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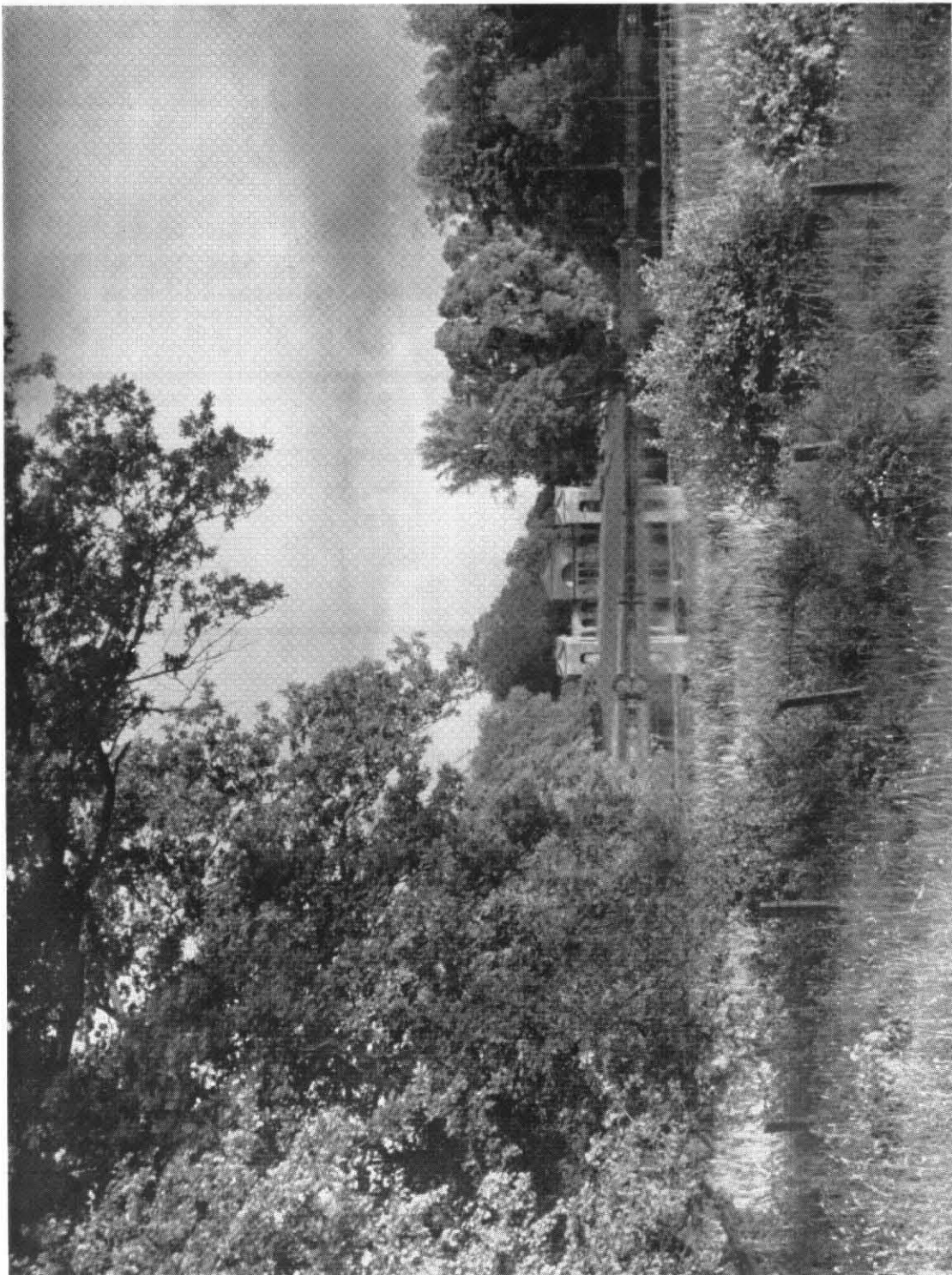


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THE TEMPLE OF VENUS

This was one of Kent's earliest buildings at Stowe.

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TEMPLA QUAM DILECTA

STOWE has always been partly conscious of its unique position as a home of landscape-gardening. It was here that William Kent pioneered the art of improving Nature without subduing it, and set buildings in a landscape without forfeiting architectural order and symmetry; here, too, Capability Brown learned and possibly practised the same art, before he went out from Stowe to dictate gardening fashion to an enlightened age. In a very real sense Stowe was an example and inspiration to the eighteenth century, so that there was much truth in the remark that 'Mohammed imagined one Elysium, but Kent created many'.

However, we now understand better the exact contribution of Kent at Stowe, mainly through the researches of Mr. Laurence Whistler, of whose new book an appreciation appears on a later page. Mr. Whistler has proved that another architect, Gibbs, must be added to those already known to have had a share in the gardens; for several of the buildings formerly attributed to Vanbrugh or of unknown authorship were clearly derived from Gibbs' designs. Vanbrugh, Bridgeman, Gibbs, Borra, Kent—it is an imposing list; and with the addition of Adam, who designed the South Front, it reflects not only the taste of those who employed these men but also the varied achievement and changing fashion of eighteenth-century English architecture. If the surviving temples were allowed to decay, the loss would be irreparable.

It is, therefore, a great event that the Minister of Works has agreed to recognize the garden temples at Stowe as buildings of historic interest and to bear part of the cost of restoring and preserving them. As a first step, five of the most important buildings are to be repaired: the eastern Boycott Pavilion, the Temple of Venus, the Corinthian Arch, the Queen's Temple and the Temple of Concord; pictures of all of them are reproduced in this number of *The Stoic*.

But it is almost impossible to take photographs which capture their essential beauty. Although the narrowly architectural merits can be illustrated well, other more vital qualities are elusive. The Corinthian Arch, for instance, so elegant in its detail and proportions, exists mainly as the focus of the vista seen from the South Front. The Boycott Pavilions, with their air of placid and formal repose, gain immeasurably from the informality of the trees near them and from the gawky playfulness of the bridge over the Oxford Water. This harmonious contrast, between the formal and the informal, between Man and Nature, is the presiding quality of Stowe's landscape, and it is an achievement due to the work of successive architects, who developed the landscape gradually over a long period of years.

STOICA

School Officials—Christmas Term, 1954.

Prefects :—J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), Head of the School; J. R. Morriss (C), Second Prefect; D. M. H. Reece (W), Prefect of Chapel; J. C. Athorpe (G), Prefect of Library; G. H. Arkell (S), Prefect of Gymnasium; R. J. Fennell (T), J. O. B. Rosedale (T), G. P. Renwick (C), R. W. Slater (C).

Captain of Rugby Football :—R. J. Fennell (T).

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Buckingham on Friday, November 26th, when ninety-six members of the School were confirmed.

The following have preached in the Chapel this term :—Sunday, September 26th, The Headmaster; Sunday, October 3rd, The Chaplain; Sunday, October 10th, The Reverend C. J. Ellingham, of City of London School; Sunday, October 17th, The Chaplain; Sunday, October 24th, R. Birley, Esq., C. M. G., Headmaster of Eton College; Sunday, October 31st, at the Memorial Service for the late Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, The Reverend Canon C. H. Ritchie, Chaplain to H. M. the Queen, Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor; Sunday, November 7th, Patrick Hamilton, Esq.; Sunday, November 21st, The Right Reverend C. E. Stewart, former Bishop of Uganda; Sunday, December 5th, The Chaplain.

The Collections in Chapel were :—On July 25th, for The Pineapple, £55 os. od.; on October 17th, for St. Luke's Hostel, £25 os. od.; on October 31st, for The Pineapple, £25 7s. 6d.; on November 7th, for The Earl Haig Fund, £75 16s. 10d.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were held on the last Saturday of the Summer Term, July 24th. A written version of the speech made by Mr. N. G. Annan was printed in the July issue of *The Stoic*, and speeches were also made by Lord Wimborne, Chairman of the Governors, and by the Headmaster, who had previously presented the Annual Competition Prizes.

Saturday was mercifully free from the rain which cursed most of the term, so that the First and Second Eleven Cricket matches and the Lawn Tennis match against the Old Stoics were played to a finish in fine summer weather. Exhibitions were held in the Art School, in the Workshops and in the Science Laboratories, and visitors were also able to attend a Choral and Orchestral Concert on Sunday, the Finals of the Swimming Sports, and performances of *The Merchant of Venice* by the Historians at the Queen's Temple.

At the end of this term Mr. W. Llowarch is leaving the staff to take up his duties as Senior Lecturer in the Teaching of Physical Science at the University of London Institute of Education. His place as Head of the Science Department will be taken by Mr. B. R. Miles, and Mr. J. M. Osborne will become Science Tutor.

The marriage took place on August 14th of Mr. D. H. Cox and Miss D. A. Findlay.

The Old Stoic dinner was held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Saturday, November 27th; the Right Hon. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, P.C., M.P., took the Chair. Ninety-two members of the Society were present, and speeches were made by the Headmaster, by Mr. R. E. J. Davis and by Mr. A. D. Thomson (C, 1941). Next year a cocktail party will be held, as in 1953, on a Friday late in November.

The Pineapple Ball is to be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Thursday, January 6th, 1955. The price of each ticket (including supper) is two guineas; senior Stoics can buy double tickets at the reduced price of 70/-. Tickets can be obtained from The Hon. Organising Secretary, The Pineapple Ball, 14a, Lansdowne Walk, London, W.11.

On Tuesday, November 9th, a tree fell on to the roof of the Gymnasium. Fortunately the damage, though serious, was not disastrous; and by the hard work of the ground-staff the branches were cleared and temporary repairs made within twenty-four hours. Three weeks later another tree, by the gate of the Sanatorium, also succumbed to the gales. It blocked the main drive for some hours but did no damage.

The North Bucks Beagles met at Stowe on Saturday, October 23rd.

The Grafton Hunt met at Stowe on Wednesday, November 24th.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPOINTMENTS BUREAU.—It is not generally known that the facilities and help of the P.S.A.B. are open to old boys of member schools up to the age of twenty-four or twenty-five. If any Old Stoics who are looking for posts in industry or commerce would like more information, they should get in touch with Mr. E. Zetl.

Representative Colours were awarded as follows:—

For Cross Country, N. M. Bates (G), P. G. A. Gardiner (S).
 For Athletics, N. M. Bates (G), T. R. H. Lewis (B), M. B. Snow (C).
 For Swimming, D. M. H. Reece (W).
 For Squash, L. P. Coni (C).

School Colours for Cricket (in addition to those already recorded) were awarded to the following:—

1st XI:—R. W. Slater (C).
 2nd XI:—G. W. Reynolds (C).
 3rd XI:—R. Charlton (C).

Football Colours have been awarded as follows:—

1st XV:—J. E. B. Thompson (S) (re-awarded); M. A. Home (C), R. A. Opperman (B), J. B. Hamer (G), G. W. Rose (C), J. Sherjan (T), D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C), D. Cameron (B).

2nd XV:—R. T. C. A. Hall (C), P. R. Vincenzi (G), A. P. Hill (B), B. W. Mallinson (T), M. D. Miall (B), J. A. Hawkings (C), R. P. Trevor (C), H. Boden Bladon (G), A. D. Evans (W).

3rd XV:—W. J. C. Ford (S), R. E. Shelley (G), C. J. Sherwin (T), G. P. Renwick (C), J. D. Powell-Rees (G), D. J. F. Renwick (S).

R. Dacey (C), T. D. Philips (S), D. A. L. McAdam (C), G. H. Arkell (S), R. A. B. Day (T), M. K. Ridley (C), B. E. Toye (S), W. K. Edden (C), D. H. G. J. Pepper (B), C. H. Scott (C).

Colts Stockings:—P. J. Sefton (G), J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), J. R. Prestwich (B), J. H. Harris (C), A. G. Morison (G), R. M. Elliott (C), A. C. Sabey (C), P. Ricardo (W), K. H. Wells (C), M. Buttrose (G), J. Arnold (B), I. R. Sinclair (C).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

THE BASIL WILLIAMSON PRIZE: divided between T. R. H. Lewis (B) and M. A. Rushton (S).

THE BRUXNER-RANDALL SERVICES PRIZE: P. K. Steveney (T).

OLIM ALUMNI

MAJOR R. G. ATKINSON, M.C., (G, 1932) was awarded the O.B.E. for services in Korea in 1953.

THE RIGHT HON. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER, P.C., M.P., (C, 1927) has been appointed Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

D. MACFARLANE (T, 1928) has been appointed First Secretary in the British Embassy in Rio de Janeiro.

P. M. ROSSITER (C, 1950) has been elected to a Scholarship at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

P. G. HARRIS (S, 1951) has been Secretary of Squash Rackets at Cambridge University and won his match against the second string of Oxford University on November 24th.

H. W. BURKE (S, 1948) was co-driver of an Aston-Martin in the 1954 Alpine Rally, winning the 2.5 Litre Class outright and gaining an Alpine Cup for losing no points throughout the Rally.

BIRTHS

To the wife of E. R. COX (G, 1925), a daughter, on March 1st, 1950; to the wife of H. A. MITCHELL (C, 1937), a son, on April 16th, 1953; to the wife of DR. G. G. IMRIE (G, 1943), a daughter, on October 14th, 1953; to the wife of M. G. MANTON (C, 1945), a son, on January 12th, 1954; to the wife of R. W. BLACKMORE (S, 1942), a son, on March 27th; to the wife of C. A. WILLINK (C, 1932), a son, on June 14th.

To the wife of M. E. F. LAW (C, 1941), a son, on July 3rd; to the wife of J. F. WHEELER (C, 1937), a daughter, on July 10th; to the wife of A. R. MERCHANT (C, 1937), a son, on July 13th; to the wife of DR. R. C. ROXBURGH (W, 1938), a daughter, on July 14th; to the wife of the REV. C. R. P. ANSTEY (C, 1941), a son, on July 16th; to the wife of N. C. MCCLINTOCK (G, 1935), a daughter, on July 18th; to the wife of J. W. MYERS (C, 1943), a son, on July 28th (in Switzerland); to the wife of J. L. PAXTON (C, 1949), a daughter, on July 28th; to the wife of H. D. SEAL (S, 1935), a daughter, on July 30th.

To the wife of W. HARWOOD (C, 1949), a son, on August 8th; to the wife of P. H. H. SPENCER-COOPER (T, 1941), a son, on August 13th; to the wife of E. P. HICKLING, M.C. (C, 1941), a daughter, on August 14th.

To the wife of SIR F. C. GRANT, Bart. (C, 1932), a son, on September 2nd; to the wife of K. L. FARRAR (S, 1945), a son, on September 3rd; to the wife of P. A. DYER-SMITH (T, 1936), a daughter, on September 14th (in South Africa); to the wife of DR. L. A. McAFEE (B, 1934), a daughter, on September 17th; to the wife of CAPTAIN J. S. DAWES, M.C. (B, 1941), a son, on September 26th; to the wife of G. A. S. COX (W, 1940), a son, on September 29th.

To the wife of J. O. STANLEY (B, 1943), a son, on October 3rd; to the wife of P. M. WARD (T, 1941), a son, on October 6th; to the wife of W. M. HIGHAM (C, 1946), a daughter, on October 11th.

To the wife of G. V. L. HOLBECH (C, 1936), a daughter, on November 4th; to the wife of M. G. SATOW (C, 1932), a daughter, on November 17th; to the wife of R. J. M. SUTHERLAND (W, 1941), a daughter, on November 20th; to the wife of DR. J. C. E. PESHALL (B, 1938), a son, on November 24th.

MARRIAGES

E. R. COX (G, 1925) to Mabel Margret Hogarth, on July 23rd, 1947; DR. G. G. IMRIE (G, 1943) to Dr. Elizabeth Chisholm, on August 24th, 1949; R. W. BLACKMORE (S, 1942) to Patricia Ann Rodman, on April 14th, 1951; W. M. HIGHAM (C, 1946) to Miss G. M. Higham, on May 16th, 1953; W. HARWOOD (C, 1949) to Miss E. P. Stonnill, on August 12th, 1953.

J. I. TWEEDIE-SMITH (B, 1946) to Miss G. M. Mundy, on July 10th, 1954; A. S. WRIGHT (C, 1945) to Miss P. M. A. Connell, on July 19th; J. E. M. IRVINE (T, 1942) to Anne Egerton Warburton, on July 24th.

J. V. OWEN (T, 1945) to Mary Elizabeth P. Hopkirk, on September 8th; C. B. H. GILL (S, 1945) to Miss G. M. Clepham, on September 15th; CAPTAIN R. W. M. BUSK, R.E. (S, 1943) to Bridget Valerie Beevor, on October 2nd; P. D. COLT (S, 1938) to Jean Marguerite Bellamy, on October 30th.

DEATHS

M. K. REEVES (S, 1948), on July 20th; S. H. FINLOW (B, 1953), 2nd Lieut., Lancashire Fusiliers, by lightning, on August 5th (in Trieste).

J. F. R. : COMMITTAL AND DEDICATION

On Saturday, September 18th, at a private Service in Chapel, the casket containing the ashes of the late Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, first Headmaster of Stowe, was placed beneath the Chancel floor. There were present at the Service, which was conducted by the Chaplain, Dr. A. C. Roxburgh (brother), Dr. Ian Roxburgh (nephew) and the Headmaster.

A Memorial Service for "J.F." was held in the Chapel on Sunday, October 31st, when the Stone under which his ashes rest was dedicated. The Service was conducted by the Chaplain, and the Stone was dedicated by Canon C. H. Ritchie, who gave the Address.

THE ADDRESS

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever—Psalm CXI. 10.

When the Headmaster asked me to give the address at this Service, my first reaction was to demur: not from any sense of false modesty, but because I honestly felt that there must be many others who knew J.F. better than I did. Though we were contemporaries at Cambridge and belonged to adjacent Colleges, a President of the Union was to me something of an intellectual giant and outside my circle, and it was only from an annual visit to Stowe as a parent over a period of about twelve years that I came to know him, though of course I was able to see something of his work here. I therefore could not but feel incompetent to undertake this task.

But the more I thought about it the more I came to see, if I was to do this, what my job was to be. It was not to deliver a panegyric on J.F. and his work. That has already been done by people far better qualified than I am. As I came to see it, my duty on this very special occasion, in which I am very proud to take part, should be to try to place J.F., and all that he was and did, in the setting of eternity. And what better day could there be for what we have just done than today—

the Eve of the Festival of All Saints? This is not in the least to imply that he is numbered amongst the Saints: that is the last thing he would claim or wish anyone to claim for him. But what the Festival does, amongst other things, is to stress the truth that life does not end at death, with the corollary that life here is a preparation for the hereafter—or, if you like to put it another way, that life here is a school for the eternities.

Now that, as it seems to me, is precisely what J.F. felt. He never said it—at least I never heard him say it; indeed he would have thought it rather pompous, sanctimonious and priggish to have said so—and those are the last adjectives that anyone could apply to him. But I think it was true, nevertheless. He was not primarily concerned with the creating of a great school, though his pride in what he had created was intense, as I know is the pride of those who were here with him, of which the presence of so many Old Stoics today is a telling witness. Nor was he primarily concerned with turning out boys who would make their mark in the world or be successful in the worldly sense: least of all was he concerned with turning out boys of a particular type. But he was desperately concerned with producing, with educating, with “leading out” persons with minds of their own, and with characters that have the element of eternity.

Now, if I am right in thinking that this was what he was aiming at, the Bible has a word for it. The Bible calls it Wisdom—that imponderable quality that has eternal attributes. Wisdom is really indefinable, because as soon as you try to define it you are in danger of spoiling it, as you are when you try to define honour; but at the risk of seeming to spoil it I want to set out some of its characteristics.

It is concerned with scholarship certainly, but that is only part of it. It has moral qualities even more than intellectual; qualities which belong to no particular age, because they belong to every age. It has the element of courage; courage at all times but particularly in times of adversity. It has the element of chivalry; which in mediaeval days would speak of knights in shining armour, but which today might be interpreted simply as good manners. It means honesty of mind and heart, and the earnest seeking after truth. It comprises sensitivity to beauty and to the feelings of others. It implies a certain ruthlessness in the matter of self-discipline—a removal of that great log of wood from your own eye, before you point out to the other man that there is a speck of dust in his. It welcomes

the success of others, without a vestige of jealousy. It allows one to be a little proud of one's own achievement, provided that there is a counterbalancing of genuine humility such as was unknown to Uriah Heep. It means putting the winning of a game—and better still the losing of it—in its proper perspective. It includes a hatred of injustice and cruelty, and an equal loathing of insincerity and priggishness. And it entails an acute, but not necessarily a boisterous, sense of humour.

So one could go on, without in any way exhausting the qualities of Wisdom. But I think I have said enough to show that we are not very far from describing some of the characteristics of J.F. and his work here. These are human qualities, certainly, but they are also divine, as seen in the life of Christ, and it is my belief that it was J.F.'s simple faith in God that made these things real for him and let him see that they reached far beyond the temporal boundaries of school life.

St. Paul sums it all up very succinctly in his wonderful hymn to Love in *I Corinthians xiii*, and again, rather differently, in his letter to the Philippian Church, part of which was read this afternoon, and which I understand was one of J.F.'s favourite passages. “Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.” You can call it Wisdom, or Love, whichever you like, provided you do not narrow the meaning of these two words to their popular connotation. It is a quality of eternity, and, as such, of the Saints and of God. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all they that do thereafter. The praise of it endureth for ever.”

What could have been more appropriate and lovely than that, his mortal remains having already been interred here, today on this Hallowe'en we should have dedicated at a most impressive service this simple memorial to J.F. in the Chapel that always stood for him, and, please God, will ever remain for all, as the embodiment of Wisdom in its fullest sense, and as the source and inspiration of immortal Christian character?

May he, and all other great souls, ever rest in peace.

THE ART SCHOOL

SUMMER EXHIBITION

The Annual Exhibition was held, as usual, on Speech Day in the Art School. Amongst the large number of paintings and drawings shown there was a number of more than average interest. The best work was by R. A. B. Day (T), who showed a great variety of oil paintings. It is evident that he likes experimenting—a healthy sign, much better than simply repeating a success; not all of the experiments were successful, but there was always something good to be found in each. H. C. Jones (B) had many attractive paintings, and he too made some experiments, but on the whole with less variety than Day; one little harbour scene was particularly satisfying. R. M. S. Rees (B) was only represented by one not very good oil painting; it was a pity that a boy potentially good should have created a false impression. J. G. Jessel (B) had some quite lovely water-colours, and we should like to see more of these. B. W. Bond (B) had a great many drawings of some merit; but he lacks a real pictorial sense, and his work in consequence, though efficient, is apt to be dull. It was a pleasure to see some tremendously vigorous water-colours from O. P. Plowright (T). Perhaps the most noteworthy part of the Exhibition was the wall of form work of the Lower School, which, hung as it was in mass, made a very brave show.

HOUSE ART COMPETITION

For the first time since this competition began four years ago all Houses were represented. This was most encouraging and contributed to making the Exhibition very easily the best we have had for this competition. The critic this year was Mr. W. R. Leadbetter of Clifton, who gave an admirable criticism, explaining with praiseworthy clarity what qualities he looked for in boys' work, where he found them and where he did not. The first quality he demanded was a pattern which adequately covered the rectangle chosen for the picture; the second, an exploration of the space in the picture from front to back. He also demanded some effort to carve out in three dimensions the shapes in the painting, so that the result showed a realisation of the space between objects in the third dimension, not only sideways in two. He pointed out that he would expect younger boys' work to be mainly two dimensional but that of older boys to explore the third.

Mr. Leadbetter then turned his attention to the paintings themselves; and, dealing first with those which showed the quality of pattern, singled out as much the best a painting of 'Trees and a White House' by P. V. Sinclair (C) and very strongly commended a similar subject by J. H. Temple (T). Mr. Leadbetter applied the same standards to the more prolific painters. The result was interesting. H. C. Jones (B) had one landscape which was admirable and one of Arles where the pattern and colour made up for the fact that little recession was attempted. R. M. S. Rees (B) received considerable praise both for his Welsh landscapes and for his still life. There were two drawings by D. J. V. Fitz-Gerald (G) which Mr. Leadbetter liked; but he pointed out that the picture of the graveyard failed to establish the space relationship between the various objects depicted. He considered that R. Boston (W) was a painter of some promise, shown principally in his little painting of the river bank. D. A. O'Brien (C) apparently showed little pictorial sense, as neither of the qualities demanded were to be found

in his paintings. C. D. E. Spence (C) had made a valiant effort in his picture of the North Front, but his other work showed a shyness of colour, which was a pity. J. V. H. Hippiusley (C) had several good pastels and still life. Mr. Leadbetter was delighted with the water-colours of O. P. Plowright (T) and thought his oils could benefit by acquiring some of their exciting pattern. He waxed almost lyrical over some of the work of R. A. B. Day (T), particularly his painting of the bridge at Arles. He liked the variety he found in Day's work and admired the fact that he did not appear to be afraid of tackling anything. The prize was awarded to Temple, with Bruce second, Chandos and Chatham third. He commended individual painters from the other houses and was glad to see that every group had lively and entertaining pictures in it.

Mr. Leadbetter was a kind critic: his standard of excellence was one which could be expected from a boy at school, and, when he said a painting was excellent, he meant no more than that.

M.J.M.

HELVELLYN

The awful nurslings of eternity,
 These rocks lie at my feet. And everywhere,
 Far, far around, like an enchanted sea,
 The vaporous mists burn silent, warm and clear,
 Illumed by the crystalline sun's bright glare,
 Beneath the soft blue sky. Hill upon hill,
 The mountains steam within the foaming air,
 And where my vision fails, though searching still,
 All that I know fades into the invisible.

Slowly the evening sun, while quiet I rest,
 Grows fainter, and with the vast mist its light
 Becomes infused, so that upon the west
 The atmosphere now glows a sheet of white;
 Immeasurable th' expanse before my sight!
 All colours lose their contrast: faint and weak,
 They mingle and dissolve with soft delight
 Before the mists; and, upon every peak,
 The mood of silence grows, all changefulness to break.

Ah, silence, silence on each mountain-head!
 A silence that will never pass away,
 Only to be disturbed by thunder, led
 Across the sky in violent array
 By sightless winds; but soon in pale dismay
 Storms die; and this remains, all I can see,
 As it has ever been; for night and day,
 Winter and summer, time can only be
 Helpless and vain before this still eternity.

G.W.S.

LA CORRIDA DE TOROS

It is late afternoon in the Madrid bullring; the sun blazes down, and not a breath of wind disturbs the flag drooping above the President's box. A fanfare of trumpets greets the arrival of the minute hand at its pinnacle on the large clock, and into the arena come the brilliantly dressed participants in the ritual. They advance solemnly in procession towards the President to receive from him the key of the bull's paddock. Then, except for three cuadrillas, who are there with capes to test the bull's reactions and mannerisms, the ring is cleared.

A gate is opened, and a wild bull snorts and gallops into the middle of the arena. It pauses a moment, bewildered, and then the flick of a cape catches its eye. Its head goes down, and supremely confident it rushes at the frail mortal standing near the stockade. With a swirl of the cape the bull passes on to the next figure who attracts it. White-faced, the matador peers intensely over the stockade. A second fanfare indicates that the introduction is over and that the first act in the drama must proceed.

Another gate is opened, and the picadors—two stocky figures astride hacks—enter the ring. They take up their positions by the barrier, one on each side of the ring, and the cuadrillas draw the bull towards one of them. At last the bull faces him. It snorts, paws the ground. The wide and terrible horns are lowered, revealing a mass of powerful neck muscle. Its small legs carry the bulky body swiftly towards the enemy, and with a thud it hits the padded horse. The picador strives to keep his balance and prods his spear into the swelling neck muscles. A mighty heave, and for a moment horse and rider are suspended in the air. Cuadrillas rush up and lure the bull away to the other waiting picador. Blood oozes from its shoulders, but its courage is undaunted, and once more it charges the picador. This time horse and rider are knocked over, and the horse is gored before the cuadrillas can surround the bull and draw it away. The crowd cheers, the horse writhes in the dust and makes vain attempts to rise. It is in agony, but, the vocal chords being cut, emits from its throat only a rasping sound, which is cut short by a bullfighter's knife. The gates open again, the picadors disappear and the second act begins.

Now the banderilleros enter and prepare to plant their darts in the shoulders of the bull. As it charges, a banderillero runs across its path; for a brief moment, as he reaches over the horns, man and bull are one; then he is past the bull, leaving two darts sticking in its shoulders. Soon eight darts are left there, dangling from its sides as it charges. Yet another fanfare of trumpets introduces the third and final act.

The ring is cleared, and the lone matador faces the still powerful bull. He receives the charges of the bull with the muleta, executing a series of graceful and effortless passes, drawing cheers of admiration from the "aficionados". Again and again the bull charges, only to be flicked away at the last instant by the red cape. Its charges lose their power and become less frequent; its head is down and sides heaving; the moment of killing has come. Coolly the matador draws his sword from under the cape, approaches the bull and provokes a charge. As the bull attacks, he sights along the sword, drops the cape over its muzzle and thrusts in over the horns, leaving only the handle of the sword visible between the bull's shoulders. A woman cries and the crowd shouts. The bull stops, totters, sinks to the ground coughing up its blood,

and falls dead. The bullfighter proudly salutes the crowd as it wildly acclaim his performance; oxen drag the bull out of the ring.

By evening five other bulls have been killed, and those with places in the sun have enjoyed more than their money's worth. The bullring gradually empties and the crowd goes home. The Spaniards discuss the technical merits of bull and bullfighters; the foreigners praise or condemn the spectacle.

R.A.P.B.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

It was a damp crowd who stumbled away in the dark on the evening of July 23rd from the Queen's Temple. But from all sides rose murmurs of admiration for the production of *The Merchant of Venice* by J.C.S. and the Historians. The experienced dramatic critic could no doubt have found some faults: a rather heavy start, some woodenness of manner in certain of the minor characters, a lack of gaiety in the gay episodes of Gratiano and Salerio, a puppet-like quality in the scenes on the balconies of Shylock's and Portia's Houses, inaudibility of Lorenzo and Jessica as they made platonic love on the wet grass in the rain. But such faults, if faults they were, did little to spoil the effect of a very convincing and impressive performance.

The clarity of diction of almost the whole cast was outstanding, and scarcely a word was lost; this helped to make the two great scenes, the Caskets and the Trial, fine indeed, backed up as the actors' speeches were by a careful balance of figures on the stage, and by realistic and dignified acting.

The Portia of O. P. Plowright (T) was well presented—a haughty, clever, witty, and self-assured lady, who handled the trial of Shylock in a masterful way. J. R. Warden (T) also won a great success as a lonely and pitiless Shylock, whose bitter miserliness excited the dislike but not the contempt of the audience, and so preserved the unity of the play. Among the smaller parts a particular impression was made by the swagger of Solanio (R. A. Opperman (B)), the droll buffoonery of A. A. V. Rudolf (C) as Launcelot Gobbo (quite a touch of Danny Kaye about this), the pomposity of the Prince of Aragon (M. K. Ridley (C)), and the dignified resignation of Antonio (D. Morton Jack (C)) in the later scenes.

One of the difficulties of productions at the Queen's Temple is that the flight of steps, so suitable for pageantry, is an uncomfortably large space for shorter, more intimate scenes between two or three people. To meet this problem the stage carpenters erected two pavilion façades, one on either side of the balcony at the top of the staircase, and indoor scenes were played at the windows of these. They served their purpose reasonably well, concentrating the attention of the audience and providing some variety of staging, although the actors seemed unnecessarily cramped.

The first night's performance was very well worth seeing; that of Saturday, when the weather was kinder and the cast more assured, is reported to have been better still.

J.C.T.U.

HIS EXCELLENCY

BY DOROTHY AND CAMPBELL CHRISTIE

(Presented by the Congreve Club on November 19th and 20th in the Gym)

This muddled and rather perfunctory play was given a better performance than it deserved. Though I had been dazzled by some remarkably good acting and production, the cool air of the North Front brought me to the realisation that a great deal of *His Excellency* is very thin. Perhaps it is enough that one should have been entertained, but surely one can expect, in a Congreve Club production, a play with better writing and fewer improbabilities.

The construction of the first scene creaked audibly. Why was the former Governor referred to as "Lord" Kynaston by characters who had lived with him for years? Just so that the audience should know his title. Why was the General announced by a butler and the Admiral not? Just to save the authors the trouble of describing the General. Would a Governor's daughter who had been a Flight-Sergeant in the W.A.A.F., and had looked after the whole family since the age of twelve, really have said "Go on!" and been terrified of high-ups and Red Cross teas? I just did not believe in the play: I did not believe that the Governor had once been a Sergeant-Major; and in spite of all the references to party politics I could see only one moral to it all, and that of the most obvious—that you can't keep a good man down.

As the Governor, M. K. Ridley (C) was a delight. He does that very rare thing—acts with his face as well as his voice and hands. He did not make a single mistake and was throughout a real person, carved (or is hewn the word?) in the round. His performance by itself would have made the play, but there were others which were very creditable. I did not, I confess, much care for the soldiers and sailors; they had not enough variety of *tempo*, and volleyed speeches at each other rather as though the speed and vigour of the rally were all that mattered: I must, however, make an exception of T. M. G. Leon (C) as the Salvan A.D.C. His amiable high spirits were just right for the part, and the passage in the last scene where the Governor and he were re-enacting the dockers' meeting was most effective. B. R. Williams (C) as the Lieutenant-Governor, though most reliable, acted too much in one key, and that a flat one. If only, just once, he could have lost his temper really thoroughly! I thought that it was going to happen, over the telephone, in the Third Act, but his training told in the end, and the moment passed. As Lady Kirkman, N. W. D. Sturch (T) was excellent. So also, in a repulsively sprightly way, was A. H. Latham (W) as Chief of Police. J. J. Cater (C), as Peggy Harrison, was competent but too ingenuous. The scenery was good and practical, and the half of it that I could see looked very cheerful. I should not have allowed any of the uniforms within a quarter of a mile of an important parade, except perhaps the A.D.C.'s.

I cannot help feeling that for a club like the Congreve, with all its organisation and opportunities, to perform this play is a waste of effort. An actor like Ridley could have given us something really memorable—Peer Gynt, or Higgins in *Pygmalion*, or Charleston in *Thunder Rock: His Excellency* would have been an adequate choice, and not much more, for a Housé play. I am sure that if the Congreve Club aims really high it will find that the standard of its acting improves in proportion.

J.C.S.

THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST

REPORT OF A LECTURE GIVEN IN THE GYMNASIUM

On Wednesday, October 27th, we were glad to welcome E. W. Dawson, Esq., from the Outward Bound Trust, who came to give a short lecture and to show a film about the work of that body.

The first Outward Bound School was founded by Lawrence Holt of the Blue Funnel Line at Aberdovey in 1941. It was founded with the immediate intention of preparing boys for the hardships of life at sea in wartime. For Holt was alarmed by the inability of boys in the Merchant Navy to stand up to the life in open boats, which was often their lot after being torpedoed. So with the assistance of Kurt Hahn, the headmaster of Gordonstoun, he founded the first school to give boys training as seamen. In 1946 The Outward Bound Trust was formed, which took over the Aberdovey School, and with the experience gained they were able to found two others—at Eskdale in Cumberland, and at Burghead on the Moray Firth. One is a mountain school and the others sea schools, but all have the same aim: to foster the spirit of initiative and self-reliance among the young, and to teach them "To Serve, to Strive, and not to Yield".

After the film Mr. Dawson finished with a few remarks about the role played by public schoolboys in the Outward Bound Schools. It teaches them to mix with boys from other walks of life, and to get to know something of the life led by others. Much of the training at an Outward Bound School is found at a public school, but the opportunities offered for mixing are unique.

The lecture was well attended, but it was a pity that so few questions were asked at the end. The school is, however, very grateful to Mr. Dawson for the trouble he took to enlighten us on a subject about which most of us knew little.

C.R.P.T.

"... FORD THERE WAS NONE"

(A Stoic's account of an Outward Bound course at Eskdale.)

As the date of my four week course at the Outward Bound Mountain School drew near, my calm left me and I had a sinking feeling in my stomach; by the time I was nearing Eskdale my imagination had taken charge and had left me on rock faces unable to go up or down. But, after all, I had only myself to blame.

On arrival we were immediately split up into patrols, and for administrative purposes a patrol captain was chosen in each, to see that we arrived everywhere on time and to be responsible for order. A quartermaster was also appointed to deal with food and supplies. Each patrol had an instructor and his assistant, and over these was the Chief Instructor and the Head of the School, Mr. Eric Shipton.

We took things easy for the first three days, after which Basic Training began in earnest and went on for just over a week. As in any other school the training was divided into school periods during Basic Training. Every morning at a quarter to seven we were woken up and sent to run for a quarter of a mile round the tarn and then jump in; it was bitterly cold. After breakfast we had three periods, and after lunch another three; these ended at four-thirty, and we were free until supper at six. After this we would usually have a lecture, on any subject from Everest to Russia. On Sundays we were, of course, free to do as we liked.

In the lessons we learnt about map-reading, First Aid and compass-work, and spent a day on the fells putting them to practice. Athletics took up a great deal of the time, with such things as running, jumping and throwing. There was also the Ropes Course, which entailed swarming up vertical ropes, over Burma and Commando bridges, balancing along logs, and finally swinging on the end of a rope into a net suspended between two trees. This was horrifying at the start, but we got accustomed to it. Elementary Rock Climbing and Mountain Rescue were taught and practised on crags just outside the school grounds. In rock climbing we were shown how to belay ourselves to the rock and check a falling man. Mountain Rescue was far more enjoyable, and entailed getting a wounded man safely down a difficult and dangerous slope. We used the latest types of stretcher, lowering the "patient" over vertical cliffs and carrying him over streams and down narrow gorges.

We were in training, and like anyone else who trains properly we gave up drinking and smoking. Apart from this there were very few rules. There were three badges which could be gained at the end of the course: Membership, Merit and Honours. To gain the Honours badge one had to reach the Honours Standard in Athletics, in the exams at the end of the course, and in Expedition—the last being the hardest. If one failed in any of these, either a Merit or Membership badge was awarded.

Towards the end of Basic Training we went on our first expedition over the fells. The object was to get accustomed to dehydrated foods and to learn how to cook them. On the first day we went to Wastdale, collected tents and primus stoves there and camped for the night. Next morning we handed them back and set off to climb Sca Fell, each of us carrying a forty-pound rucksack. The cloud base that day was at 1,500 feet, and we were soon enveloped in a cold clammy mist which soaked us to the skin; when we reached the top we were met by driving rain and an icy wind. From Sca Fell we went to Scafell Pike via Mickledore. Scafell Pike to Sty Head Pass was a weary tramp, and we were lucky if we could see further than ten yards. We collected groundsheets at Seatoller in Borrowdale and bivouacked for the night after drying our clothes in front of blazing fires. On the third day we set our course back to the school, climbing Green Gable and Great Gable on the way. For the rest of the week we completed Basic Training. On Sunday, with five others, I went to Pillar Rock to do some rock-climbing with Michael Westmacott and Derek Bull, both famous rock-climbers.

Then followed the six day expedition on the fells, for the first half of which we were to follow clues left in tins on cairns, which would be anywhere from mountain tops to passes and lakes. During this period there was a canoe journey from the foot of Crummock Water to the head of Buttermere; half-way there was a portage where we had to carry canoes and our packs to the other lake. For the purposes of the trip each patrol was split into three small parties, each with its leader, who had to sign the clues as we passed. Our party set off early in the morning, crossed Birker Fell and Harter Fell, picking up at Hard Knott Pass our first clue, which directed us via Great Gable to Ennerdale, where we camped for the night. The next day we continued across Ennerdale to Floutern tarn, and on the third to Borrowdale, where we were to have a standing camp for our two days rock-climbing.

For the remainder of the course we had examinations on Map-reading and First Aid. We ended with "The Quest", which counted towards the patrol competitions. There were twenty-seven things, such as 'a hair from a bull's tail' and 'a stick of Blackpool Rock', which each patrol had to find.

Next morning we went to the station in buses, and, while we were waiting for the train, the school van drew up and the entire staff got out and wished us goodbye. Thus ended a happy and valuable four weeks.

P.de S.B.



THE EASTERN BOYCOTT PAVILION

The Boycott Pavilions were designed by Gibbs and originally topped with pyramids; Borra later replaced these by domes and lanterns. Like its neighbour, this has now been converted into a house, and the damaged roof is being replaced.

BOOK REVIEWS

"THE IMAGINATION OF VANBRUGH AND HIS FELLOW ARTISTS"

By LAURENCE WHISTLER (G, 1930) (*Batsford*, 73/6d.)*(Dedicated to Stowe and presented to the Library by the Author)*

It is natural that the Eighteenth Century should capture the imagination of many of those who have lived and worked at Stowe; the very nature of the environment makes it so. And for those of us whose imagination has been captured but whose knowledge is slight Laurence Whistler's new book is entrancing. Obviously the chapter most likely to be read in the Library will be the one on Stowe itself. This is not a book for the expert alone; the most humdrum plodders amongst us could hardly fail to find some interest in the origin of the buildings we see around us. What do we know about Stowe? How many buildings can we attribute to Vanbrugh, Gibbs and Kent? For many people such questions would be dull, but what is so delightful is that Laurence Whistler makes it all so exciting. The book does not read like a book of scholarship at all, though scholarly it is: it reads easily, as if he were taking us round and talking about what we see.

Stowe after all only occupies one chapter, and the foregoing is not really so much a review of the book as a recommendation. The main matter can really only be interesting to those with some knowledge already, and to them Mr. Whistler's research is fascinating, because architects whose names had hitherto been little more than names become real people who were far more worthy of notice than one had imagined. It is most exciting to discover to what extent Vanbrugh and Hawksmoor worked in collaboration: that it was not the relationship of architect and assistant at all, but one where each had an equal part to play. And so throughout the book the results appear of Mr. Whistler's meticulous research—most readable, most exciting and an addition to our knowledge of the period which is of the greatest value.

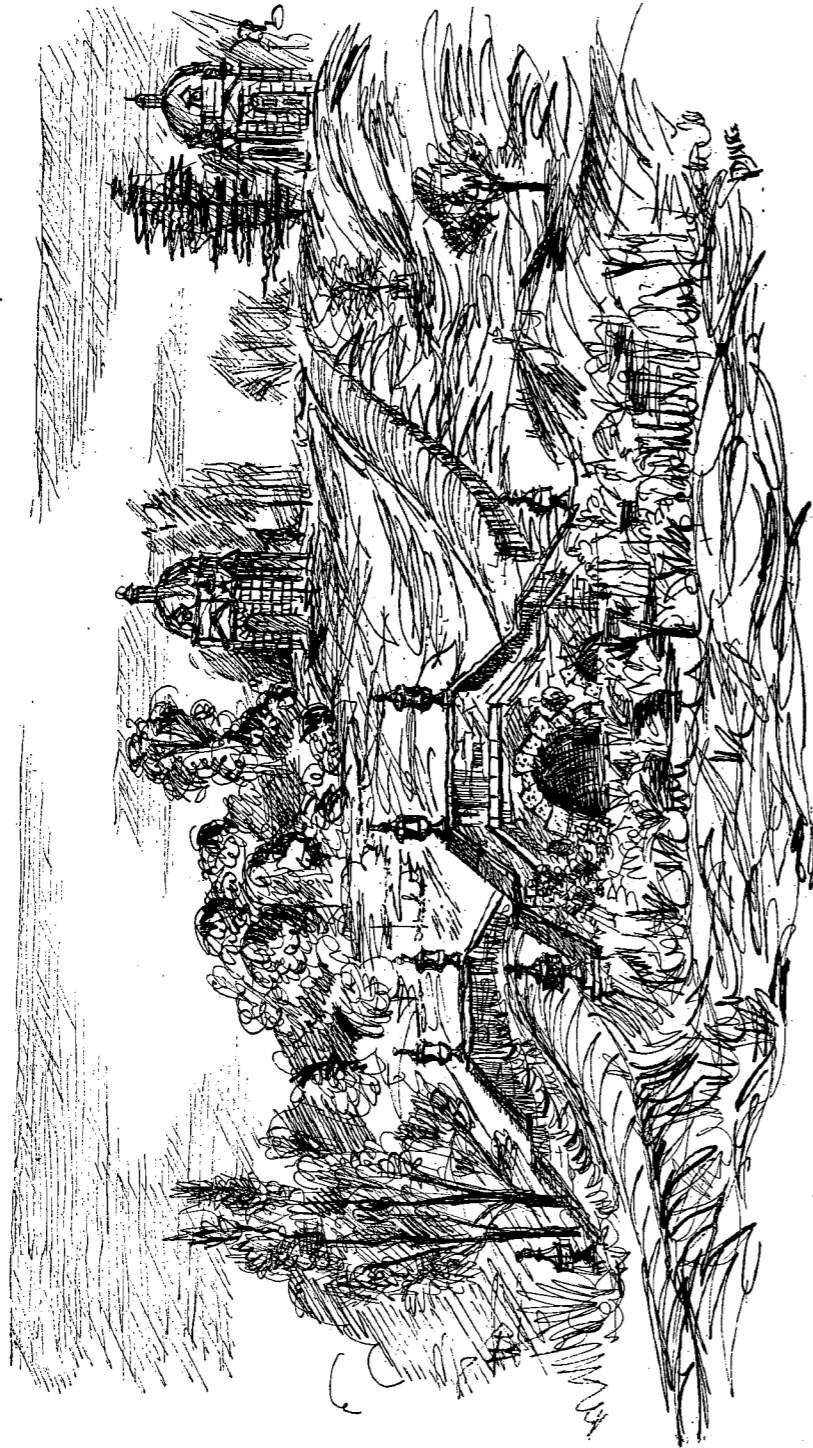
M.J.M.

"POEMS: TWO-A-PENNY"

By R. J. ROBERTS (C, 1949)

In May of this year an Old Stoic in his last term at Cambridge was prevailed on by his friends, at some cost, I have no doubt, to his native modesty, to publish a selection of his poems: the sub-title, "experiments in form", suggests a pre-occupation with rhythm rather than language, but there is no extravagance or harshness here, no sense of a mannered striving after effect; the balance between form and freedom has been nicely struck; the language too shows the same controlled vitality and freshness. Roberts has clearly been much influenced by the methods and problems of other contemporary poets, not least by their emphasis on the continuance of tradition; with his background one would expect that.

B.S.S.



From a drawing by]

THE ENTRANCE VIEW

[D.J.V.F.-G.

When the Eastern Boycott has been repaired, it is intended to remove the trees which obscure the view of the Western Boycott from the Oxford Gate. Although the drawing is not taken from the entrance itself, it gives some idea of the view which was originally intended and will again be revealed.

" SOPRANINO "

By PATRICK ELLAM (G, 1937) AND COLIN MUDIE

(Rupert Hart-Davies, 16s.)

Patrick Ellam is a theorist. He wished to prove that a small boat could be built, cheap enough for the not-so-rich to afford, which would be as safe as a large yacht for cruising. He had this constructed as a dinghy rather than a miniature yacht, and, apart from being always under the control of the crew, its great advantage was to be that it would ride over all seas like a cork, thus remaining intact in the worst weather. He experimented with a sailing canoe, *Theta*, and then got Laurent Giles to design *Sopranino*.

Next he set out to demonstrate that in this craft, nineteen and a half feet long and small enough to be put in a garage for the winter, he could carry enough stores to take two men across the Atlantic Ocean. He proved his point.

The book is written with a delightfully light touch; so light and carefree in fact that it almost undoes the achievement of their adventure. The gentle good humour conveys well the sense of enjoyment, the comparative peace of the ocean, the excitements and the disappointments. Although everyone interested in sailing should read this, it is by no means a reference book, being very readable for itself. There is an appendix of Technical Advice for Yachtsmen ("a boat is a thing for floating on the water in"); but we find many pleasant remarks on the voyage and the ports called at, including the opinions of Hannibal, their pink elephant. There are encounters with pirates, Portuguese policemen, iguanas and beautiful blondes. I grew to love the boat with them, and was sorry when the two friends parted. Colin Mudie, incidentally, makes most amusing comments on everything they meet ("Spanish girls are most exotic, colourful and gay, but do tend to be a little tubular in section").

It must be obvious to any reader that these men have a great deal of sailing experience and knowledge to their credit, yet they know how to make it appear unobtrusive. I hope that no one is misguided enough to dismiss this as a sportsman's handbook.

P.A.A.

PASTICHE : NOVEMBER 1954

"And what is Truth?" the jesting *Tribune* cried.

"Truth is the *Tribune*; Truth is in our view
What Jenny, Michael Foot, and Mallalieu,
In their unquestioned wisdom shall decide.

Can you expect true Labour, this denied?
Milton! thou shouldn't be proving here anew
That what free thinkers freely say is true."

To which Clem Attlee, much in wrath, replied:

"My Foot, my tutor!—God! I'd rather be
A Tory suckled in a creed outworn,
So might I stamp upon Miss Jenny Lee
When *Tribune* winds its small but sullen horn,
And hear Sir Winston rising to agree,
Perhaps Nye Bevan shouldn't have been born."

R.G.G.

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15th November, 1954.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

The summer camp was held at Dymchurch during the second and third weeks of August. In spite of the very mixed weather the boys made the most of it and were able to do a certain amount of bathing. They also managed to do several walks with Martin Buckmaster (C, 1938), and a football match was arranged and played with a team from a nearby holiday camp. It was quite a relief not to have to worry about food rationing, but the increased prices, in addition to the more generous catering, resulted in rather a heavy loss on the camp account.

During the holiday period the main hall was painted and now looks very clean and cheerful. The lighting system has also been improved.

Thursday evening is now an extremely busy one. In addition to the normal club activities there is a P.T. class (run by the Assistant Warden, Mr. Harold Thornton), street running (organised by Martin Buckmaster) and the art class. Tuesday and Friday evenings are still devoted to boxing training. Three boys have been entered for the London Federation Novices Competition and will be boxing this week. Our first inter-club competitions are to be held at the club on Tuesday, 14th December. A series of talks with slides has been arranged and is meeting with a certain amount of success.

We were fortunate in having a perfect day for our visit to the School on 17th October, when the Pineapple Boys won both the matches against the School teams.

This year, for the first time, we have taken part in the N.A.B.C. "Club Week", which gives the boys an opportunity of doing something for the Club. It was, however, disappointing that many of the boys did not appreciate this and take an active part in the scheme.

As usual there is football on Saturdays. The Under-14s play friendly matches in the mornings and we generally field three teams in the afternoon. There is a senior and junior team in the London Federation Cup and League Competitions, and the same two teams also play in the Paddington League; this year we have also entered both teams in the Middlesex County Youth Cup Competition. The Colts team has to be content with friendly matches.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE,
(Warden).

MUSIC

The Choir, which was formed in September, 1953, now has twenty-seven members. Its purpose is to lead the singing on the west side of Chapel, to perform some of the more intimate works not suited to the Choral Society, and to provide a small but efficient choir for special occasions. Anthems already performed include: *Rejoice in the Lord alway* (Purcell); *Blessed be the God and Father* (Wesley); *O thou the Central Orb* (Charles Wood); *Cantate Domino* (Pitoni).

This term the Choral Society, which once again consists of over 150 members, has been rehearsing *Tales from the Vienna Woods* (Strauss-Harrison), which is to be sung at the end of term concert. This work contains much pleasant and well-known music, without presenting many technical difficulties. Also being rehearsed, in the Chapel, are Stanford's *Te Deum* in C and the anthem *Praise to God in the Highest* (S. S. Campbell).

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH, IN ASSEMBLY

Fanfare for a Ceremonial Occasion Ketelbey

Conductor—ERIC J. WEBB

Overture: The Silken Ladder Rossini

Songs with Orchestra:

(a) The Vagabond Vaughan-Williams
(b) Blow, blow, thou winter wind Quilter

D. S. ROWE-BEDDOE (C)

Horn Concerto No. 3, K.447 in E flat Mozart

Allegro A. D. OSBORN (C)
Romanze }
Allegro } J. M. DIACK (T)

MADRIGAL SOCIETY:

(a) Fair Phyllis I saw Farmer
(b) April is in my mistress' face Morley
(c) Of all the birds Bartlet

SECOND ORCHESTRA:

(a) Three Waltzes Schubert
(b) Theme from Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 Elgar

Conductor—M. TEASDALE BURKE

Ballet from Petite Suite Debussy

SEXTET:

(a) Strike it up, tabor Weelkes
(b) How merrily we live East
(c) Sweet Kitty Clover (with Orchestra) arr. Hewitt

Finale from Symphony No. 4 Tschaiakowsky

Conductor—H. CLIFTON KELYNACK

Perhaps a predilection for Mozart prompts me to single out the Horn Concerto as the pick of a programme that was enjoyable throughout. The four concertos for horn, of which this is the third, were written as vehicles of display for Joseph Leutgeb, a horn player in the Salzburg Court Orchestra, friend of Mozart and, on the side, a cheesemonger in a tiny shop "the size of a snail's shell". They are delightful works, abounding in good humour and a warmth much suited to the mellower moods of the instrument. It would be invidious to compare the performances of the two soloists, A. D. Osborn and J. M. Diack, both of whom showed an excellent technique on this difficult instrument. One must, however, mention the latter's musicianly phrasing and sensitive approach to the work.

Vocal music provided a fair portion of the evening's listening. D. S. Rowe-Beddoe's (C) songs were pleasing, despite an orchestra unpractised in the art of accompaniment. Possibly some of the blame may be attached to the acoustics of Assembly, which makes the ever present problem of balance even more difficult. The Madrigal Society delighted us with three well-known madrigals: Farmer's "perfect little madrigal", *Fair Phyllis*, Morley's *April is in my mistress' face*, interesting in that it is the earliest English work of its type to be termed "Madrigal", and Bartlet's *Of all the birds*. The Sextet (broken voices) gave us a stirring performance of *Strike it up, tabor*, followed by East's *How merrily we live*, and finally the infectious rhythms of *Sweet Kitty Clover* earned the singers a well deserved encore.

If applause is the measure of success, then the Second Orchestra must surely have felt proud of themselves. The shortage of strings under training in readiness for the Senior Orchestra was, however, made evident by the number of extra players it was found necessary to import, and emphasized yet again the excellence of the School's wind section.

Of the remaining items, the Debussy was perhaps the least satisfactory, but any fears that the last piece, the Finale from Tschaiakowsky's Fourth Symphony, might prove over-ambitious for a school orchestra were soon dispelled, and I, at any rate, sat back to enjoy some fine playing from all sections.

The Fanfare cannot remain unmentioned. The Brass, trained to a military precision, gave us a splendid display of spirited fireworks. Whatever one's opinion of this music may be, it remained a fine noise! I enjoyed it . . . ast ego barbarus sum.

D.H.C.

DON PASQUALE

PERFORMED BY THE OPERA PLAYERS IN THE GYMNASIUM ON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

The Opera Players give their performances under very difficult conditions and have earned much well-deserved praise for the way in which they have been able to overcome these difficulties and to bring famous operas to a wide public. Perhaps it is because of the high standard which we have come to expect of them that their production of *Don Pasquale* seemed rather disappointing.

Mr. Shilling himself gave a spirited performance as Don Pasquale. His voice is pleasing and expressive, and his facial expressions and gestures, though perhaps a little repetitive, were very entertaining. He brought the character to life very convincingly: not an easy task in this opera, where the music itself does little to suggest character. Mr. Stanley Pine was a good-humoured, cynical Dr. Malatesta, but his

diction was often indistinct, a fault particularly noticeable in the passages of connecting narrative which he spoke in front of the curtain. Ernesto and Norina were less happily cast. Miss Elizabeth Parry's voice did not have enough range and expression to cope with the part of Norina, and her whole performance had an air of tentative abandon which suggested inadequate production. Mr. John Carolan was wooden as Ernesto, but came to life both in voice and gesture in his disguise as a notary.

Musically the piece was more successful, and the ensembles were on the whole well-balanced and clearly articulated. The pianist, Miss Phyllis Thorold, deserves a special word of praise. Her accompaniment was agile yet firm throughout, supporting the singers without calling attention to itself.

Perhaps it is unfortunate that the opera which the Players chose to perform demands not so much bold performance as a stylish production and lavish decor. The music is not in itself interesting or original enough to stand alone, as it must necessarily do in a production of this sort. If, when they next visit us, they will perform an opera in which the music has sufficient interest to divert the attention from the necessary deficiencies of staging, they should easily repeat the unqualified success of *The Barber of Seville*, which they gave at Stowe last year.

J.B.

LECTURE

On Wednesday, November 3rd, Capt. C. H. Jaeger, Director of Music, Irish Guards, gave a most interesting and entertaining lecture on "The Instruments of the Orchestra".

Many of the large audience realised for the first time the significance of the harmonic series. Illustrating this physical fact he performed the "Posthorn Gallop" on some of the more curious of the instruments laid before him, including the conch shell, the shophar horn, the soprano trombone and even a mouthpiece fitted to a rifle.

At the end of the lecture the members of the audience were allowed to try for themselves any instrument which was in the room.

A.B.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL GIVEN BY SHULAMITH SHAFIR ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, IN ASSEMBLY

Sonata in E minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Scarlatti</i>
Sonata in E major	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Scarlatti</i>
32 Variations in C minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Beethoven</i>
Sonata in A, Op. 120	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Schubert</i>
Allegro moderato, Andante, Allegro							
Nocturne in C sharp minor, Op. posthum.	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Chopin</i>
Two Waltzes in A flat, Op. 69 and Op. 42	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Chopin</i>
Ballade in G minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Chopin</i>
Gnomenreigen	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Liszt</i>
La Campanella	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Liszt</i>

Most members of Miss Shulamith Shafir's audience were able to enjoy the sight as well as the sound of the magic of her fingers. Nor were we others, sitting out of view, disappointed. The Scarlatti sonatas, written for the harpsichord, were made to sound pleasantly crisp upon the piano, and the rapid scale passages particularly brilliant.

The central piece of the first half of the programme was the Beethoven Variations. Miss Shafir delighted us with her interpretation of their ever-changing moods, from the strong rhythmic opening, through the quieter major section to the work's tempestuous climax and close. A firm and premeditated choice of tempi showed that amidst the wealth of dazzling detail she had a vivid conception of this monumental work as a whole. The Schubert sonata, unfamiliar to most of us, came as a quiet conversation piece after Beethoven's eloquence.

In the second part of the programme the Chopin works were placed in such an order as to reach a climax in the G minor Ballade; but Miss Shafir's use of powerful dynamics in the Waltzes left her little more to give us in the Ballade. The two works of Liszt, mostly on the black notes, sparkled under her hands and showed that Liszt reaches greatness in his small pieces.

As encores Miss Shafir gave us two pieces by Debussy, 'Danse' and an Arabesque. She played them with appropriate detachment, giving us further proof, if proof were needed, of her versatility.

A.A.N.

THE LIBRARY

What appears to be an autograph letter by Robert Browning has recently been discovered in a volume of *The Gentleman's Magazine* in the Library. It is undated, but was probably written in 1876. Further details will be given later when we have discovered more about it.

The first sale for a considerable time was held in the Library on Sunday, October 24th, to clear some space in the gallery. Some not so valuable books were sold, and the proceeds will be used for rebinding the Seeley Guides in the Stowe Collection.

The gallery has now at last been finally catalogued. Books have been grouped in their subject order for easy reference and should be more accessible.

The following presentations have been made to the Library this term:—

BY MRS. A. F. FREMANTLE:

Various beautifully bound books which had been won as Prizes by her late husband when a boy at Eton.

BY S. ROWAN (C, 1939):

Several books on Architecture.

BY MR. AND MRS. L. H. REID:

Memoirs of the Courts of Europe. 13 Vols.

Librarians:—T. P. Boyd-Carpenter (C), A. A. V. Rudolf (C), C. R. P. Tyzack (C), G. W. Spence (C), R. A. B. Day (T) and P. A. Andrews (C).

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

There have been two meetings so far this term. On October 29th G. W. Spence (C) read a paper on Shelley; he began by saying that Shelley's lyrical impulse was the foundation of his poetry, and went on to examine his Platonic idealism as it appears in his poetry and in his experience. On November 18th M. C. Scrutton (C) read a paper on Evolution; after giving the evidence for Evolution, he proceeded to put forward various theories, which afterwards provoked a lively discussion. It is hoped to have another meeting this term, at which the Secretary will read a paper.

J.C.A. ·

THE EPHEMERALS

Most of the members were new to the Society this term. The first meeting was held on November 16th, when A. P. Hill (B) read a most interesting paper entitled "Homing Pigeons"; he described the use of pigeons in war and then went on to explain the sport of pigeon-racing as it exists today. It is hoped that a second meeting will be held, at which the Secretary will read a paper.

G.D.M.

THE SYMPOSIUM

As usual in the Winter term an entirely new Society has been elected. Though so far this term there has only been one paper, we hope later on to have one from R. C. C. Temple (T) on "The Appeal of Music".

On Monday, November 8th, W. R. C. Heap (W) read an interesting though short paper on "The History of the Post". We were told of the various early methods of carrying letters, of the failures of early systems and of the difficulties of Sir Robert Peel. The discussion which followed led from the faking of stamps to the Vermeer forgeries by Van Meergeren and from there to the problem of judging a work of art. Finally the theories of Eric Gill, Eric Newton and Roger Fry were explored and put to the test in terms of literature and music.

R.A.B.D.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The 234th meeting, which was closed to the Upper School, was held on July 14th in the Temple of Concord. Owing to various calamities four snap motions had to be substituted for the original motion. The first, "That this House prefers to be fat than thin", was carried by 9 votes to 7; and the second, "That this House prefers a continental to an English climate", was quickly lost by 0 to 9. The third motion, "That, in the opinion of this House, Progress is the curse of mankind", stimulated much discussion, and there voted for, 8; against, 8; with the result that the Vice-President, who was presiding, had to exercise his casting vote and the motion was lost. The last motion, "That this House deploras the passing of the Victorian Age", was proposed by MR. MILLBOURN (T), who said that the Victorian Age must have been good because it was a time of power, wealth and success. The opposer, MR.

CLARKE (C), maintained that it was a time of self-satisfaction and squalor. Everyone present spoke, and the motion was lost by 6 votes to 10.

Two debates have already taken place this term, and a third has been arranged for December 1st, to which Radley are sending a party of six.

The 235th meeting was held in the well-heated and blue-carpeted Temple of Concord on October 13th, and the motion was "That this House approves of German Rearmament". THE TREASURER, in proposing, wove a speech of some length and breadth from various sources, including Mr. Gladstone and History. MR. HARTLAND-SWANN (B) opposed his basic principles and then tried to be severely practical—he was certainly most trying. MR. THOMPSON-SCHWAB (T) spoke third, and at great length, of the fact that Russia had much to offer. The fourth speaker, MR. SPEIGHT (B), quoted all and sundry inaccurately before mounting his high horse, which eventually carried him back moralising all the way to his seat. The debate which followed was lively, amusing, and, on account of the large attendance, most heartening. The Motion was carried, in the Upper House by 9 to 6, and in the Lower by 45 to 25.

A Visitors' Debate was held on November 10th in the Temple of Concord, when the motion was "That, in the opinion of this House, the Armed Services offer one of the finest careers open to public schoolboys". MR. HEAP (W) proposed with a few thoughts culled from various War Ministry posters. THE CO-OPTED MEMBER, in opposing, left all mention of graft to another more competent member, concerned himself with the question of leadership, and generally tried to give the impression that his speech was the best in the Society. GROUP CAPTAIN LE MAY, C.B.E., the first Guest Speaker, unfortunately brought in the phrase that "the Armed Services need the cream of Society", which recurred in various guises *ad nauseam*. He then convincingly recounted all the benefits of the Services. MR. A. J. CHAPMAN spoke fourth and with great effect: he would have preferred to use the cream of society to inaugurate Roosevelt's Four Freedoms; he also maintained that England had a strong anti-militaristic bias which enabled her to lose every battle except the last. The motion at first fought a losing battle, until Air Commodore Pearce presented the House with a vision of the future without any Armed Services. The standard of debating was only fair, since there was more levity than seriousness, but nevertheless it proved a most enjoyable evening. The motion was won in the Upper House by the President's casting vote and in the Lower by 19 votes.

The Society sent a party of three and the Vice-President to a debate at Mill Hill on October 28th.

The Officers of the Society are: President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Treasurer, M. C. Brahams (C); Librarian, A. C. Cowdy (T); Co-opted Member, A. B. Hyslop (T); Secretary, A. A. V. Rudolf (C).

A.A.V.R.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The 124th meeting of the Classical Society was held on October 15th, when R. J. Roberts (C, 1949) read a paper on "People and Places in Greece". The paper was a description of a tour which he made through the Peloponnese, Boeotia, and the Cyclades, starting and finishing at Athens. The whole spirit of the ancient world was recaptured as he stood amid the ruins of Mycenae or wandered among the hills of Arcadia; the

modern Greeks also he found to be "political animals" and almost an embarrassment in their hospitality and curiosity. We came away with a stimulated desire to visit Greece ourselves.

G.W.S.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

So far this term there has been no meeting of the Club, but it is hoped that there will be an opportunity for one soon. The reason for this is the exceptional programme that the Club has undertaken—the production of both a play and an opera.

The former, *His Excellency*, by Dorothy and Campbell Christie, was produced by Mr. J. Bain and performed on Saturday, November 20th. A review appears elsewhere in this issue.

An expedition went to the Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, on Wednesday, October 13th, to see Benjamin Britten's setting of *The Beggar's Opera*. This gave us many useful hints, apart from providing us with a very enjoyable evening, for our own production on December 10th and 11th, when we will, however, be using Frederic Austin's arrangements that were composed for its original revival in 1920.

D.S.R.-B.

THE VITRUVIANS

The only expedition this term was to the Cézanne Exhibition at the Tate Gallery. Practically the whole Society went and also a number of non-members. The exhibition was the finest this country has yet seen of Cézanne. Pictures had been borrowed from every important collection in Europe and America; only those in France, where they also held a large exhibition of his work, were missing. The selection of works was made by Laurence Gowing, himself a painter, and showed every phase of Cézanne's painting from the stormy Baroque design of *L'Enlèvement* to the near abstract *Le Château Noir*. The exhibition showed the extent of Cézanne's genius as well as the important part that he has played in the creation of much Modern Art.

R.A.B.D.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

There remained only two members of last term's Society: J. R. Morriss (C) continued to hold the position of Committee-man and R. E. Shelley (G) was elected Secretary.

This term the Society has read *Don Juan* by Molière and will have finished *Gringoire* by Banville by the end of the term.

The Society consisted this term of: J. R. Morriss (C), R. E. Shelley (G), A. P. Hill (B), A. A. V. Rudolf (C) and C. R. P. Tyzack (C).

R.E.S.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Soon after the beginning of term a private meeting of the senior members was held, at which thirty-four new members were elected.

On October 13th a party of thirty-two members and masters went on an expedition to the Esso refinery at Fawley. After a sumptuous lunch and an explanatory lecture we were taken round the various units of the refinery. We spent an interesting and

instructive day and it was of unusual interest to visit a plant so vast that it was necessary to use the bus to get from place to place.

Later this term A. C. Cowdy (T) will read a paper to the Society on "Magnesium". We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Llowarch, our President, who is leaving at the end of this term.

M.R.M.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has held one meeting so far this term. At this meeting C. H. Cheetham (G) was elected Hon. Treasurer in the place of J. R. O. Folkard (G), who had left, and M. Anson (G) was elected to the post of Hon. Curator.

The darkroom is now in full use again after the completion of decorations, and we hope that much good work will now be done in it.

On November 10th we showed a film called *Happy Go Lovely* to the School. There was an attendance of over three hundred, and the takings from it enabled us to continue with the production of Stowe Newsreel this term.

Although we have been in contact with many photographic firms, we have so far been unable to arrange an expedition.

M.A.

CINÉ SECTION

After making the film *Quo Vadis, Magister?* last term, it was decided this term to continue the newsreel series started two years ago. Although funds were low, the profit on *Happy Go Lovely* made it possible for us to continue. We are very grateful to the Bursar and ground-staff for their work in clearing a tree which inadvertently fell on the Gym on the night before the film was shown.

It is intended to cover all the major rugger matches and occasions of interest and importance which take place during the term, together with a little light-hearted entertainment. The completed newsreel will be shown at the last cinema of term. We are very grateful to L. G. B. Williamson (T), J. H. Bryan (T) and C. L. Willson (B) for the loan of cameras.

A.B.H.

THE LATRUNCULARIANS

The Club, started this term, was begun with a view to rousing interest in chess and raising the standard of the game among Stoics. The Headmaster kindly accepted the office of President; Mr. Bain, Vice-President; J. O. B. Rosedale (T), Treasurer; R. B. Skepper (T), Under Secretary; and Z. I. S. Zamoyksi (G), Secretary.

The Aurelian Room proved to be a very convenient place of meeting and Sunday evenings the most popular time. H. S. Judd (W) and A. G. Thorpe (B) were among those who distinguished themselves in the first three meetings this term, and one more will be held later on.

The Treasurer has already purchased two boards and sets, and soon, no doubt, a librarian will be needed.

Z.I.S.Z.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

No less than five motions this term have been won by a margin of one vote, which shows the amount of keenness there has been. The sixteen new boys have spoken well, E. S. Kennedy (C) excelling. The best and most amusing motion was "That this House believes in ghosts", carried by one vote.

This term's officers were: Vice-President, R. N. Allan-Smith (T); Secretary, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); Committee-man, J. P. Hall (B).

J.S.P.A.L.

THE RIFLE CLUB

We have been shooting regularly this term on Wednesdays and Sundays, and the general standard of shooting has been higher than in previous years. Nevertheless we have been unable to win any of our N.S.R.A. matches this term.

There have been the usual number of enthusiastic Thursday Extra shooters, some of whom show promise for the future.

The Club has welcomed the new Dunlopillo shooting mats and the new target screen provided this term by the C.C.F.

The team consisted of M. Anson (G), P. G. Huxtable (T), G. Wolcough (T), J. M. E. Anderson (C), W. G. Fiske (G), J. R. Crosby (G), J. A. Wright (W) and G. P. Renwick (C).

M.A.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

On July 7th the Young Farmers' Club made an expedition of thirty-eight Stoics, accompanied by Mr. Barr, to the Royal Agricultural Society of England's Annual Show, held this year in the grounds of Windsor Great Park.

There was, we found, something to please everyone, for the show is the largest of its kind in the country, this year covering over one hundred and fifty acres. In the Grand Ring there was a parade of the prize-winning cattle, followed by the competition for the Riding Hunter Challenge Cup, eagerly watched by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. Later in the afternoon, the Ring presented a magnificent sight, with a parade of about sixty horse-drawn carriages, coaches, omnibuses and other vehicles of ancient and historic interest, among them eleven lent by the Queen. Three were drawn by horses from the Royal Mews, with coachmen and postillions in livery, while the drivers and passengers of the others were in period costume. This parade was followed by an old time meet of the Royal Buckhounds.

There was a record entry of pigs this year. The enormous display of the Welsh Breed showed the type that many farmers now consider ideal; even so, the Large Whites were not to be outdone. The National Coal Board's trade-stand held a special interest for all: they had on show a selection of pit-ponies, some of the smallest of all breeds of horses. They were immaculately turned out, and were later paraded round the Grand Ring.

There were some seven hundred machinery stands, exhibiting everything from the ring that goes into a bull's nose to enormous bulldozers. Among other things we saw the latest combines with a twelve-bore cut; a working milking parlour in a new design; the latest drills, which many of us had never seen before; and a Templewood

Engineering Co. grass-drier. Perhaps the most popular feature of the show was the display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Near this was the competitive and educational forestry section, showing specially made gates, rabbit-proof fencing and other articles.

The show held so much that it was impossible to see everything, but, when we returned to the bus, we felt that we had spent a most instructive and enjoyable day at a very historic show.

Early this term a meeting was held in the Biological laboratories; there was a record attendance for any such meeting. The following members were elected to the Committee: J. C. Tyrer (B) and D. J. P. Birt-Llewellyn (T). There followed a long discussion on the Club and its activities, and it was decided to have an expedition to the Smithfield Show at Earl's Court on December 8th. The Secretary promised to arrange a quiz against the Buckingham Y.F.C., and this was held on November 24th with great success.

T.D.P.

THE MODEL CAR CLUB

Activities this term have been restricted, mainly owing to the weather. The test-bench which our former Secretary made has proved most useful, especially for comparing respective power outputs. His 2.5 c.c. Tiger Oliver Bomb equalled the track record of 70.0 m.p.h. near the end of last term. Mr. Dean kindly came down on Speech Day and demonstrated some of his beautifully made cars. Our fuels are still popular and those interested in them should contact the Secretary.

C.J.G.

THE C.C.F.

The following promotions were made this term:—

To *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer R. J. Fennell (T).

To *Under-Officer*: Sgt. A. C. Cowdy (T).

To *Acting Petty Officer*: Leading Seaman D. M. H. Reece (W), M. Anson (G).

To *Sergeant*: Cpl. R. J. Webb (T).

To *Corporal*: L/Cpls. J. A. Hawkings (C), G. Wolcough (T), R. C. C. Temple (T), J. Dean (C), W. Shand Kydd (C), R. D. Turrall (C), D. H. G. J. Pepper (B), T. D. Philips (G); Cdts. G. D. Morrison (G), H. Boden Bladon (G).

To *Leading Seaman*: A.B. A. B. Hyslop (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. D. Cameron (B), C. H. Cheetham (G), W. G. Fiske (G), G. M. Tetlow (T), A. Mackintosh (C), A. K. Spence (G), M. D. Miall (B), D. J. R. Rothwell (C), J. E. B. Thompson (G), C. T. Sleigh (G), M. A. V. Harris (C), M. R. Millbourn (T).

CORPS CAMP

The Stowe Contingent, four platoons strong, went to its annual camp at Stanford in Norfolk. A week plucked from our summer holidays and thrust beneath canvas and army regulations is not universally looked forward to with impatience, but in spite of heavy rain in the first few days the camp was generally enjoyed. The food was plentiful; the demonstrations were without exception excellent; and our field operations were successful and memorable, not least the night operation endured on a cold and remarkably bleak moor. For our sparer moments, it was found that the nearest towns, though not as near as we might have wished, provided most of the simple comforts required. So while we confess that the greatest pleasure in this sort of thing is getting it over, let us admit that it could hardly have been better.

J.O.B.R.

NIGHT OPERATION: 'LINK-UP'. OCTOBER 18th.

Operation 'Link-Up' was an attempt by two forces, one from the Palladian Bridge, the other from the Deer Barn, to join up and make an assault on a third force defending the Queen's Temple. Both attacking forces sent decoy parties to cause a diversion on the Stowe flank, while they were to effect their junction by Cobham Pillar and deliver their final assault round and through the wood immediately to the East of the Queen's Temple.

The green flare for the start went off promptly at 1900 hours, and the two decoy parties quickly made their way to their positions, where they engaged the defenders and succeeded in drawing off part of the reserve platoon. Meanwhile the Palladian force had moved quietly into position for the final assault. Of the Deer Barn force there was no sign, however, because its commander, having lost radio contact, failed to send any form of communication to the Palladians and kept his forces on the edge of the Bourbon Field. By this time it had started to rain; and, although a section of Palladians did manage to penetrate the outer defences and engage the reserve force, the rain became so heavy that the cease fire was given two hours before the arranged time.

Our commiseration must go to the unfortunate platoon commander of the Deer Barn force, who was not informed of the cease fire by his commander, and who 'captured' an empty Queen's Temple, after a brilliantly executed manoeuvre, almost an hour later.

A.B.H.

THE LAURUS CUP, 1954

The Cup was won by Cobham, who led the other Houses by a comfortable margin. The final order was:—1, Cobham, 66 points; 2, Temple, 47; 3, Bruce, 28; 4, equal, Grenville and Chatham, 20; 6, Chandos, 14; 7, equal, Grafton and Walpole.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Stowe, thanks to the efforts of R. J. Fennell (T), has had another very enjoyable fifteen: enjoyable to play in, to coach and to watch. (Here the School must be congratulated on their whole-hearted keenness and vociferous support.) Four matches have been won and five lost, but none badly. Perhaps, had it not been for J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), an old colour, being off for the season with cartilage trouble, B. W. Mallinson (T) for most of the term with a cauliflower ear and J. R. Morriss (C) deciding to do some work, Stowe might have redressed the balance in its favour.

It was generally agreed that there was little difference on play between Stowe and three of its rivals, Bedford, Rugby and Harrow. There is little doubt that had the ball run more kindly—or less unkindly—Harrow, one of the outstanding teams of the year and reputedly their best ever, might well have been beaten. Oundle were superior to Stowe in every way. The game against 'Teddies' was a great one, the second half being a personal triumph for Opperman. The Radley match might have been more easily won if the 'siege-gun' had been in better kicking form.

The Club matches (and in this category I include the Old Stoic game) have been great fun: the standard of play was high and the performance open and aggressive. The Wasps, contrary to custom, brought down a team comparable in size with our own, and a delightful game followed, the School winning by eleven points to six. The Old Stoics brought down a young enthusiastic side, which unfortunately could not include the injured Chilean international: it was a grand encounter. Tommy Kemp, despite his years, was a host in himself in the St. Mary's game and had the Stowe XV mesmerised in the second half.

The misfortunes mentioned in the first paragraph caused many positional alterations, and it has not been easy to find the best possible combinations. Of the backs, Opperman at stand-off half has been outstanding in kicking, feinting and general elusiveness, but perhaps has not made enough use of Hamer, a wing of distinct possibilities. Hamer, excellent in defence, has a deceptive swerve and a quick follow-up of kicks ahead.

Burrows, at the base of the scrum, has only been half as good as last year and here Stowe lost much of its potential scoring power. Pattinson at full back has muddled through quite effectively without inspiring much confidence. The pack have worked hard, but lacked inspiration. Fennell, who led them for the most part, has hooked well. The front row have shoved hard, but it has not been easy to find a compact, well-fitting second row. The advent of the new rules has curbed some of Thompson's activities, but he has always given of his best. Rose has played some good games on the open side, but has lacked fire and devil. Sherjan has improved his play and has proved, more often than not, a most useful kicker. The outstanding member of the forwards has undoubtedly been Home: he has excelled in the line-out and the loose with good attack and defence.

If it is of any comfort to Old Stoics in general, the standard of play and enthusiasm for the game is as high as, if not higher than, ever before, thanks to the spirit of the players and the keenness of the coaches. The leagues, helped by the new rules and good refereeing, have been amazingly good both in quality and vigour. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th XV's have had excellent seasons. The league players who have taken part in 1st XV practices have shown up well.

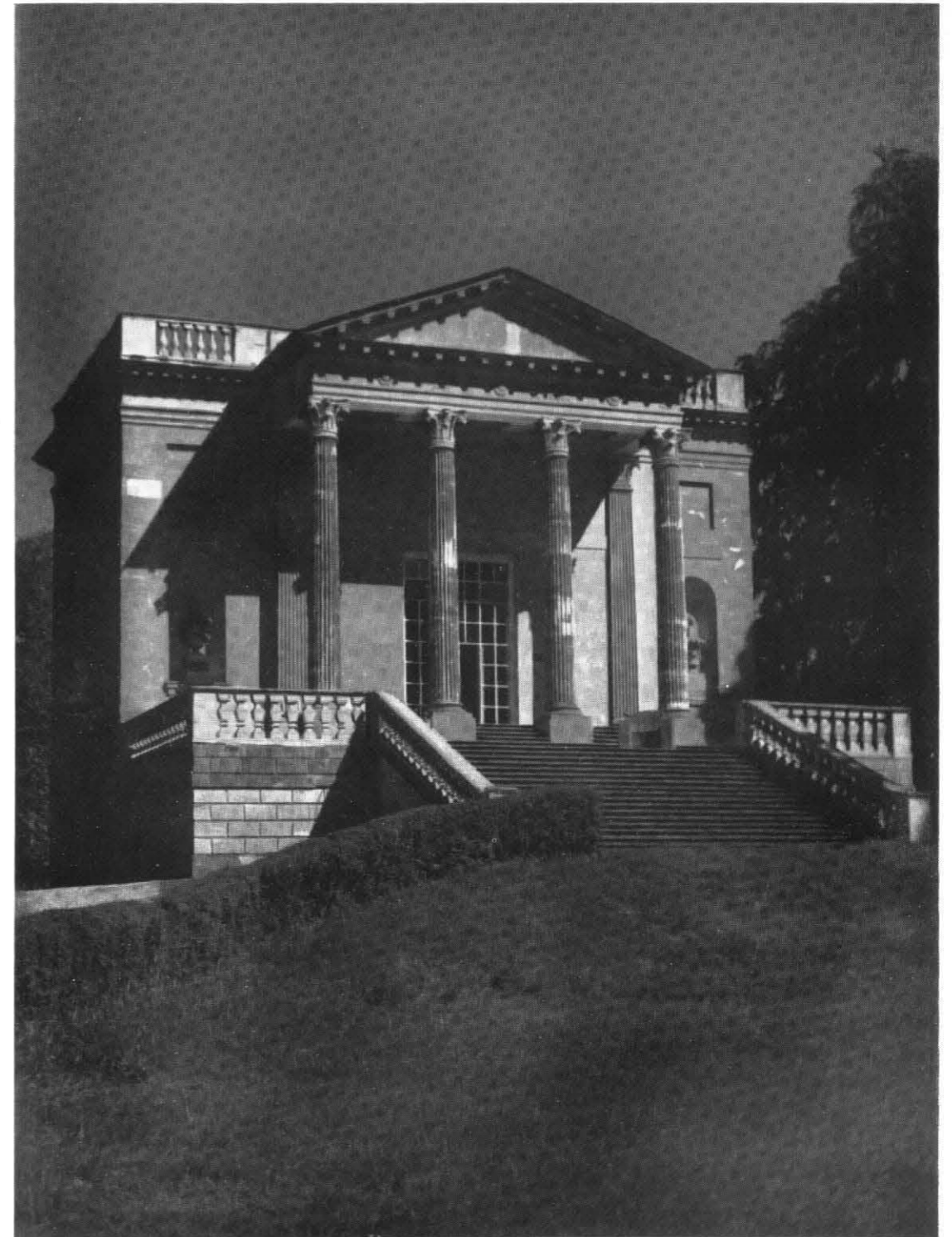
This account was written before the last three matches had taken place.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Tuesday, October 12th. Lost, 3—9.

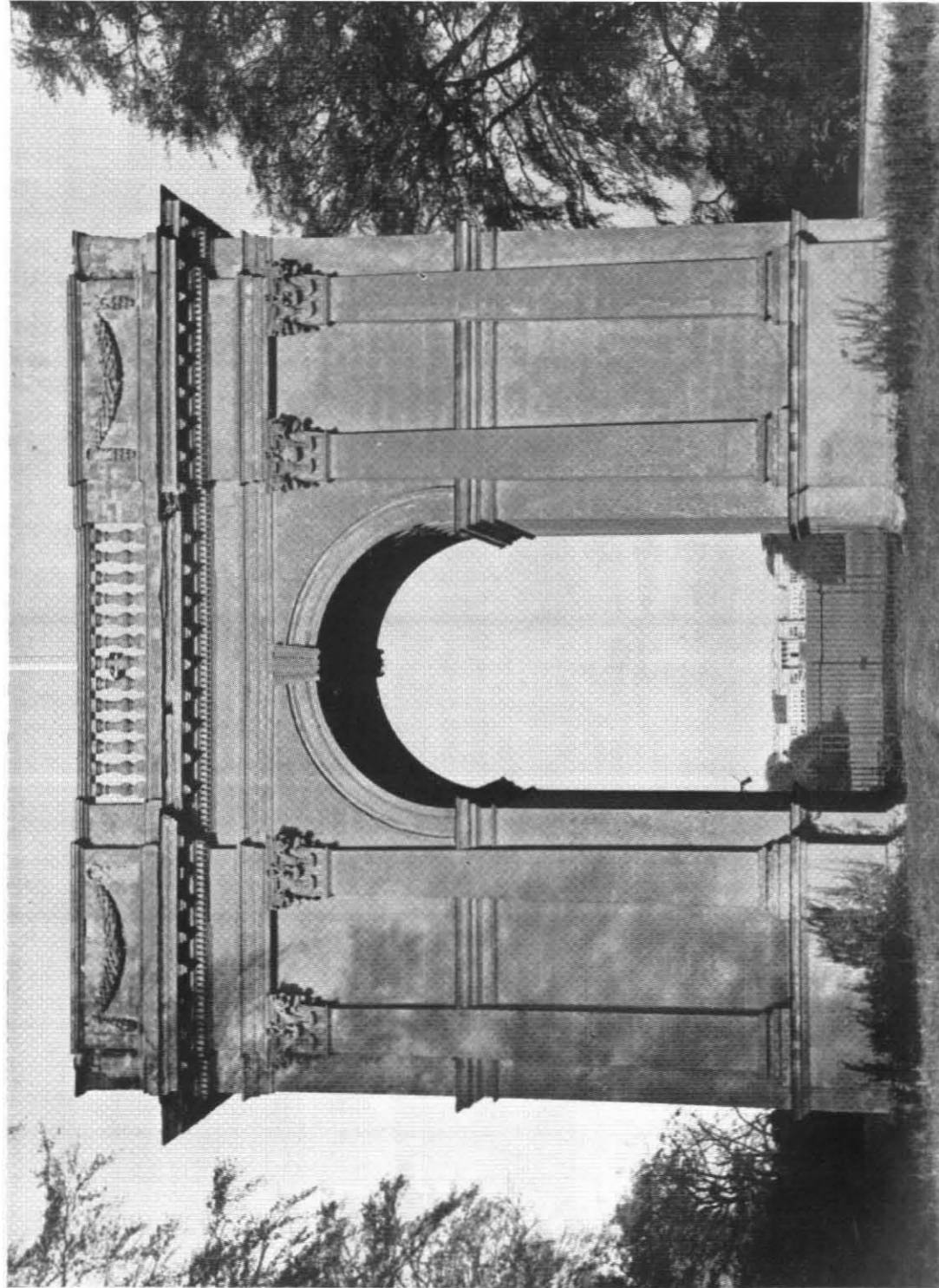
Stowe lost their first school match by 9 points (two tries, one penalty) to 3 points (one try). Stowe started against a stiffish wind and did well, until a few minutes before half-time, to keep the score down to a penalty put over by Rugby after twenty minutes. For the Rugby pack had a little the better of the set scrums and dominated the loose scrums; their backs came away time and again, but they tended to run across or to try a grubber kick to the right wing, and good Stowe tackling and covering kept them out. There was one near squeak as Pattinson bundled the right wing into the corner flag. Burrows relieved with two long penalties to touch, and Hamer on the left and Sherwin on the right ran strongly to the Rugby twenty-five. But Rugby rushed the ball back each time, the Stowe falling being rather desultory, and just before half-time a quick passing movement to their fast left wing saw him over in the corner.

After the change-over the Stowe pack played together much better, securing a great deal more of the ball from scrums and line-outs, and the game was in the Rugby half for long periods. A fairly easy penalty was missed by Pattinson, and then Burrows broke away from a scrum, passed three or four Rugbeians, and gave Rose a good pass to score under the posts. Alas for Stowe, Pattinson's attempt was a good Soccer



THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE

The attribution of this building is doubtful. Its first designer may have been Gibbs, but his work was later hidden by the extensive alterations.



THE CORINTHIAN ARCH

Built for Earl Temple from a design by his friend and relative, Lord Camelford.

goal. After the kick Stowe pressed again, but a careless kick let Rugby away up the field, to be checked by a good fall by Opperman. The same thing happened again, but this time Mallinson foolishly passed back to Pattinson, whose kick was charged down, and from the muddle Rugby cleverly whipped it out to the left wing who scored in the corner. Stowe came back again, but a break by Opperman was not supported, the centres could not make headway, and the final whistle went.

Team :—C. H. Pattinson (T); J. B. Hamer (G), D. Cameron (B), R. T. C. A. Hall (C), C. J. Sherwin (T); R. A. Opperman (B), M. J. Burrows (C); J. E. B. Thompson (G), R. J. Fennell (T), D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C), M. A. Home (C), A. D. Evans (W), A. P. Hill (B), B. W. Mallinson (T), G. W. Rose (C).

THE SCHOOL v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, October 16th. Lost, 9—15.

The weather was warm but wet, and conditions became increasingly difficult as the game progressed. It was well refereed by Detective-Sergeant Morris, who discovered more criminals in seventy minutes than he might in a year of his official duties.

The game was a clean, hard-fought one with Stowe possibly fitter at the end. Bedford adjusted themselves better to the dampness and excelled Stowe in forward rushes and quickness on the loose ball. In tight and loose scrums Stowe appeared to be superior.

Stowe attacked from the start and stayed in the Bedford half for some time, until driven back by a mad forward rush. Pattinson was penalised, and this meant three points. The game went back to the Bedford end and Sherjan missed a penalty. However Opperman made a try for Hamer with a beautifully placed cross-kick over the line. The kick failed again. More foot rushes by Bedford drove Stowe back and they scored in the corner. Bedford came back again and there were more Stowe 'bloomers', which cost three more points. Bedford were then penalised and Sherjan was successful.

In the second half Opperman played cunningly with the wet ball and the wind, often having the Bedford wings and full-back in trouble with pin-point kicking which invariably gained ground. This was regained by rushes or penetrations by a powerful centre. The ball was driven to the Stowe line, whipped out to the left wing and a try seemed inevitable, but Sherwin streaked after him and floored him with a splendid tackle; somehow the ball was 'scrabbled' over the line for an unconverted try.

Stowe, undaunted, returned to the attack and with the assistance of good kicking gained a foothold in enemy territory, and Sherjan landed one penalty out of two shots. Then, with a minute to go—great excitement—Opperman kicked another beauty, Sherwin dashed up, took the ball at full gallop and sped for the line. He was unfortunately beautifully tackled a yard or so from the corner-flag.

The forwards, well led by Fennell, played well in the scrums but were sluggish in the loose. Burrows passed accurately; Opperman played his best game; Hall did an immense amount of good defensive work; Sherwin and Hamer had very good days; Home was first rate in the line-outs.

Team :—C. H. Pattinson; J. B. Hamer, D. Cameron, R. T. C. A. Hall, C. J. Sherwin; R. A. Opperman, M. J. Burrows; J. E. B. Thompson, D. A. L. McAdam (C), R. J. Fennell, M. A. Home, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe, J. Sherjan (T), B. W. Mallinson, G. W. Rose.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at St. Edward's on Saturday, October 23rd. Won, 16—15.

Even the closeness of the score barely indicates the intense excitement of this game, which increased in tempo right up to the final whistle. It was finely refereed by M. A. Girling, who really kept the game going. There was a strong diagonal wind blowing throughout the game, and both sides made good use of it but had little idea of how to play into it.

The first half gave little idea of the excitement to come. Stowe, playing into the wind, could do little right. They quickly gave away two stupid penalties in easy positions and for most of the first half St. Edward's were right on top. Their backs executed some good moves and passed with a nice rhythm, but they lacked speed and finishing power; they might have scored half a dozen tries, and one shudders to think what the score might have been against Oundle. The one try they did score was fortuitous, for Stowe, having heeled from a loose scrum on the line, stood around and watched a forward come through and touch down. Before this, on one of the few occasions that Stowe were in their opponents' half, Opperman had dropped a perfect goal. Stowe's kicking this half was deplorable; in spite of constant failures they continued to kick into the wind, and on a couple of occasions when a penalty was given in the middle of the field the kick was taken into wind.

At half-time it remained to be seen whether Stowe could pull themselves together, but within a few minutes St. Edward's had scored again, when they snapped up a suicidal Stowe pass. All seemed over, but Stowe then settled down to play some really good rugby. The forwards won the ball more from the loose; and, although the backs did not look good as a whole, Opperman, Burrows and Hamer put in some dangerous attacks. When a try came it was a splendid one: Opperman made a break on the blind-side, the ball went to Hall, to Hamer and back to Opperman, who put in a kick which Hamer followed up very fast and just touched down before the ball rolled over the dead-ball line. Sherjan converted with a good kick, taken ten yards in from touch. Stowe continued to press and soon were given the choice of a penalty from the identical spot where Sherjan had just converted: Fennell elected to have a scrum near the line. It must have been Stowe's lucky day, for St. Edward's were immediately penalized in an easier position and Sherjan popped it over. 11—12. St. Edward's retaliated with a drop goal that just scraped over. Opperman used the wind well to put in some dangerous diagonal kicks, but the St. Edward's full-back played splendidly. Ten minutes from time Stowe scored the best try of the match: a passing movement went out to the right, back to the left with several forwards handling and a quick heel from the loose; with the St. Edward's defence caught out of position Opperman ran through a gap and although knocked over rolled across the line. The kick was a nasty one in any situation—ten yards out with a cross wind—but Sherjan had put it over almost before St. Edward's had realized that he had taken it. From then onwards, the game seemed to last an intolerable time. The St. Edward's fly-half began to look extremely dangerous, especially on the blind side. Burrows put in some good relieving kicks but then suddenly began to fling out some dangerous-looking passes. In the last minute St. Edward's were over on the blind side, but there had been a knock-on on the line, and from the scrum Stowe heeled and Burrows put the ball safely into touch.

To win from 3—12 down was a great achievement, and Fennell did well to pull the side together. The forwards played splendidly against a lively pack; Home was

a tower of strength in the line-out, but the weakness on the blind side looked serious. The backs did not look convincing as a whole; Hall and Cameron executed a neat scissors but otherwise did not look dangerous, and Hall was often evaded by his centre. Opperman had a fine game, covering well and making the most of his opportunities to attack. Hamer had few chances but took them well. Shand Kydd, although inexperienced and too slow across the field, played with great pluck and saved some awkward situations.

Team:—W. Shand Kydd (C); J. B. Hamer, D. Cameron, R. T. C. A. Hall, C. J. Sherwin; R. A. Opperman, M. J. Burrows; J. E. B. Thompson, R. J. Fennell, H. Boden Bladon (G), M. A. Home, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe, J. Sherjan, A. P. Hill, G. W. Rose.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 3rd. Won, 8—3.

The playing conditions were perfect. On form it seemed that Stowe should win, as Stowe had beaten St. Edward's, who had just beaten Radley by a point.

The Stowe pack was in great heart for the first half and to a large extent dominated play. It gave the backs many chances, which were not taken, but for the most part the Radley team was contained in its own half. They seemed upset at being so penned in and conceded many penalties. Sherjan took these and also a place from a mark, but only got one over. Had he been even in reasonable form, Stowe might well have led by twelve points at half-time. The backs also let slip many chances which might have added to the score, but their passing and penetration were poor. There was not enough confidence in going for the line. In this half Radley was rarely dangerous; they only made ground by well-placed kicks which Dacey could not cope with, and the line had to be saved by Opperman.

In the latter half the Stowe forwards were obviously so depressed that they rarely got the ball, particularly in the loose scrums and line-outs. This gave Radley a feeling of superiority, and they attacked continuously with the working of the touch line and probings by Morrison and Bois. How the line was not crossed none will ever know. There were only a couple of Stowe assaults. Hamer made one of them with a forty yard swerving run, after which Sherjan made the other. He charged down the full-back's kick, picked up the ball and dived over. He converted his own try. Not long after this Morrison dropped a first class goal from thirty-five yards.

Hamer and Opperman were the mainspring of the attack and defence. On the whole the game was not of a very high standard.

Team:—R. Dacey (C); D. D. McIntyre (C), D. Cameron, G. R. N. Wetton (B), J. B. Hamer; R. A. Opperman, M. J. Burrows; J. E. B. Thompson, R. J. Fennell, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe, M. A. Home, P. R. Vincenzi (G), J. Sherjan, A. P. Hill, G. W. Rose.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 10th. Lost, 0—12.

This match differed notably in one respect from its predecessors. For much of its length it was played in heavy rain. Such weather has almost invariably avoided the Oundle match, and its presence this year was popularly attributed to the efficacy of prayer. Certainly real rain seemed the only means of slowing up an Oundle back division

which had already built up a formidable reputation and was said to be the best they had had for some years. It is true that they had lost all their scrum-halves in one fell swoop at the end of the school year, and thus had had to manufacture one out of a three-quarter, but Oundle is a natural breeding-ground for footballers, and they had done the sort of efficient job one expects of them—only too efficient as we were later to find out. The rest of the line consisted of their captain and fly-half, Spragg, two first-class centres in Bishop and Herbert, the latter particularly being a really dangerous runner, and two fast wings—Inglis and Bowes. So rain was prayed for at Stowe, and the rains came.

Our team was by no means bad. They had lost to Rugby and Bedford, though they might have beaten Rugby if they had had their place-kicker, and they had just scraped home against St. Edward's and Radley. They had a pretty tough pack, a reasonable pair of halves, and three-quarters who could tackle but were somewhat stereotyped in their methods of attack. They had tried about four full-backs and come back to their original selection, which was just as well perhaps, since he played a fine game.

When Stowe kicked off towards the pavilion, the rain was very heavy and was blown across the ground by a gusty and persistent wind. And yet in spite of the adverse conditions Oundle played remarkably well. They heeled regularly from the scrums, Spragg seemed able to catch anything thrown anywhere near him, and Herbert was actually changing direction in the mud and running surprisingly fast. Our tackling was gallant and on the whole effective, but there was so much of it to do, and at last after ten minutes Spragg broke through and cut out to the left wing. There they were kept out by a fine tackle from Pattinson, but from the ensuing scrum they shoved the ball over our line and scored a try so quickly and neatly that most of us thought the attempt at conversion was a penalty, until we saw the prostrate scrum half and knew the worst. They failed to convert (3—0) but about five minutes later Spragg, who was playing a beautifully intelligent game and using every variation of attack, cut through again and linked up with Herbert, who made the running for a try scored by their right wing, Bowes. This try also remained unconverted (6—0).

Oundle continued to have by far the greater share of the ball, but our tackling was most creditable and resolute. Cameron and Wetton were sound in the centre, while Pattinson saved at least one certain try, and Sherjan was doing quite a lot of quiet bowling over on his own. At this point the way the game had gone seemed epitomised by the immaculate figure of Mitchell, the Oundle full-back, the only white man amid a horde of homogeneously wet khaki-coloured players. He was, however, soon dragged into the game when Opperman succeeded in shooting the ball, with fine croquet technique, between his legs, and very nearly scoring on the farther side. From this moment until half-time Stowe pressed but failed to score.

The second half began with Stowe exerting pressure before and after the departure of Rowe-Beddoe with a leg injury. Conditions above ground were definitely improved and the rain had stopped, but the ground itself was a quagmire and the ball was becoming increasingly hard to handle. Even Spragg could not hold the sort of passes Derry was throwing out to him, and there was a period when both sides played soccer in a somewhat aimless amateurish fashion, until someone grew ashamed and crashed the ball into touch. Stowe kept up their pressure through the forwards without ever looking likely to score, until a long Oundle free-kick sent them back to their own twenty-five, but Burrows saved the situation with a kick which gained fully fifty yards. About this point a ghostly figure in white was observed in the midst of an Oundle attack. We thought of Spartak and wondered if substitution were being allowed, but

it turned out to be Mitchell again—we just didn't seem able to get through to him. Rowe-Beddoe now returned among general acclamation, and there was a series of good individual touches without much concerted play—a fine forward rush by Stowe with Rose and Sherjan in the van, an excellent kick by Derry, the Oundle scrum-half, a fine tackle of Spragg by Opperman. We did, however, make more mistakes than Oundle—we so often do. The ball would be passed to no one at all or even to an Oundle player; a kick would set out on a trajectory which was bound to let it be charged down, and always Oundle profited by our errors and always remained in our twenty-five. This gave them the chance of scoring two more tries in the last ten minutes—both of them from the same place and in precisely the same way. Their scrum wheeled, and this let Derry away into the gap. On both occasions he was tackled, but the opening had been made, the line was near, and his pass was carried over first by a wing-forward, Sweeting, and on the next occasion by Spragg. Both kicks were missed—the second somewhat culpably, since it was between the posts, but the ball was of course like lead (12—0).

As a spectacle it was a poor game—it could not have been anything else on such a day—but it was a good fight, and the state of the ground suited us much more than Oundle. They would have scored a lot of points against us on a dry day, and, though we were sorry that we had been unable to keep the points down to the original six—so much better looking than twelve—Oundle certainly deserved their last two tries. Our forwards held the Oundle pack for part of the game, but they never looked like gaining the ascendancy essential to give us any hope of mounting attacks instead of raids. Certainly it was a game which must have done the team a lot of good in every way, and, since Harrow are notoriously good in mud, they can now start praying for a dry day for their next match.

Team:—C. H. Pattinson; J. B. Hamer, D. Cameron, G. R. N. Wetton, W. J. C. Ford (♠); R. A. Opperman, M. J. Burrows; J. E. B. Thompson, R. J. Fennell, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe, M. A. Home, P. R. Vincenzi, J. Sherjan, B. W. Mallinson, G. W. Rose.

THE SCHOOL v. HARROW

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 13th. Lost, 3—11.

The 1st XV pitch having been churned up in last Wednesday's match against Oundle, this game was played under ideal conditions on the South Front.

The first half was very even, but Stowe, playing with the wind, should have been up in points instead of allowing the score to be nil all. Within ten minutes Opperman had placed his cross kick as perfectly as if put there by hand. Unaccountably Hamer, with ten yards to spare, failed to touch it down. Good defence by Stowe upset the Harrow machine from start to finish, and the forwards played one of their better games. Unfortunately the Stowe backs rarely frustrated a speedier Harrow defence; and, when they did, the finishing was poor. In the first half Harrow made some sporadic raids but rarely looked dangerous.

The first score in the second half was a stupendous penalty against the wind by Sherjan. However, Harrow counter-attacked, and, playing better with the wind, made Stowe spend some anxious moments in its twenty-five. At one of these times the luckless Hamer, in clearing his line, kicked straight into the stomach of his opponent, who pouched the ball, went off like a kangaroo up the line and with a final bound achieved his objective. Harrow kept up the pressure, and from a bad pass the left

wing pivoted and dropped a good goal. Harrow's other try was the result of a brilliant run by the full-back, who gathered at full speed, rounded the Stowe three-quarters, brushed Pattinson aside and just managed to make the line. With a conversion Harrow led by eight points, and there were ten minutes to go. Stowe did its best, with Fennell a passenger for most of this half, to score at the far end, but failed.

The forwards were better than against Oundle, and Home was first rate in the line-outs. Opperman played an excellent game both in attack and defence. Cameron played his best game yet but finished badly. Burrows did too much kicking, but passed well. Trevor led the pack with Welsh fervour.

Team :—C. H. Pattinson; J. B. Hamer, D. Cameron, G. R. N. Wetton, W. J. C. Ford; R. A. Opperman, M. J. Burrows; J. E. B. Thompson, R. J. Fennell, H. Boden Bladon, D. S. Rowe-Beddoe, R. P. Trevor (C), J. Sherjan, M. A. Home, G. W. Rose.

Oct. 2nd.	v. THE WASPS (Home).	Won	11—6
Oct. 9th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Won	5—3
Nov. 20th.	v. T. A. KEMP'S XV (Home).	Lost	11—16
Dec. 4th.	v. RICHMOND (Home).	Lost	3—8

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

This has been a good 2nd XV, one which with a little more luck and fewer away fixtures might have remained unbeaten. Only once, against High Wycombe, has its line really looked in danger, and Oundle must count themselves lucky to have beaten it, when Stowe crossed its opponents' line six times against two! The Harrow match was a very close thing and went with ground advantage. For the rest, St. Edward's and Bedford were mastered and Radley was overwhelmed.

The team as a whole has played well. The forwards, not exceptionally heavy, apart from a monumental front-row, have got the shove in the tight and been very quick on the ball. Their line-out work has been poor, but they have been excellent in defence, particularly J. A. Hawkins (C) and A. D. Evans (W). The backs have suffered many changes, but, thanks to the quality of 3rd XV substitutes, have always combined well and always attacked. M. D. Miall (B) has made a very sound scrum-half and in Wetton's absence has captained the side. G. R. N. Wetton (B) was unfortunately only available for a few matches, but W. J. C. Ford (S), R. E. Shelley (G) and G. P. Renwick (C) were all dangerous in different ways. Renwick's try-a-match was the result of brilliant co-operation with Miall. R. Dacey (C), at full-back, notwithstanding his youthful appearance, was often the man of the match.

Results :—

Oct. 13th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Lost	5—14
Oct. 16th.	v. BEDFORD 2ND XV (Home).	Won	9—0
Oct. 23rd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S 2ND XV (Away).	Won	9—0
Oct. 27th.	v. R.G.S., HIGH WYCOMBE 1ST XV (Away).	Lost	0—19
Nov. 3rd.	v. RADLEY 2ND XV (Away).	Won	23—11
Nov. 9th.	v. OUNDLE 2ND XV (Away).	Lost	3—11
Nov. 13th.	v. HARROW 2ND XV (Away).	Lost	6—9
Nov. 20th.	v. BUCKINGHAM (Home).	Won	11—3

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

Whatever the last two matches of the term, as yet unplayed, may add to or detract from its record, the 3rd XV has had one of its better seasons. It was unfortunate that the Oundle match took place at the beginning of the term before the team had had time to settle down, but in spite of the score there was promise of the spirit and skill that were developed later, and a succession of weeks without matches brought none of the staleness that had been feared but a growing keenness and competence. Only on two occasions, against Harrow and Towcester, has the side played unworthily of itself; its performances in other matches, whether won or lost, have shown a most heartening tenacity in the face of difficulty and an intelligent quickness to exploit opportunity. N. S. Murray (C) has led by voice and example an energetic pack of forwards, among whom J. O. B. Rosedale (T), B. E. Toye (S) and G. W. Horner (C) have particularly distinguished themselves, and the team as a whole has responded well to the subtler blandishments of its captain, R. A. B. Day (T); the enthusiasm of this latter, together with his safe hands and tactical sense, has contributed very considerably to the general success, and his partnership with W. K. Edden (C) has worked more and more smoothly as the term has gone forward. M. K. Ridley (C) and D. H. G. J. Pepper (B) have been the most reliable three-quarters, and C. H. Scott (C) as full-back has kicked very well indeed and fielded the ball with unhurried calm. Without losing its sense of urgency the team has played with enjoyment, and both individually and corporately has done much constructive work.

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

As is often the case, there has been little to choose between the 3rd and 4th XV forwards, and in practice games the latter have not infrequently held their own; the backs have not been of quite the same calibre; C. J. A. Binnie (B) may yet make a scrum-half if he sets his mind to it, but his fellows behind the scrum, though not without speed and dash in attack, have failed to hold determined opposition; however, with two wins and two defeats the team has not done badly: it gave its best performance in the Bedford match.

THE COLTS CLUB

The Colts have had a successful season to date, winning all their major school games; and in the opening game, which they lost, they were clearly the better side. In spite of this they have not yet realised their potentialities completely, and since this account was originally written they have paid the price of complacency, being beaten by Northampton Grammar School; in the last fifteen minutes of this game they were roused to play some of their best rigger of the season, but then it was too late.

Boyd-Smith has the makings of a fine full-back; he is a little slow but makes up for this by quick anticipation, and his handling and kicking on the wettest of days have been nearly faultless. The three-quarters were a most interesting combination and unfortunately there have been few dry days to see their real possibilities. Buttrose, a converted wing, scored many tries; he played outside centre and if he was given a gap was an extremely fast straight runner. Harris, at inside centre, made many openings by well-timed passes, one of the fundamentals of successful back play, and was the

soundest tackler amongst the backs. Arnold always looked dangerous on the wing, although he was not given enough opportunities to use his acceleration and natural swerve. The other wing position has not been filled at the time of writing. Kerr could be good but does not always go with enough dash, while Coulter on a couple of appearances has looked promising. Sefton was a competent all-round player and got through a great deal of work in attack and defence; he handled extremely well and kicked well. He made many dangerous breaks but did not concentrate enough on the basic job of getting the line moving at top speed. Walker deputised very successfully for Sefton in many of the important matches. He generally got the line moving and has an exceptionally good dummy, which he wisely used very sparingly. Sabey was large for a scrum-half but had the chief essential—a long pass from the scrum—and he got the ball out consistently well on the wet days. The main weakness of the backs was finishing; on many occasions tries were thrown away because the final pass was delayed instead of being given at speed.

The forwards were heavy and lively, and have done their job of dominating the opposition packs. The one weakness has been in finding an open-side forward. Morison has played there on several occasions, but his real place is in one of the front two rows—he tackles well and is good in the loose scrums but is a bad scrummager. Elliott has the speed but not the weight for open-side and has made a useful blind-side, good in both defence and attack. In the front row Prestwich, Ricardo and I. R. Sinclair were all good scrummagers and worked well in the loose, while Prestwich easily out-hooked all his opponents. Wells has greatly improved in the second row and with his proportions should be a most useful forward. Hill got through an immense amount of work: he was always to be found in the thick of the loose scrums and line-outs, but still somehow managed to turn up with some withering cover tackles. Late in the season Cameron has come in as a wing forward, where he has played with great dash.

The standard of the rest of the club has been high and they have played with great enthusiasm. Several of them would have been in the team in other years and they should be an asset to the School rugby in the future.

The following have played:—P. J. Sefton (G), C. M. Hill (C), J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), J. R. Prestwich (B), J. H. Harris (C), A. G. Morison (G), R. M. Elliott (C), A. C. Sabey (C), P. Ricardo (W), K. H. Wells (C), M. Buttrose (G), J. Arnold (B), I. R. Sinclair (C), R. D. McElroy (G), S. P. S. Coulter (W), J. P. Kerr (W), R. L. Walker (C), S. G. H. Sinclair (G), N. D. Cameron (C), C. E. Clarkson (G), C. L. Willson (B), R. G. Loxton (G).

Results:—

Oct. 6th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Lost	11—15
Oct. 16th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Won	6—5
Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Won	31—0
Oct. 30th.	v. RUGBY (Home).	Won	6—3
Nov. 3rd.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won	17—3
Nov. 10th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Won	9—0
Nov. 13th.	v. HARROW (Home).	Won	6—3
2ND XV.			
Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	24—3

THE JUNIOR COLTS CLUB

At the time of writing eight matches have been played, of which four have been won, one drawn and three lost. In general, there has been a great deal of enthusiasm, which has been maintained steadily throughout the term, and there is a fair amount of talent in the Club, but there has been a definite failure to get off to a good start in matches. This was particularly evident against St. Edward's, Oundle and Harrow.

The forwards have improved a great deal during the term in their set scrumming, and Wates has made a very useful hooker. At first the wing forwards did not push nearly hard enough, but they have corrected this to a large degree. Everyone has shewn to advantage individually in the loose from time to time, but where they have failed is in quick backing-up and a fast heel from the loose. Line-out play has not reached anything like a sufficiently high standard. However, the forwards are mostly large and keen, and when they have gained more experience and have grown up should be a useful lot.

With the exception of Garwood-Gowers the backs were small and found the wet, heavy grounds hard to cope with. Gowers himself was seldom able to make full use of his size and speed, because the others had not the strength to give him any sort of an opening, and he was not well enough balanced to make his own. Honey and Sherjan promise well for the future, if they will grow.

The following have played:—

M. A. Benkert (G), R. D. Fell (C), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), A. T. B. Honey (T), M. L. Booth (G), L. C. P. Ribeaux (C), P. S. Bramley (W), R. Sherjan (T), P. B. Aarvold (G), P. W. Loxton (G), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), J. E. G. Nayler (W), C. S. Wates (B), N. J. R. Kay (G), R. H. Robinson (B), E. W. Fulton (G), J. G. Jessel (B), J. A. Ball (G), B. M. Morris (C), R. G. Hetherington (G), A. R. Bentall (C), F. R. Shackleton (W), J. F. Svejdar (W).

Oct. 6th.	v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (Home).	Won	52—3
Oct. 16th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won	5—3
Oct. 23rd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S—1ST XV (Home).	Lost	3—17
	2nd XV (Home).	Lost	3—6
Oct. 30th.	v. RUGBY (Home).	Won	19—8
Nov. 3rd.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Drawn	9—9
Nov. 9th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	5—17
Nov. 13th.	v. HARROW (Away).	Lost	5—9
Nov. 17th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Away).	Won	3—0

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN CLUB

The record of the Under-14 team this season is moderate. The team has not once suffered a heavy defeat, nor has it once inflicted one. In fact this lack of scoring power is the most disturbing feature of the record. We have had a good, well-drilled pack, and a set of outsiders who occasionally have played well as individuals but who have seldom combined as an effective unit. This was never more evident than at Radley, where the forwards dominated the game and where the backs excelled in approach work but never scored.

The matches against Bedford and St. Edward's were played under bad conditions. The ball was slippery and there was too much mud. Whereas in the Bedford match it might be argued that Stowe were unfortunate not to score a few more points, nevertheless in both matches the better side won by about the right margin.

Team :—E. J. Avory (T); I. Pasley-Tyler (C), R. T. Birt-Llewellyn (T), A. Cameron (B), J. R. Kerr Muir (C), G. B. Edwards (W); I. R. G. Dowdeswell (C), J. P. D. Hancox (G); D. J. Easton (W) (capt.), M. F. Bridgland (B), G. M. Shaw (C), P. J. Blayney (C), P. J. S. Anderson (C), F. Nemon-Stuart (C), A. H. Matusch (G), K. W. Miller (G), C. J. W. Gauvain (T).

Results :—

Oct. 13th.	v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD (Away).	Won	15—3
Oct. 16th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	9—5
Oct. 23rd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	3—0
Oct. 27th.	v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	3—0
Nov. 3rd.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost	3—0

'A' XV.

Oct. 23rd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Lost	6—3
	v. DRAGON SCHOOL, OXFORD (Away).	Drawn	6—6

SWIMMING

We, like most other sportsmen last term, can lay a heavy complaint against the weather. The extremely low temperatures in the pool considerably limited our training, in which long spells in the water are so essential. Yet in spite of this we had a most successful season, due largely to the training put in at the Northampton Baths during the winter months.

The team suffered from a lack in numbers, particularly among the Seniors, which meant heavy swimming in matches for several individuals. Our main need was of good back-strokers, until the sudden arrival on the scene, half-way through the term, of R. M. S. Rees (B), who, though only fourteen, repeatedly broke the Under-15 and Junior records and came very near even to the Senior. A constant winner throughout the matches in the breaststroke events was his brother, E. I. S. Rees (B), who particularly excelled in the longer distances and who was ably backed up by V. V. Pope (G). In the freestyle the main problem was to find a fourth swimmer to make up the relay team, since the three freestylers, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B), D. M. H. Reece (W) and J. V. H. Hippisley (C), were so rarely challenged. Hartland-Swann, fit after his winter training, regained the 100 yards record, although he was often sharply challenged by Reece. The latter, benefitting through rigorous coaching, proved a surprise to all and achieved some very fast times. Hippisley looks very promising for future years. Though the appearances of N. M. Bates (G), our diver, were infrequent, they proved a valuable match-winning asset. The Juniors swam well against varying opposition and like the Seniors succeeded in breaking both their relay records.

The season down at the lake started much earlier than usual, although General Bathing did not begin until the end of June, as the unsafe boarding had to be repaired. Our only failures in Senior matches were against our inveterate rivals, Harrow, and against Bedford Modern and Berkhamsted. The Juniors also lost three times: against Bedford Modern, City of London and Berkhamsted. Maximum points were scored against St. Edward's and Wellingborough in the Seniors, and against Harrow in the Juniors, and all our other wins were quite substantial. On June 26th we took part in the Public Schools Medley Relays, a new fixture, in which we came 8th out of a field of 28. We did not compete in the Bath Club Relays this year.

'Dolphins' are now only awarded on performance in matches as a Junior colour.

Results :—

		For	Against	
HARROW	Senior	23½	28½	Lost
	Junior	31	11	Won
ALDENHAM	Senior	42	21	Won
	Junior	29½	11½	Won
WELLINGBOROUGH	Senior	50	17	Won
	Junior	32½	23½	Won
BEDFORD MODERN	Senior	33	35	Lost
	Junior	18	38	Lost
WESTMINSTER	'A' Team	38	21	Won
	Senior	45	22	Won
ST. EDWARD'S	Senior	40	27	Won
	Junior	23	43	Lost
CITY OF LONDON	Senior	24	32	Lost
	Junior	18	38	Lost
BERKHAMSTED	Senior	40	16	Won
	Junior			
OTTER A.S.C.	Senior			

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Inter-House Sports last term saw the introduction of a number of long distance events and a new system of "standards".

It was very encouraging to see that many swimmers achieved their fastest performances during the Sports, as in previous years many races have been slower at the end of the season. C. D. Manley (T) broke the Under-15 and Under-16 50 yards breaststroke record, and J. E. G. Naylor (W) broke the Under-15 25 yards freestyle record. P. W. Rigg (W) won the Under-16 200 yards freestyle in an excellent time, while J. V. H. Hippisley (C) just beat J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B) in the last length of the most exciting race of the Sports, the Open 400 yards freestyle. However Hartland-Swann won the Open 50 yards, 100 yards, and 200 yards freestyle, as well as the Open 50 yards backstroke. E. I. S. Rees (B) comfortably won the Open 50 yards, 100 yards and 200 yards breaststroke.

Bruce won the Senior Sports Cup, and Walpole the Junior. Walpole, however, having a large number of junior swimmers, won the Combined Sports Cup. They also regained the Inter-House Relay Cup.

The preliminary rounds of the Water Polo Housematches were scrappy compared with the Finals, which were the best of recent years. The Junior Final was a close

game, which ended in Chatham beating Walpole by three goals to two; C. M. Hill (C) and K. H. Wells (C) dominated the game. The Bruce Seniors played superbly, being a well co-ordinated team, and beat Chandos by seven goals to two.

RESULTS

Open 400 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. V. H. Hippiisley (C); 2, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B); 3, D. M. H. Reece (W). Time, 5 mins. 26.3 secs.

Open 200 Yards Breaststroke.—1, E. I. S. Rees (B); 2, V. V. Pope (G); 3, D. M. H. Reece (W). Time, 2 mins, 53.1 secs.

Open 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, J. V. H. Hippiisley (C); 3, D. M. H. Reece (W). Time, 2 mins. 27.8 secs.

Under-16 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, P. W. Rigg (W); 2, M. Buttrose (G); 3, R. M. S. Rees (B). Time, 2 mins. 40.4 secs.

Under-15 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, P. Ricardo (W); 3, J. F. Svejdar (W). Time, 74.4 secs.

Open 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, J. V. H. Hippiisley (C); 3, N. M. Bates (G). Time, 28.0 secs.

Under-16 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, M. Buttrose (G); 2, R. M. S. Rees (B); 3, G. N. Carr (W). Time, 30.2 secs.

Under-15 25 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, P. Ricardo (W); 3, J. J. Cater (C). Time: 14.0 secs. (a new record).

Open 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, S. J. F. Ruscoe (B); 2, N. M. Bates (G); 3, J. V. H. Hippiisley (C). Time, 83.7 secs.

Under-16 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, R. M. S. Rees (B); 2, J. R. Prestwich (B); 3, P. W. Rigg (W). Time, 37.1 secs.

Under-15 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, P. Ricardo (W); 3, C. S. Wates (B). Time, 44.1 secs.

Open 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, E. I. S. Rees (B); 2, V. V. Pope (G); 3, C. J. Sherwin (T). Time, 76.5 secs.

Under-16 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, C. D. Manley (T); 2, R. M. Elliott (C); 3, R. M. S. Rees (B). Time, 81.0 secs.

Open 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B); 2, J. V. H. Hippiisley (C); 3, D. M. H. Reece (W). Time, 63.4 secs.

Under-15 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, J. R. Perriss (C); 3, P. Ricardo (W). Time, 30.6 secs.

Under-16 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, M. Buttrose (G); 2, P. W. Rigg (W); 3, J. R. Prestwich (B). Time, 69.6 secs.

Open 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, E. I. S. Rees (B); 2, V. V. Pope (G); 3, C. J. Sherwin (T). Time, 35.0 secs.

Under-16 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, C. D. Manley (T); 2, R. M. Elliott (C); 3, M. S. Wilson (C). Time, 36.1 secs. (an Under-16 and Under-15 record).

Under-15 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, P. Ricardo (W); 2, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 3, F. R. Shackleton (W). Time, 38.6 secs.

Open 50 Yards Backstroke.—1 (equal), J. D. N. Hartland-Swann (B) and S. J. F. Ruscoe (B); 3, V. V. Pope (G). Time, 36.4 secs.

Open Diving.—1, N. M. Bates (G); 2 (equal), J. V. H. Hippiisley (C), C. M. Maher (C) and J. G. Church (W).

Junior Diving.—1, P. R. Cowdy (T); 2, N. H. Pennington (G); 3, B. K. Tickler (G).

LIFE-SAVING

J. O. Kennedy (W) gained the Award of Merit.

The following gained the Bronze Medallion:—W. G. Bennett (C), A. G. M. A. Provost (C), D. H. Philpott (C), P. de S. Barrow (C), P. Ricardo (W), F. R. Shackleton (W), R. K. B. Hankinson (W), M. D. Goodwin (C).

J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C) gained the Intermediate Certificate.

LAWN TENNIS

The account of the 1954 season was printed in the last issue. The results were as follows:—

May 15. *v.* MR. J. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI. Home. Won, 6—3.

Hart and Earlam, 6—1, 8—6; 6—2, 6—4; 6—4, 6—3.

Coni and Burrows, 6—3, 4—6, 6—4; 8—6, 6—3; 2—6, 3—6.

Maher and Grenfell, 7—9, 6—3, 4—6; 6—3, 6—3; 5—7, 4—6.

May 22. *v.* U.C.S. Home. Won, 5—4.

Hart and Coni, 3—6, 3—6; 4—6, 3—6; 6—1, 6—0.

Earlam and Burrows, 3—6, 5—7; 6—1, 6—1; 6—1, 6—2.

Grenfell and Brown, 4—6, 3—6; 6—3, 6—2; 6—0, 6—1.

May 29. *v.* ETON. Home. Won, 9—0.

Hart and Burrows, 7—5, 6—3; 6—0, 6—0; 6—1, 6—3.

Coni and Earlam, 6—3, 6—4; 4—6, 6—2, 6—1; 6—2, 6—0.

Grenfell and Brown, 6—3, 7—5; 6—2, 6—2; 6—3, 6—1.

June 2. *v.* DALLINGTON L.T.C. Home. Won, 8—1.

Hart and Burrows, 6—3, 3—6, 10—8; 6—0, 6—1; 6—0, 6—2.

Coni and Earlam, 6—4, 7—5; 6—2, 6—0; 6—2, 6—2.

Grenfell and Brown, 6—3, 6—3; 6—3, 1—6, 5—7; 6—1, 6—2.

June 5. *v.* REPTON. Home. Won, 6—3.

Hart and Burrows, 4—6, 4—6; 6—1, 7—5; 6—0, 6—0.

Coni and Brown, 6—3, 4—6, 5—7; 6—4, 6—0; 6—2, 6—0.

Earlam and Grenfell, 5—7, 3—6; 6—4, 6—3; 7—5, 6—3.

June 10. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Won, 7—2.

Hart and Burrows, 6—4, 6—2; 6—0, 6—4; 6—0, 6—0.

Coni and Brown, 6—8, 2—6; 6—1, 6—2; 6—1, 6—0.

Earlam and Maher, 6—1, 3—6, 6—8; 6—2, 6—1; 6—0, 6—1.

- June 16. *v.* LEIGHTON PARK. Home. Won, 7-1.
Hart and Burrows, 6-2, 6-3; 6-1, 7-5; 6-1, 7-5.
Coni and Earlam, 7-9, 6-1, 7-5; 6-1, 6-4; 6-0, 6-0.
Brown and Grenfell, —; 2-6, 4-6; 6-3, 6-2.
- June 19. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. Won, 7-2.
Coni and Earlam, 6-1, 6-2; 10-8, 0-6, 6-2; 6-4, 6-3.
Hart and Brown, 6-1, 6-1; 6-4, 6-2; 7-5, 4-6, 3-6.
Grenfell and Maher, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; 5-7, 0-6; 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
- June 23. *v.* R.M.A., SANDHURST. Home. Won, 5-2.
Hart and Coni, 6-4, 10-12, 3-6; —; 6-4, 6-2.
Brown and Grenfell, 4-6, 5-7; 6-4, 6-3; 6-2, 6-3.
Duxbury and Renwick, —; 8-6, 5-7, 8-6; 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.
- June 30. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Home. Won, 6-1.
Hart and Burrows, 6-2, 7-5; —; 6-1, 6-2.
Coni and Maher, 6-4, 6-3; 6-0, 6-3; 6-2, 6-2.
Duxbury and Renwick, —; 2-6, 4-6; 6-4, 6-4.
- July 3. *v.* MILL HILL. Away. Won, 6-0.
Hart and Burrows, 6-0, 6-4; 6-1, —; 6-0, 6-2.
Coni and Earlam, 6-2, 6-0; 6-4, 6-2; 6-2, —.
Brown and Grenfell, 3-4, —; 2-6, 6-0, 6-2; 6-1, 8-6.
- July 17. *v.* K.C.S. Home. Won, 5-2.
Hart and Burrows, 3-6, 8-6, 0-6; 6-2, 6-3; 6-0, 6-3.
Coni and Earlam, 3-6, 6-3, 9-11; 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; —.
Brown and Grenfell, —; 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; 6-3, 6-3.
- July 24. *v.* OLD STOICS. Won, 6-2.
Hart and Burrows, 2-6, 6-2, 5-7; 6-0, 6-0; 6-0, 6-1.
Coni and Earlam, 4-6, 4-6; 6-3, 6-1; 6-2, 6-0.
Brown and Grenfell, 4-6, 6-4, —; 6-1, 6-2; 6-0, 6-1.

The Old Stoics were represented by the following: E. R. Avory (T, 1927), J. A. Shepherd Barron (W, 1943), J. K. Binns (W, 1947), D. C. Griffith (C, 1952), J. D. Saunders (G, 1952) and A. T. R. Fletcher (T, 1947).

Temple won the House Matches, beating Chatham in the Final by three matches to two.

Tennis Leagues were won by Temple.

D. H. Hart (C) won the Mornington Singles, beating T. M. Brown (T) in the Final.

D. H. Hart and L. P. Coni, both of Chandos, won the Mornington Doubles, beating a Temple pair, T. M. Brown and J. R. Warden, in the Final.

In the Final of the Junior Doubles L. P. Coni and A. G. Barbour of Chandos beat G. N. Carr and J. P. Kerr of Walpole.

WIMBLEDON

Our worst fears were realised, and we were beaten by Repton in the Third Round of the Youll Cup competition. Nerves affected the side very badly, and only Hart did himself justice. He was right at the top of his form and determined to play a captain's part; his fight against a Derbyshire Junior in the Singles was a great performance, and, although Hart lost in the third set, the match might very easily have gone the other way.

ETON FIVES

This season the fixture list has been extended, and three matches were played this term. The standard of the Stowe pairs is definitely improving, largely through these opportunities of meeting better players and learning from them. Unfortunately, through injuries, our strongest team was not available for any of the matches.

Against City of London School the rallies were closer than the scores suggest; but Stowe gave their opponents too many chances of killing the ball by sending it high in the centre of the court. The Jesters brought down two very experienced pairs. Beardmore Gray's soft, heavily-cut spats, dying at the foot of the left-hand wall, at first baffled our first pair; but taught them that power is not all in spitting. The Jesters won by superior courtcraft, and because they took every opportunity of volleying on the top step. They then very kindly paired with the Stoics for a last game and gave them some useful advice. Against Marlborough both senior pairs started sluggishly and rallied in the third game. The first pair lost a very close fourth game; the second pair took their opponents to a fifth game, but could not quite hold them at the end. The Colts did well to beat older and more powerful opponents.

Scores:—

- Oct. 14th. *v.* CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL. Home. Lost, 0-3.
P. T. Craig (W) and J. P. Kerr (W) lost 6-12, 5-12, 2-12.
A. B. Hyslop (T) and J. O. B. Rosedale (T) lost 13-15, 6-12, 6-12.
L. G. B. Williamson (T) and R. D. Turrall (C) lost 10-12, 5-12, 2-12.
- Nov. 6th. *v.* JESTERS. Home. Lost, 0-2.
P. T. Craig (W) and J. Sherjan (T) lost to D. Beardmore Gray and Dr. D. Saunders 2-12, 5-12, 6-12.
A. B. Hyslop (T) and L. G. B. Williamson (T) lost to M. Constantinidi and W. P. Shovelton 2-12, 2-12, 8-12.
- Nov. 18th. *v.* MARLBOROUGH. Home. Seniors lost 0-2; Colts pair won.
J. Sherjan (T) and L. G. B. Williamson (T) lost to C. J. Hawthorn and M. J. Hender, 8-12, 1-12, 12-10, 13-14.
A. B. Hyslop (T) and J. O. B. Rosedale (T) lost to J. M. Cunningham and P. P. Sanders, 4-12, 5-12, 12-5, 12-8, 3-12.
N. W. D. Sturch (T) and R. G. McAllester (T) beat T. J. H. Chappel and C. R. Jocelyn, 10-12, 12-2, 12-1, 15-10.

		BOWLING				
		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones	...	131.5	21	422	33	12.79
A. P. Hill	... ..	67.3	13	206	12	17.17
J. B. Hamer	... ..	138	40	322	14	23.00
J. C. Witham	... ..	34	11	93	4	23.25
R. W. Slater	... ..	94	24	287	11	26.09
D. Cameron	... ..	57	14	197	5	39.40
J. Sherjan	... ..	51	10	155	2	77.50

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR

First Round :—

Grafton 191 for 3; Chandos 129.
Bruce 139; Walpole 44.
Grenville 141; Chatham 142 for 7.
Temple 78; Cobham 79 for 9.

Second Round :—

Grafton 166 for 6; Bruce 167 for 4.
Chatham 151; Cobham 136.

Final :—

Bruce beat Chatham by 142 runs.
Bruce 216 for 7 dec. (A. P. Hill 81, R. A. Opperman 56) and 212 for 2 (A. P. Hill 48, R. A. Opperman 69).
Chatham 150 (D. Cameron 4 for 40) and 136 (D. Cameron 5 for 45, D. G. Garwood-Gowers 4 for 38).

JUNIOR

First Round :—

Grafton 74; Chandos 68.
Bruce 49; Walpole 50 for 3.
Grenville 17; Chatham 18 for 1.
Temple 76; Cobham 80 for 4.

Second Round :—

Grafton 109; Walpole 111 for 5.
Cobham 48; Chatham 49 for 7.

Final :—

Chatham beat Walpole by 8 wkts.
Chatham 104 and 27 for 2.
Walpole 43 (J. P. Kerr 28; C. J. G. Shillington 6 for 2) and 87 (J. F. Svejdar 35 not out; A. Mackintosh 5 for 35).

STOWE TEMPLARS CRICKET CLUB

The first match of the season was played against the Old Alleynians at Dulwich on Whit Monday. Thanks to the excellent bowling of P. G. Harris, the Templars were well satisfied to dismiss their opponents for 157. The Templars had a very strong batting side—and were bowled out for 43.

The match against the School produced over 800 runs, the Templars winning the game after a protracted struggle by fifteen runs. The School batted extremely well and fielded ferociously, but H. V. R. Whitcombe bowled well for the Templars and the game ended on the Saturday evening amidst general excitement and numerous visitors drinking tea and sundry beverages at mid-wicket. The atmosphere and spirit of this game has always been most agreeable, and this year was no exception. The game on the South Front resulted in a rather comfortable win for the School, but how difficult it is for a visiting Templar to concentrate on his fielding, unused as he is to such magnificent surroundings.

The game against Mr. R. H. Hawkins' XI on the Sunday was abandoned early in the morning—rain has always dealt severely with the Templars. Indeed the rain was the most consistent performer during the 'Week'. Not a ball was bowled during the match against the Northamptonshire Amateurs, and the game against the Mandarins was abandoned after the Templars had scored 44 for the loss of one wicket. But the three games which remained took place, happily without interruption, and were most interesting. The Oundle Rovers scored 188, always a formidable total on damp wickets and a slow outfield, but they had to be content with a draw, thanks to a last-ditch defence by M. D. Cobham and a one-armed N. C. S. Barling, who has unhappily been suffering from a broken arm throughout the summer. Against R. H. Hawkins' XI, after some uncertain batting, A. Hawker performed in a highly competent manner, so that the Templars managed to draw. The two-day match against the St. Edward's Martyrs was a near-classic. There were no declarations, and for the Templars it was a most satisfying game, with fortune favouring first one side, then the other. The wicket was quite sporting, and P. G. Harris took advantage of this to record a match analysis of 8 for 54. H. V. Kemp and M. Bate were in delightful batting form during the Templars' second innings, scoring 66 and 56 respectively. In the St. Edward's second innings H. V. Kemp took three wickets for six runs, and M. Bate one wicket for one run, inducing the last batsman to sit firmly on his wicket to a goodish length ball rather far wide of the off stump.

The week, in spite of the weather, was an unqualified success. Individually, the performances which impressed were the consistent and attractive batting of M. Bate, the usefulness of H. V. Kemp as a complete all rounder, H. R. Herrington's reliability as an opening bat, and P. G. Harris' bowling, which was always of the highest class. All Templars will agree that the sensible and very pleasant captaincy of R. H. G. Carr makes each game so very enjoyable. The Stowe Templars organisation always appears to work effortlessly, and the hospitality received from the School was, as always, very generous.

C.H.L.

RESULTS FOR 1954.

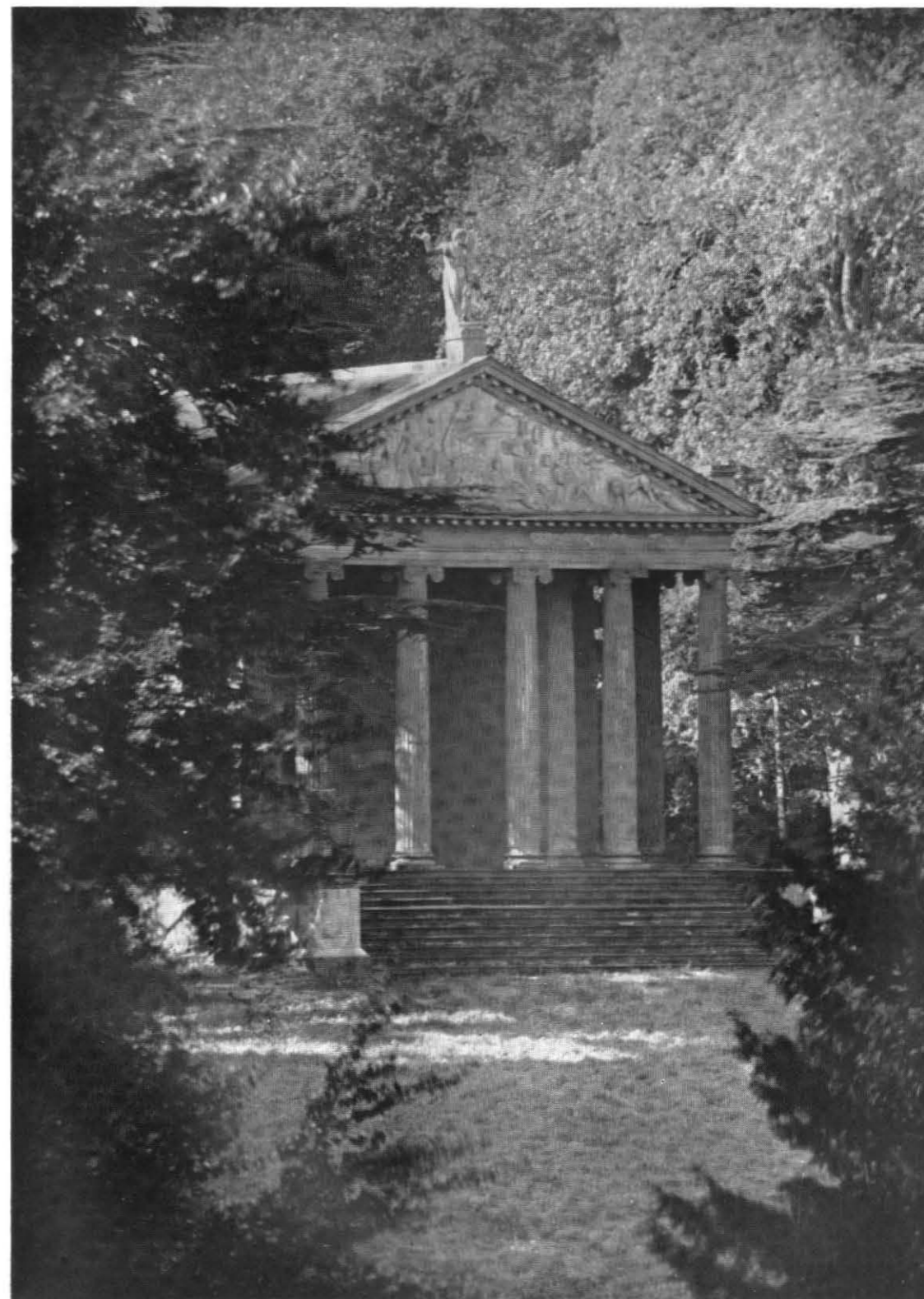
- v. OLD ALLEYNIAN. Lost by 114 runs.
Old Alleynians 157 (P. G. Harris 4 for 51, M. D. T. Loup 4 for 25).
Stowe Templars 43.
- v. SCHOOL 1ST XI. Won by 15 runs.
Stowe Templars 262 for 8 dec. (C. H. Lezard 80) and 160 for 7 dec.
School 1st XI 257 for 9 dec. (H. R. V. Whitcombe 5 for 78) and 150 (H. R. V. Whitcombe 4 for 35).
- v. SCHOOL 2ND XI. Lost by 89 runs.
School 2nd XI 220 for 5 dec.
Stowe Templars 131 (W. C. O. Munks 47).
- v. OUNDLE ROVERS. Drawn.
Oundle Rovers 188 (P. G. Harris 5 for 32).
Stowe Templars 130 for 9 (M. R. Bate 63).
- v. ST. EDWARD'S MARTYRS. Won by 149 runs.
Stowe Templars 121 and 220 (M. R. Bate 66, H. V. Kemp 56).
St. Edward's Martyrs 132 (P. G. Harris 6 for 35) and 60 (H. V. Kemp 3 for 6).
- v. NORTHANTS AMATEURS. Match abandoned.
- v. MANDARINS.
Stowe Templars 44 for 1. Rain stopped play.
- v. R. H. HAWKINS' XI. Drawn.
R. H. Hawkins' XI 156.
Stowe Templars 132 for 9.

GOLF

Last April an inter public schools competition was held at Woking between Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Winchester, Charterhouse, Marlborough and Stowe, and it has since been confirmed that it will continue as an annual event. The competition is due to the initiative of Mr. Micklem, through whose courtesy Stowe was invited to compete. The School was represented by W. P. Cooper (C), D. P. Marshall-Andrew (B), R. D. Selby (C), D. R. Stevens (W) and J. F. Alexander (G), who were unfortunately knocked out in the first round, losing to Eton by one match.

This term two competitions are being held on the School course: one is open to all, and the other is a junior event, restricted to those under sixteen.

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