.H.L.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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1st July, 1953.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

During the summer months most of our activities are out of doors, for now that we are enjoying the lighter and warmer evenings it is better for the boys to be in the open air after spending the day-time at work or in school. Whatever the weather there are always some boys who come into the Club regularly for a game of snooker and table tennis, but the majority of the boys only like to be there when there is a crowd and when there is a certain amount of noise and something going on.

Recently we have had a number of boys leaving the schools at the age of 15, not so much because they wanted to start work but because they very much wanted more money in their pockets. This not only means that the agreement of the parents to keep the boys at school until the age of 16 is worthless but also that other boys have lost an opportunity of obtaining places at higher grade schools.

We are not doing so well at cricket this season. Our best players have now gone into the Services, but the boys should profit by the experience gained this season and show better form next year. Two boys did play in a Federation representative team against an Eton College XI at Agar's Plough and it is hoped that one of them will be able to play at Lords in September.

The boys did very well at the Paddington Youth sports on 8th June. In the running, the under-15 section won the 100 yds., 220 yds., the relay and the high jump. In the afternoon the under-18 section won the 100 yds., 220 yds., the relay and the high and long jumps. The Mayor of Paddington presented coronation plaques to the winners the plaques being provided by the Borough Council.

Unfortunately we did not do well in the London Federation sports which are of a very much higher standard, but I think it is a good thing for the boys to compete with Clubs which are specially keen on athletics. We hope, however, to hold our own in the Federation swimming competition to be held towards the end of the month and to retain the cup which we have won for the past two years.

Our summer camp is to be held from 8th to 22nd August at Kimmeridge, five miles from Corfe in the lovely Isle of Purbeck. The camp will be a tented one and the site is only a few yards from the beach.

On Monday next the Mayor of Paddington will be visiting the Club to present the shields to our senior and junior football teams for heading the Paddington Youth football leagues. He will also present the table tennis cup and medals to the senior team, and medals to the junior team, for winning their respective knock-out competitions.

Our visit to Stowe on Sunday, June 21st, was a very enjoyable one. After a picnic lunch and bathe in the lake the boys played two School XIs, and both the cricket matches were won by the School teams. The Old Boys of the Club also visited Stowe that day and their team played the Domestic Staff.

At a time when both the State and the County Councils are curtailing their financial assistance to the youth organisations it is heartening to know that the Stowe Committee has appointed Mr. D. Carruthers as part-time assistant Warden.

Our thanks are again due to the Old Stoics who come along to the Club and so regularly help during the evenings.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE,

Warden.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

There have been two meetings of the Club so far this term, both of a high standard. On May 22nd, D. E. Stewart (B) read a paper on "Taboo" which investigated the relations between the aboriginal savage and the modern neurotic with a Freudian subtlety.

R. F. S. Hamer (G) on June 3rd gave a paper entitled "Ships that pass in the night", a study in the earlier romantic poets and the relationships among them.

The Secretary hopes to have a third paper before the end of term.

R.K.M.

THE EPHEMERALS

The first of the two meetings held so far this term took place on Tuesday, June 26th, when J. C. Humes (C) gave a most entertaining paper on "Bedford, and the American way of life". Humes being American and Bedford his home town, it was most interesting to hear what life in the American 'small-town' is really like, especially as it was full of amusing anecdotes and delivered with scarcely a note.

At the second meeting the Society was treated to another very interesting paper, entitled "Olympia", by R. A. Duncan (C), in which he traced the whole history of the Olympic games. This paper was greeted with just approbation by the Society and gave rise to a lively discussion.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald the members of the Society were: A. D. Barlow (T), R. Blaker (C), F. J. R. Boddy (C), W. P. Cooper (C), M. E. P. Cross (G), R. A. Duncan (C), J. L. Gale (C), I. M. Haynes (C), J. C. Humes (C), R. J. Nettleship (C), H. Radford (C), R. H. A. Rycroft (C), J. S. W. Whitley (W).

R.J.N.

THE SYMPOSIUM

There have been three meetings of the Society so far this term. At the first J. O. B. Rosedale (T) read an exceedingly interesting and well-written paper entitled "The History of Horology".

At the next meeting S. D. Brown (C) read a paper on Thomas Chippendale, which informed the members of the Society of many facts about his life and work which were hitherto unknown to them.

The third paper was read by A. A. V. Rudolf (C) on "The Organ". This paper was all the more elucidating as it was written by a layman and thereby not filled with technical details.

In the course of the term it is hoped that A. C. Cowdy (T) and P. C. Berg (C) will also read papers.

M.G.M.H.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

There have been very few free Wednesday evenings this term and it has been difficult to solve the problem of a suitable place of meeting. These factors have reduced activities to a single debate, held in Assembly on July 1st. At this the few who spoke seriously spoke well, but others tried to be funny and failed.

At a meeting of the Committee, held after the debate, R. A. C. Meredith (G), R. K. Middlemas (C), J. R. Warden (T) and L. C. Humes (C) were elected members of the Society.

R.B.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

A paper kindly promised by the Rev. C. J. Ellingham, of the City of London School, and originally intended for mid-May, has had to be postponed until late November.

On Tuesday, July 21st, a paper is to be read by R. P. H. Atkins (B) on "The Roman Satirists".

C.L.M.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

For the first time since the war, a Midsummer Entertainment is to be given by the Club; the performance will take place at the Temple of Ancient Virtue on Saturday, July 18th. The programme will consist of half an hour of music and poetry suitable for midsummer, to be followed by a performance of John Drinkwater's one act play, "X=O".

Two expeditions have been arranged: on Wednesday, July 8th, a small party went to Oxford to see Emlyn Williams as Charles Dickens; and on Wednesday, July 15th, a larger number of members visited the Mermaid Theatre, London, to see a performance of "Macbeth". This theatre, which is "portable", is a reconstruction of an Elizabethan theatre, and has been moved to the Royal Exchange for Coronation year.

K.A.H.

THE MUSIC CLUB

The last meeting of last term was held on March 26th, when C. A. Hart Leverton (G) gave a paper on 'Jazz'. He traced the progress or rather regress of Jazz from New Orleans, where they played for love of music, to New York where they played for love of money; he explained how it continued on the downward path until it reached the rock bottom of modern swing and dance music. The paper was interrupted now and again for practical demonstrations on the keyboard and a variety of other instruments, including the gramophone. It was original and stimulating; and lack of grammar was made up for by an abundance of enthusiasm; it may safely be said that it was enjoyed by all who were willing to enjoy it, and that interest in Jazz is certainly not waning in the school.

The first meeting of this term was held on May 22nd, when I. M. Haynes (C) read a paper on "Tchaikovsky". It followed the form of a short history of the composer's life and the effect which the events of it had on his works, which resulted in Haynes' failing to give the club any real insight into or interpretation of them. The predominating mood of Tchaikovsky's life was one of brooding melancholy so admirably portrayed in his sixth symphony of which Haynes played the intensely stirring last movement. Haynes touched on many aspects of the composer's works, leaving, however, the members of the club individually to delve more deeply into them.

R.A.C.M.

J.R.W.

THE VITRUVIANS

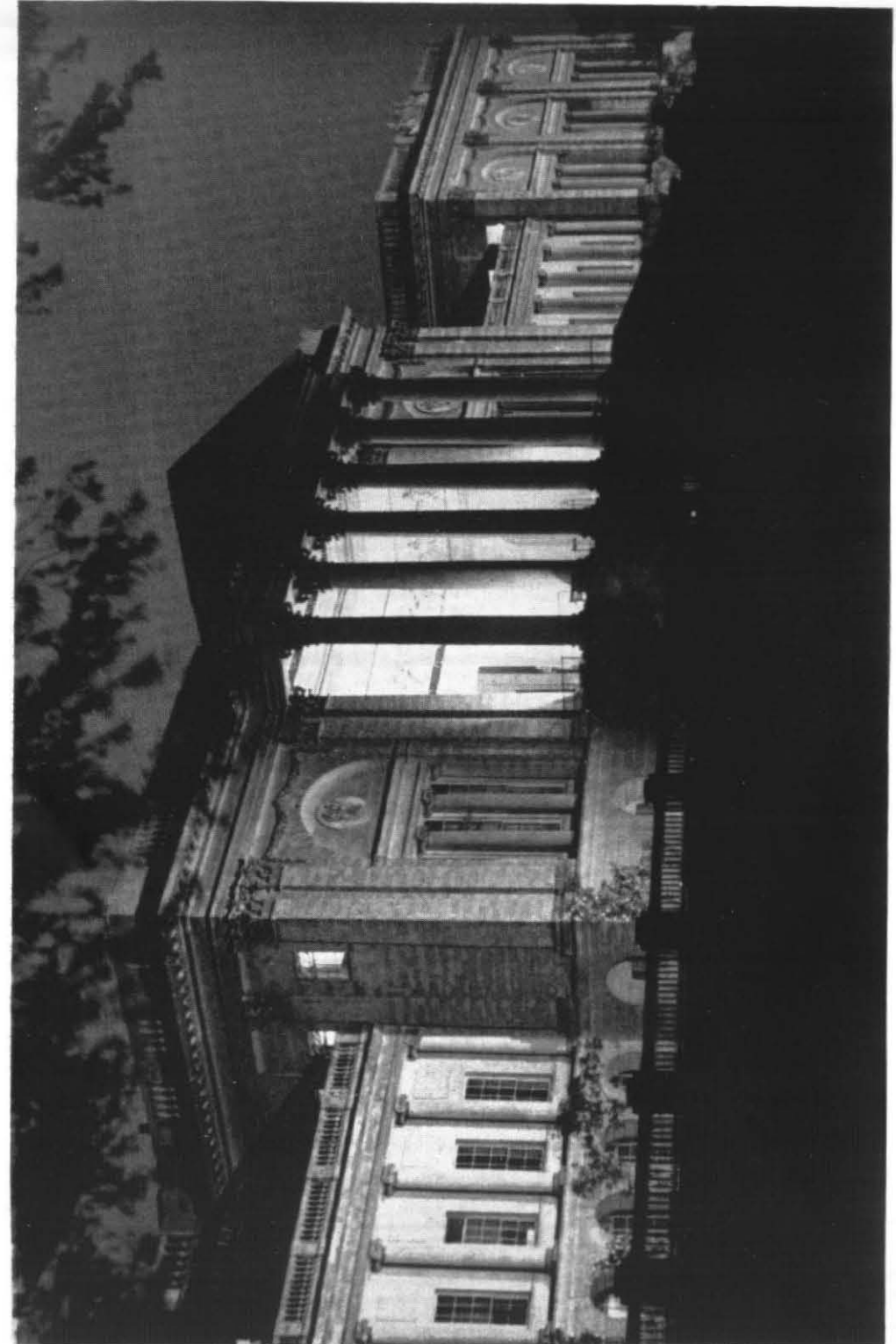
Although this term is the longest, there has only been one expedition. This took place on Saturday, June 6th, primarily to visit Compton Wynyates, a fine Elizabethan house belonging to the Marquess of Northampton. The expedition was very popular and two buses were needed. The first view we got of the house was as we arrived at the gates and it gave us the immediate impression of a really lovely old house set among steep, beautifully wooded hills. On drawing closer to the building itself, the outstanding feature was the tall twisted chimneys, each a different shape.

Next we went inside and saw the pretty courtyard. The rooms themselves were all pleasant, though only of a medium size; but the outstanding part of the interior was undoubtedly the many lovely wood carvings.

On the way back we stopped in Banbury to see the unique domed church, which was very dark, highly decorative and very high church.

During the term a photographic competition was organised in which £3 in prizes was offered, the main prize of two guineas being open to the whole school. Although some photographs had been handed in even before this was written, they will not be judged till Speech Day; nevertheless we hope to print the results and at least the winning photographs in next term's *Stoic*.

D.V.F.



[E.S.P.]

THE SOUTH FRONT FLOODLIT
Coronation Day, 1953

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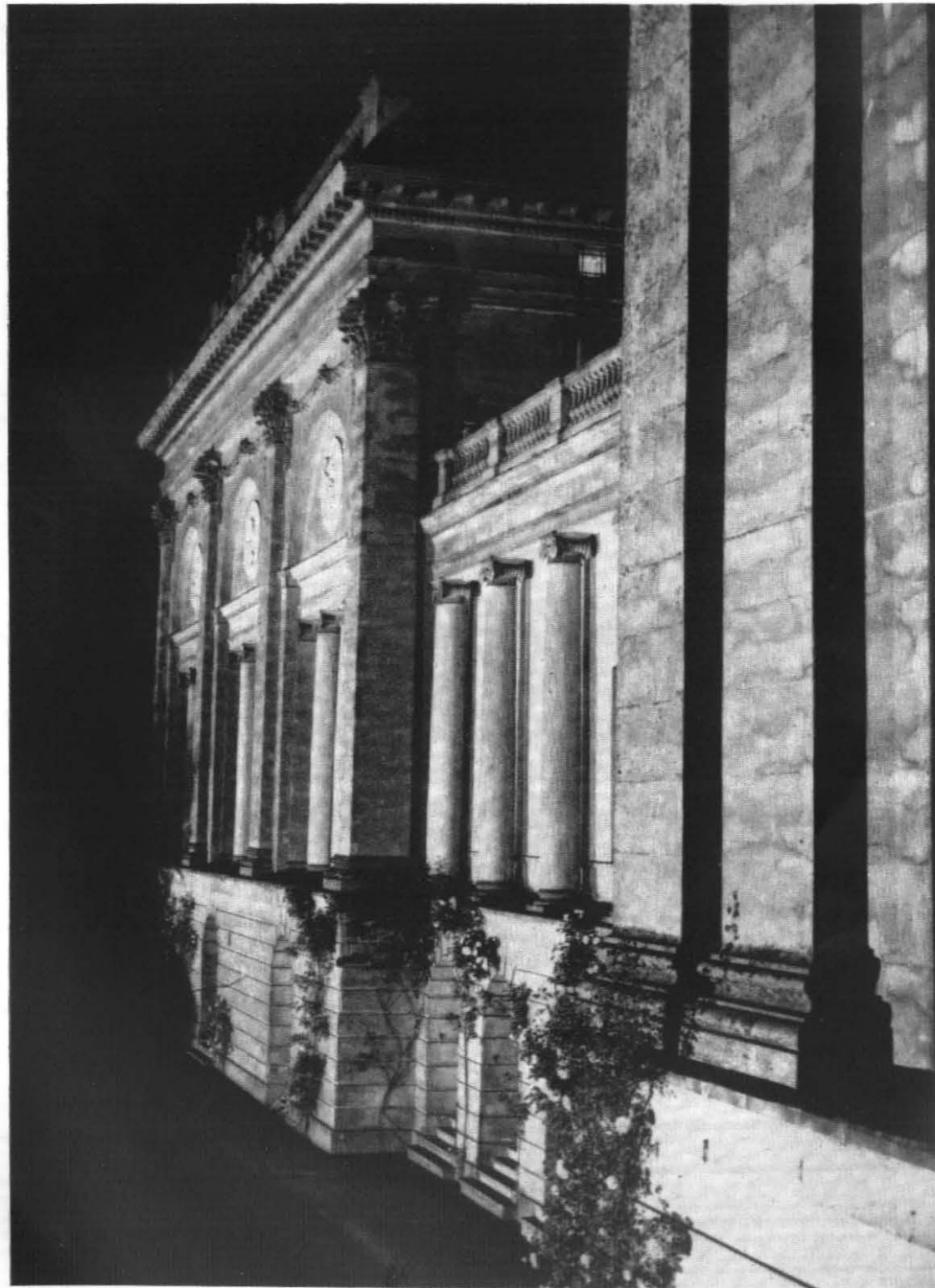


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THE WEST WING BY FLOODLIGHT

[M.A.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term an expedition to a film studio was proposed, but so far nothing definite has been arranged.

Mr. Mounsey is to give a lecture illustrated with lantern slides on Wednesday, July 8th, in the Puppet room, and there will be an Exhibition and Competition in the Art School at the end of term.

C.J.D.

CINÉ SECTION

Like everything else in this country this year, Stowe newsreel showed decided tendencies to go red, white and blue, and even went so far as to send one of its many reporters to London to "cover" the Coronation. In celebration of the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II and in order that the full splendour of the procession might be seen in all its glory, we took the photographs in full technicolour. The results were better than we had dared to hope for, and in spite of the rain and cloud we obtained some brilliant motion pictures. We decided that we could not possibly give this good result away, so we have determined to show the newsreel on Speech Day and charge for admission. Having committed ourselves by charging for entry, we set to work to build up a really first-class film of which we could be proud and which would also satisfy the viewers. Up to the time of going to press some very good photographs of Silverstone and the General Inspection have been obtained, and we are hoping for some equally good ones of the P.T. Competition and the Coldstream Cup.

If we make any profit this term, we will try sixteen mm. next term, but failing that, we see no brighter future than to give up the whole idea. Although we have obtained some outstanding photographs on eight mm., our reproducing equipment is of such a standard that to try to show films to a large audience is simple folly.

We would like to thank first of all the Headmaster for the kind co-operation and valuable advice he has given to us, also M. C. Ferrier (T) for his boundless enthusiasm and tireless energy, and finally the Ciné Committee, whose help and guidance were of great value and without whom we would have made many mistakes. It consisted of:— W. F. Tremayne (C), C. J. Garratt (C), C. J. Day (S), W. D. Morgan (C), M. C. Ferrier (T), J. W. Rant (C) and H. R. Yorke-Davies (S).

P.B.C.F.

RHYTHM RAMBLERS' JAZZ CLUB

The prospect was gloomy at the beginning of the term. We had lost our drummer, A. J. Beerbohm (C), and were left apparently with a pianist who was also our saxophone-player, a clarinetist, a bassist who could perform indifferently on the cornet, and a weak trombone. However, discovery after discovery was made, until at last we obtained a jazz group as good in its line as the 1952 dance quartet or the 1950 swing group. Previously weak players were found to have improved immensely, and some shuffling landed everybody on instruments they could play competently. The desire to improvise has improved the technique of those concerned, not only for jazz, but apparently for all types of music.

With the present group we have worked at our signature tune, "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "When the Saints go Marching in", and other jazz numbers, and we have enrolled a vocalist with whom we have played recent commercial hits.

As we have reached this standard and as many of the members are leaving, we hope to give a concert at the end of term; this, we feel, will be greatly welcomed by the school.

The members this term are:—R. P. H. Atkins (B), clarinet; J. R. Warden (T), cornet; C. A. H. Leverton (G), alto saxophone and piano; D. J. Feathers (G), trombone; A. D. Barlow (T), piano; T. M. N. Hobday (C), banjo; R. F. S. Hamer (G), euphonium and bass; M. D. Piercey (B), drums; J. D. Turnbull (B), vocalist.
R.F.S.H.
C.A.H.L.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The first half of the term saw little activity within the society mainly because of the pressure of work inflicted by examinations. However, arrangements are being made for expeditions and one has been tentatively organised for Wednesday, July 8th, when we hope to visit the Twyford works at Stoke-upon-Trent.

A.S.D.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The officers of the Society this term were:—President, Mr. A. B. Clifford; Vice-President, P. J. C. Clarke (G); Secretary, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); Committee-man, T. L. Nicholas (G).

The debating this term was of a much higher standard than that of last term. The speeches were better, and the members more willing to speak.

The most successful debate so far was on the motion "That this house believes in Ghosts," which was proposed by R. H. Martin (T) and opposed by R. N. Allan-Smith (T); the Secretary spoke third, and N. D. R. Pattison (C) fourth.

Other good debates were on the motions "That the School needs a new Swimming-bath rather than a new Theatre", and "That the Second World War was greater than the First".

T.L.N.

THE SAILING CLUB

The Club has swollen to twenty-four members this term, and, granted the new boats for which we are pressing, there is every hope that it will continue to improve. Weed on the lake gets no less, but there has been more wind this term than last year. Two school matches, against Rugby and Repton, were lost, but the quality of sailing has improved and we should win against Harrow later in the term.

The house matches have provided some very entertaining sailing; Temple and Grafton are left in the final.

R.K.M.

THE RIFLE CLUB

There have been no matches this term as most of our opponents shoot only Ashburton (.303) in the summer. The Club has been small as there are other more attractive Thursday Extras. In spite of the weather some very good targets have been produced. We hope that there is an indoor range in the offing as we feel this would improve the standard of the school's shooting.

The First VIII would probably have consisted of the following:—P. A. T. Loup (T), The Hon. M. N. Wingfield (W), M. Anson (G), J. Hawtrey-Woore (B), G. Wolcough (T), A. P. Hill (B), D. N. White (C), P. G. Huxtable (T).

P.A.T.L.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

A meeting of the Committee was held early in the term to discuss possible activities. Those present included:—M. E. P. Cross (G), Chairman; G. M. Corbett (T), Treasurer; J. D. Jackson (G), Secretary; T. D. Philips (G).

It was decided that, in view of pending examinations, school cricket matches and other important fixtures, it would be impossible to superimpose a large Y.F.C. programme this term; we hope, however, to have an exhibit at the Biology exhibition which is being held at the end of term, and on July 22nd we are to revisit a farm at Tingewick which some of us saw last term.

During early June we had an offer from the Buckingham Club to attend one of their expeditions, but had to turn it down because of the lack of time.

There has been a nation-wide effort amongst the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs to increase membership by at least 25 per cent. We sincerely hope that this club will rise to the occasion and produce those new members. It is not necessary to be a farmer to join; but if you are interested in agricultural or country matters, please apply for membership; it will be gladly afforded you.

J.D.J.

THE RAILWAY CLUB

This term, owing to our many varied activities it has been decided to divide the club into two sections: one for those interested in models and the other for those who are interested in railways.

THE MODEL SECTION

There has been a great deal of activity this term, especially on the Trix and Hornby-Dublo layouts, and everything has been prepared for the exhibition. At the exhibition there will be examples of all kinds of locomotives and rolling stock, and also various stations and lineside effects made by members of the club. On the 'O' gauge layout there is a model of the "Midday Scot", and a replica of the streamlined "Capitals Limited" on the Dublo layout. We are greatly indebted to S. J. O. Logie (W) and A. G. Ellison-Macartney (G) who are painting posters for the exhibition, and to C. A. H. Leverton (G) who is building a model of the "Stowe School Special", which we hope to have working at the exhibition.

RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS SECTION

This term there have been several visits to Motive Power Depots, including Banbury, Rugby, Woodford Halse and Northampton. The visit to sheds and marshalling yards at Banbury was made by about twenty people, several of whom were able to ride on the footplate of an Eastern Region B.1 Express Engine. The other sheds were only visited by small parties of the senior members who were allowed to go unaccompanied by a master. Next term it is proposed that the Club should visit one of the main line sheds in London.

Officials this term were:—President, Mr. C. W. Haigh; Treasurer, R. J. McCay (C); Track Manager, J. M. Renshaw (G); Motive Power Superintendent, F. P. Soole (G); Secretary, T. J. W. Brown (G).

T.J.W.B.

THE MODEL CAR CLUB

The aim of this club which was founded last term is to encourage anyone who is interested in this comparatively novel sport and to give him an opportunity to pursue his hobby here, enabling him to run his car on a special track.

This track will be ready for use at the beginning of next term; it has an inner radius of 15 feet and a width of 2 feet; its surface will rise 1 in. above ground level and it will have to be perfectly flat because the slightest unevenness would cause the car to perform the most shattering acrobatics when travelling at speed. The record for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cc. class is well over 80 m.p.h.

The model is tethered to a steel pylon at the centre of the circular track by means of a strong wire which runs in line with the centre of gravity of the car. Thus no banking is needed to prevent it from skidding off the course.

Only one car can run at a time; but each will be timed over a suitable number of laps.

Tastes differ and therefore the shape of our cars varies from exact scale models to "homegrown" specials, their length from 8 ins. to 20 ins.; engine capacities range from 1 cc. to 10 cc. Some cars are front-wheel driven, others have rear-wheel drive or direct transmission onto one single wheel.

Most engines are of the "compression ignition" type which runs on a mixture of paraffin oil, castor oil and ether, although several other small additions to the fuel are guaranteed to increase power and r.p.m., speeding up engine wear at the same time. A good 2.5 cc. engine will deliver a $\frac{1}{4}$ b.h.p. at 14,000 r.p.m.; but 10 cc. engines developing 2 b.h.p. at 18,000 r.p.m. are no rarities to the experts, whose cars will exceed 130 m.p.h.

Our speeds, however, are not likely to exceed our hopes; but until the track is ready we shall continue to run the engines on the test bench and keep on preparing our cars, possibly with a view to competition with other schools.

C. G. A. E. von E.

THE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

This term there has been increased activity in the Club but only one new model has been built. On almost every fine Sunday this term there has been flying on the Bourbon and there will be a competition at the end of term. S. D. C. Wallace (B) and P. A. Fontes (C) have had the most consistently good flights.

A.P.P.

R.C.W.

MUSIC

CONCERT IN ASSEMBLY: MARCH 25TH.

This was a good end-of-term concert, both from the standpoint of performance and choice of programme. It took place in Assembly, which is a better venue for the occasion than the Gymnasium, where the concert was held last term. The music selected, with the possible exception of the Beethoven slow movement, was light, yet not sufficiently well-known to be hackneyed. Contemporary music was represented by a minuet for strings and orchestra by John Ireland. This is a slight piece, obvious, harmonious and pleasing. Chamber music, madrigals, a piano concerto and music for strings gave welcome variety.

The happy youthful overture to "Il Seraglio", by Mozart, set the tone for the evening. It is an ambitious work with which to begin any school concert, but it amply came off. Blatt's trio for three clarinets contains music of some charm, but it is too long. The first movement was most delightful; the remaining two were insufficiently varied to sustain interest. The slow movement lacked character and the third merely echoed the style of the first. This is a purely musical consideration and in no way reflects on the playing of those concerned, who gave a fine performance.

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony slow movement concluded in sombre mood the first half. The 'cellos shone in all their glory. The spell of Beethoven had been cast.

The main work in the second half was Haydn's Piano Concerto in D, First Movement. It was a great achievement on the part of the solo pianist. This gay and lively movement in which the soloist vies with the orchestra in passages of considerable difficulty greatly aroused the enthusiasm of the audience.

The excellent singing of the Madrigal Society which followed in no way exerted a calming influence, and the final item, the overture "Russlan and Ludmilla" by Glinka, resulted in such sustained applause that there was no doubt that the audience had enjoyed themselves hugely.

1. Overture: Il Seraglio Mozart (1756-1791)
2. Trio for Three Clarinets: Op. 27 Blatt
Allegro risoluto, Adagio affettuoso, Rondo.
(J. D. HARTLAND-SWANN (B), A. M. WESSELY (G), MR. E. J. WEBB)
3. Fifth Symphony, Op. 67: Second Movement Beethoven
Andante con moto. (1770-1827)
4. STRING ORCHESTRA—Minuet Ireland (1879-)
5. PIANO CONCERTO IN D: First Movement—Vivace Haydn
(I. M. HAYNES (C)) (1732-1809)
6. MADRIGAL SOCIETY—
(a) Cantate Domino Pitoni (1657-1743)
(b) Little David, play on yo' Harp arr. Sargent
(c) Diaphenia Stanford (1852-1924)
Conductor—MR. M. TEASDALE BURKE.
7. Overture: Russlan and Ludmilla Glinka (1803-1857)
Conductor—MR. H. CLIFTON KELYNACK.

M.T.B.

THE BAND CONCERT: MARCH 29TH.

The concert given by the Military Band in Assembly on Sunday, 29th March, was a triumph over difficulties. Illness had weakened the number of the players, and balance caused a further reduction in its size, since the loss of some players made the withdrawal of others essential. If, however, something was lost in volume, there may well have been a gain in quality, and certainly the fifteen survivors gave us some very fine and musical playing.

The opening March, "The Silver Wreath", was good swashbuckling stuff, and enabled the concert to get off to an admirable start, while the Chaconne by Holst which followed was helped by the warming-up process just completed, and showed us again what a fine composer Holst is for brass band music. It was good to see that the programme also included the Finale from his Suite in E flat, and full justice was done to this difficult work when it was played.

In the intervening portion of the concert there were some lighter pieces, guaranteed to tickle the ears of the groundlings—some of Massenet's charm as exemplified in two of his 'Scènes Pittoresques', a selection from that topical wartime hit Parr Davies' 'The Lisbon Story' with our old friend Pedro the Fisherman once again whistling by the harbour wall, and finally the haunting music of Lehar in 'Viennese Memories'. Franz Lehar was undoubtedly the greatest genius of all bandmasters, and it was good to hear his great melodies played by a band instead of the usual orchestra, generally of the Palm Court variety.

In a concert where all did well some players got through a prodigious quantity of work, especially the indefatigable P. C. Berg (C), who produced beautiful tone on his Cornet long after one doubted whether he could possibly have any more breath for the purpose, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B) who always seemed to be holding the main tunes on his Clarinet, and C. P. Macdonald (C) who from time to time would almost raise the dome of Assembly with that somewhat intrusive instrument, the Trombone. We should like to thank Mr. Webb, not only for his energetic and effective conducting, but also for all the really hard work he must have done to bring the band up to such a very high standard of competence and musicianship.

A.M.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

During the first part of the term, the Society rehearsed its contribution to the concert of Coronation music on Sunday, May 24th, a review of which will be found on another page.

Lang's fine setting of the eighth psalm, with parts for School and Choral Society, was sung at Morning Service on Sunday, June 28th.

The Society has also been rehearsing Sir Malcolm Sargent's arrangement of "Rule Britannia" and the ever-popular Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's opera, "Prince Igor", which will be performed at the end-of-term Concert.

K.A.H.

"THE BARBER OF SEVILLE"

The older members of the School can still remember having seen our production of "The Marriage of Figaro", and it was pleasant to have the opportunity of hearing the first part of the story as performed by the Opera Players in the Gymnasium on the evening of May 13th. It had seemed to many of us an almost impossible task to put on a major opera with no orchestral accompaniment and no scenery at all, but in fact the singing and acting of the small cast, helped by some very attractive costumes, was so good that ear and eye had little difficulty in supplying these deficiencies. The piano-forte accompaniment was most competent, and the interpretation of the characters on the stage did all that was required to suggest the scenes.

Miss Elizabeth Parry as Rosina and Mr. John Carolan as Count Almaviva had rather small voices and seemed nervous on their first entries, but they soon settled down and both sang very sweetly and pleasantly as the evening went on. Mr. Eric Shilling as Figaro was, as he should be, very much the life and soul of the party. He had a prodigiously loud voice which literally hurt the ear-drums in his opening aria, the famous "Largo al Factotum", but which he considerably tempered thereafter into a very attractive baritone. The bass, Mr. Kenneth Stevenson, had, perhaps, the finest quality of voice in the cast, and his acting as the unspeakable Don Basilio was extremely comical. Mr. Owen Grundy in the double part of Fiorello and Dr. Bartolo worked hard and made the most of a voice which was not quite up to the high standard of the others.

A slight lack of balance in the ensembles, due to the very varying power of the singers, was the only real weakness in a most attractive performance, which must have made a very large number of converts to the lighter type of opera among a very enthusiastic audience. If the Opera Players will come back and give us "Don Pasquale" they can be very sure of the warmest of welcomes.

A.M.

THE ZEPHYR TRIO: JUNE 10TH.

- EVELYN ROTHWELL (*Oboe*), GARETH MORRIS (*flute*), WILFRID PARRY (*piano*)
1. Trio Sonata, C minor J. B. Loeillet (1680-1730)
 2. Melody for Oboe and Piano Morgan Nicholas
Rondo for Oboe and Piano Handel (1685-1759)
 3. Trio, E minor G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)
 4. Trio No. 2, A minor D. Scarlatti (1685-1757)
arr. Gordon Bryan
 5. Suite for Solo Flute Egon Wellesz
 6. Two Inventions for Flute and Oboe Gordon Jacob
 7. Miniatures for Trio Wm. Grant Still

H.C.K.

MUSIC FOR A CORONATION

To create, however humbly, in a school chapel and within the compass of an hour, some measure of the unforgettable musical experience that was to come on June 2nd, was an achievement which all who took part in it will long remember. Broadly following the pattern of the Coronation Service, with its impressive muster of English composers from the 16th to the 20th century, Mr. Kelynack built his programme round three works, now perhaps established in the tradition of Coronation music: the classic formalism of Handel's "Zadok the Priest", the graceful romanticism of Parry's "I was glad when they said unto me", and the harsher modernity of Walton's "Crown Imperial"; of these, "Zadok the Priest" is straightforward enough, asking no more than sustained volume and perfect balance, but the Parry is a very different matter, and the performance by the Choral Society and Orchestra of this complex, exacting work was a fine effort. "Crown Imperial" too, with its heavy scoring for brass, is a difficult work, but the Orchestra prides itself on its brass and under its conductor's firm guidance kept the insistent rhythms crisp and controlled.

In pleasing contrast with the rich texture of these major works was the unison singing by the whole School of three hymns likewise drawn from three generations and pointing the link between Church and State: the Old Hundredth, Jerusalem, and "I vow to thee, my country," to the noble tune from Holst's Planets Suite; these are among our best-loved hymns at any time, and on this occasion the School was in good voice. With Stanford's B flat Te Deum and the National Anthem, the musical symbolism was complete.

To Mr. Kelynack and his immediate assistants falls naturally the chief credit for arrangement and organization, and to the School Orchestra and Choral Society this was the reward of months of hard work; yet it was of the essence that all should, and did, contribute, and that is why one thinks of this Music for a Coronation as a service; technically one may be wrong, but there is no word more apt.

B.S.S.

JUNE 2ND, 1953

England be proud! For never hast thou seen
Such pomp and splendour as this royal event,
When Dukes and Lords paid homage to their Queen,
And all her peoples gave their loyal assent.
And she, invested with St. Edward's Crown,
Took Spurs and Armills, Book and Ring and Sword,
All symbols of the faith which she must own;
The whole world over heard her pledge her word.
But we must also honour and obey,
For we, her subjects, owe her fealty,
And as true liegemen must forever pay
The sovereign service of our loyalty.
God save our gracious Queen, Long may she reign;
And, loyal to thy throne, may we remain.

P.E.S.L.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CULTURE TOUR

ENGLISH TRAVELLERS ABROAD, 1604-1667

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The early seventeenth century is becoming an increasingly popular period among historians interested in the growth and formation of the habits of mind and outlook which still so noticeably separate the educated Englishman from the European culture to which he none the less belongs. It used to be, and still drearily remains in most text books, a period essentially of constitutional conflict, of Divine Right and Impositions and Ship Money, with the emergence of liberal and Parliamentary institutions as the dominant theme. Nowadays, it is being handled much more as the period during which the so-called aristocracy of the Tudors settled down and began to consolidate its gains: a process which was to give us a century later the Whig oligarchy and Tory squirearchy of the Hanoverians. The result is a new sort of History severely restricted to an account of events, impressions and tendencies, which seems almost consciously to avoid conclusions or generalisations. It is to this school that the author of English Travellers Abroad belongs, but it must be admitted that he produces in consequence a fascinating picture, even if his own motto might well be the fragment from the anonymous "Advice to a Traveller" which he quotes in his introduction: "Three things chiefly increase wisdom, Much Observation, Much Meditation, Much Doubt".

It was an age in which the government liked to have reports from its ambassadors of the activities of all travelling Englishmen. From these letters and from the reports of the tutors of young noblemen, and from diaries, we can see a gradually emerging pattern of travel—visits to Paris, wanderings in the Loire valley, followed by the Giro d'Italia which carried large and increasing numbers of wealthy young Englishmen to Florence and Venice, Rome and Naples. What is perhaps surprising, is the speed with which this habit of travel became stereotyped into what is recognisably the Grand Tour of later days, and how little that habit has changed today. The luxury coach-loads and the gangs of children conscientiously shepherded round the sights by school teachers of both sexes, little resemble the lavish band of twenty or so attendants—chaplains, tutors, companions and servants which accompanied Lord Roos, or young Sir John Harrington in the reign of James I. The bric-a-brac and souvenirs which they bring back are less bulky and expensive than the "tobacco, carpets, torches, candlesticks and andirons, and four pictures by Jacopo Tintoretto" which Lord Roos shipped home from Venice in 1614. The schoolmasters rarely hope for the substantial advancement and patronage later on which might reward the tutors who patiently superintended the travels of rather dull rich young Jacobean noblemen. But they visit much the same places, in much the same order, and retain much the same impressions. The number of books written, like the "Advice to a Traveller", to "praise Peregrination" multiplies every year, and European travel is more than ever part of a proper English education. It is in fact the origins of this habit which this book analyses with scholarly precision and in entertaining detail, making of it something much more important and readable than a mere piece of historical research—a thoroughly enjoyable book.

W.L.McE.

THE SKY REMAINS

It was a warm evening in early autumn, and having walked along St. Germain des Prés I decided to make my way to the Café Royal and have a cup of coffee with Jacques, an artist who was always to be found outside the Royal drinking coffee at this time. Sure enough, as I approached I saw Jacques rise to meet me. I strolled over and sat down with him, ordering coffee for two as I did so.

"A storm is gathering," said Jacques. "I can smell it in the air".

We talked on for half-an-hour or so. The conversation changed as all conversations do, and before long we were talking of the usual topic of St. Germain at that hour, life in general.

"But", I said, "what, Jacques, are your opinions of the after-life?"

"That depends on the life of him that is concerned", he smiled.

"Take heaven", I said. "Surely it is not just continual harp-playing?"

"I hope not", he replied. "I cannot play the harp".

"No, Jacques", I pleaded. "What are your serious views?"

Jacques took a sip at his liqueur, inhaled at his cigarette, took a mouthful of coffee, swallowed it, and then exhaled the smoke.

"I believe," he said, "that what each individual would like to be his heaven, will be so".

"That is an amazing view", I said.

"No", he replied, "not so amazing as your harp-playing heaven".

"Well", I said, wishing to probe deeper into this new idea, "what would you like your heaven to be?"

"My heaven", he smiled, "will be the moment that I have most enjoyed in my life, given the impression of eternity. It would retain all the original sensations, and would, of course, have no element of boredom".

So saying he excused himself, saying he had an appointment that had to be kept. He left me thinking about what he had said. The idea reminded me of Keats's Grecian Urn.

The clock on the church of St. Germain struck midnight, the traffic lights continued to flick from red to green, although few cars were abroad. Occasionally a taxi would swing down the Rue Napoléon towards the church of St. Sulpice, whose irregular towers were just visible from where I sat.

Suddenly a feeling of complete peace came over me, absolute tranquillity imprinted itself for a short moment on my very soul, and I thought that if my heaven was to be as Jacques had described it, I had found it there in St. Germain.

At that moment the storm broke, and I rushed inside the Café to shelter. As I sat gazing out of the window, all hope seemed to have disappeared. I realised suddenly why men committed suicide. After all, what had I to live for, if in fact I had found my salvation?

I do not know what I would have done had I not glanced at the ash-tray in which I stubbed my cigarette, for there was written a very simple but very true French proverb: *les nuages passent—le ciel reste.*

A.P.M.

THE UNNAMED CLUB

There is at Stowe a certain group of people who are united only by one peculiar form of exercise. It is a club, but it has no name, no cap or tie, nor even an honours list, let alone a list of its members. It comes as a pleasant surprise to find a boy whom you have never seen, in some other house, enjoying this sport. You enquire his name and then settle down to talk about the School Certificate or the latest, juiciest Stowe rumour. This happy clan is often mocked, teased and ragged, but this only serves to make them enjoy it even more.

It is that magnificent cedar, lifting its head above Stowe, which provides the sport. On a hot summer evening when there is no prep the tree swarms with boys trying out new bits which have never been tried before. Some friends like to sit at the top and gaze about, or read and talk. I have heard that you can see five counties with a pair of binoculars (whether this is true or not I don't know). A well worn route leads to the top, the bark worn smooth by the slipping and rubbing of many bodies. There are still parts to be climbed and thrills left for the keen adventurer. Long may The Cedar live and those who have conquered her.

P. de S.B.

SURVIVALS

The dusk of Midsummer's Night falls over a glade deep in the forest of primeval ages; strange creatures moan in the gloom, and fearsome reptiles call from the stream that runs close by. Silent birds of prey swoop overhead. Behind the trees rise the faint far silver pinnacles of the Mountains of the North, their perennial snows touched with glory by the still invisible moon.

The darkness is broken by the lurid flames coming from two great bonfires, around which twelve massive upright monoliths stand in a dimly perceived circle of grey ghosts, the presiding genii of the scene. In a figure-of-eight among the fires dance twelve leaping, howling figures, awaiting the moment of sacrifice. Silent in the centre stand a man and a tree. The great oak, whose lopped branches and foliage crackle in the fires, has been cut to the shape of a rough T; tied to it by ankles, wrists and neck, in a threefold bond, is the man, drunk on mead, flayed till he fainted, sagging in his bonds. Before him are a rude stone altar and a basin to catch the blood which he is shortly to shed for the good of his tribe.

The priest approaches with a bronze knife, to dismember and slay him; the dancers cease their monotonous chant of "Blood! blood! Kill! kill!", and, seizing his flesh,

still warm and throbbing, tear at it with their teeth, dancing all the while. The lurid light of the leaping fires casts a flickering, treacherous, blood-stained glow over the celebrants. The June twilight deepens to night, and then the round silver orb of the cruel moon rises in full splendour above the forests, casting the silver radiance of nature's beauty over the clearing, scene of man's brutality; dimming the sacred fires. A slight splash rises from the depths of the pool as the remnants of the human sacrifice are consigned to its holy recesses. The dancers vanish in the forest, and last of all goes the priest, he who slew the sacred king, ate his royal parts and himself bears the sovereignty for another six months, only to be sacrificed in his turn.

From far below in the plains rise the sounds of a civilisation that knew both compasses and gunpowder; the lights gleam from the temples and pyramids where the evening sacrifice to the rising moon is performed. Up the great canals sail the war-vessels of the civilisation that was ancient when Egypt was young. Under the triumphal arches goes the High King in procession, guarded by squads of massed police. From the citadel thunder the cannon.

But up in the wooded foothills has been performed this furtive ceremony of a proscribed religion from a vanished age; a ceremony in whose direct lineal descendant you participate every time you attend Communion; the ritual sacrifice of the sacred king to the moon-goddess, the Great Mother, in the lost empire of Atlantis.

C.F.McK.C.

FOG

Shrouder of cities and of all men's minds,
That down to earth each small invention binds;
Grey dreary mists that all around us swirl,
Completely changing every city's whirl.
Come thou not near, but like explorers bold
Stay thou amongst the clashing ice-caps cold.
'Twas thought the fog of mariners was past
— A thing of dreams, a thing that could not last:
But now all nations bend beneath thy will,
While thou their bleak and empty cities fill:
Thou streamest through deserted streets alone;
'Tis now that all men for their sins atone.
Begone thou dreary swirling mists of grey!
Be gone, and leave us happy for a day!

S.P.S.C

A STOWE LAMENT

Clearly through the still of evening,
As the daylight dimmer grows,
Bells upon the North Front ringing;
Quicker now the daylight goes.
"Ten o'clock", the bells are saying
And the wind much softer blows.

In the silent early morning,
As the daylight faster grows,
Bells upon the North Front clanging,
Rousing all who try to dose.
"Get up quick", the bells are saying;
Now the wind much colder blows.

G.A.C.

TO THE EDITOR

Written during the second half of an exam. which I finished early, and sent by my officer to the person to whom it is addressed.

What shall I do? Two hours the Board allowed,
And I have taken one; which leaves me one
In which to occupy myself alone
With paper, pen and thoughts; and *he* has vowed
To keep us till the end (*he* who's endowed
With power to rule the exam.) despite the moan
Of those who wish to finish and be gone;
For *he* will never pander to the crowd.

Apollo twangs my ear. "Why", he suggests,
"Do you not spend the time writing a sonnet?
You're lazy; do some work between your rests;
Exert yourself, and spend some trouble on it.
Then send it to *The Stoic*". Well, you pests
Of editors and muses, I have done it.

R.F.S.H.

THE C.C.F.

The Field Day was held on May 18th at Stowe. O.C. 75 'A' Vehicle Coy R.A.O.C., Turweston, very kindly provided for us a Self-Propelled Gun, two Carriers, an Armoured Car and a Scout Car, in which the Contingent disported itself in the Grecian Valley, in the intervals of some fighting at the Bourbon Tower and round the Lakes.

We sent seven Cadets to view the Coronation Processions from the Victoria Memorial, in company with representative Cadets from all over the country.

The Inspection was carried out on June 16th by Lieut.-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bart., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L. The weather was kind to us, the only heavy shower occurring during the General's address in the Gym. The Band was exceptionally good this year, and its rendering of the March Past (Roberts' "Silver Wreath") was most stirring.

The Certificate "A" Examinations are to be held on July 7th, by a Board from the Guards Depot, under the presidency of Major A. G. Way, M.C. (B, 1939). Last term's examinations, March 23rd and 24th, were under the presidency of Major F. J. R. P. Needham (C, 1933) with the following results:—

Pt. I. 65 candidates. 59 passed (2 with Credit).

Pt. II. 49 candidates. 46 passed.

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

To *Under Officer*: A/P.O. D. G. Guyer (G).

To *Petty Officer*: A/L.S. J. S. W. Whitley (W).

To *Sergeants*: Cpls. R. M. Tulloch (B), B. G. W. Spencer (B), K. A. Henderson (C), R. H. A. Rycroft (C), J. D. Turnbull (B).

To *Corporals*: L/Cpls. P. D. Levitt (W), P. A. T. Loup (T), C. L. Manton (C), J. S. B. Henderson (C), J. J. Wedgwood (G), J. N. Lacey (T), C. F. McK. Cox (B), C. J. Day (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: Cdts. A. E. des C. Chamier (C), G. W. Spence (C), C. R. Lunt (G), M. C. Ferrier (T), I. M. Haynes (C), F. J. B. Taylor (C), R. M. Morton (B), C. H. Scott (C), C. Scarlett (T), A. J. A. McCormick (C).

J.C.S.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The House P.T. Competition took place on Monday, July 6th; Walpole won, followed closely by Grenville. The results were as follows:—

House	Seniors	Juniors	Aggregate
1. Walpole ...	73½	76	149½
2. Grenville ...	73	75	148
3. Temple ...	69½	73	142½
4. Cobham ...	69½	70	139½
5. Chandos ...	71	66	137
6. Bruce ...	78½	56	134½
7. Grafton ...	69	63	132
8. Chatham ...	66½	58	124½

CRICKET 1953

With two games still to be played the 1st XI has won three of its matches, lost three and drawn four, of which two were very much in Stowe's favour. This is a fair record, but the success or failure of a season cannot be judged on results alone.

This has been without doubt a good season, and should go a long way towards putting Stowe cricket back into its stride after a lean period. The side is young, and has been enthusiastic and harmonious under an excellent captain. D. G. du B. Dew has been a real leader and has demanded the highest standard of which the players are capable in practice as well as in matches. His wicket-keeping at the beginning of the season suffered from the cares of captaincy, but as the side has settled down he has got back to his old standard. In the setting of his field and the management of his bowling he has shown soundness and imagination, and he has always tried to keep the game alive. As a batsman this year he has been content to take a back seat, but has not been found wanting in the hour of need.

Except in the match with Oundle, the ground fielding and throwing have been up to the standard expected of a school side; and, apart from the Bradfield match, the catching has been good. Dew, Lilley and Rushton in particular have often been prominent in this department.

The side possesses six bowlers and has more variety than it has had in recent years. What is mainly lacking is a bowler of pace. The chief wicket-takers have been A. P. Hill and R. W. Slater, the former with medium-slow off-breaks and the latter with slow-medium in-swingers which seem to dip and occasionally straighten from leg. P. E. S. Lilley and J. B. Hamer both move the ball away at medium pace; they have generally opened the bowling. Lilley has the better record of the two and has kept the ball well up to the batsman. Hamer has a good action and should be able to develop more pace. He has tended to bowl rather too short. Both P. A. T. Loup and W. A. Jenkyn-Jones bowl leg-breaks; the former also has a googly. Jenkyn-Jones has not had much opportunity this year, but should not lack it in 1954.

The batting has displayed at times an aggressiveness which is all too rare nowadays, and practically everyone has made his contribution at one time or another.

J. C. Witham and W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, who open the batting, gave the side a fair start in their first two partnerships, but have not managed to stay together for long since then. Both are at present much too inclined to 'flick' at the ball outside the off-stump early in the innings. Witham has the distinction of being the first to score a century for Stowe in an inter-school match since the war. His methods are not altogether orthodox, but he has a good eye and is a natural player, and should score many runs in school cricket. M. A. Rushton and A. P. Hill have been the most consistent run-getters. Rushton at No. 3 has had to hold the fort after some early set-backs, and he has usually proved equal to the occasion. He is at present far too slow on his feet, but he has good concentration and infinite patience. If he quickens up his foot-work he should develop into a good player. Hill has improved a great deal. He uses his reach well and can hit the ball hard. J. R. F. Crombie is the most fluent player on the side but has not produced any big scores, chiefly because he does not get his foot far enough across to the off ball and consequently edges it. R. A. Opperman has a pleasingly truculent way of attacking the bowling and hits the ball well on the on-side. Maybe he is as yet a little too impetuous, but he will probably learn control as he gets more experience. J. B. Hamer is in his element when runs are required quickly and he can hit very hard and straight. Lilley is his understudy in this department, but is too inclined at present to hit across the line. Dew, who went in first last year, has been content with No. 8 or 9. He, Slater and Loup have not been called upon a great deal, but have shown themselves to be quite proficient wielders of the bat when occasion has demanded. Dew and Slater added 29 for the last wicket against Radley, while Loup and Slater put on 35 for the last wicket against Buckingham; Dew and Loup as the last Stowe pair defied the Oundle bowlers for 35 minutes in bad light and achieved a draw.

In the normal course of events eight of this year's side should be available in 1954, with a year's experience behind them.

By reducing 1st XI matches from fourteen to twelve, by aiming at playing one match per week as far as possible, and by reducing the duration of house matches, it has been possible to lessen the strain on 1st XI players. It is thought that this, coupled with early nights before matches, has had very beneficial results.



[C.S.]

THE TEMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP

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LILLINGSTONE DAYRELL CHURCH

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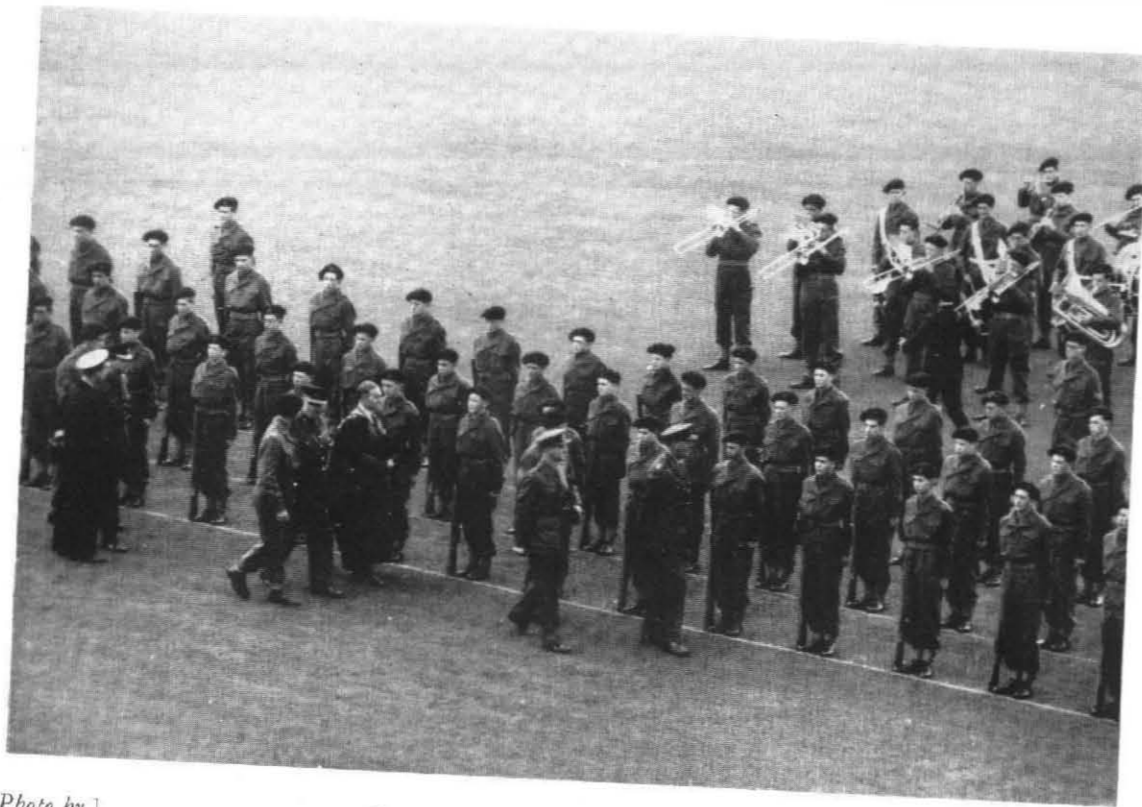


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THE STOIC

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STOWE v. THE CRYPTICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 16th. The Cryptics won by 7 wickets.

STOWE					CRYPTICS				
D. G. du B. Dew, c Henderson, b Skene				7	F. Menim, c Boddy, b Slater				10
F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Skene				13	R. F. B. O'Callaghan, b Allerton				77
P. T. Craig, b Skene				8	H. Kemp, b Hill				31
J. R. F. Crombie, c Skinner, b Skene				5	A. F. Skinner, c Allerton, b Rushton				1
J. C. Witham, c Castle, b Henderson				1	D. Cooper, st Dew, b Rushton				6
M. A. Rushton, b Skene				4	Lt.-Col. R. E. Moss, b Allerton				16
F. J. B. Taylor, b Skene				6	L. M. T. Castle, b Allerton				3
R. A. Opperman, b Skene				15	J. A. Tallent, not out				3
A. P. Hill, b Eddison				23	R. Henderson, Rev. R. J. B. Eddison and R. W. Skene did not bat.				
R. C. Allerton, c Henderson, b Eddison				3	Extras				5
R. W. Slater, not out				0					
Extras				6					
Total				91	Total (for 7 wkts.)				152

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Eddison	12	8	9	2	Allerton	9	0	33	3
Skene	22	6	47	7	Slater	9	2	37	1
Henderson	14	3	19	1	Hill	8	0	41	1
Kemp	3	0	10	0	Rushton	5	0	19	2
					Taylor	4	0	17	0

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Bradfield on Thursday, May 21st. Stowe lost by 12 runs.

This was a disappointing game, as it looked at one time as though Stowe should have no difficulty in continuing its post-war series of victories at Bradfield. Indeed, given only a little more resolution amongst the earlier batsmen, or fewer errors in the field, Hamer's great effort to pull the chestnuts out of the fire would not have gone unrewarded.

Dew won the toss, and put Bradfield in. This was a wise choice, as one or two balls popped up in the middle of their innings, whereas the wicket became easier for Stowe. Allerton and Hamer opened the bowling, and J. B. Brow was well taken by Taylor at slip with one run on the board. Then Pearce and Wyatt took part in a useful stand, until Pearce was bowled by Slater with one that came through quickly. Slater was bowling very steadily at this period, and was unlucky to have Wyatt dropped off him twice. No other batsman, except Stewart, presented any insuperable difficulties to Allerton, who improved in his second spell, or Hill, who made his off-breaks turn sharply, and bowled steadily throughout. Stewart contributed a very useful 23, and the Bradfield total clambered rather laboriously to 119, with two more catches going to ground at unfortunate moments. One skier, just before lunch, was completely ignored by two fielders.

Hamer's bowling was disappointing, and Allerton, though his final analysis of 5 for 36 was a good one, was not sufficiently consistent in length or direction. The Bradfield batsmen failed to take full advantage of some friendly long hops to leg on several occasions. The ground fielding was satisfactory, and if Dew's wicket-keeping did not quite reach his usual heights, this is no doubt attributable to the cares of captaincy. In this capacity he was very much on the spot.

The Stowe innings was dismal for the most part. Boddy and Dew looked fair to start with, but Boddy was soon lbw, and then Coate took three quick wickets. He

seemed faster than anything Stowe was accustomed to, and banged the ball down with his left hand from a height that looked formidable. He had only just learned to bowl fast, and Stowe wished that he had taken longer to discover the art. Witham was slightly unfortunate to deflect the ball on to his stumps with his bat, but Crombie never looked like staying, and after repeatedly saluting the departing ball with an apparently horizontal bat, was very well taken by Coate at short leg off Gardiner. The board now gloomily reported 5 for 23, but Rushton stopped the rot, and stayed for quite a while, and with Hill and Taylor manoeuvred the score along to 59. But it was left to Hamer to show that the bowling could be hit, and hit well. His straight drives were a joy to watch, and if some of his other scoring strokes were somewhat agricultural the whole effort was so heart-warming that no one was inclined to be critical. Allerton stayed with him for 45 precious minutes, playing sensibly and unselfishly until 93 was reached, and hopes began to flutter in Stowe hearts. Then he was bowled and Slater came in to carry on the good work. Hamer continued to hit the balls that wanted hitting, and the score mounted to 107, only 12 runs short of the Bradfield total, when he failed to connect properly with a pull, and got the ball slightly on the end of his bat. The ball sailed into the hands of mid-wicket, whose knees buckled under him as he waited. But he clutched it to his stomach as he subsided onto the ground, and it was all over. Hamer's first inning for the School was a memorable one, and every run of his 41 was well deserved.

BRADFIELD					STOWE				
H. M. Pearce, b Slater.....				23	F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Gardiner.....				3
J. B. Brow, c Taylor, b Allerton.....				0	D. G. du B. Dew, b Coate.....				6
R. O. Wyatt, lbw, b Allerton.....				40	D. H. Hart, b Coate.....				3
C. R. Joynt, b Allerton.....				10	J. C. Witham, b Coate.....				0
J. V. L. Coate, c Allerton, b Hill.....				4	J. R. F. Crombie, c Coate, b Gardiner.....				9
N. E. R. Robson, c Hart, b Allerton.....				4	M. A. Rushton, b Wyatt.....				12
A. J. Duvivier, b Allerton.....				0	F. J. B. Taylor, b Coate.....				10
D. J. C. Stewart, b Hill.....				23	A. P. Hill, c Gurney, b Wyatt.....				10
H. N. D. Gurney, lbw, b Hill.....				1	J. B. Hamer, c Gardiner, b Coate.....				41
J. W. Gardiner, c Hamer, b Hill.....				0	R. C. Allerton, b Gurney.....				2
C. J. Davis, not out.....				2	R. W. Slater, not out.....				0
Extras.....				12	Extras.....				11
Total.....				119	Total.....				107
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Allerton.....	20	5	36	5	Gardiner.....	15	4	25	2
Hamer.....	5	1	10	0	Coate.....	24	9	49	5
Slater.....	11	3	27	1	Wyatt.....	10	4	12	2
Hill.....	21	8	34	4	Robson.....	4	1	8	0
					Gurney.....	3	1	2	1

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 27th. Match drawn.

This time we "wore our rue with a difference". Instead of regretting discarded opportunities, we had rain to blame for robbing us of an hour's play, which was, it appeared, all that was needed to consolidate a resounding victory.

Dew won the toss once more, and chose to bat on a very wet ground with drizzle falling intermittently, which made the ball difficult for the bowlers to hold. Witham and Jenkyn-Jones opened, and Witham hit the first ball for an admirable four, going on to take 10 runs off the first over. He proceeded at the same brisk pace, with the

co-operation of the Bedford slip fielders, until he had made 42, when, owing to the indecision of his partner, he was most unfortunately run out. Rushton settled down immediately and contributed a very pleasant 22 before a bail was flicked off by Williams. Crombie and Opperman both attacked the bowling with a will, but nemesis overtook Jenkyn-Jones when Crombie ran strongly in defiance of his call, and he was run out. Hill contributed 36, and Boddy, in his new lowly position at No. 8, looked much happier and swung his bat freely. Hamer did not have time to score more than 12, though he scored off every ball but one that he received, as Allerton and Slater both deserted him quickly, and a most encouraging innings by a Stowe side, on the attack throughout, came to an end just after 3.30 for 222. Making due allowance for a wet ball the Bedford fielding was not impressive, and all the bowlers, including R. W. Street, who finally emerged with the good figures of 6 for 72, were treated most unceremoniously. The hypercritical might suggest that the bad ball can be hit along the ground more often than it was, and generally with more safety, but the great thing is that it should be hit.

The rain then came on in earnest, and play could not be restarted till 5 p.m. As this gave Bedford only 1½ hours batting it seemed that all excitement must be over for the day. But Dew opened the attack with Allerton and Hill, and in his fourth over Hill clean bowled Street, the Bedford captain, with only 8 runs on the board. Two overs later he got G. Pagan, also clean bowled. Slater came on for Allerton, but was hit rather firmly by the Smith twins, and was replaced by Hamer. Hamer bowled with some fire, but without achieving anything, and Slater came on again, whilst Hill was kept pegging away at the other end. Slater was very soon successful in removing both Smiths. One he dismissed with a very acrobatic caught and bowled, and persuaded the other to spoon up a catch to Boddy at mid-off. 4 for 66 and the time 6.19—it looked like the end of a good day, but Slater got another wicket just on time, Dew taking a very smart catch at the wicket. So the match ended in a draw, but very much a moral victory for Stowe. Hill bowled very steadily, but obviously tired a little towards the end, and might have been rested. The Stowe fielding was lively and accurate, though with a better throw-in from cover once or twice a run-out might have been achieved. Of course the Bedford team had not much to play for when eventually they went in to bat, and might have done better in different circumstances.

STOWE					BEDFORD				
J. C. Witham, run out.....				42	R. W. Street, b Hill.....				4
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, run out.....				22	G. Pagan, b Hill.....				7
M. A. Rushton, b Williams.....				22	P. Smith, c and b Slater.....				22
J. R. F. Crombie, lbw, b Street.....				34	J. Smith, c Boddy, b Slater.....				32
R. A. Opperman, c Cook, b Street.....				22	J. D. S. Hay, c Dew, b Slater.....				0
D. G. du B. Dew, b Street.....				1	R. R. Wyatt, not out.....				1
A. P. Hill, c Cook, b Street.....				36	R. H. Meadows, not out.....				0
F. J. R. Boddy, b Street.....				25	F. D. Johnson, P. C. Eldridge, S. H. Williams and O. W. E. G. Cook did not bat.				
J. B. Hamer, not out.....				12	Extras.....				1
R. C. Allerton, c and b Hay.....				0	Total.....				222
R. W. Slater, b Street.....				4					Total (for 5 wkts.).....
Extras.....				2					67
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams.....	15	2	56	1	Allerton.....	6	2	15	0
Hay.....	14	4	40	1	Hamer.....	3	0	11	0
Smith (J.).....	4	0	12	0	Hill.....	15	6	23	2
Smith (P.).....	16	1	40	0	Slater.....	7	1	17	3
Street.....	13	0	72	6					

STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 6th. Match drawn.

M.C.C.					STOWE				
D. W. S. S. Lane, c Hill, b Rushton.....	117				J. C. Witham, lbw, b Gadsby.....	39			
M. T. D. Wyatt, lbw, b Slater.....	50				W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, b Garland-Wells.....	29			
R. M. Spiro, b Hill.....	50				M. A. Rushton, b Garland-Wells.....	75			
H. M. Garland-Wells, c Hamer, b Hill.....	34				J. R. F. Crombie, st Spiro, b Feldman.....	40			
B. C. Phillips, c Boddy, b Slater.....	7				J. B. Hamer, st Spiro, b Gadsby.....	1			
P. R. Head, not out.....	0				R. A. Opperman, c and b Feldman.....	32			
D. Roberts, T. B. G. Welch, A. C. Raphael, S. Feldman, and A. C. Gadsby did not bat.					A. P. Hill, not out.....	17			
					R. C. Allerton, b Gadsby.....	16			
					F. J. R. Boddy, not out.....	6			
					D. G. du B. Dew and R. W. Slater did not bat.				
Extras.....	10				Extras.....	9			
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.).....	268				Total (for 7 wkts.).....	264			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Allerton.....	8	1	45	0	Raphael.....	10	1	40	0
Hamer.....	12	1	46	0	Phillips.....	4	1	4	0
Slater.....	18	2	78	2	Gadsby.....	26	1	87	3
Hill.....	18	1	65	2	Roberts.....	6	0	28	0
Rushton.....	4	0	24	1	Feldman.....	14	0	62	2
					Garland-Wells.....	14	2	34	2

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 10th. Match drawn.

This match came excruciatingly near to being the triumph for which we had been waiting so long, and Radley, who rumour has it have not lost a match against a school for six years, were badly shaken. It was an excellent game, chiefly remarkable for a fighting recovery by Stowe, led by Rushton and Opperman, good wicket-keeping by Dew, and a fine piece of fielding on the boundary by the Warden of Radley, in defence of local V.I.P.'s and visiting parents.

Dew once again won the toss, and chose to bat on a day which looked like being a real scorcher. Dexter and Huddy opened the bowling with fire and accuracy, and Huddy rapidly got Witham caught in the slips and Jenkyn-Jones clean bowled. Crombie did not survive long, after being given a life in the slips, as he repeated his error and was well taken by Dexter off Duff. Rushton opened quietly, and Opperman came in with his usual aggressive intentions. These two played very well, and stayed together till after lunch, putting on 96 runs. Rushton gave one chance in his 67, and did not seem to be seeing the ball as well as he can, but played steadily and sensibly; Opperman attacked every possible ball, and put quite a different complexion on affairs. Gleave was very generous in assisting us with 9 wides before lunch, and the bowling lost its obvious hostility, while the fielding became a little ragged. When Opperman was out to an excellent catch in the gully, Boddy made a sadly brief appearance before putting his leg where his bat should have been. Hill watched the ball well and hit some good shots, and Hamer stormed his way to 35 before being appropriately caught on the boundary. Dew called Hill for one run too many in trying to hurry on to a declaration, not perhaps remembering that Hill is a little ponderous between the wickets. He made amends by scoring 23 himself fairly rapidly. Allerton departed to a skier, and Slater hit some forceful blows, as well as passively resisting while he and Dew added a valuable

30 runs, and Radley nerves became frayed as the minutes ticked away. Eventually Stowe was out at 3.40 for the respectable total of 247. Huddy had the good figures of 4 for 54 in 22 overs, but the Radley fielding was not quite as good as usual, several runs being given away by wild throwing.

Radley opened confidently against Allerton, scoring 7 runs off his first over, and 11 off his second. Slater was the other bowler, and kept things quieter, though he did not strike his best form until after tea. Hamer replaced Allerton, and bowled well, three of his first five overs being maidens. Soon after tea, at which time 50 had been put up without a wicket falling, Slater caught and bowled Scott, and Hamer at last reaped his reward for steadily improving bowling, and had Berkley caught by Crombie in the slips. Next came Carr and the redoubtable Dexter, both very mature batsmen, with several seasons of experience and success behind them, and the crucial moment had arrived. If these two had got going, the runs might well have been made. Dexter hit some very hard fours, and quickly made 31, though he was not always happy by any means; Slater eventually tempted him out, and Dew stumped him smartly. The appeal rocked "George" in his saddle. The next two batsmen did not remain long before Hill had one well caught by Slater at mid-off, and Witham took a good catch off Hamer to dispose of the other. Carr had been rather subdued, and only hit one four before spooning the ball gently into Slater's hands for a second caught and bowled. 6 for 105, scored in 1½ hours, made the prospect good, but Gleave and Duff stuck in and added 40 runs, and played out a valuable half hour, despite intelligent bowling changes and excellent fielding. At last Hamer bowled Gleave, and almost immediately the left-handed Duff touched one from Slater, which Dew gathered in triumph. With half an hour to go and only two wickets to get, victory was in sight, but Davis and Hoare defended stoutly, refusing even to run, lest a slip might result in a run out. Hill, Slater and Hamer tried everything, and over succeeded over with astonishing rapidity, but it was not until the last over of the day and the 5th ball that Hill produced one that beat Hoare and brought in Huddy. The fielders surrounded him in a solid ring about a yard from the bat, and Hill bowled in tense silence, but although he played at the ball, he missed, and Radley were saved by the narrowest possible margin.

Dew's wicket-keeping was excellent, and there was not a single extra to add to the Radley total. Slater, Hill and Hamer all bowled well, Hill producing one or two from the back of his hand which surprised even his friends. His 2 for 19 in 11 overs, and Slater's 4 for 54 in 26 overs were very fine efforts; Hamer gave evidence of great improvement with 3 for 54 in 19 overs, and managed to avoid the loose ball on the leg to a great extent. The Stowe fielding was very good, and every possible chance was taken.

STOWE		RADLEY	
J. C. Witham, c Dexter, b Huddy.....	0	S. M. Scott, c and b Slater.....	23
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, b Huddy.....	1	D. W. M. Berkley, c Crombie, b Hamer.....	30
M. A. Rushton, b Gleave.....	67	C. E. B. L. Carr, c and b Slater.....	18
J. R. F. Crombie, c Dexter, b Duff.....	11	E. R. Dexter, st Dew, b Slater.....	31
R. A. Opperman, c Shiner, b Dexter.....	53	W. D. Lewis, c Slater, b Hill.....	3
F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Huddy.....	0	D. L. Shiner, c Witham, b Hamer.....	0
A. P. Hill, run out.....	29	J. B. Gleave, b Hamer.....	22
J. B. Hamer, c Berkley, b Gleave.....	35	M. W. G. Duff, c Dew, b Slater.....	14
D. G. du B. Dew, lbw, b Huddy.....	23	R. R. Davis, not out.....	6
R. C. Allerton, c Lewis, b Gleave.....	1	T. E. C. Hoare, b Hill.....	4
R. W. Slater, not out.....	15	B. C. H. Huddy, not out.....	0
Extras.....	12		
Total.....	247	Total (for 9 wkts.).....	151

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Dexter	22	5	58	1	Allerton	4	0	24	0
Huddy	22	6	54	4	Slater	26	3	54	4
Duff	12	4	40	1	Hamer	19	4	54	3
Gleave	21	6	74	3	Hill	11	4	19	2
Hoare	4	1	4	0					
Lewis	4	2	5	0					

STOWE v. RUGBY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 13th. Rugby won by 163 runs.

In this gloomy game the high hopes engendered by the performances in the last three matches were blighted by the feeble cricket of Stowe. The only bright features were a really spectacular catch at short leg by Opperman, who clutched a well hit hook high over his head, and a watchful and well-played 46 by Hill, who used his height to good effect and kept his head well down, to make the Rugby bowling look the ordinary affair that it really was.

Rugby won the toss and chose to bat on a wicket that was very dead. Most of their runs were made by three batsmen, Birts, Boddington and Dyde, who hit the ball firmly and well, and were provided with some friendly bowling on the leg side to encourage them. The fielding and catching were good, but there were a number of snicks that just did not go to a fielder and half-hit shots that sailed innocuously between, and the luck was rather against Stowe. However, Rugby were eventually dismissed for 253, and Stowe were left with ample time to get the runs.

The Stowe batting was most disappointing. Witham was out to a Test-standard catch at square leg, the fielder making several yards at great speed, and then diving to catch the ball with outstretched arm as he fell. Jenkyn-Jones and Rushton were lbw, Rushton to one that kept very low. Crombie could not avoid the snick to the slips, and Opperman was thoroughly bowled. Hill looked in a different class throughout, and his 46 included one excellent 6. Lilley and Hamer were both infected with a caution which is foreign to their natures, and were out playing the same depressing shot back to the bowler. Boddy and Slater, both lbw, completed the miserable tale, and with Dew not out 4 Stowe could only amass 90 runs.

RUGBY					STOWE				
E. McQ. Rose, b Hamer	9				J. C. Witham, c Preece, b Dyde	16			
D. G. Trentham, c Opperman, b Slater	28				W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, lbw, b Dyde	5			
P. Francis, c Dew, b Slater	5				M. A. Rushton, lbw, b Marshall	1			
J. D. W. Birts, b Hamer	50				J. R. F. Crombie, c Birts, b Ward	12			
R. M. H. Boddington, b Lilley	48				R. A. Opperman, b Marshall	1			
J. A. Dyde, c Witham, b Hill	73				A. P. Hill, b Marshall	46			
D. A. C. Marshall, b Lilley	6				J. B. Hamer, c and b Ward	0			
J. B. L. Webster, c and b Slater	2				P. E. S. Lilley, c and b Ward	2			
M. J. S. Preece, c Crombie, b Hill	11				F. J. R. Boddy, lbw, b Preece	0			
R. W. Ward, st Dew, b Slater	7				D. G. du B. Dew, not out	4			
G. A. A. Currie, not out	1				R. W. Slater, lbw, b Marshall	0			
Extras	13				Extras	3			
Total	253				Total	90			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamer	24	5	54	2	Dyde	10	2	19	2
Slater	21	1	74	4	Marshall	14.4	5	24	4
Lilley	13	2	50	2	Preece	11	2	22	1
Hill	14	0	62	2	Ward	11	6	22	3

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Saturday, June 20th. Match drawn.

The form of the 1st XI this year is so up and down as to be bewildering, the giant-killers of the Radley and Bedford games submitting almost tamely to lesser mortals. Which is to say that this match was Radley in reverse. Dew won the toss once more, and decided to field first, which seemed reasonable on a wicket that actually did improve as the day wore on, and with a prospect of drizzle later in the day to make the ball difficult for Oundle to hold. As it happened the rain did not come, and Stowe did some very tired-looking fielding to let Oundle declare at 205 for 8. The slow bowlers were hampered by a stiff breeze which rendered the ball almost stationary on arrival, and there was no one fast enough to take advantage of it at the other end. Lilley did his best and Slater and Hill kept trying, but the whole attack was uninspired except the catching, which was good. Rushton especially snapped up a difficult close one for which he had to dive. It was perhaps fortunate that not all the Oundle batting had the enterprise shown by Boggon at No. 9.

When Stowe batted the light deteriorated, and Boggon down-wind in gathering gloom was rather alarming. Often neither batsmen nor wicket-keeper saw the ball, and, until a long stop was placed, extras piled up astonishingly. The Stowe batting was unfortunate; three players deflected widish balls on to the wicket from various parts of bat or person, one was bowled by the seventh ball of an over. Only Crombie looked at all convincing, until drama came at last with a real Horatius stand between Dew and Loup. Dew did his best to shield the weaker brother, and only once looked in any real trouble himself, but Loup played his part manfully, even when Boggon was switched from end to end in order to attack him. The two stuck it out for over after incredible over for half an hour, and raised the score from 79 to 102, to scrape a somewhat inglorious draw.

OUNDLÉ					STOWE				
M. A. Hollands, c Rushton, b Slater	50				J. C. Witham, b Hollands	15			
A. A. Prosser, c Crombie, b Cross	1				W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, b Boggon	0			
E. L. Jenkins, lbw, b Loup	17				M. A. Rushton, lbw, b Hollands	4			
G. R. Moore, c Loup, b Hill	28				J. R. F. Crombie, b Boggon	28			
J. F. Doubleday, b Slater	13				R. A. Opperman, b Hollands	2			
F. J. B. Taylor, c Loup, b Lilley	16				P. E. S. Lilley, b Hollands	8			
J. P. Granger, st Dew, b Hill	28				A. P. Hill, b Leash	4			
A. Crabbe, b Cross	2				D. G. du B. Dew, not out	15			
R. P. Boggon, not out	28				M. E. P. Cross, c Granger, b Hollands	1			
T. W. O. Herbert, not out	8				R. W. Slater, b Boggon	0			
L. S. Leash, did not bat.					P. A. T. Loup, not out	6			
Extras	14				Extras	19			
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	205				Total (for 9 wkts.)	102			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cross	11	6	22	2	Boggon	15	3	33	3
Slater	22	3	57	2	Leash	14	9	10	1
Lilley	12	3	31	1	Taylor	4	2	3	0
Loup	13	0	40	1	Hollands	16	4	29	5
Hill	22	5	41	2	Moore	2	0	8	0

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 27th. Stowe won by 155 runs.

Before lunch the Stowe batting was undistinguished, and gave little indication of what was to come. Jenkyn-Jones gave a sharp catch to first slip just when it appeared that he was settling down; Rushton was quite out of touch, and Witham made a number of tentative strokes. Rushton was never happy and soon after lunch gave a catch at the wicket. Hill and Witham proceeded quietly, and the first hour after lunch contained several maiden overs and no attempt to attack the bowling, though Hill scored two boundaries with firm strokes on the leg side. However, by the time these two had added 50 together they were batting confidently. They were aided by the fact that the wicket became drier and easier as the afternoon went on. In the last hour Hill drove hard on the offside; Witham scored very largely with strokes off his back foot, on both sides of the wicket. He was not without good fortune, but the concentration and persistence which he showed for over three hours was most praiseworthy, and would, if allied to a really sound technique, bring him a very large number of runs. He dealt particularly well with the Westminster leg spinner who bowled steadily for a long period.

Lilley had an early wicket when Westminster batted, and soon afterwards Dew put Stowe in a strong position when he stumped the Westminster captain most excellently off Hamer, on the leg side. Before very long he had stumped two more batsmen and the score was 26 for 4. The No. 6 batsman then struck a full toss high on the leg side, Lilley ran round the boundary, caught the ball, fell, and still managed to hang on, thus completing a brilliant catch. Stowe were now right on top and several fieldsmen gathered round the bat. The bowling was steady, and gradually the wickets fell. For some time the Westminster No. 10 showed a sound judgement as to which deliveries should be stopped, and which could safely be allowed to pass. Just as the spectators (and perhaps the players) were asking themselves whether he could manage to survive, Slater had him lbw, and Stowe had very deservedly won.

STOWE					WESTMINSTER				
J. C. Witham, not out.....				115	J. W. Tourlamain, c Opperman, b Lilley.....				8
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, c Jones, b Denny.....				11	D. J. A. Delmotte, st Dew, b Slater.....				5
M. A. Rushton, c Delmotte, b Blume.....				12	R. P. C. Hilliard, st Dew, b Hamer.....				9
A. P. Hill, not out.....				73	D. M. Jones, c Slater, b Loup.....				15
R. A. Opperman, J. R. F. Crombie, J. B. Hamer, D. G. du B. Dew, P. E. S. Lilley, P. A. T. Loup and R. W. Slater did not bat.					J. W. Myring, st Dew, b Loup.....				0
					W. D. G. Turner, c Lilley, b Loup.....				3
					J. M. Blume, c Dew, b Jenkyn-Jones.....				2
					D. S. Perrett, b Hill.....				4
					G. P. W. Castell, hit wkt., b Jenkyn-Jones.....				7
					M. D. Garcia, lbw, b Slater.....				2
					G. Denny, not out.....				0
					Extras.....				5
Extras.....				4	Total.....				60
Total (for 2 wkts. dec).....				215					
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Blume.....	13	1	47	1	Hamer.....	7	2	17	1
Denny.....	9	4	22	1	Lilley.....	9	3	15	1
Jones.....	27	5	71	0	Slater.....	7	7	0	2
Perrett.....	5	0	25	0	Loup.....	9	4	8	3
Garcia.....	13	3	30	0	Jenkyn-Jones.....	5	2	7	2
Hilliard.....	2	0	16	0	Hill.....	5	2	8	1

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD

Played at Oxford on Saturday, July 4th. Stowe won by 7 wickets.

St Edward's won the toss and decided to bat on a wicket which had apparently been fairly heavily watered in preparation, and which would probably play more easily as the day proceeded. The ball came off at varying heights, and at times kept very low, making it inadvisable to strike across the line; a fact which one or two of our opponents discovered to their cost.

The Stowe fielding was tidy and alert. Lilley at mid-off often caught the eye with a swift dash in and clean pick-up; Rushton was very agile in the gully, and Dew kept wicket extremely competently without any flourish, and took an excellent catch.

Of the bowlers Hill and Lilley were the best, each bowling with commendable steadiness and accuracy to well-placed fields. Loup bowled his leg-breaks with fair success, but with only moderate accuracy. Hamer was not expensive but lacked life, and Slater was pitching far too short.

The St. Edward's batsmen lacked enterprise and took 90 minutes to score 50 runs. The whole side was eventually out at 2.52 p.m. for 93.

When Stowe began their innings Witham was more subdued than usual, and was soon out, caught in the slips. Rushton and Jenkyn-Jones, without looking altogether comfortable, took the score to 34, when Jenkyn-Jones was caught at the wicket. Hill did not stay long, and Crombie had to come in for a few balls before tea.

After tea Crombie took command and looked a good deal better than any other batsman in the match. He hurried on the score with one beautiful off-drive past extra-cover, and a lofted straight drive over mid-off. Soon followed a series of pulls, the last of which evaded a stumbling fielder and crossed the boundary to give Stowe victory by 7 wickets. Rushton with 32 not out played a persevering innings, but seemed lacking in confidence and touch.

ST. EDWARD'S					STOWE				
B. T. Fell, c Opperman, b Lilley.....				5	J. C. Witham, c Hadlee, b Cranmer.....				7
R. J. Hope, b Lilley.....				0	W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, c Dobson, b Cranmer.....				13
J. D. B. Gardiner, lbw, b Slater.....				24	M. A. Rushton, not out.....				32
C. T. Shaw, lbw, b Hill.....				11	A. P. Hill, b Shaw.....				3
D. J. Cole, c Dew, b Lilley.....				13	J. R. F. Crombie, not out.....				37
R. A. Cranmer, b Hill.....				0	R. A. Opperman, J. B. Hamer, D. G. du B. Dew, P. E. S. Lilley, P. A. T. Loup and R. W. Slater did not bat.				
S. T. W. Anderson, c Rushton, b Loup.....				6					
M. E. J. Woods, lbw, b Hill.....				16					
D. T. S. Herd, b Loup.....				7					
R. B. Hadlee, not out.....				6					
C. F. Dobson, c Crombie, b Hill.....				0					
Extras.....				5	Extras.....				3
Total.....				93	Total (for 3 wkts.).....				95
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamer.....	9	3	14	0	Woods.....	5	0	17	0
Lilley.....	21	11	23	3	Cranmer.....	13	6	24	2
Hill.....	19	10	16	4	Hadlee.....	8	3	14	0
Loup.....	10	1	22	2	Shaw.....	4	0	20	1
Slater.....	4	0	13	1	Herd.....	3	1	17	0

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 11th. Stowe won by 68 runs.

STOWE					BUCKINGHAM				
J. C. Witham, c Pullen, b Inns	1				T. Busby, c Lilley, b Hamer	7			
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, c Tompkins, b Inns	9				R. G. Janaway, c Crombie, b Hamer	59			
M. A. Rushton, lbw, b Wilby	70				P. F. Borton, lbw, b Hill	1			
A. P. Hill, b Inns	3				G. Rowe, b Slater	6			
J. R. F. Crombie, c Butler, b Tompkins	31				R. S. Tompkins, b Lilley	29			
R. A. Opperman, run out	37				J. E. Butler, lbw, b Hill	0			
P. E. S. Lilley, b Wilby	0				R. N. Wilby, lbw, b Loup	19			
J. B. Hamer, b Tompkins	9				M. Inns, b Lilley	0			
D. G. du B. Dew, c Pullen, b Wilby	4				F. Bell, c Crombie, b Lilley	5			
P. A. T. Loup, not out	5				F. J. Green, not out	8			
R. W. Slater, lbw, b Wilby	29				L. Pullen, c Dew, b Slater	0			
Extras	9				Extras	5			
Total	207				Total	139			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Inns	17	2	65	3	Hamer	13	4	20	2
Tompkins	26	6	59	2	Lilley	9	0	40	3
Green	7	0	22	0	Hill	15	2	51	2
Wilby	16	3	52	4	Slater	8	1	17	2
					Loup	4	1	6	1

2ND XI.

Up to the time of writing the Second Eleven have played six matches, winning three and drawing three. Radley, Bedford and Oundle have been defeated and draws have been played with Rugby, St. Edward's and R.A.F., Halton. The Harrow game was washed out by rain.

Generally the team has played keen aggressive cricket and has forced wins by scoring quickly against time. A hundred and fifty were scored in ninety minutes against Oundle and the scoring against Bedford was only a little less rapid. The team also showed ability to fight back, as at Radley, when tea was taken with the Stowe score reaching 14 runs for five wickets. Yet the match was won rapidly after tea with the loss of only one more wicket. Rugby should have been beaten, but their last wicket managed to survive for seven perilous minutes.

The team was ably captained by H. D. E. Woods, who combined leadership with the ability to vary his tactics. He handled his often very limited attack well and was never afraid to try something new.

The batting of the team was enterprising and somebody always came off, even at the most critical moments. Moynihan was a useful opener and managed to rid himself of his habit of flashing at balls outside the off stump. Craig batted steadily, but too often got himself out to lazy shots. However, he showed distinct promise. Taylor joined us after the first match or two and proved himself a very useful No. 3. He played a very good innings against Oundle. Hawkings combined sound work behind the stumps with very solid performances with the bat in the middle of the list. He promises to become a very sound left-hand bat. Wood scored quickly and powerfully. White joined us late and made several good scores; he hits the ball hard. The tail always wagged and was good for one or two sixes to help things along.

The bowling was most promising at first, but the calls of the 1st XI for Loup and Lilley deprived us of our slow bowler and a very useful medium paced one, for which

we never really found substitutes. Thus too often the team took the field with three or four bowlers of more or less the same pace. M. E. P. Cross bore the brunt of the attack with Allerton. Both bowled extremely well at times. Cross particularly bowled accurately for long periods and could produce a ball that moved quickly off the wicket and bowled most batsmen. Allerton had trouble with his run, but put up several useful performances. Rycroft bowled steadily without much luck. Day swung the ball a lot at times, but his direction was not always accurate. Still he was a useful all-round player and could be depended on for runs and wickets. The captain bowled on occasions.

The fielding was patchy. It could be good. Too often it was too slow and ponderous. Good catches were held, easy ones too often dropped.

The whole team blended together as a happy determined band. The appealing was calculated to scare the umpire and the batsmen, though sometimes it was inspired by optimism and not evidence.

Altogether it was one of the best teams the writer has had to support, certainly one of the most cheerful. His thanks are due to all members for much pleasant amusement.

Team.—H. D. E. Woods (♠) (capt.), F. J. R. Boddy (♠), F. J. B. Taylor (♠), M. E. P. Cross (♠), the Hon. A. P. Moynihan (♠), R. C. Allerton (♠), J. A. Hawkings (♠), P. T. Craig (♠), R. A. B. Day (♠), R. H. A. Rycroft (♠), D. N. White (♠).

Visitors.—P. E. S. Lilley (♠), P. A. T. Loup (♠), B. R. Waddilove (♠), G. A. Catchpole (♠), M. C. Scrutton (♠).

3RD XI.

Of the five matches played to date, the 3rd XI have won one, lost one and drawn three. This record is a little disappointing, as G. A. Catchpole (♠), P. G. Fleury (♠), G. R. N. Wetton (♠) and C. W. J. Butler (♠) can all make the ball move and do things, and B. R. Waddilove (♠), R. P. Yeoward (♠), R. M. Instone (♠) and Wetton can be useful bats for a 3rd XI. But the team has not been able to maintain its grip on some of the games, and has thrown away its advantage by slips in the placing of the field and the fielding.

Details :—

- Sat., May 23. v. BEDFORD. Away.
Bedford, 95 (Butler 7 for 32).
Stowe, 99 for 7 wkts. (Yeoward 25, White 32).
- Wed., June 10. v. RADLEY. Away.
Radley, 192 (Shelley 4 for 33).
Stowe, 188 for 7 wkts. (Waddilove 41, Catchpole 46 not out).
- Sat., June 13. v. BLOXHAM. Away.
Bloxham, 105 (Catchpole 3 for 22).
Stowe, 80.
- Sat., June 27. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away.
St. Edward's, 126 for 9 wkts. dec. (Catchpole 3 for 17).
Stowe, 95 for 8 wkts. (Yeoward 25, Wetton 24).
- Sat., July 4. v. TWYFORD. Home.
Twyford, 141 for 9 wkts. dec. (Fleury 5 for 36).
Stowe, 125 for 7 wkts. (Yeoward 35, Instone, 17 not out).

THE COLTS

The Colts won only one match, lost three and drew three. They had a most effective set of bowlers, but the batting was weak. There was no-one who could be relied upon for runs and the rate of scoring was nearly always far too slow. Cobham was the most capable batsman, but he fell away after a promising start. His captaincy on the other hand improved with every match, and was very competent at the end of the season. Kerr played only one good innings but was always trying hard to improve. He is still a Junior, and should make many runs for the Colts next year. Worth has limited ability but plenty of determination, which of itself led to a very commendable improvement.

The bowling was always steady and usually hostile. Turrall was very successful early on. His best performance undoubtedly was against Radley, when, in the absence of Cameron and Sherjan, he bowled 23 overs almost without a break and kept a length from first to last. He brought a refreshing individuality to his task, even to the extent of trying, in one match, to bowl an over from the same end as that from which the previous one had just been delivered. Sherjan was probably the most improved and most dangerous bowler, and Cameron and Philpott both had good performances to their credit. Bagnall changed from leg breaks to medium pace in a moment of emergency and proceeded to take 6 for 20 against Rugby. He looks promising in his new style.

Charlton played a very plucky innings to win the St. Edward's match, ably backed up by Pattinson. Rushton showed promise as both wicket-keeper and batsman, but is not yet sufficiently sound in either capacity.

The fielding was always most keen and the catching particularly good for a Colts' side. It is fair to mention that the three draws were very much in Stowe's favour, the performance against Radley in particular, with two of the best bowlers absent, being a very good one. It may also be said that this very keen, very persistent and distinctly improved side would have been most formidable, given one really able, consistent batsman.

Team.—R. O. Cobham (G) (capt.), D. Cameron (B), R. D. Turrall (C), J. Sherjan (T), M. J. Worth (C), J. P. Kerr (W), D. H. Philpott (C), F. N. Rushton (S), C. H. Pattinson (T), J. A. R. Bagnall (S), R. Charlton (C).

Also played.—D. E. D. Johnson (C), A. D. Evans (W), R. T. C. A. Hall (C), G. W. Reynolds (C).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts had a poor season. There was little material to choose from and there was no match-winning batsman or bowler. However, a large proportion of the team showed promise in some department of the game and several have improved considerably. The batting was most unreliable, but Harris played calmly and competently and with more aggression should be a useful player. Sinclair showed what could be done by concentration and application. Boyd-Smith, the best striker of the ball, was disappointing, but if he develops a sounder technique could make plenty of runs. There was a good variety of bowling and against Eton it looked as if they might develop into a strong bowling side, but with the exception of Shillington, who bowled leg-breaks accurately, there was too little control of length or direction. There were several very agile and promising fielders, but too many vital catches were dropped.

The following have played :—A. Mackintosh (C), J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), G. N. Carr (W), J. H. Harris (C), C. J. G. Shillington (C), S. G. H. Sinclair (S), P. F. Albrecht (C), R. I. Guinness (C), G. Harwood (S), P. J. Sefton (G), R. L. Walker (C), L. T. J. Long (C), C. E. Clarkson (S), J. H. Bryan (T).

Results :—

- Sat., May 23. *v.* ETON LOWER SIXPENNY. Home. Lost.
Stowe, 65 (Boyd-Smith 34).
Eton, 66 for 7 wks. (Sefton 3 for 18).
- Sat., June 6. *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Drawn.
Bedford, 126 for 3 wks. dec.
Stowe, 100 for 9 wks. (Sinclair 24, Carr 21).
- Wed., June 10. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Lost.
Stowe, 130 (Harris 63).
Radley, 133 for 5 wks.
- Sat., June 13. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Drawn.
Rugby, 168 (Shillington 3 for 39).
Stowe, 33 for 9 wks.
- Sat., June 20. *v.* OUNDLE. Away. Lost.
Stowe, 112 (Harris 36, Sinclair 30).
Oundle, 114 for 3 wks.
- Sat., July 4. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Drawn.
St. Edward's, 179 for 7 dec.
Stowe, 111 for 9 wks. (Mackintosh 31, Guinness 20).

LEAGUES

As an experiment this year, a hockey league was run in conjunction with cricket, the object being to provide an alternative game for senior boys for whom cricket has no appeal. The effect has been to improve considerably the quality of League cricket. Younger boys have played both games, with the intention that they shall later choose the one in which they are more competent. The League Cup was awarded for the combined games this year, but it is hoped in future to provide separate cups for each.

In the Cricket Leagues, the best "A" side was undoubtedly Grafton, which won all its matches, but was let down badly by its "B" league. Grenville, on the other hand, had a good "A" side and were well-supported by a "B" team which won every match. Grenville's final total was therefore 72 to Grafton's 64. Cobham also had 64, equalling Grenville's "A" league total, but winning fewer matches in "B" League. The outstanding feature of "A" League was the excellence of the fielding, especially in the Cobham and Grafton teams. Bowling and batting were good but no-one was outstanding in either.

The Combined League Cup was won by Cobham, who were 1st in the Hockey and 2nd in the Cricket. Chatham and Grafton shared second place, with Chandos 4th, Grenville 5th, Temple and Walpole 6th, and Bruce 8th.

HOCKEY LEAGUES

The result of the experiment was better than could have been hoped for; the weather was kind (there occurred only one day on which it was rather too hot to play), most houses approached the idea keenly, and the skill came rapidly as the season progressed. The whole scheme must have improved the general standard of play a great deal, as well as providing an alternative source of amusement for those who dislike cricket.

Cobham and Chatham came equal top of the league table after a close fight with Walpole.

LAWN TENNIS

In 1951, when Stowe Lawn Tennis was in the doldrums, we sought comfort in the fact that with reasonable luck 1953 would be another good year; and so it has proved.

The VI has played ten matches up to date, and has won eight of them. The only School to have beaten us is U.C.S., on 23rd May; but by that time R. M. T. Earlam (W) who won the Cheshire Under-18 Singles in April (although still under 16) had not yet learnt to control his exuberance, and D. H. Hart (C) was still trying to get a place in the First XI.

This term's teams have been chosen from R. A. Duncan (C), L. P. Coni (C), R. M. T. Earlam (W), D. H. Hart (C), M. J. Burrows (C), C. M. Maher (C), A. D. J. Grenfell (W), R. F. Duxbury (W) and M. D. Miall (B). R. A. P. Blandy (T) has also been in the Ten.

We had to overcome the usual teething troubles for the first few weeks of the term, and various combinations were tried. The real solution did not appear until Hart joined the ranks in the middle of June, since when the team has been Duncan and Coni, Hart and Earlam, and Burrows and Maher; the only variations from this pairing have been due either to illness or to the necessity for making good use of our supply of Wimbledon tickets.

Duncan and Coni have been a very successful first pair, particularly when fresh. Hart and Earlam are very difficult to beat; both serve well and hit hard. Burrows and Maher have not been quite so consistent as the others, but have had many excellent wins.

Grenfell and Duxbury both played in a number of matches: though erratic at present, they show promise.

Duncan has been an outstandingly good Captain, and his enthusiasm and R.E.L.'s skilful coaching have brought our tennis standard back to a high level, comparable with that of our best years.

A number of members of this year's VI should do something towards enhancing Stowe's reputation (already high) for Lawn Tennis in this country. Coni won the Surrey Under-15 Singles in April, and both Duncan and Earlam have been invited to play for their Counties, though unfortunately at an impossible time (mid-July).

We might do quite well at Wimbledon this year, particularly if the Duncan-Hart combination which we are about to try out proves successful. In the Youll Cup Competition, a great deal depends upon having one outstanding pair.

As Coni, Earlam, Burrows and Maher will all be here next year, the outlook for 1954 is distinctly bright.

The matches still to be played are against Mr. G. J. Chibbett's VI, Cranwell, Mr. E. K. Coni's VI and the Old Stoics.

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

May 9. *v.* MR. J. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI. Lost, 3-4 (two matches unfinished).

Duncan and Burrows, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2; 6-3, 3-6, 6-8.

Coni and Earlam, 7-5, 6-2; 6-4, 1-6, 3-6; 4-6, 6-0, 7-5.

Maher and Duxbury, 2-6, 4-6; 6-4, 4-6, —; 11-9, 3-6, 1-6.

May 16. *v.* DALLINGTON L.T.C. Won, 5-3 (one match unfinished).

Duncan and Coni, 6-2, 6-4; 6-1, 7-9, 6-4; 6-3, 6-4.

Burrows and Maher, 5-7, 3-6; 9-7, 3-6, —; 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

Earlam and Grenfell, 4-6, 1-6; 3-6, 6-4, 4-6; 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

May 23. *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL. Lost, 0-7 (two matches unfinished).

Duncan and Coni, 6-4, 6-8, 1-6; 6-8, 2-6; 4-6, 6-3, —.

Burrows and Earlam, 2-6, 1-6; 4-6, 7-9; 3-6, 6-2, 4-6.

Grenfell and Duxbury, 2-6, 3-6; 3-6, 5-4, —; 2-6, 4-6.

June 6. *v.* MISS R. H. PARKINSON'S VI. Won, 5-4.

Duncan and Coni, 4-6, 9-7, 0-6; 6-2, 6-2; 7-5, 6-2.

Burrows and Earlam, 4-6, 9-7, 5-7; 7-9, 6-0, 6-0; 6-2, 6-3.

Grenfell and Maher, 4-6, 4-6; 2-6, 4-6; 6-4, 6-4.

June 13. *v.* RUGBY. Won, 5-4.

Duncan and Coni, 6-2, 6-8, 4-6; 6-1, 7-5; 7-5, 6-4.

Burrows and Earlam, 4-6, 3-6; 6-4, 6-2; 6-3, 6-4.

Grenfell and Hart, 7-5, 2-6, 5-7; 6-3, 3-6, 5-7; 6-3, 10-12, 9-7.

June 17. *v.* K.C.S., WIMBLEDON. Won, 6-1 (two matches unplayed). Away.

Duncan and Coni, 9-7, 3-6, 7-5; 6-3, 6-0; 6-2, 6-1.

Earlam and Hart, —; 6-3, 6-3; 6-1, 6-0.

Burrows and Maher, 7-9, 6-1, 8-10; —; 6-4, 6-2.

June 20. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Won, 6-3.

Duncan and Coni, 6-4, 6-3; 6-4, 6-4; 5-7, 4-6.

Earlam and Hart, 6-0, 6-2; 6-0, 6-0; 4-6, 6-1, 4-6.

Burrows and Maher, 5-7, 3-6; 6-1, 6-2; 6-2, 6-3.

June 27. *v.* R.M.A., SANDHURST. Won, 7-2.

Coni and Burrows, 6-8, 6-4, 6-2; 6-4, 6-4; 6-2, 7-5.

Earlam and Hart, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7; 7-5, 6-1; 6-1, 6-2.

Maher and Duxbury, 2-6, 4-6; 6-2, 6-3; 6-1, 6-0.

July 1. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL. Away. Won, 5-3 (one match unfinished).

Earlam and Hart, 7-5, 6-4; 6-1, 6-0; 6-3, 7-5.

Maher and Duxbury, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; 6-3, 6-3; 4-6, 10-12.

Coni and Miall, 5-7, 2-6; 7-9, 6-2, —; 3-6, 10-12.

July 4. *v.* MILL HILL SCHOOL. Won, 8-1.

Duncan and Coni, 6-4, 8-6; 6-2, 6-3; 5-7, 2-6.

Earlam and Hart, 6-1, 6-2; 6-2, 6-3; 6-3, 6-3.

Burrows and Maher, 6-1, 6-3; 6-4, 6-2; 6-1, 6-3.

SWIMMING

A glance at the record book gives the impression of a good season; we have won all but two of our matches, broken six school records and may be proud of our success. Bedford Modern, Berkhamsted and City of London, which enjoys the luxury of its own indoor heated swimming-bath, can still teach us that the way to win matches is not to make a superb effort on a Saturday afternoon, but to put in the work during the week.

Without a doubt, the honour and glory of this term's swimming falls on the shoulders of J. D. Turnbull (B), who has been our first string for four events, broken three school records, had a share in a fourth and led the water-polo team with skill and gusto in the last two matches. The back-stroke race at Bedford, when he swam second but knocked 6.1 seconds off his previous school record, was the highlight of the season and had he not gone "fishing" at the last turn one hesitates to think what might have happened to that record.

Another versatile swimmer deserving mention is R. S. L. Pearman (W), an unselfish all-rounder who always swam for the School and never for himself and has captained the water-polo team with no mean skill. General casualties had caused us to take a rather depleted team to St. Edward's and he had to swim in almost everything. He won the back-stroke and was second in the free-style and as tension rose to an unbearable pitch, the team statistician announced that we needed first and second in the diving to win. N. M. Bates (G), who is in a class of his own, was a certain winner, but G. J. Ratcliffe (C) was missing and Pearman had not dived this season. While the Stowe team looked the other way, and the St. Edward's spectators tactfully cheered and clapped their divers, he remained calm and cool and sneaked into second place by half a point.

R. J. Nettleship (C) and E. I. S. Rees (B) are two other stalwarts of the team who have swum well and improved beyond expectations. Nettleship's water-polo against St. Edward's and his fifty in the relay at Harrow and Bedford will not be forgotten for many years. Rees, who is a lazy swimmer, certainly came to life against Cranwell and kept our unbeaten breast-stroke record against them.

The rest of the team have been rather unlucky with their form: A. M. Crawford (G) broke his toe and is only just beginning to swim properly again; B. G. W. Spencer (B) has swum well but still awaits some shoulder muscle; J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B) has not got over missing the winter training, although he has played some good water-polo, and I feel that T. A. Trimmingham (W), our captain, has probably concluded that training does help.

Our juniors have not been quite so successful, having lost nearly half their matches; even so, a little more training and a little growth will work wonders, and by next year they ought to be worthy senior representatives of Stowe. V. V. Pope (G) and C. J. Sherwin (T) have already broken the breast-stroke record, Pope winning and getting the credit. M. Buttrose (G), continually pushed by J. V. H. Hippisley (C), is about one tenth of a second off breaking the elusive thirty seconds for fifty yards. Our potential back-strokers have not yet got much speed, but they are working hard and with luck will show their heels to a number of opponents in the future.

Mention must also be made of those who have trained but rarely swum in the team. It must not be forgotten that the Killingbecks, Reeces, Harveys and Churches, who are continually chasing, keep the champions on their pedestals.

GOLF

Over the past year boys have been having free golf lessons as a Thursday Extra under the tuition of Stewart Field, who comes from Dunstable Downs. They were arranged through the Golf Foundation Society and have proved such a success that they will certainly be greeted with great enthusiasm next year. They have taken place on the Bourbon Field, where the unlimited space has been a great asset.

In March, the School played a match against Bradfield; it took place at Calcot Golf Course and we won by four matches to two—a good achievement, as an important member of the team (F. J. R. Boddy (C)) was unable to play.

In the Easter holidays the match against Winchester, Harrow and Charterhouse was played for the second year in succession, this time over the Woking Golf Course on a windy day.

Stowe was drawn to play Charterhouse and eventually lost a close match by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$. In the afternoon Stowe played Harrow, who had been beaten by Winchester; we beat them too by winning two of the top three matches, and Charterhouse beat Winchester by $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. The whole day was very enjoyable, and Charterhouse deserved to win after producing some good golf.

In the Senior School competition R. S. L. Pearman (W) beat J. F. Alexander (G) by $\frac{4}{3}$ after a very even first nine, while in the Junior M. D. Miall (B) beat N. M. Stern (B) by $\frac{2}{1}$. Chatham retained the House Challenge Cup after a very close and exciting match with Bruce, whom they beat by four matches to three.

STOWE v. BRADFELD.

R. S. L. Pearman (W)	won, 2 up.
W. P. Cooper (C)	won, 2/1.
R. D. Selby (C)	lost, 4/2.
J. R. F. Crombie (C)	won, 5/4.
J. N. L. Chalton (B)	lost, 1 down.
M. G. M. Haines (C)	won, 3/2.

STOWE v. CHARTERHOUSE.

R. S. L. Pearman	lost, 2/1.
W. P. Cooper	won, 5/3.
F. J. R. Boddy (C)	halved.
R. D. Selby	lost, 2/1.
J. R. F. Crombie	lost, 3/2.
M. G. M. Haines	won, 5/3.

v. HARROW.

R. S. L. Pearman	lost, 2/1.	won, 1 up.
W. P. Cooper	won, 5/3.	lost, 2/1.
F. J. R. Boddy (C)	halved.	won, 1 up.
R. D. Selby	lost, 2/1.	won, 3/1.
J. R. F. Crombie	lost, 3/2.	lost, 5/4.
M. G. M. Haines	won, 5/3.	lost, 1 down.

R.S.L.P.

SPORTS 1953

That we managed to hold Athletic Sports at all in March is worthy of record. Not since 1948 have we been able to cheat the weather, and even this time the elements showed a sour disapproval of our efforts. The standards programme and the early stages of the heats ran so smoothly and comfortably that we might have been in the summer term—indeed cricketers were often seen in the nets during this time. But on March 27th and 28th it was cold and miserable, heavy rain had made a fast track much slower, and more rain threatened to spoil our final efforts.

As reported in the last number of *The Stoic*, Cobham won the standards competition, and they were also worthy though not easy winners of the Sports Cup; later they were also to win the Relays. Cobham's remarkable success was truly a house venture. They had several strong junior athletes, but a paucity of good seniors. Their general enthusiasm and determination brought them this triple success.

When we remember individual achievements we note that no record was broken and that the word 'outstanding' cannot be applied to more than one performance. This was achieved by R. T. C. A. Hall (C) who hurdled very well indeed in a blustering wind to win the under-16 event in 15.6 seconds. This cannot yet be considered a record because of the comparative newness of the event, but it is a time which will need a lot of beating.

Congratulations are due also to A. E. des C. Chamier (C) who won both the Half-mile and the Mile in the open class. His half-mile time was good and his mile time only moderate, but how well he ran his races. In both he ran with the leader, but not in the lead until the final back straight, when the leader was 'jumped'. In the Half-mile particularly there was no one to challenge his burst and he had won the race before he reached the last bend. In the Mile, however, had W. A. Robertson (W) kept more with the leaders, the struggle would have been keener and the time faster. He left his effort much too late and could finish no better than second.

Other good performances were achieved by D. N. White (C) who won the discus with 121 ft. 1½ ins., and by R. C. C. Temple (T), who won the Under-16 Half and Three-quarter-mile events. The unluckiest competitor was surely D. J. Bateman (C) who came second in three under-16 events, the Quarter-mile, Half-mile and Threequarter-mile. In the Half-mile he lost by fractions of an inch.

In the under-15 class athletes of promise are D. D. Barlow (C) and S. P. S. Coulter (W). In less windy conditions Coulter might well have lowered the existing hurdles record.

Results :—

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, J. D. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, J. R. F. Raw (G); 3, equal, H. Radford (C) and M. Grieve (G); 5, I. M. Haynes (C); 6, R. G. Moore (T). Time, 11.0 secs.

220 Yards.—1, J. D. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, M. Grieve (G); 3, P. G. Fleury (W); 4, D. G. Guyer (G); 5, T. A. Trimmingham (W); 6, H. Radford (C). Time, 24.2 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, N. M. Bates (G); 2, D. G. Guyer (G); 3, J. D. Hartland-Swann (B); 4, P. G. Fleury (W); 5, M. Grieve (G); 6, G. P. Renwick (C). Time, 54.7 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, A. E. des C. Chamier (C); 2, N. M. Bates (G); 3, W. A. Robertson (W); 4, M. B. Snow (C); 5, S. H. Finlow (B); 6, P. G. G. Gardiner (G). Time, 2 mins. 5.7 secs.

Mile.—1, A. E. des C. Chamier (C); 2, W. A. Robertson (W); 3, N. M. Bates (G); 4, M. B. Snow (C); 5, P. G. G. Gardiner (G); 6, S. H. Finlow (B). Time, 4 mins. 56.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, C. J. Garratt (C); 2, R. S. L. Pearman (W); 3, T. R. H. Lewis (B); 4, G. M. Satchwell (G); H. C. Jones (B); 6, M. Fogg Elliott (C). Height, 5 ft. 1½ ins.

Long Jump.—1, equal, R. A. C. Meredith (G) and P. E. S. Lilley (C); 3, P. G. Fleury (W); 4, A. L. King Cline (C); 5, G. M. Satchwell (G); 6, H. Radford (C). Distance, 18 ft. 5 ins.

Pole Vault.—1, R. K. Middlemas (C); 2, G. A. Catchpole (G); 3, T. A. Trimmingham (W); 4, W. D. Greville-Collins (G). Height, 8 ft. 9 ins.

Discus.—1, D. N. White (C); 2, G. M. Satchwell (G); 3, R. K. Middlemas (C); 4, S. H. Finlow (B); 5, A. P. Pemberton (B); 6, R. S. L. Pearman (W). Distance, 121 ft. 1½ ins.

Javelin.—1, R. K. Middlemas (C); J. Hawtrey-Woore (B); 3, W. D. Greville-Collins (G); 4, P. A. T. Loup (T); C. M. W. Killingbeck (B); 6, D. Sanders (C). Distance 147 ft. 7 ins.

Weight.—1, R. G. F. Arnott (C); 2, A. P. Pemberton (B); 3, T. A. Trimmingham (W); 4, R. G. Nettleship (C); 5, J. Hawtrey-Woore (B); 6, R. C. Allerton (G). Distance, 33 ft. 3¼ ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, D. D. McIntyre (C); 2, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C); 3, V. V. Pope (G); 4, R. C. T. A. Hall (C); 5, J. G. Denby (C). Time, 11.2 secs.

220 Yards.—1, D. D. McIntyre (C); 2, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C); 3, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 4, V. V. Pope (G); 5, R. T. C. A. Hall (C). Time, 26.4 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 2, D. J. Bateman (C); 3, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C); 4, J. B. D. Smith (G); 5, R. T. C. A. Hall (C). Time, 60.1 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, R. C. C. Temple (T); 2, D. J. Bateman (C); 3, A. Best (B); 4, J. B. D. Smith (G); 5, R. M. Shepherd-Barron (W). Time, 2 mins. 17.2 secs.

Threequarter-Mile.—1, R. C. C. Temple (T); 2, D. J. Bateman (C); 3, J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B); 4, A. Best (B); 5, R. O. Cobham (G). Time, 3 mins. 39.7 secs.

Hurdles.—1, R. T. C. A. Hall (C); 2, W. Shand Kydd (C); 3, V. V. Pope (G); 4, D. D. McIntyre (C); 5, M. J. Worth (C). Time, 15.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. D. Turrall (C); 2, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 3, M. A. Home (C); 4, H. R. Yorke-Davies (G); 5, A. A. V. Rudolf (C). Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump.—1, J. G. Denby (C); 2, D. D. McIntyre (C); 3, D. Cameron (B); 4, H. R. Yorke-Davies (G); 5, M. A. Home (C). Distance, 18 ft. 0½ ins.

Weight.—1, J. G. Denby (C); 2, V. V. Pope (G); 3, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C); 4, J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B); 5, M. A. Home (C). Distance, 37 ft. 5 ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, D. H. G. J. Pepper (B); 2, R. D. McElroy (G); 3, T. G. Smallman (G); 4, B. E. Toye (G); 5, J. V. H. Hippisley (C). Time, 11.7 secs.

220 Yards.—1, D. D. Barlow (C); 2, M. A. Fleury (W); 3, B. E. Toye (G); 4, R. M. Orlebar (C); 5, equal, S. P. S. Coulter (W) and A. H. Latham (W). Time, 26.8 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, D. H. G. J. Pepper (B); 2, M. A. Fleury (W); 3, A. H. Latham (W); 4, S. P. S. Coulter (W); 5, C. M. Hill (C). Time, 60.3 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, D. H. G. J. Pepper (B); 2, M. A. Fleury (W); 3, D. D. Barlow (C); 4, B. R. Williams (C); 5, B. E. Toye (G). Time, 2 mins. 21.6 secs.

Hurdles.—1, S. P. S. Coulter (W); 2, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); 3, P. F. Albrecht (C); 4, J. A. Corbett (T); 5, L. T. J. Long (C). Time, 11.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, C. R. Selby (G); 2, R. C. Squires (C); 3, R. Dacey (C); 4, B. K. Tickler (G); 5, T. H. Clark (G). Height, 4 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump.—1, D. D. Barlow (C); 2, S. J. F. Ramsay (G); 3, R. D. McElroy (G); 4, P. F. Albrecht (C); 5, R. G. Loxton (G). Distance, 15 ft. 10 ins.

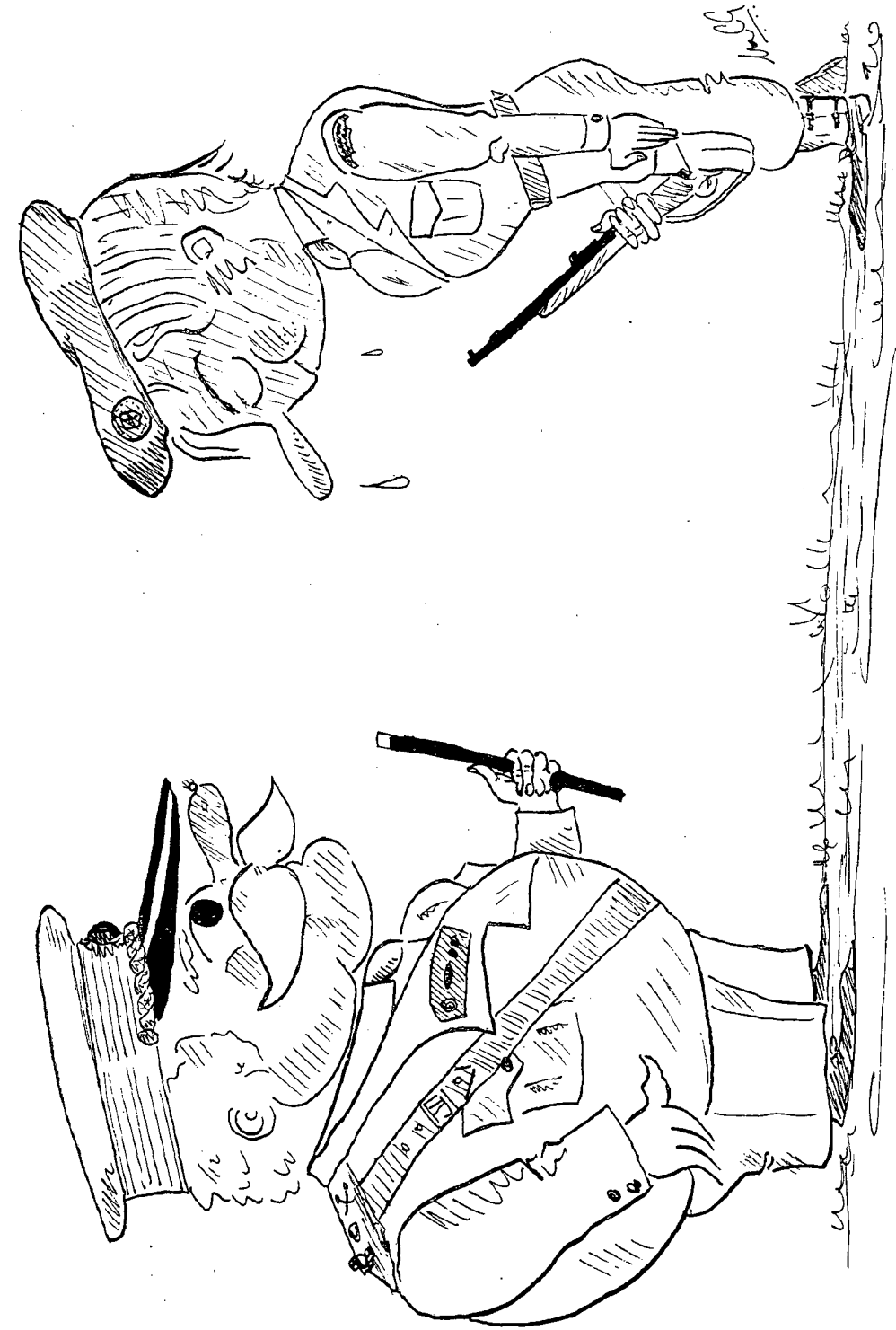
HOUSE CUP

1, Cobham, 128; 2, Bruce, 108; 3, Grenville, 104½; 4, Chatham, 92½; 5, Walpole 77; 6, Grafton, 75; 7, Chandos, 61; 8, Temple, 38.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 3.—Wasps	Home.
Wed., Oct. 7.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed., Oct. 14.—RUGBY	Home.
Sat., Oct. 17.—BEDFORD	Home.
Sat., Oct. 24.—London Scottish	Home.
Wed., Oct. 28.—ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD	Home.
Sat., Oct. 31.—Richmond	Home.
Wed., Nov. 4.—RADLEY	Away.
Tues., Nov. 10.—OUNDLE	Away.
Sat., Nov. 14.—HARROW	Away.
Sat., Nov. 21.—T. A. Kemp's XV	Home.
Sat., Nov. 28.—CHELTENHAM	Home.
Wed., Dec. 2.—KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY	Home.
Sat., Dec. 5.—Old Stoics	Home.
Sat., Dec. 12.—Rosslyn Park	Home.



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