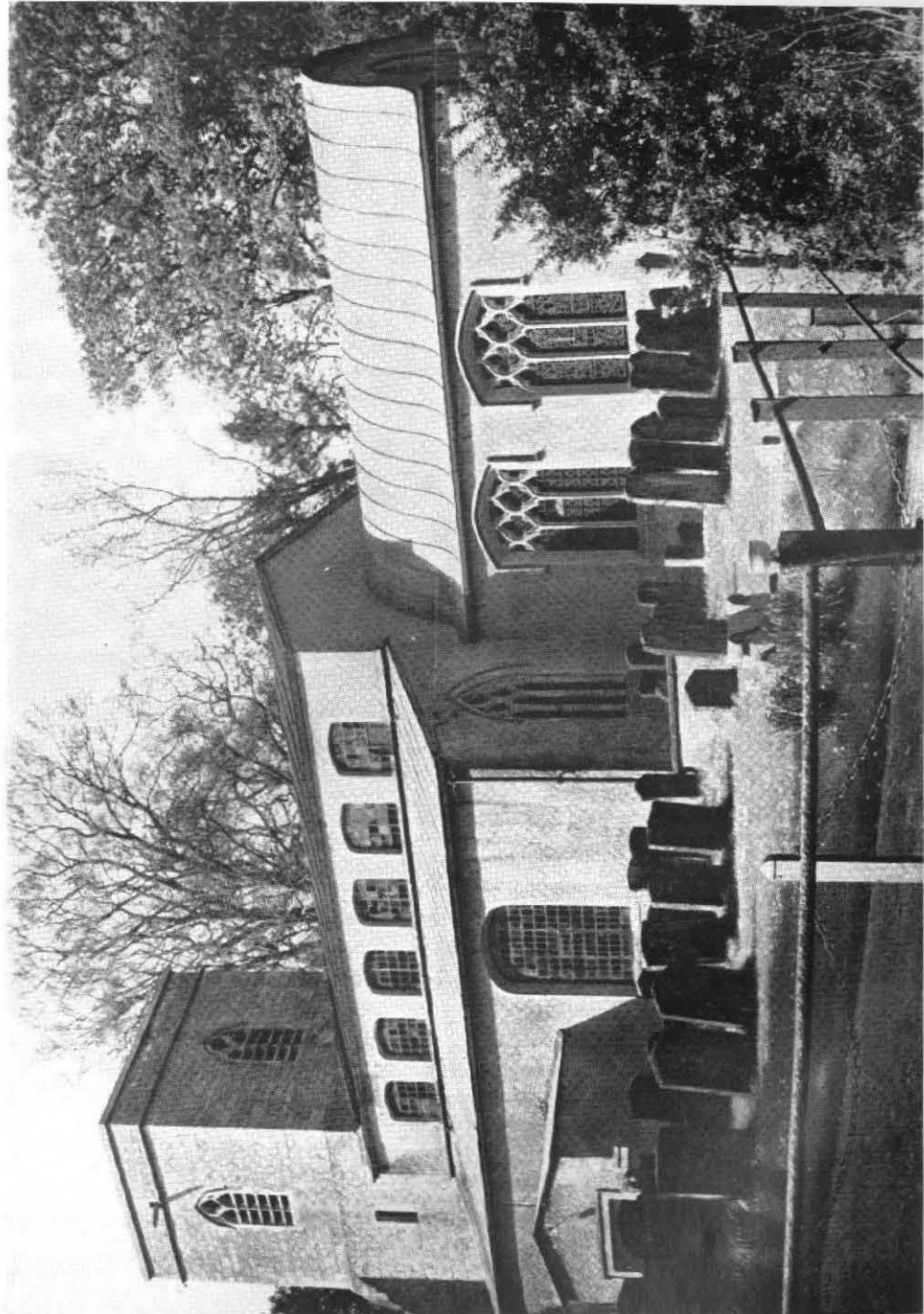


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A RECORD

"6 M. SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH." said the Blue Book with its customary reserve. And this seemed to be all that anyone knew. As June 6th (Monday) approached, stories flew about of how last time "all the scaffolding collapsed and the Temple study windows were broken." However, for all concerned it was to be a novel and perhaps even exciting experience.

At 10.30 on the day the Houses began to collect in long lines, criss-cross fashion, on the North Front. After some original controversy as to whether lines should go North-South or East-West, not counting the few individualists who preferred N.W.-S.E. or S.W.-N.E., partial order was restored, with Houses in North-South formation—contrary, however, to the original instructions, which had said East-West. Some preliminary spade-work had been done in the sizing of the Houses, and this had been efficiently performed—so efficiently that without exception every House had its smallest members on the colonnades and its tallest squatting on the grass. A few uncharitable remarks were overheard about being screened by the more Herculean members of the Staff, who now began to show themselves on the North Front steps, hiding their disquiet with an Olympian aloofness which stood them in good stead throughout the ordeal. When they had taken their places, one or two of the more ludicrous aspects of the sizing were noticed; so the second row was taken out, another row inserted in its place, the second row put on the ground and the front row disposed of elsewhere.

By now the photographer was getting harassed, as the sun was no longer pointing directly at the camera and was actually beginning to shine on part of the School. After some confusion silence descended and the photograph was taken, the only disturbance being the hasty pattering of a few feet along the colonnade, caused by some who attempted to deceive the All-Seeing Eye of the camera and falsify the record. As third period began we were told that it no longer existed, and the School disappeared with a rapidity that would have been envied by the Great Houdini himself.

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1955.

Prefects:—D. M. H. Reece (W), Head of the School; J. O. B. Rosedale (T), Second Prefect; G. H. Arkell (G), Prefect of Gymnasium; R. W. Slater (C); A. D. J. Grenfell (W), Prefect of Chapel; A. J. Pearson-Craven (C); R. A. Opperman (B); J. D. Powell-Rees (G), Prefect of Library; I. Campbell (Q).

Cricket:—Captain, R. W. Slater (C); Secretary, J. B. Hamer (G).

Lawn Tennis:—Captain, M. J. Burrows (Q); Secretary, A. D. J. Grenfell (W).

Swimming:—Captain, D. M. H. Reece (W); Secretary, J. V. H. Hippisley (Q).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 15th, The Chaplain; Whitsunday, May 29th, The Rev. C. C. W. James; Sunday, June 5th, The Rev. Canon J. Trevor Lewis, Vicar of All Saints' Church, Northampton; Sunday, June 26th, The Rev. C. C. W. James; Sunday, July 10th, The Rev. Canon C. H. Ritchie, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen; Sunday, July 24th, The Right Rev. Hugh Gough, Bishop of Barking.

The Collections in the Chapel were:—on May 22nd, for St. Dunstan's, £22 10s. od.; on June 5th, for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £26 15s. od.; on July 3rd, for the St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund, £38 os. od.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were again held in conjunction this year, on Saturday, July 23rd. On the evening of Speech Day and of the previous day performances of *Coriolanus* were given by the Historians. An account of this and of other events will appear in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

Mr. R. E. J. Davis is retiring at the end of this term after being fifteen years at Stowe.

The Rev. C. C. W. James, M.A., has joined the Staff this term.

H.M. Inspectors of Education were at Stowe from May 23rd to May 27th.

The Exeat, which was to have taken place from June 10th to June 13th, had to be cancelled owing to the rail strike. So also did the School Dance, arranged for the previous Thursday, June 9th.

A dance was held on July 2nd in Assembly; the hosts were Chandos and Grenville Houses.

We announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Snell on July 2nd.

The following have been successful in the 1st M.B. examination at Cambridge:—Parts 1 and 3, D. M. H. Reece (W) and I. Campbell (Q); Part 2, M. J. S. Hubbard (G) and J. B. Spooner (C).

R. D. Shepherd (Q, 1949) is holding an exhibition of paintings at Parson's Gallery, 70, Grosvenor Street, W.1., from October 3rd to 21st; Sir Miles Thomas will preside at the formal opening. Those who would like to be present at the opening ceremony should get in touch with Mr. Shepherd at Frimley Hall, Camberley.

School Colours for Cricket have been awarded to the following:—
1st XI:—J. B. Hamer (G), F. N. Rushton (G) (re-awarded); D. Cameron (B), M. D. Miall (B).

2nd XI:—J. P. Kerr (W), J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), W. Shand Kydd (C), P. J. Sefton (G), S. G. H. Sinclair (G), P. E. Albrecht (Q), G. N. Carr (W).

3rd XI:—J. H. Harris (C), C. J. G. Shillington (Q), M. Samuel (B), G. W. Horner (C), J. A. I. Hayward (C), A. Mackintosh (Q), J. B. D. Smith (G).

Colts Caps:—C. E. Clarkson (G), G. Harwood (G), C. J. G. Atkinson (Q), R. L. Walker (C), L. C. P. Ribeaux (C), R. H. Robinson (B), J. J. Cater (Q), N. M. Stern (B).

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to the following:—
R. M. S. Rees (B) (re-awarded); P. W. Rigg (W), S. J. F. Ruscoe (B), C. J. Sherwin (T).

Representative Colours have been awarded as follows:—
For Cross Country, A. J. Pearson-Craven (C), J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B).
For Athletics, M. A. V. Harris (C).
For Shooting, M. Anson (G).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES

ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY :	J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH :	C. R. P. Tyzack (C)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK :	G. M. Tetlow (T)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN :	N. W. D. Sturch (T)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	M. K. Ridley (C)
SYRETT PRIZE FOR HISTORY :	A. A. V. Rudolf (C)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY :	A. A. V. Rudolf (C)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH :	N. W. D. Sturch (T)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR GERMAN :	M. Samuel (B)
CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH :	M. G. Warren (B)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	Not awarded
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	M. D. Miall (B)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCES :	M. R. Millbourn (T)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	M. C. Scrutton (C)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	M. C. Scrutton (C)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	R. Charlton (C)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	S. C. F. Mounsey (G)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	Not awarded
HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE :	A. A. V. Rudolf (C)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	M. K. Ridley (C)
EDWARD HARDING PRIZE FOR READING :	D. J. Easton (W)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :	
<i>Senior</i> :	A. A. V. Rudolf (C)
<i>Junior</i> :	Not awarded
ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART :	R. M. S. Rees (B)

MUSIC PRIZES :

GILLING-LAX— <i>Senior</i> :	D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)
<i>Junior</i> :	C. J. Gibbon (G)
Piano : <i>Senior</i> , R. C. C. Temple (T)	<i>Junior</i> , J. S. C. Cohen (T)
Woodwind : D. D. Barlow (C)	Brass : J. M. Diack (T)
Whistler (C)	Organ : D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C)
JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR CARPENTRY OR METAL WORK :	
	P. W. Antrobus (C)
WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES :	A. E. Theunissen (C)

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1955

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships :—

- T. J. L. GAUVAIN (St. Ronans, Hawkhurst).
 R. P. M. REAY-SMITH (Summer Fields, Oxford).
 A. E. HOPWOOD (Lawrence House School, St. Anne's-on-Sea).
 L. J. D. MCINTYRE (Belmont School, Hassocks).
 R. M. H. GRIFFITHS (The Leas, Hoylake, and Stowe School).
 D. M. FINGLETON (Aldwickbury School, Harpenden).

OLIM ALUMNI

H. E. ROBINSON (T, 1925) was created a Knight Bachelor in the Birthday Honours, on the Colonial List.

A. A. D. MONTAGUE BROWNE (C, 1941) was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours, on the Prime Minister's List.

In the General Election the following Old Stoics stood for Parliament : MAJOR T. V. H. BEAMISH, M.C. (T, 1935), Conservative candidate for Lewes ; the RIGHT HON. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927), Conservative candidate for Kingston-upon-Thames ; P. B. LUCAS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (G, 1934), Conservative candidate for Brentford and Chiswick ; S. T. SWINGLER (G, 1930), Labour candidate for Newcastle-under-Lyme ; and T. C. EATON (C, 1936), Conservative candidate for Norwich North. All but the last-named of these were elected.

M. H. TOOVEY (C, 1943) has been made a Doctor of Music ; the degree was conferred on him by the Senate of London University.

S. E. DIGBY (W, 1951) has been elected to the Derby Research Studentship in History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

G. H. ROOKE (C, 1949) was awarded a 'First' in Roman Law in the Bar Final Examinations.

P. M. ROSSITER (C, 1950) was awarded a 'First' in Part II of the Modern Languages Tripos at Cambridge University.

C. L. BROOK (C, 1944) had his play *Fool's Mate* presented on the B.B.C. Home Service on May 9th; in the cast was J. R. J. BURNHAM (T, 1950).

BIRTHS

To the wife of G. MCC. CORBETT (B, 1941), a son, on March 21st; to the wife of A. M. QUINTON (T, 1942), a daughter, on March 22nd; to the wife of R. W. VICK (C, 1935), a daughter, on March 24th; to the wife of R. BENSON (C, 1940), a son, on March 25th; to the wife of J. F. P. TATE (W, 1941), a daughter, on March 30th; to the wife of MAJOR J. A. B. LLOYD-PHILIPPS (C, 1940), a daughter, on April 9th (in The Canal Zone); to the wife of R. H. WIDDOWS (C, 1939), a daughter, on April 20th; to the wife of J. E. COLBECK (T, 1942), twins (daughter and son), on April 30th.

To the wife of MAJOR D. A. H. TOLER, M.C. (G, 1939), a daughter, on May 2nd; to the wife of T. L. DEWHURST, M.C. (B, 1938), a daughter, on May 22nd; to the wife of G. S. C. MUMFORD (T, 1949), a son, on May 22nd; to the wife of P. CAMPBELL COOKE (C, 1941), a son, on May 24th; to the wife of D. I. HIRD (C, 1946), a daughter, on May 27th; to the wife of W. M. W. THOMAS (C, 1943), a daughter, on May 27th; to the wife of MAJOR G. A. DICK-LAUDER (C, 1935), a daughter, on May 29th.

To the wife of J. C. M. LEYLAND, M.C. (B, 1940), a son, on June 2nd; to the wife of P. B. LUCAS, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.P. (G, 1934), a son, on June 6th; to the wife of R. LAW (B, 1936), a daughter, on June 7th; to the wife of R. B. CHIDELL (C, 1937), a daughter, on June 14th; to the wife of J. R. B. WILLIAMS-ELLIS (T, 1941), a daughter, on June 21st; to the wife of R. N. C. KNIGHT BRUCE (C, 1939), a son, on June 23rd; to the wife of L. E. W. STOKES-ROBERTS (C, 1935), a daughter, on June 30th; to the wife of THE REV. P. T. ASHTON (C, 1935), a daughter, on July 1st; to the wife of I. A. ROXBURGH (W, 1935), a daughter, on July 6th; to the wife of PRINCE Y. GALITZINE (C, 1937), a son, on July 10th.

MARRIAGES

I. MACKINTOSH (C, 1949) to Anne Butcher, on February 26th, 1955; S. B. CUNNINGHAM (T, 1947) to The Hon. Edith L. MacDermott, on April 30th (in Belfast); K. J. SANSOM (B, 1940) to Alison Elizabeth Anne Monroe, on May 14th; P. D. STERN (W, 1949) to Sally Anne Turner, on June 4th; FLIGHT LIEUTENANT C. J. S. WOOD (C, 1946) to June Company, on June 4th; V. S. GREIG (C, 1946) to Marion Broome, on June 18th; THE HON. R. D. G. WINN (T, 1933) to Marie Wanda Chamiec, on June 24th; S. TOWNELEY (formerly Wörsthorne) (C, 1940) to Mary Fitzherbert, on June 30th; G. D. INNES-LILLINGSTON (C, 1941) to Elizabeth Violet Grizel Thomson-Inge, on July 2nd; C. B. JONES, D.S.O. (G, 1925) to Diana Marsden, on July 9th; A. F. PELLE (C, 1934) to Bridget Hollebone, on July 9th.

DEATH

R. M. RANSFORD (C, 1946), at Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, on June 19th.

MUSIC

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH, AT 8.30 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY

Leader—ANGUS WATSON

Conductor—H. CLIFTON KELYNACK

- Introduction and Scherzo (from the Cantata *Hymn of Praise*) Mendelssohn
 In the Steppes of Central Asia Borodin
 Sonata for Flutes Hook
 Allegretto, Andante, Allegro vivace
 ERIC WEBB, MR. E. S. DEWING,
 P. A. ANDREWS (C), G. M. TETLOW (T), J. O. B. ROSEDALE (T)
 Piano Concerto in A, K.488 Mozart
 First Movement
 M. E. F. FITZMAURICE (W)
 Suite from the ballet *Comus* Purcell arr. Lambert
 Overture; The Rout; Comus; Comus and Rout; The
 Lady and Comus; Brothers' Entrance; Brothers'
 Dance; Enchantment Dance; Triumph Dance;
 Apotheosis.
 Let us garlands bring Finzi
 O Mistress mine
 Fear no more the heat of the sun
 It was a lover and his lass
 Baritone—D. S. ROWE-BEDDOE (C)
 Scheherazade—Third Movement Rimsky-Korsakoff

There seems to me little to be said in favour of the first two items of this concert. The Mendelssohn is an insipid work in his worst style, and the Borodin is both difficult to perform and turgid and over-long to hear—two serious disadvantages for a school orchestra. Not even Mr. Webb's accomplished playing of the cor anglais could save this rather crude piece of impressionism from sounding limp. This was the least effective performance by the orchestra: the violins were unsteady on their high entry at the beginning of the piece and the orchestral tone rough.

A flute quintet then performed a delightfully fresh and charming sonata by the eighteenth century English composer James Hook. The quality of tone produced by such a formidable body of flautists was most attractive; there was a lightness in both the writing and the performance which was very pleasing.

The main item of the evening was the first movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto in A. Despite a slight lapse of memory, this was a most enjoyable performance; it would have been pleasant to have heard the other two movements as well. Fitzmaurice is a very promising pianist, with a delicate touch and a fine sense of phrasing. His

performance was slightly marred for me by his over-elaborate mannerisms. In the huge nineteenth century piano concertos a certain amount of physical display probably enhances the feeling of conflict between soloist and orchestra which is the dramatic basis of many such works; but in a Mozart concerto I cannot help feeling that any sign of effort or strain in the soloist goes against the spirit of the music and is better avoided.

The second half of the concert was especially memorable for the performance of Purcell's lovely *Comus* music. Here the orchestra came into its own and the strings produced a richness of tone which they had not earlier achieved. The orchestra obviously enjoyed playing this music and the periwigged revels of Comus and his rout were performed with appropriately stately exuberance.

Rowe-Beddoe's rich and expressive singing is always pleasing to hear; but the rather undistinguished Finzi settings were unworthy of Shakespeare's text and were not, I thought, particularly well-suited to the singer's style.

There was unfortunately no time to perform Fauré's Pavane, and the concert ended with a movement from Rimsky-Korsakoff's *Scheherazade*. It would be obviously unreasonable to expect an orchestra of this size and experience to produce the full, languorous tone that this over-ripe music demands, and it is a tribute to conductor and players that they were able to achieve so much. The orchestra is fortunate in having as its leader such a skilful violinist as Mr. Watson, and a special word of congratulation is due to him for his sensitive playing of the rhapsodic cadenzas in *Scheherazade*; no sultan could surely have resisted such blandishments.

All in all, this was an enjoyable concert, and if I myself would have preferred more Mozart and Purcell and less Borodin and Rimsky-Korsakoff, it is probably personal prejudice. Mr. Kelynack and the orchestra are to be congratulated for providing us once more with such a pleasant evening.

J.B.

"THE MAGIC FLUTE"

A CONCERT VERSION GIVEN BY THE WARWICK OPERA GROUP AND
THE BUCKINGHAM MUSIC SOCIETY
SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, IN ASSEMBLY

It is difficult to imagine a concert version of any of the great Wagnerian or Italian operas that could convey even to the liveliest imagination the spirit and essence of the whole. *The Magic Flute* is different; it has its many passages of solemnity and passion, but the strong element of the grotesque that runs through it can lead an unwise production uncomfortably near pantomime, from which in its original form it was not far removed; moreover, the intricacies of a highly allegorical plot are such that to follow its development and appreciate the music at the same time (at any rate on first acquaintance) demands a mental agility which few can claim. These difficulties, and the absence of vast tracts of recitative, make *The Magic Flute* peculiarly suitable for a concert version such as that performed here on May 14th; in fact, those whose first experience of the work this was must have formed a clearer and more coherent impression of it than any stage production could have given them.

Shorn of dramatic illusion, the opera became a series of solos and concerted items, interspersed with succinct summaries of the plot by that most unlikely source of clarity, Papageno. Mr. Burke's affections are notoriously divided between Salzburg and Bayreuth, and his skill in miniature many of us knew from his fine work with the Madrigal

Society a few seasons back; his handling of this more ambitious work was no less masterly and authoritative; he now had marshalled before him the more imposing forces of the Warwick Opera Group and the Buckingham Music Society, and a tiny orchestra, in part domestic, in part recruited from outside, whose excellent balance achieved the clean delicacy of a string quartet.

The individual voices were most impressive. Both Tamino and Pamina had the control, the sensitivity, the lightness so essential in Mozart, and their two arias, *Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön*, and *Ach, ich fühl's*, were, as they should be, the two most moving passages in the performance. Hardly less poignant is the trio (*Soll ich dich, Teurer, nicht mehr sehn?*) in which they are joined by Sarastro, who has the difficult task of suggesting at once sympathy, detachment, and dominance; this too was finely sung, though I thought Sarastro more successful in his two noble arias, *O Isis und Osiris* and *In diesen heil'gen Hallen*; the Queen of the Night's two arias, *O zittre nicht*, and *Der Hölle Rache*—an exacting test of any coloratura soprano with their top Fs and impetuous semi-quavers—were technically faultless; some slight harshness of tone may well have been due to conditions in Assembly, and in any case a little stridency does not come amiss in that part. At the other end of the scale the plaintive Papageno adjusted himself nicely and amusingly to his varying fortunes.

The excellence of these leading parts was well supported by clear, dispassionate singing from the two trios and by a watchful, well-drilled chorus. Opinions vary about the merits of Assembly as a concert hall, but under Mr. Burke's firm guidance its acoustics caused on this occasion no conflict between soloists, chorus and orchestra. Even the chimes of the clock, instead of jangling remorselessly across the music in their usual discordant fashion, delighted Papageno and his audience by giving his "magic bells a-ringing" a touch of unrehearsed realism.

If Mr. Burke can arrange a performance of any other opera that lends itself to similar treatment, he will be doing us a welcome service.

B.S.S.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

The Competitions were held on Sunday, May 22nd, in the Temple of Concord. Mr. John Somers-Cocks, A.R.C.M., was the Adjudicator, and H.M. Inspector of Music, Bernard Shore, was in the audience.

Bruce won the Singing Cup, for which the test piece was *Come again! Sweet love doth now invite* by Dowland.

The Instrumental Cup was won by Temple with works arranged for two Flutes, Clarinet, Horn, Euphonium, Piano.

RECITAL BY KENDALL TAYLOR (*Pianoforte*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, IN ASSEMBLY

One thing I regretted about Mr. Kendall Taylor's departure from his advertised programme, and that was the absence of the magnificent Chopin B flat Sonata, ill compensated by two shorter and less profound pieces, the D flat Nocturne, Op. 26, No. 2, and the B flat minor Scherzo. Otherwise the alteration mattered little, for in its revised form too this was an excellent programme, not limited, as recitals for schools tend to be, to the better known romantic composers.

Apart from the Chopin, the first part consisted of Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue and Beethoven's C major Sonata, Op. 2, No. 3. The Bach Fantasia was just a little more emotional than I should have thought appropriate and the Fugue a little breathless, without however any sacrifice of clarity; the effect of the whole was most satisfying. I do not like the early Beethoven Sonatas and am therefore no fair judge of the second work, but the execution seemed to me without fault, except for a certain heaviness in the bass.

After opening the second half of his programme with a charming little work by Glinka, *L'Alouette*, Mr. Kendall Taylor moved largely among modern figures. A brilliant and delightfully clear Prelude in C by Prokofiev was followed by a set of six Balkan Dances arranged by Tcajevic; in these rhythm rather than melody was the essence, and the performance was as vigorous as the composition, which by its original treatment of the material escaped the faults of artificial folk music; though some of us had heard Mr. Kendall Taylor play this same group on his last visit here, to most of his audience it was something new, unusual yet intelligible. New to us all, but not so readily intelligible, was the work that followed, Norman Fulton's Prelude, Elegy and Toccata; this was a composition in the tradition of César Franck's great piano works, leading from a quiet prelude through a lovely, lilting melodic centre piece to a colourful, dynamic finale; personally I had to take more or less on trust Mr. Kendall Taylor's assurance that a thematic link ran through the three movements; a work of such complexity (the last movement in particular) can hardly be grasped at one hearing, but it made pleasant listening; there was none of the cold intellectualism that makes so much modern work sound like a musical equation, but rather a lyrical quality, even a warmth, akin more to late romanticism than to modern experiment.

With this Mr. Kendall Taylor clearly thought we had had enough to digest, but an appreciative audience extracted three encores from him, Brahms' E flat Rhapsody, a Concert Study by Arenksy, and—best of all—John Ireland's *Island Spell*, before this varied and imaginative recital was brought to a close.

B.S.S.

CONCERT BY THE C.C.F. BAND

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, at 8 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY.

Conductor—MR. E. J. WEBB

Grand March—Majesty	...	...	...	...	...	Laurendeau
Selection—Rigoletto	...	...	...	...	...	Verdi
Tristesse	...	...	...	...	...	Chopin-Melfi
MALE VOICE CHORUS. Chorus Master—H. CLIFTON KELYNACK						
The East India man	...	...	...	...	...	arr. McKie
Glorious Devon	...	...	...	...	...	German
Waltzing Matilda	...	...	...	...	...	arr. Thomas Wood
Excerpts from La Traviata	...	...	...	...	...	Verdi
Five Minutes with Jerome Kern	...	...	...	...	...	arr. Dutboit
Finale—March—Officer of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	Hall

To one rather unused to Concerts and with a completely untutored ear, the C.C.F. Band Concert was an occasion. The writer was impressed by the enthusiasm of a large audience and the obvious enjoyment of the players themselves. Each piece was tackled with energy and proficiency, and Mr. Webb is to be congratulated on his ability in welding such a large and varied assortment of instruments into such a harmonious whole.

Of the individual merits of each piece the writer is in no position to judge, but he enjoyed every bit of it, from the first march to the last, and thanks the band for a more than pleasant hour. Their work was well worth while. In the middle of this concert came the Male Voice Chorus, Chorus Master, Mr. H. C. Kelyñack. Three songs were offered, each excellently performed. One only regrets that the audience was not encouraged to join in the chorus of the last.

A.B.E.G.

AN INFORMAL CONCERT

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

The Golden Sonata for 2 Violins, 'Cello and Piano	...	...	...	Purcell
Maestoso—Largo—Canzona				
Violins—C. R. P. TYZACK (C)				
A. J. WHITE (C)				
'Cello—M. J. DUCKER (C)				
Piano—MR. BAIN				
Tempo di Menuetto (Sonata in G, Op. 49, No. 2)	...	...	...	Beethoven
Piano—R. L. WILEY (C)				
Horn Concerto, No. 2 (Third Movement)	...	...	...	Mozart
Horn—J. M. DIACK (T)				
Piano—MR. NEGUS				
First 'London' Trio in C for 2 Flutes and 'Cello	...	...	...	Haydn
Allegro moderato—Andante				
Flutes—G. M. TETLOW (T)				
P. A. ANDREWS (C)				
'Cello—M. J. DUCKER (C)				
Two Songs—I have twelve oxen	...	...	...	Ireland
Silent Noon	...	...	...	Vaughan Williams
Baritone—A. D. OSBORN (C)				
Piano—MR. COX				
Impromptu in A flat	...	...	...	Schubert
Piano—M. E. F. FITZMAURICE (W)				
Roundelay	...	...	...	Alan Richardson
Clarinet—D. D. BARLOW (C)				
Piano—MR. BURKE				

Sonata in G minor for 2 Violins and Piano (Op. 2, No. 8) ... *Handel*

Violins—S. L. WHISTLER (C)

C. J. GIBBON (G)

Piano — MR. COX

This was the first informal concert to be held for some time, and the standard on the whole was high. A very varied programme began with Purcell's Golden Sonata for strings and piano, which was given a pleasing performance. Diack tackled a difficult composition with confidence; then two flutes and a 'cello gave a spirited rendering of a Haydn Trio, though at times the 'cello lacked true intonation. It was a change to hear Osborn singing as a baritone, and judging by his performance this range suits him better than the tenor. The piano solo of Fitzmaurice was delivered with his usual elegance. Barlow attempted a most difficult piece with creditable success, and an enjoyable hour closed with a Handel sonata for two violins, in which the playing of Whistler and Gibbon should be highly commended. It was a pity that this concert was not better attended, but let us hope that such informal entertainments will be more frequent in the future.

D.S.R.-B.

GENERAL INSPECTION, JULY 4TH, 1955

GENERAL SALUTE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Stanley Beaumont</i>
INCIDENTAL MUSIC DURING INSPECTION :										
Grand March.	Majesty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Laurendeau</i>
Troop.	Red Lips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Trad.</i>
Troop.	Angelia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Trad.</i>
Slow March.	Scipio	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Handel</i>
INTERLUDE FOR DRUMS										
MARCH PAST—Officer of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Hall</i>

The name of Stowe
Might surely go
Quite a distance,
If, for instance,
The fees were low.

D.J.F.R.

ON DISCOVERING HISTORY

“THE STORY OF ENGLAND”

By W. L. McELWEE (*Faber*, 15/-)

In the very remote past, the early days of this century, when Fate willed that I should learn History for my School Certificate, the teaching of the subject was not as enlightened as it is now. Our time was divided between taking down dictated notes, compiled by the master some years previously, and periods of study of a dreary work by Charles Oman. What I experienced in this part of my education is happily shrouded in oblivion, as also is any knowledge that I may by accident have acquired. I can remember, however, my detestation of being made to learn about battles and Acts of Parliament, meaningless occurrences with no relation to anything I understood. Many years later, when I found my ignorance a handicap, I took some trouble to learn a little History. But the barrier my hatred of the subject had raised up prevented my becoming interested. This has been all loss to me personally and nothing I can do now will ever make up for it; for I have discovered recently that History is a fascinating subject after all. Several of the books I have read have helped me realise this, but none more than *The Story of England*. If you think that History is boring, read this book and find out that you are wrong—and find it out before it is too late.

In this short volume Mr. McElwee has covered a very long period and has, of necessity, had to leave out a great deal. But that does not matter for the ordinary reader; in fact it is ideal. The charm of this book is that it is a story about a people and how that people has worked out its own history. Battles have interest and meaning, when one realises who fought them and why, who was affected by their result and how. Parliamentary Bills seen from the people's point of view become the necessary steps in the advance from serfdom to comparative freedom. Throughout the book Mr. McElwee has told us the story of the English People, why and how they have developed as they have, and, though Kings and rulers are often the chief topic, they are always seen in relation to the people they ruled. The story is told with great clarity, so that even the most ignorant of us can easily follow it. This book will be read with pleasure by many, more especially so by those who have hitherto found History heavy going. To these particularly I would recommend it.

M.J.M.

ON PURSUING BIOLOGY

“THE BOOK OF BEASTS”

By T. H. WHITE (*Jonathan Cape*, 32/6)

Formerly English Tutor at Stowe

The trouble about the study of science is that, unless deliberate steps are taken to avoid it, it is apt to lead to a life in which there is no place for things whose only purpose and worth is their intrinsic beauty. That every properly educated scientist should have

taken those precautions, no one will deny; but too often pressure of work prevents it. It is therefore a great joy to read a serious Biological Treatise in which the reading matter is delightful and the illustrations lovely. *The Book of Beasts* is a translation by Mr. White of a Twelfth Century Bestiary written in Latin. This Bestiary was a serious work of Natural History, a collection of facts about and descriptions of animals of all sorts. The information was gathered from any source, oral or written, that was available. It was collected gradually, not written by any one person. Its immense popularity is shown by the fact that it is found in all the languages of the literate world of that time. As it was translated, so it grew, each translator adding what further information had come to hand, so that there are three times as many beasts in this translation as in the Greek original.

Mr. White's translation is excellent, charming in the fullest meaning of that word; and the matter he has translated is fascinating. No less fascinating and often much more interesting are Mr. White's notes on the text. I have said the illustrations are lovely. They have a tremendous amount of feeling expressed with the greatest economy of line, and the quality of design is quite remarkable. Readers should, however, not only enjoy the pictures and descriptions of the animals, but read also Mr. White's notes, which I found irresistible. I strongly recommend also that the appendix at the end should be read early; it tells about the Bestiary and makes its reading much more enjoyable.

Let anyone should think that, not being a Biologist, this book is not for him, I should like to quote the first sentence of the book and two others—

"LEO the Lion, mightiest of beasts, will stand up to anybody . . . So far as their relations with man are concerned, the nature of lions is that they do not get angry unless they are wounded . . . Any decent human ought to pay attention to this."

It is indeed a book of universal appeal.

M.J.M.

ON THE ROAD

"THE HIGHWAY CODE"

With an introduction by THE RT. HON. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927)
(H.M. Stationery Office, 1d.)

Surely one of the most useful handbooks on the subject produced for some time. It is an excellent refresher to the knowledgeable and a mine of information, in a most concise and palatable form, to the uninitiated. Its great virtue lies in its compression of all the main facts, so that after twenty minutes' reading one has a grasp of the elements of road usage. With great wisdom the more detailed legal information has been relegated to an appendix. The illustrations are clear, the printing is good, and it has been made attractive to the eye by the tasteful use of primary colours. This is a book which can unreservedly be recommended to children of all ages.

HOUSE PLAYS

The Domestic Theatre provided us this year with even greater variety and, as a whole, the highest standard of entertainment that we have seen in an Easter Term. Temple again offered Gilbert and Sullivan. They threw, or drew, everything and everyone into their *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and the result, though it had not the impact of last year's *Pirates of Penzance*, was still impressive. This time a small orchestra worked hard and played tunefully under Mr. Burke. Even so I preferred last year's two pianos. Sullivan hardly suits a chamber orchestra; such lush harmonies and pretty tunes call for the whole works, with plenty of bass. But the musical standard was again high, the fruit no doubt of much hard work by Messrs. Burke and Cox.

The acting and production were adequate for the ponderous Victorianism of the piece but hardly up to the level of last year—with two exceptions. R. C. C. Temple was as good a Sir Joseph Porter as one could wish to see: the Olympian poise, the fruity voice, the precise diction were all there, and his *pas seul* in *Never mind the why and wherefore* was well worth the customary five encores; à la D'Oyly Carte to the letter, no doubt, but a memorable performance. O. P. Plowright gave further proof of his versatility, and if the villainy of Dick Deadeye became a little wearisome after a while, the fault was not his. J. O. B. Rosedale, though vocally accomplished, seemed miscast as Captain Corcoran. For a sea-dog he was strangely sheepish, and his exchange of identity with Ralph Rackstraw (R. J. Webb) lacked the proper incongruity. R. N. Golton (Josephine) sang melodiously and with excellent enunciation, but was as wooden as *Pinafore's* figurehead and looked rather depressed about the whole business.

The large cast and chorus were handled with skill and precision by Mr. Windsor Richards, and if the total ensemble, backed by the elaborate scenery, sometimes made the stage seem over-crowded, there was plenty to look at, and the costumes were again agreeable to the eye, individually and collectively. Altogether a most successful combined operation; no D'Oyly Carte fan could have found much fault, and its reception was enthusiastic.

It is several years since Bruce treated us to one of their shows, and we were glad to see their Little Theatre in use again. The proportions of their house-room are ideal for intimate acting, and though the conventional proscenium was used, the audience felt almost as if they were sitting on the stage (as indeed many of Farquhar's audience would have been). Restoration Comedy was a bold, almost a rash, choice. The technical difficulties are so formidable that few amateurs attempt it. Bruce took a chance with *The Beaux-Stratagem* and scrambled away with it triumphantly. Some of us were at a loss to know what it was all about, but it was played at such a pace, with such insouciance and with such a welter of comic invention, that we ceased worrying about the story and enjoyed each separate piece of business for its own sake. Sometimes, indeed, good talk became mere chatter, and parts of the performance reminded us of the antics of tic-tac men or the capers of the Marx Brothers. Unrelieved pace can be wearisome, and there were times when we longed for a conversational lob or two; but never were we allowed to become bored.

A word of praise first for the scenery of R. M. S. Rees. A miniature stage presents appalling problems where more than one scene is required, but the designers overcame the difficulty with a hinged set for the inn scenes, which could quickly be opened

out to reveal a charming gallery, well proportioned and economical of detail, giving an impression of living-space even in that tiny area.

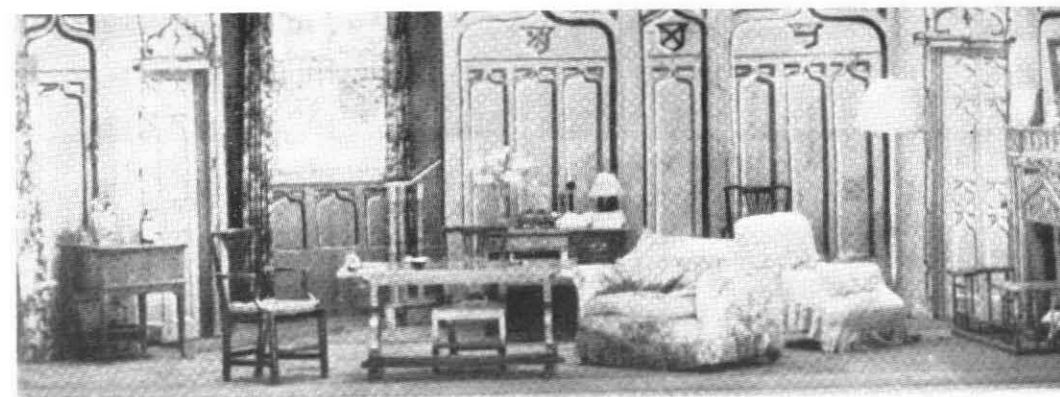
Of the actors the least effective were, understandably, the women. P. J. N. Pringle looked attractive, and H. J. Miall seemed to know what he was about, but neither acted in the least like women. Whereas, in real life, men behave for the most part as their normal selves, women (interesting women at any rate) are, I suggest, acting all the time. Which makes things doubly difficult. Also they smile quite a lot, which no Stoic likes doing in public; their eyes flicker and dance; their voices are highly and elaborately modulated; hands, feet and head are all expressive. No wonder that, in a comedy of manners from the most mannered period of our history, the ladies seemed a little dull.

In contrast, the men were obviously enjoying themselves. Aimwell and Archer (D. H. G. J. Pepper and R. A. Opperman) were brisk and easy, the latter displaying a salacious raffishness which left no doubt whatever of his dishonourable intentions. Count Bellair (M. Samuel) was as fantastical a Frenchman as any English audience could desire; and the majority of the cast managed to get over some impression of character, not least Gibbet's Companions (J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers and R. H. Robinson), revelling in a highly spectacular repulsiveness. We are grateful to Mr. Bain, Mr. Clarke and their enthusiastic confederates for a refreshingly original entertainment.

Cobham continued in their accustomed vein with an unpretentious little piece called *For Better, for Worse*. Impecunious Boy marries Smashing Girl. Mother-in-law flaps. Heavy Father turns up trumps. Lousy couple next door pretty decent types actually. Comic furniture-men. Jokes about wedding presents—yes, it was all there. And of course a comic plumber, this time happily named Medlicott. I had to laugh.

This was real Amateur Theatricals, and Cobham made a good job of it, greatly aided by the buffoonery of W. Shand-Kydd and the cheerful vapidness of M. P. Fincham. C. F. Snow as the bride was more than a foil to foolery. This wife clearly wore the trousers, and the poker-faced female, so familiar on Stowe stages, for once fitted the part. The play was nicely staged and produced—a welcome relaxation after a day's work.

I suppose that all possible changes have been rung on the Crime and Detection theme. So it is inevitable that two well-tryed favourites, the Comic Detective and the least-likely-in-the-world Criminal should turn up fairly often. In *Someone at the Door* (Grenville) the irresponsible sleuth was an amateur and the Someone—guess who!—the Police Sergeant. G. D. Morrison, immensely improved since last year, had obviously worked hard at his part and rattled the play along with untiring vivacity. Occasionally he hit his lines for six where a late cut would have been more artistic, but beyond question he carried his bat with distinction. It was unfortunate that his more serious moments, which were less effective, came at the end of the play, which seemed not too well rehearsed. Technically the best part of his performance was in dialogue with Bill Reid (P. J. Sefton), a useful "feed" with clear diction and a comfortable stage presence. Price (N. A. Eddy) seemed to me heavily overdrawn. I have never been to Princeton, but I cannot believe that it ever held an inmate quite so melodramatically criminal. A. H. Matusch as Sally Martin spoke his lines convincingly, but in gesture and comportment reminded me of a figure in a shop-window. Certain technical faults should be watched for in future productions: masking of speakers, talking (inaudibly) up-stage, over-stressing and mis-application of emphasis. And why that lifelike imitation of a wind-machine in the wings? Sound-men should come out in front sometimes. The lighting and the set, which was designed by D. J. V. Fitz-Gerald, were up to the usual Grenville standard, which is saying a lot.



Photos by]

[J.R.P. and B.O.H.G.

1. A SCENE FROM "THE BEAUX-STRATAGEM"
2. THE SET OF "SOMEONE AT THE DOOR"



LANDSCAPES IN WALES

From original paintings by R. M. S. Rees (B)

The influenza epidemic must have made rehearsal difficult, almost impossible, in the early stages. All credit, then, to those who fought their way through to performance; and our thanks to these four houses for providing us with ample and varied entertainment at the end of a dull term.

A.A.D.

THE HEAT

The heat hung blanket-like over the island. It shimmered in the air, and steamed from the dank, drooping jungle. Branches sagged inert, the parasite vines were hot and damp to the touch, and the large leaves hung motionless, sweat dripping from them. Below the garden the sea shone, an endless lifeless sea, where the bright blue was picked out with points of silver as the sun struck the tiny wavelets. The sand looked yellow and inviting, but was too hot to walk on. It was mid-day.

There was no sound, except the monotonous pulse of a spade being pushed into the crumbling earth. The little black boy paused with foot uplifted, wriggled his toes experimentally, and then lazily pushed the hot iron spade into the ground. He was small and very thin. On his protruding hip bones a pair of once-khaki shorts hung lopsidedly. They were multi-coloured and much torn: the lining of one leg had come unstitched and traced a ragged line over the boy's thigh. Sweat ran down his face and chest in streams, making his dirty vest cling wetly to him. A little pool had collected where the stalky neck started from the thin, rounded shoulder blades, and a prominent Adam's apple jerked up and down as he moved. The closely shaven frizz on his head gleamed in the sun, making it look like a coconut.

Suddenly he stopped. Something glittered in the arid ground. He stared at it, resting his chin on the wooden handle of the spade. It winked at him from the ground, and as he looked it seemed to grow larger and larger. Hesitatingly a dust-coloured foot descended on it, and the brown toes curled graspingly over the ring.

The pitch on the drive beside the flower bed, where he was working, bubbled and wilted beneath the fierce sun. It became a shiny, glutinous substance which scorched the soles of his bare feet. An occasional movement of the air brought no relief, but rather seemed to suffocate with its damp, hot solidity. Even the razor grass seemed to lose its sharp and angular stance. Everything and everybody was asleep except the boy—he was working.

The black head bobbed determinedly over the spade. As the soil was turned, little puffs of dust sprouted from the ground, and hung in the sultry shimmering air around him. He swayed back and forward as the spade rose and fell. There was a timeless monotony in his movements. He was a poor animal set to work, and unseeingly, unfeelingly, he did that work. Then the rhythm of movement slowly changed, and became slower and slower, until it finally died away altogether. For a long time he hung motionless over the spade, staring with sightless eyes at the ground, a worried frown puckering his forehead. Streams of sweat were running down his face and neck. Slowly, as if moved by some inner impulse, he stooped and put something on the ground. As it lay there, it glittered and shone: then it was gone, buried under the hot dry earth. The boy smiled and went on digging.

M.P.F.

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27th June, 1955.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

SIR,

Once again the senior team have won the Paddington Youth table-tennis knock-out cup competition. The under-14s were also top of their division in the London Federation table-tennis competition.

We have senior and junior teams playing cricket, and the senior team have been very successful so far, having won all their league matches, and are still in the London Federation Cup Competition. We are very grateful to Mr. John Smith and Mr. Archie Chapple (C, 1932) for their able coaching at the nets each week.

Nine boys were entered in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Athletic Sports; three of them were placed in the preliminaries and competed in the finals, together with the junior relay team. A member of the Club came second in the Junior Half-mile; his time was 2 mins. 12 secs., and the winner did it in 2 mins. 8 secs. The Club team did the Junior Medley Relay in 4 mins. 20 secs., but were unplaced. The Paddington Youth Athletics, in which we have thirty entries, are to be held on June 29th. Our thanks in this case go to Martin Buckmaster (C, 1938) for his keen and enthusiastic coaching of the boys.

We have swimming each Monday and the boys are now training for the London Federation swimming competition to be held next month.

Christopher Circuit (W, 1944) has arranged to take twelve of the senior boys to camp in Holland. This will be the first time that the Club boys have had their own camp overseas. Fourteen of the younger boys will be camping at Normans Bay in Sussex. In September, in addition to our usual winter activities, we are arranging to start a wood working class, which we are hoping will appeal to a good number of the boys.

Owing to the rail strike the weekly visits to the Club had to be cancelled, but we are expecting to welcome a party from Grenville this evening. The Club boys are looking forward to their visit to the School on 3rd July, when we hope to field two cricket teams.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE,
Warden.

The parrot is a ribald bird,
I say because I know.
His voice the loudest I have heard,
And more than once it has occurred
To me to gag the wretched bird,
But how, I do not know.

C.P.L.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

The second meeting of last term was held on Thursday, March 24th, when our eager ears were somewhat disappointed by the over-factual paper of A. B. Hyslop (T) on Extra-sensory Perception. His ballast was a string of tests which seemed to prove little in comparison with their complexity. To relieve the tedium of these tests, statistically significant as they were, there were such phrases as "PK ends by going from PT to DT via GESP and PC." In conclusion Mr. Hyslop declared that the tests proved that there was something in E.-S.P.; the Club wholeheartedly shared his desire to know what that something was. That the conversation, egged on admittedly by the Vice-President, lingered for so long on the subject is proof of its fascination, and it is a pity that the paper was not more varied.

At the first meeting this term, on May 12th, D. R. Speight (B) read a lucid paper on Napoleon III. After a noble opening phrase he embarked on the astonishing life of the first modern dictator. Skilfully he changed key, but not voice, at 1848—Napoleon's year of destiny—soon placed him on the throne and revealed his successes until 1860. About this time the Club realised that phonetically the evening might be hysterical, as "Ugeny went from the Twee-ery to St. Cloud." This was the last bright spot, as Mr. Speight's carefully chosen Voice of Doom quickly ran through all the failures leading up to the most fatal one at Sedan, where ended a clear and accurate picture of Napoleon III. Over refreshments the conversation was steered by the Vice-President to subjects where his jokes were more plentiful.

The 264th Meeting was held on Thursday, June 2nd, when M. P. Fincham (C) read a paper on "The Wonders of the Deep"; viz, those unusual specimens of marine life whose habits were more than usually repellent. He ran through whole series of fish whose only distinction seemed to be a more revolting way of satisfying their hunger. Their disgusting manners—and it was hard to distinguish the most badly brought up—can only spring from a lack of mother love. Mr. Fincham concluded with two exciting shark stories and a proof that Victor Hugo's description of an octopus attack was inaccurate. Thus ended a refreshing and informative paper, which let loose all the more unpleasant tendencies of those present as the conversation plumbed new depths of loathsome detail.

The next meeting was held on June 28th, when the Secretary read a paper entitled "Dilettante's Delight". He was almost sabotaged at the start by two delightfully amusing prose extracts from the President and J. B. D. Lawford (B). After some opening salvoes about the French he traced the origins of the Romantic movement by giving a brief resumé of the Classical movement. Skilfully steering through the intricacies of his calligraphy, he showed the literary vices and artistic follies of the Romantics. He was concerned mainly with French and English literature but touched, like a true dilettante, on music and other arts. Happily firing off his remaining jests at Lord Tennyson and other sitting targets, he concluded his display of intellectual acrobatics. He was probed very carefully over refreshments and never explained why he omitted Browning.

The President hopes to read a paper at the last meeting this term, on Thursday, July 14th, which will constitute his swan-song. The Club will be deeply sorry to lose

its faithful and well-beloved President, who has steered it so well through the troubled waters of the last fifteen years with only two absences.

A.A.V.R.

THE EPHEMERALS

On March 17th, the 56th meeting of the Ephemerals was held, when A. J. Pearson-Craven (C) gave an enlightening paper on Garibaldi; this was followed, on March 29th, by a paper on Romanticism, given by last term's most able Secretary, G. D. Morrison (G).

So far this term we have unfortunately not been able to hold a meeting, owing mainly to the blight of exams, but we hope to be in action once later in the term with a paper by H. S. Judd (W).

A.D.J.G.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society has met three times this term, and papers have been read by A. G. Barbour (C) on Martin Luther, by M. L. A. Andrews (C) on Albert Schweitzer and by J. F. Tillinger (W) on Persia.

Although all three papers were of a very high standard, the paper on Albert Schweitzer was outstanding. Andrews must have spent a great deal of time preparing his paper, and, long as it was, it held the attention of the Society throughout.

The other biography, that of Martin Luther, dealt with a far less colourful man; but despite this handicap the paper proved interesting and very informative.

A touch of local colour was introduced by Tillinger, who frequently visits Persia, and without boring the Society by long lists of indistinguishable names, he spoke for a considerable time on Persian poetry other than the Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám.

Two more papers are to be read before the end of the term.

R.M.E.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The final meeting of last term was held on Wednesday, March 23rd, in the Temple of Concord, newly restored to its pristine splendour. The motion was that "In the opinion of this House, fun and games are not the same".

In proposing, THE TREASURER revealed the triumph of his worse over his better self, though only after a struggle. He concluded with anecdotes; some funny, some not. Opposing, MR. MILLBOURN (T) also had a story to tell, which gave ideas to those who wish to sabotage the Midsummer Madness. His final clichés about this Younger Generation were as well preserved as those of a platitudinarian. MR. LYELL (G) spoke third and not very well. With great difficulty he extracted first a story and then its point. Speaking fourth, MR. TEMPLE (T) broke into song and the House into laughter. Scattering jokes on his way, he reached a Milk Bar for his final anecdote. The Debate which followed was not as consistently amusing as the motion indicated that it should have been; none the less, the House realised what was wanted and did its best in that direction. The motion was carried in the Upper House by one vote and in the Lower by 13.

The 241st Meeting of the Society was held on May 18th; the motion was that "This House likes its little bit of foppery". MR. HARRIS (B) proposed, dressed to the

part, dealing out body blows of wit left and right; he deplored 'sobriety' and so did we. He pranced on undaunted, with many a quip and nervous twitch, until aestheticism was pronounced 'eferial'. THE SECRETARY was unable to rely, like Mr. Harris, on personal charm to see him through, and thus everyone saw through him. Lacking a nervous 'boys will be naughty boys' air, he was unable to persuade the House to be Bulldogs of England. THE COMMITTEE-MAN spoke third and devastatingly. Indeed, the House wondered that so much could be read from so small a pad. His flowers of rhetorical elegance bullied the House into believing that its dawn was murky. MR. OPPERMAN (B) was the fourth speaker and even more eccentrically dressed. Gallantly he set sail, his knees beating out a tattoo to keep themselves warm, hit a pun, picked his way round all indelicacies and finally reached a safe harbour.

The House followed the lead of the paper speakers, and the debate was lively and hilarious—in fact much better than usual. The motion was carried in the Upper House by 5 and in the Lower by 17.

The second debate of this term was held on June 1st, when the motion was "That this House prefers little men to big business". MR. SKEPPER (T) proposed with some choice phrases of abuse, aimed mostly at the Co-opted Member. Fighting his way through the rumblings of righteous indignation, he continued his speech still on the point. THE CO-OPTED MEMBER blew off clouds of steam, so angry was he, but nobly got back to the point until nationalisation brought him back to fever heat. Still emitting steam, he returned to his seat. MR. COULTER (W) spoke third and quite jocularly. He believed that sentiment played a big part in the whole issue and concluded with some obscure remarks about advertising. MR. HEAP (W), the fourth speaker, found himself in a mess and by the time he had finished certainly was—statistically, at least. He was able, however, to show his inability to distinguish between little men and big business. The debate following attracted more speakers than usual and nearly all of them had something of sense or wit to say, with the result that it was one of the best meetings that we have had for a long time. The motion was carried in the Upper House by 2 votes, and in the Lower by 5.

There will be one more debate this term, on July 6th, and, transport permitting, we hope to send a small party to Oundle on July 9th.

The Officers of the Society are:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Secretary, A. A. V. Rudolf (C); Treasurer, A. C. Cowdy (T); Librarian, A. B. Hyslop (T); Co-opted Member, J. D. D. Thompson-Schwab (T); Committee-Man, O. P. Plowright (T).

A.A.V.R.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The 125th Meeting of the Society was held on March 14th in the President's room, when T. P. Boyd-Carpenter (C) read a paper on Pompeii.

So far this term we have had only one meeting; this was a lecture by M. F. Ventris (T, 1939), an old member of the Society, on May 10th, in the New Lecture Room. He gave us a most interesting talk on his deciphering of the Mycenaean and Minoan tablets.

It is hoped to have two more papers this term: one on Roman Recreations from G. M. Tetlow (T) and the other on the Pre-Socratic Philosophers from the Secretary. It is also hoped to send a small party to the Greek Play at Bradfield.

J.D.P.-R.

THE MUSIC CLUB

There have been two meetings of the Club to date, and we hope to have one more before the end of term. On May 27th, K. S. Ashton (C) read a paper on the life of Anton Dvorak. The meeting was, however, unavoidably shortened, because Mr. Bernard Shore was present and wished to speak to the Music Staff afterwards. In the three-quarters of an hour allotted to him Ashton gave us a glimpse of all the sides of Dvorak's character and admirably illustrated his style of composition by the well-chosen records that he played. We were sorry that the meeting had to end so abruptly. On Wednesday, July 6th, A. D. Osborn (C) read a paper on the French Horn. He dealt with the development of the modern instrument from the hunting horn and presented us with interesting figures of its dimensions. It is worth while noting the difficulty of the technique, and Osborn effectively demonstrated the chromatic and diatonic scales and the complicated lip-trill—in slow time! The paper was made still more enjoyable by the selection of records, which naturally included a Mozart concerto. In conclusion, Osborn himself played a movement from Mozart's third Horn Concerto, K.447, and then in contrast a record was heard of Dennis Brain playing the same piece.

On Friday, July 8th, an invitation concert was held in the Temple of Concord. This was most enjoyable, and it would be very hard for anyone to criticize it unfavourably. The songs with lute were exceptionally beautiful and the virginals provided a pleasant contrast to the larger harpsichord that we associated with *The Beggar's Opera* in the Christmas term. It is interesting to note that the violin Fantasia of Matteis was receiving its first public performance for some two hundred and fifty years. The performance of the recorder, or English Flute, showed to what degree of perfection the technique of this instrument can reach. The Club would like to thank Mr. Cox for organising such a valuable hour's entertainment.

PROGRAMME

Trio Sonata in A minor, for treble recorder, violin and continuo	...	G. P. Telemann
Songs with Lute— <i>When Laura smiles</i>	... ..	P. Rosseter
<i>Come again</i>	... ..	J. Dowland
<i>The Silver Swan</i>	... ..	O. Gibbons
La Follia, Op. 5, No. 12, for violin and continuo	...	A. Corelli
Pavane & Galliard, The Earle of Salisbury	... ..	W. Byrd
Sonata in F major for treble recorder and continuo	...	D. Purcell
Songs with Lute— <i>What then is love?</i>	... ..	P. Rosseter
<i>The peaceful western wind</i>	... ..	T. Campian
<i>Sleep, wayward thoughts</i>	... ..	J. Dowland
Fantasia in A minor for solo violin	... ..	N. Matteis (Senior)
Trio Sonata in F for treble recorder, violin and continuo	J. B. Loeillet	
<i>Treble Recorder</i> —F. H. MOUNTNEY	<i>Cello</i> —D. V. MOUNTNEY	
<i>Violin</i> —A. J. WATSON	<i>Virginals</i> —D. H. COX	
<i>Lute</i> —L. J. TURNER		

It is hoped that H. S. Judd (W) and R. D. Turrall (C) will read short papers before the end of term. An expedition has been arranged to *Die Fledermaus* in Oxford on July 9th.

D.S.R.-B.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

Membership is always smaller in the summer, but the Society has nevertheless been quite active this term. It now possesses, jointly with the Music School, about seventy long-playing records, apart from a far greater numbers of "78s".

Recent acquisitions include: *Symphonic Fantastique (Berlioz)* played by the L.S.O. (Scherchen); *Incidental Music for Rosamunde (Schubert)* played by the Philharmonia Orchestra (Kletzki); *Les Sylphides (Chopin)* played by the Covent Garden Orchestra (Rignold); *Violin Concerto in D major (Tchaikovsky)* played by Oistrakh with the Sächsische Staatskapelle, Dresden (Konwitschny).

P.A.A.

THE VITRUVIANS

The Vitruvians have had so far one expedition, to Kenilworth Castle and Stoneleigh Abbey. Kenilworth, a cultivated ruin with its tidy lawns, gave the impression of a suburban bowling green surrounded by an incongruous mass of XVth Century towers and walls. Stoneleigh's monotonous grey façade shielded some interesting furniture and a few good pictures.

Later this term an expedition is planned to Woburn Abbey, the late XVIIIth Century mansion of the Duke of Bedford. A great part of this house has been judiciously demolished and altered by Professor Richardson, the present P.R.A.

D.J.V.F.-G.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

The 45th general meeting of the Club was held on May 8th, when the term's programme was discussed. The date for the Midsummer Entertainment was fixed for July 16th, and an ad hoc committee was elected to deal with the organisation. As well as the anthology and music, we are producing again a one-act play—*Birds of a Feather* by J. O. Francis.

It is hoped that an expedition will be undertaken this term and also a play-reading. The latter was delayed owing to the rail strike, and now both are subject to the onerous burden placed on the Vice-President's shoulders.

M.K. Ridley (C) was elected to the vacant post of Club Treasurer.

D.S.R.-B.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

One meeting of the Society has been held so far this term, for the election of members and also to make arrangements for the expedition to I.C.I. Plastics, Ltd. At this meeting, M. A. Home (C) was elected Hon. Secretary and R. T. C. A. Hall (C), Hon. Treasurer; A. C. Cowdy (T) retained his position as Hon. Librarian. Including newly-elected members, membership this term reached the record figure of fifty-three.

On June 15th a party of nineteen members, accompanied by the President and Vice-President, left for Welwyn Garden City, where, after some difficulty, they located the Plastics Section of I.C.I., Ltd. After being shown over the works, a very good tea was provided and the expedition arrived back in Stowe in time for supper.

After an unsuccessful attempt to go to Austin Motor Works, it is hoped that J. G. Denby (C) will be able to arrange an expedition to Jaguar Cars, Ltd., before the end of term. If this cannot be done, an attempt will be made to visit the B.T.H. Works.

At the end of term there will be both Physics and Chemistry Exhibitions in the laboratories.

M.A.H.

THE RADIO CLUB

This still flourishes, and members' activities include: transmitting sound over a few feet by means of light waves; experiments on radio waves of frequency some 50,000 times that of the B.B.C. Home Service; construction of a tape recorder for £10; and conversion of ex-Service gear to receive the B.B.C.'s new V.H.F. transmissions. A considerable portion of members' work is occupied in maintaining study radios in working order.

The Club's chief annual event, in conjunction with the signals section—the commentary on the Cross Country—did not take place last term, since the race was cancelled because of influenza.

It is hoped to construct for the Science Exhibition a radio-frequency heating apparatus, which will be able to heat articles uniformly throughout. Larger variations of the same apparatus are used in cooking, when the joint may be cooked evenly throughout; and medicinally, the internal heat having a beneficial effect on rheumatic diseases.

J.M.O.

B.K.F.

W.H.J.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The debating this term has reached a high standard, the best speakers being R. N. Allan-Smith (T) and J. S. P. Agg Large (C). We are suffering, however, from a small membership, which is due to the fact that our best debaters rarely stay for more than one term; our present members, however, show little unwillingness to speak.

The following Officers were elected at the beginning of term: Vice-President, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); Secretary, J. G. Lewis (B); Committee-Man, J. E. G. Bach (B).

J.G.L.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has been very active this term. At the first general meeting it was decided to organise an expedition, which took place in the form of a visit to the International Photo Fair on May 21st. All the latest equipment was on view, and artists' models were available for visitors to photograph. A new enlarger which was demonstrated there was later ordered by the Society. An expedition to Pinewood took place on July 6th, and proved interesting for the few members who were able to go.

A competition has been organised for Speech Day and the entries will be on show in the Puppet Room.

CINÉ SECTION

Two films have been shown this term, *The Glenn Miller Story* and *The Malta Story*. The response of the School to this attempt to increase our funds was so great that we have been able to start work on two colour features as well as the Newsreel.

We intend to show three films on Speech Day for the benefit of parents and relations: *The Year in Stowe Newsreel*, a colour film of Stowe and a colour documentary on the General Inspection.

A.B.H.

THE SAILING CLUB

At the end of the Easter term the club decided to buy two *Cadet* sailing boats. At this, it became evident that much constructional work would have to be done, which was started by the felling of six trees on the boathouse island. This term we cleared and levelled off an area of the island to make room for a dinghy park, and also built a new jetty alongside the existing one. A slipway was dug out and wooden slats laid down so that the boats could be brought up out of the water more easily. Another sailing course was laid out with new buoys and a flagstaff, which was placed on a jetty in the sailing enclosure. A new Stowe pennant was designed, and flags for the buoys were made to the same pattern.

A grant from the Headmaster, for which we express our gratitude, enabled us to buy the two *Cadets*, and as a consequence the standard of sailing has greatly improved. It was suggested after their purchase that an Individual Sailing Competition should be held; this idea met with approval and a cup will be awarded to the winner.

Three triangular matches have been sailed this term; the results were as follows:—

Rugby, 29 points; Cheltenham, 19; Stowe, 18.

Rugby, 22 points; Stowe, 21½; Cheltenham, 0.

Repton, 21 points; Stowe, 18; Bromsgrove, 13.

The Housematches were once more won by Temple.

P.W.B.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

On May 11th forty members visited the Oxfordshire Agricultural Show at Oxford Airport. The expedition was a great success, and the jumping, in which Miss Pat Smythe competed, was most popular. On the following Saturday the eighth annual rally of the Bucks Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs was held at Castlefields, in the Stowe Avenue. Several members took part in competitions, C. P. Thomas (G) and R. T. Birt-Llewellyn (T) winning prizes for table poultry judging. In spite of the appalling weather, there was a very good attendance of the Club.

On May 28th a few members visited the Oxford and District Horse Show and Gymkhana.

The Club is starting a farming library, which will be officially opened at the beginning of next term. This term membership has risen again and has now reached ninety-five.

D.J.P.B.-Ll.

ANONYMITY

Four they sway, with drill-like uniformity ;
 Four each side, preserving anonymity ;
 Hidden by the *Times—Financial* of course ;
 Respectable blankness on their monotonous course.
 Seven black bowlers uphold the tradition ;
 In the corner my homberg—parlous condition !

Four left legs are crossed by four right,
 In immaculate navy . . . pin-striped !
 And a frown of disapproval
 At my presumptuous removal
 Of the totally unnecessary light.

My battle for the window and the air
 Receives a coldly instantaneous stare ;
 And my ill-bred importunity
 Is just the opportunity
 For a balefully officious glare.

Four they sway, in the morning up to town ;
 Four each side : it's the same coming down.
 Perhaps their expressions
 Are merely repressions
 Concealing dark thoughts in anonymous frowns.

M.P.F.

THE LIBRARIAN

A watery sun gleamed through a few passing clouds, and the trees still dripped a little after the previous night's rain. A small sallow man, who was dressed in black, a gold topped cane in one hand and a book in the other, walked slowly along the avenue to Buckingham. It was Wednesday, the 15th of February, 1804, and Dr. O'Connor was feeling a little shaken ; he sat down on a bench near the little red brick well-head a hundred yards beyond the Corinthian Arch, and meditated. It was yesterday when Lord George had been out hunting and he, Lady Mary and Miss Wynne had gone riding. Then the rain had started and it had poured. Miss Wynne's horse had bolted, she had fallen off and lost her hat ; he had come through alright, but then the energetic Miss Wynne insisted on rowing him on the lake and the boat had upset. He shivered at the thought of it ; the lake had been horribly cold and his swimming was not the best ;

luckily he had managed to clamber to the muddy bank. The evening had been spent with a mustard bath. He remembered there had been fish for dinner ; why was it they always forgot that he abhorred fish ? He rambled on in his thoughts and took up his book and walked slowly back to the house.

Back in the Gothic Library that evening Dr. O'Connor started cataloguing the Marquess's manuscripts again, then went down the narrow stone passage to his bedroom. Two servants brought in a mustard bath and retreated quickly to the lower regions.

O'Connor was a worthy and venerable personage, as his obituary put it, and an essential member of the Stowe ménage. In the next twenty years he produced many learned tomes published at the Duke's expense, mostly obscure Irish histories ; one of them was named *Columbanus ad Hibernos, or Seven Letters on the present Mode of Appointing Catholic Bishops in Ireland ; with an Historical Address on the Calamities occasioned by Foreign Influence on the Nomination of Bishops to Irish Sees*. It was published at Buckingham in two volumes. Then of course there was his Stowe manuscript catalogue, which is now in the Library.

Visitors to Stowe found it difficult to draw him out. The poor Doctor suffered dreadfully from shyness and was very timid. Behind this there existed an extraordinary wealth of bookish information. He always worked in the Gothic Library, ferreting among the manuscripts and writing hundreds of little notes on the back of old letters and scraps of paper.

He entered into all the festivities and ate with the family, who all adored him. Fish and claret he hated, but he loved his port. He was a strict Roman Catholic, but extremely tolerant on all religious questions. He had travelled all over the Continent and had been educated at the Ludovisi College in Rome, where he obtained the degree of D.D. His first introduction to the Marquess of Buckingham was for the purpose of arranging and translating the MSS. purchased by the Marquess from the Doctor's grandfather, Charles O'Connor. He afterwards became Domestic Chaplain to the Marchioness and after her death in 1813 remained at Stowe as Librarian.

O'Connor led a honeyed existence at Stowe, writing, reading and thinking, his books published at the Duke's expense. He had an excellent library, both printed and manuscript, to draw from, good food and the best company. The Wynne Diaries are full of the life at Stowe in the first half of the last century : wonderful descriptions when the Duke of York and other royalty came, descriptions of the vast house parties and dinners ; all the glitter of money and taste, all the magnificence of the Georgian era. But times were changing at Stowe in 1826 ; money was running short and the Duke was harassed with agents and duns. In July 1827 the Duke decided to go to the continent and shut up the house. In his diary he described his last few days before leaving, a sad picture and especially pathetic in his description of Dr. O'Connor, whose mind was beginning to go.

July 3rd, 1827.

I work in the museum, and take a dismal ride with Chandos. In the evening Sir Stephen Glynne came from Dropmore on his way to Hawarden. I go down to the manuscript room to take leave of the poor Doctor. He scarcely spoke, but, beginning to talk about thanks, gratitude, etc., I stopped him, and endeavoured to speak cheerfully to him, and of seeing him again. I then kissed the old man's forehead and left him. I felt deeply the parting with an old friend. He shewed no emotion. Is this an enviable state of mind to be reduced to ? And yet if old age is not blunted by apathy how sharp must be its edges !

July 4th.

The poor Doctor leaves Stowe. This terminates a connection of twenty-nine years. He leaves me in the greatest possible aberration of mind. For the last three days he has been packing and unpacking and repacking, and at last leaves three trunks corded up and directed with the greatest care, with the keys on the table, saying to Broadway that they must be examined by a justice of the peace, and then forwarded to me. All his letters and papers he leaves scattered about. His books he leaves as my property, which, in fact, most of them are; but there are the thirty-six copies of the "Rerum Hibernicarum Scriptores", which I gave him, and some other books, which indisputably are his, and which I sent after him with his trunks untouched, and the keys sealed up. My own letters, and those of my family, I see scattered about; I put them all up in his papers and leave them. He lost one of the keys of the ebony chest in the mess-room, which we are obliged to have opened.

To shew the wanderings of the poor man's intellect, he went yesterday or the day before to Broadway, to tell him that he had been to the kitchen door, which was shut against him; that he was famished, for that I had ordered that he should have nothing to eat in the place, and therefore that he begged Broadway would give him some victuals as for himself. Broadway tried to reason him out of the folly; and when he found that he failed, he went to Pool, the steward, who assured him that no such order was given. The poor Doctor had never been near the kitchen-door, and had just been eating a hearty luncheon when he told them so.

O'Connor went back to Ireland, to Balanagare in County Roscommon, where his brother the O'Connor Don lived, and died there a year later. The Duke went to the Continent, and Stowe was left to dust sheets and shuttered windows. The Gothic Library seemed empty without him and his bedroom was given to the house-keeper. Somewhere in a housemaid's cupboard a dusty mustard bath lay in the dark and a boat rotted down by the lake.

D.J.V.F.-G.

THE NEW LAKES

In the better weather of this term a great deal of progress has been made in two projects for restoring the original appearance of Stowe and its lakes.

The Oxford Water ceased to be a lake at all a few years ago, when part of the bank collapsed and the bottom was left to grow high with reeds and shrubs. The breach has been stopped and a new sluice built of concrete; there are high hopes of shifting a great deal of the silt before it is flooded again some time next term.

It is confidently expected that the mud-patch by the Temple of British Worthies will become the Worthies Lake by the end of this term. The School Fire Engine proved very useful in helping to clear reeds, cut the banks and wash down the silt. The dam which was blown up two years ago will be rebuilt in concrete, and it is hoped that when the grass gets a grip on the piles of mud, when a new pediment is built on to the Shell Bridge, and when the waters return to cover the face of the present desolation to a depth of two to three feet, the Worthies Lake can once more be taken for granted as one of the beautiful parts of Stowe.

J.O.B.R.

ATHLETICS

The bad weather of the spring term, which had so much upset the other games, greatly delayed the start of the Athletics programme too. Indeed it caused the total abandonment of the Standards competition. When eventually the elements relented, however, we were able to go ahead with heats without much interruption, though the conditions were often far from pleasant and time allowed for training was cut to a minimum. This lack of training which is normally done while running Standards was sadly reflected in the poor performances returned in the preliminary rounds of the heats, but it was noticeable that fitness was achieved reasonably quickly by most of the fancied performers, and at the end the general level of the finals was at least up to average.

Once again Cobham proved very easy winners of the Sports Cup. They were in a class of their own, gaining eleven firsts, ten seconds and seven thirds, and being unplaced in only six events altogether. Their superiority was confirmed when they also won the Relays Cup comfortably. It is no disparagement of Cobham's achievement to look forward to closer competition between Houses than we have seen recently.

There were few noteworthy performances in the Open races. M. A. V. Harris (C) certainly sprinted well and was probably the season's most improved athlete. R. T. C. A. Hall (C) worked very hard to improve his hurdling technique and is the most polished performer we have seen for a long time; but hard work and determination alone cannot entirely overcome physical limitations in this event, and Hall lacks the length of leg essential to top class hurdling. J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B) is an ungainly performer, but his strength and determination stood him in good stead in winning the Mile and Half-mile.

There were some promising and very exciting performances in the middle distance running of the Under-16 group. S. R. Yardley (B), C. J. G. Shillington (C) and C. J. Storrie (C) provided between them the best running of the finals, and Yardley's Half-mile win in record time was a beautiful piece of running. We look forward to some fine running from this trio. K. H. Wells (C) made the most of his big frame and was putting the shot very well. If he can sharpen his speed, he has the build to do well in the throwing events.

C. F. Snow (C), in winning three Under-15 events, returned some creditable performances. He has a natural relaxation but a rather short stride at the moment.

Results:—

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, M. A. V. Harris (C); 2, M. P. Fincham (C); 3, J. B. Hamer (G); 4, D. M. H. Reece (W); 5, D. D. McIntyre (C); 6, M. J. Burrows (C). Time, 11 secs.

220 Yards.—1, M. A. V. Harris (C); 2, D. M. H. Reece (W); 3, M. P. Fincham (C); 4, J. B. Hamer (G); 5, D. D. McIntyre (C); 6, T. G. Smallman (G). Time, 23.9 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, J. B. Hamer (G); 2, D. M. H. Reece (W); 3, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 4, R. T. C. A. Hall (C); 5, K. S. Ashton (C); 6, T. G. Smallman (G). Time, 56.1 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B); 2, C. H. Scott (C); 3, M. E. Denby (G); 4, M. A. Perring (G); 5, D. L. S. Butler (C); 6, D. J. Bateman (C). Time, 2 mins. 12.2 secs.

One Mile.—1, J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B); 2, D. Ll. S. Butler (C); 3, D. E. D. Johnson (C); 4, M. J. Worth (C); 5, A. J. Pearson-Craven (C); 6, A. B. Howarth (C). Time, 4 mins. 57 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, R. T. C. A. Hall (C); 2, W. Shand Kydd (C); 3, H. R. Yorke-Davies (G) and V.V. Pope (G) (equal); 5, D. E. D. Johnson (C); 6, N. Tetley (C). Time, 17.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, H. R. Yorke-Davies (G); 2, J. A. Boyd-Smith (C); 3, S. J. F. Ramsay (G); 4, J. B. Hamer (G); 5, P. R. Vincenzi (G); 6, M. H. E. Kirchem (C). Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. A. Opperman (B); 2, D. Cameron (B); 3, D. D. Barlow (C); 4, W. Shand Kydd (C); 5, S. J. F. Ramsay (G); 6, M. A. Home (C). Distance, 18 ft. 8 ins.

Pole Vault.—1, N. G. Clayton (G); 2, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); 3, M. Buttrose (G); 4, D. H. Philpott (C); 5, P. R. M. Humbert (G). Height, 8 ft. 3 ins.

Discus.—1, J. B. Spooner (C); 2, D. D. McIntyre (C); 3, H. L. D. Rose (G); 4, C. M. Hill (C); 5, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); 6, J. P. Kerr (W). Distance, 93 ft. 1 in.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, D. Cameron (B); 2, C. H. Scott (C); 3, J. A. Boyd-Smith (C); 4, H. L. D. Rose (G); 5, N. Tetley (C); 6, P. W. Antrobus (C). Distance, 149 ft. 7 ins.

Putting the Weight.—1, J. O. B. Rosedale (T); 2, W. Shand Kydd (C); 3, H. Boden Bladon (G); 4, G. L. L. Adams (G); 5, G. R. N. Wetton (B); 6, D. M. H. Reece (W). Distance, 32 ft. 3½ ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 2, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 3, R. J. Mells (C); 4, C. D. G. Coltart (C); 5, N. J. M. Abbott (C). Time, 11.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1, C. D. G. Coltart (C); 2, R. B. Wilson (C); 3, W. S. Hitchen (G); 4, J. H. Arkell (G); 5, N. J. M. Abbott (C). Time, 27 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, C. J. Storrie (C); 2, S. R. Yardley (B); 3, C. D. G. Coltart (C); 4, N. J. M. Abbott (C); 5, A. G. Morison (G). Time, 59 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, S. R. Yardley (B); 2, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 3, C. J. Storrie (C); 4, N. J. R. Kay (G); 5, P. J. Sefton (G). Time, 2 mins. 11.5 secs. *New Record.*

Three-quarter Mile.—1, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2, S. R. Yardley (B); 3, C. J. Storrie (C); 4, A. G. Morison (G); 5, P. J. Sefton (G). Time, 3 mins. 41 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.—1, R. L. Walker (C); 2, C. E. Clarkson (G); 3, L. C. P. Ribeaux (C); 4, J. F. Maclean (W); 5, M. R. Morris (T). Time, 17.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, L. C. P. Ribeaux (C); 2, R. L. Walker (C); 3, M. R. Morris (T); 4, W. S. Hitchen (G); 5, C. E. Clarkson (G). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump.—1, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 3, C. D. G. Coltart (C); 4, R. L. Walker (C); 5, R. B. Wilson (C). Distance, 17 ft. 2 ins.

Putting the Weight.—1, K. H. Wells (C); 2, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 3, P. J. Sefton (G); 4, R. H. Robinson (B); 5, R. M. S. Rees (B). Distance, 40 ft. 0½ in.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, N. D. Sconce (B); 2, M. L. Booth (G); 3, D. J. Easton (W); 4, P. J. N. Pringle (B); 5, J. E. G. Nayler (W). Time, 12.4 secs.

220 Yards.—1, C. F. Snow (C); 2, N. D. Sconce (B); 3, R. A. Godfrey (C); 4, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); 5, J. A. Ball (G). Time, 27.2 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, C. F. Snow (C); 2, M. L. Booth (G); 3, P. J. N. Pringle (B); 4, P. W. Loxton (G); 5, J. E. G. Nayler (W). Time, 60.1 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, C. F. Snow (C); 2, M. L. Booth (G); 3, J. R. Ellis (C); 4, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); 5, M. C. Houghton (C). Time, 2 mins. 21 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles.—1, N. D. Sconce (B); 2, C. F. Snow (C); 3, A. T. B. Honey (T); 4, D. J. Easton (W); 5, W. F. M. Hancock (G). Time, 12 secs.

High Jump.—1, M. L. Booth (G); 2, P. D. Norman (C); 3, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); 4, A. Cameron (B); 5, J. E. G. Nayler (W). Height, 4 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump.—1, P. B. Aarvold (G); 2, P. J. N. Pringle (B); 3, C. J. R. Weston (B); 4, P. W. Loxton (G); 5, J. J. Cater (C). Distance, 16 ft. 4½ ins.

HOUSE CUP

1, Cobham, 221; 2, Bruce, 137; 3 (equal), Chatham and Grafton, 82; 5, Grenville, 78; 6 (equal), Chandos and Walpole, 31; 8, Temple, 25.

STOWE v. RADLEY v. CHELTENHAM

This very enjoyable match took place at Radley under difficult conditions on Wednesday, March 23rd. The grass track was fairly wet and the wind was of almost gale force, acting as an invisible hand which clutched at the vests of the runners. In the Senior match Radley completely outclassed their opponents, and Stowe's only win was in the 100 yards, won by M. A. V. Harris (C) in 10.8 secs. W. Shand Kydd (C) and J. B. Hamer (G) came second in the Long Jump and 220 Yards respectively.

The junior match was more of a struggle, however, and Stoics shared the honours. S. R. Yardley (B) ran a first-class Half-mile to win very convincingly in 2 mins. 18.6 secs., and T. G. Smallman (G) won the Quarter-mile.

Results:—

Senior Match: Radley 130; Stowe, 52½; Cheltenham 41½.

Junior Match: Cheltenham 80; Radley 78½; Stowe 65½.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The House P.T. Competition was held on June 17th. The order of placing was as follows:—1, Grafton; 2, Cobham; 3, Chandos; 4, Temple; 5, Grenville; 6, Bruce; 7, Walpole; 8, Chatham.

C.C.F.

After a torrential Field Day on May 17th and a damp Certificate 'A' Examination on June 7th, the weather was kinder to us for the General Inspection, on July 4th, by Brigadier R. A. Riddell, C.B.E., A.D.C., Deputy Director of Cadets, The War Office. The Ceremonial was acknowledged to be one of the most impressive in recent years.

The Certificate 'A' results (22 passed out of 57 in Pt. II, 32 passed out of 85 in Pt. I) were disappointing, owing partly to the new system of marking, which seems to be affecting other schools even more than Stowe, and partly to an undeniable weakness in the candidates. As in December, the examining Board was provided by the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards. The Best Cadets were J. H. G. Oakley (C) (Pt. II) and P. Ricardo (W) (Pt. I).

Another vehicle has now been added to the strength—a blue Bedford van, which has been converted as a Signals Command Vehicle equipped with a 19 Set. With this the Signals Section is able to work a widely extended network and cover much more ground than formerly. In addition the 12 Set has been very busy on the Public Schools Network, and has made as many as sixty contacts with other schools.

The following promotions were made this term :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sgts. M. J. Burrows (C), D. J. F. Renwick (S), R. W. Slater (C).

To *Sergeant* : Cpls. G. H. Arkell (S), S. R. M. Thorburn (C), P. de S. Barrow (C), D. D. McIntyre (C).

To *Leading Seaman* : A.B. J. L. Tate (B).

To *Corporal* : L/Cpls. C. H. Cheetham (S), N. J. Ferrier (C), A. Mackintosh (C), F. J. P. Madden (C), C. T. Sleigh (S), M. D. Miall (B), D. N. Wilson (B), G. R. N. Wetton (B), Cdts. A. A. V. Rudolf (C), A. E. Theunissen (S).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. C. J. A. Binnie (B), A. D. Evans (W), M. C. Garner (S), J. A. I. Hayward (C), D. E. D. Johnson (C), D. P. Marshall-Andrew (B), N. S. Murray (C), A. D. Osborn (C), C. H. Pattinson (T), J. D. Powell-Rees (G), J. D. D. Thompson-Schwab (T), P. F. Catchpole (S), J. V. H. Hippisley (C), S. J. F. Ruscoe (B), D. H. Philpott (C).

Strength of the Corps : 427. Number of Recruits enrolled this term : 41.

A VISIT TO B.A.O.R.

A party of fourteen cadets, shepherded by Major Uttley, went on an organised visit to B.A.O.R. in the Easter holidays. Guests of the 9th Lancers, they had a most interesting time, seeing all sides of the Regiment's life—driving tanks, firing the guns, playing basket-ball, drilling, being entertained in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, and hearing a concert by the Regimental Band. Further afield they attended an Army Race Meeting at Bad-Lipspringe, the Final of the B.A.O.R. Boxing Championships, and two days of the Regiment's Troop Training on the Ranges, during which they spent the night under canvas. Three tours were organised : of the immediate area of Detmold and the Teutoberger Wald, of Hamelin, where they did not see the Piper, and of the R.A.F. station at Wunsdorf.

When the party finally split up on return at Liverpool Street Station, they had covered a big mileage and widened their outlook considerably.



ADMIRALS ALL

For their annual training this year, ten members of the Naval Section joined H.M.S. Urania, an anti-submarine frigate, at Devonport. At the end of the week each cadet wrote an account of his experiences, and it is from these that the following comments are drawn.

The cadets travelled down from London to Plymouth by train on April 21st; their opinions of the Navy varied considerably that night.

'My first impression of the ship, gained while standing rather apprehensively on the dock side, was that there didn't seem to be much point to her, as she had no guns.'

'I arrived in *H.M.S. Urania* four hours adrift and was in rather a panic. The first thing I had to do was to go down an iron ladder, which seemed to me to be made for the express purpose of killing you; however, I soon got used to these things.'

'As I looked at *Urania* from the dockyard, my opinion was indeed very favourable; she appeared a trim and tidy ship. But when I was introduced to our mess, the visions that I had built up rapidly diminished. When nine cadets have to change into No. 3s in five minutes, you might as well wait till everyone has finished and then you will still be on deck at the time the stragglers have fallen in.'

'Your first night in a hammock is one that you don't easily forget. I started mine—after I had succeeded in getting in—on a fixed slant of 45°. I had barely tightened my nettles when the main knot slipped above my head and I took a header on to the deck beneath. I was not sure then how to do a sheet-bend, but now I do not think that I will ever forget.'

'My first impression of the Navy, when we arrived on the Thursday night, is not fit to be recorded. However, as time went on, I realised that it was not so bad after all, and the bad language was not meant in a nasty way but was just the common way of speaking.'

After the first shock was over, the cadets soon adapted themselves to the strange conditions. They were taken on extensive tours of the ship and learned the duties of the various departments; some of their illusions were shattered by this.

'I was, however, very disappointed with the engine-room, which was not as full of pipes and dials as I had expected.'

In addition to this theoretical instruction there was the practical work: they helped to hump stores inboard, painted the ship's motor-boat, learned to splice rope and wire, and manned the whaler.

'The pulling in the afternoon gave me my first experience of pulling a whaler and of how difficult it is; the oars seem unnecessarily long and to have too narrow a blade.'



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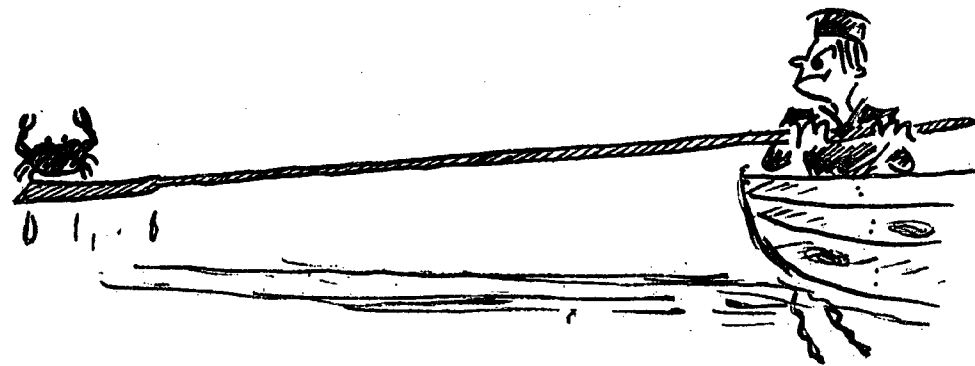
[M.C.G.]

One day they were lucky enough to have a sailing picnic.

'On Sunday I thoroughly enjoyed the recreational sailing in the cutter.

'But we cadets must have seemed very inefficient to the First Lieutenant, especially when the mast fell on him at the end.'

'He was very lucky to escape with his life.'



Not only were they instructed on board *H.M.S. Urania*, but visits were also made to ships and shore establishments near Plymouth. Among other things they were shown round *H.M.S. Ark Royal*, spent a day at Dartmouth and were introduced to the Marines.

'The day spent at the Royal Marine Commando School was extremely instructive. One came away with a very clear picture of what the Commandos have to go through.

... It was all great fun, and we had some startling displays of going up and down cliffs at tremendous speeds. We then went to the coast and learned something about climbing over slippery rocks and landing on them. The most enjoyable day of all.'

'We all grumbled when they made us do some of their cat-walking tricks high up on ropes; but when we came to the 'death-slide' across the river, although the instructor told us we did not *have* to cross by the rope, only one person went over the bridge. I think this shows that we all enjoyed it really. The most amusing thing was the lecture on booby-traps; these called for initiative and wickedness of mind, both of which appealed to me very much.'

Practical experience of the obstacle course made some cadets reflective.

'I was completely unable to perform the 'regain' on a rope; perhaps my centre of gravity is in the wrong place.'

'The Commandos certainly are a very fine body of men, but I don't think I fancy myself as one.'

'I'd rather them than me.'

But more important than the formal instruction and the official visits was the mere fact that they lived in a ship and learned something first-hand of life in the Navy. Their general comments were interesting, and sometimes philosophical.

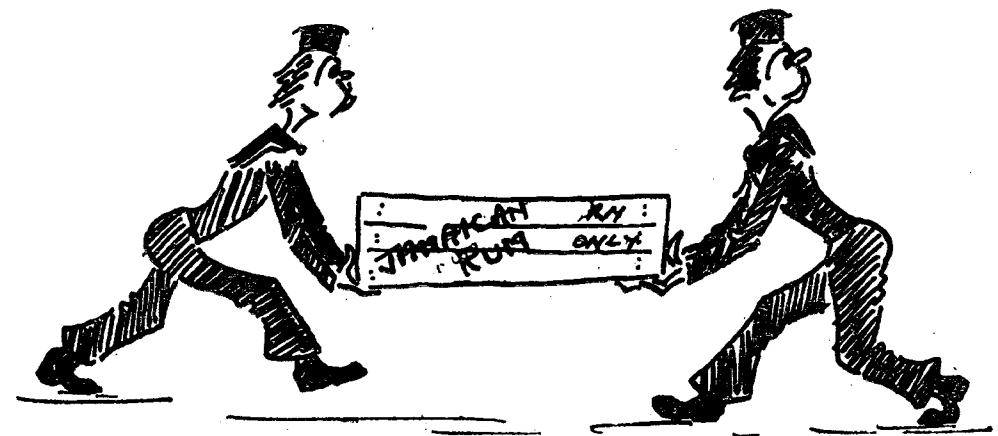
'I talked a lot to the A.Bs and the boy seamen, and was rather surprised that they seemed so discontented and tired of life at sea. But I soon learned that it isn't done not to grumble about things when in the Navy.'

'The discipline for ratings seems to me very hard, but I realise that they need it, and the method of judgement for their crimes seems to me very fair. The higher they get, the less bolshie they seem to become.'

'It seems a great pity that men who have been trained by the Navy should, after a few years in the service, want to get out of it; however it must be a hard life when you are married.'

Clearly the cadets learned a lot, and the success of the week's training was largely due to the hospitality and care of our hosts, the ship's company of *H.M.S. Urania*. The best judge of its success is the one cadet for whom this was the second year of training.

'This year's was in every way better than last: the messing and bathroom facilities were better in *Urania*, as was the programme of instruction and visits laid on for us . . . Everybody on board who came into contact with us was very patient.'



POEM

I have seen many strangers in my days :

There was one who came to me with bloody hands
 And twisted eyes, screaming
 For water, and the stunted tree
 That spreads its arms against a red sunset,
 Where grass is bleached and torn.

And there were men like swine and toads
 On their bellies crawling out of the
 Glistening swamp,
 To slobber on the brown earth at my feet
 With dark lascivious lips,
 And coo like doves.

But there were rainbow ones that came
 As dragonflies from ugly carcasses,
 Who, hanging in the air at crystal pools,
 Buzzed in the sunlight, bee busy,
 And rested their thread-like bodies
 On lily leaves
 Or drifted with the wind
 To vanish ghost-like at the white of evening.

But always there has been a great void at their going,
 As if the oak lay rooted up and severed,
 Or the old compasses were torn apart.
 Then all the chains of hell have seemed unloosed,
 And dark night came.

P.A.A.

CRICKET

With a young side and only three colours left from last year we have had a poor season, winning one school match and one other, drawing one and losing seven. There was an early misfortune when A. P. Hill, the elected Captain, did not return after a recurrence of the back trouble that started last year. The bowling was often more than adequate, and the fielding usually good, but with several players of little experience we could seldom muster enough runs. Had there been one competent, reliable batsman left from the previous season, we might have had a reasonable record, for someone of that sort would have made run-getting very much easier for the others. Unfortunately no such player was available.

Amongst those who performed creditably, F. N. Rushton (S) was most consistently notable for his keen and untiring efforts behind the wicket, which were both a help and an encouragement to the bowlers. D. Cameron (B) and J. B. Hamer (G) were an able and often hostile pair of opening bowlers. While Hamer produced the best single spell, in the Radley match, Cameron was the more reliable and persistent, and he has every reason to be satisfied with his record over the whole season. M. D. Miall (B) applied himself whole-heartedly to the job of improving his bowling and came on a lot, while at the same time fielding excellently in any position and taking one or two first class catches. J. P. Kerr (W) and J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), who were Colts last year, achieved as much as could be expected, and C. J. G. Shillington (C) and J. H. Harris (C), also young members, did little of note but showed promise for the future.

R. W. Slater (C) had the thankless task of captaining this moderate team and he showed patience, good sense and a keenness which, to his great credit, he maintained despite frequent disappointment. He had several useful bowling performances, and altogether his record is a most praiseworthy one of unselfish and whole-hearted effort.

STOWE v. BUCKINGHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 14th. Stowe won by seven wickets.

BUCKINGHAM				
B. Tustian, st Rushton, b Shillington				40
F. Rolfe, not out				64
R. O. Fulks, c Rushton, b Cameron				19
E. Slingsbury, not out				29
R. S. Tompkins, G. Rowe, R. E. S. Wyatt, R. N. Wilby, A. Annetts, L. Pullen and O. Jacques did not bat.				
Extras				2
Total (for 2 wkts. dec.)				154

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron	17	1	51	1
Hamer	7	3	13	0
Shillington	16	1	52	1
Miall	9	1	27	0
Slater	4	1	9	0

STOWE				
J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Tompkins				31
J. P. Kerr, b Wilby				63
R. A. B. Day, run out				19
J. H. Harris, not out				19
J. B. Hamer, not out				17
D. Cameron, R. A. Opperman, M. D. Miall, R. W. Slater, F. N. Rushton and C. J. G. Shillington did not bat.				
Extras				6
Total (for 3 wkts.)				155

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tompkins	19	4	49	1
Wilby	19.4	3	60	1
Jacques	5	0	21	0
Annetts	2	0	12	0
Rolfe	5	0	12	0

STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

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

AUTHENTICS				
W. N. M. Lawrence, c Opperman, b Slater				70
C. N. H. Hordern, b Cameron				0
R. J. Hawke, b Shillington				38
M. R. Coulman, not out				83
D. A. B. Robinson, b Cameron				54
A. Ludlow, not out				3
Messrs. Prodger, Branston, Newton, Hadlee and O'Callaghan did not bat.				
Extras				4
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)				252

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron	16	3	46	2
Hamer	3	0	24	0
Slater	9	0	38	1
Shillington	10	2	29	1
Miall	14	0	110	0

STOWE				
J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Hadlee, b Branston				4
J. P. Kerr, b Branston				46
R. A. B. Day, c Newton, b Branston				0
J. H. Harris, st Newton, b Branston				6
J. B. Hamer, run out				10
D. Cameron, run out				45
R. A. Opperman, c Hawke, b Robinson				17
M. D. Miall, b Robinson				0
R. W. Slater, b Branston				2
F. N. Rushton, not out				0
C. J. G. Shillington, not out				0
Extras				4
Total (for 9 wkts.)				134

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Branston	22	5	56	5
Robinson	12	3	31	2
Prodger	5	1	15	0
Coulman	2	0	10	0
Hadlee	7	2	11	0
O'Callaghan	1	0	7	0

STOWE v. BRADFELD

Played at Bradfield on Saturday, May 21st. Bradfield won by nine wickets. A punctual start was made on a wicket that had recovered surprisingly well from the effects of Friday's thunder showers. Dark patches of cloud were blown over the

ground by an Arctic wind, and there was considerable speculation as to whether the day's play would be interrupted by hail or snow. Kerr and Boyd-Smith began quietly against a rather amiable opening attack that hardly seemed to justify the collection of close fieldsmen that supported it. After some forty minutes Lewis, the Bradfield left-hander, appeared, and Boyd-Smith after all too brief an inspection of him played a stroke usually associated with the closing stages of a lengthy innings and paid the inevitable penalty. Soon afterwards Kerr mis-hit a full toss and was easily caught. Day began with a firm stroke on the off side, but soon he and Harris were pinned down and struggling for runs. The wicket was not difficult, but the ball was turning and occasionally lifting a little. With the score at 39, Day was deceived and bowled, and Hamer had the misfortune immediately to receive two very good balls, the first beating bat and wicket, the second only the bat. There was now an interruption of over an hour, caused, surprisingly enough, by nothing worse than rain.

After lunch Lewis bowled with remarkable accuracy and Stowe could make little headway. Harris, aided by some luck, defended grimly for some time. Miall, undeterred by the failure of others, struck a few solid blows and succeeded in scattering the field, but he received little support and the end of the innings followed close upon his departure.

In the time remaining before tea the Bradfield opening pair made 49 together and were seldom in trouble. Cameron was well below his best form and of the other bowlers only Miall caused the batsmen any real difficulty. The fielding was keen but could not save the runs taken with ease from loose balls. Miall obtained the only wicket with his first ball after tea, but no further impression could be made upon two competent players and Bradfield's well-deserved victory was not long delayed.

STOWE					BRADFELD				
J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Lewis				14	J. B. Brow, not out				54
J. P. Kerr, c Cox, b Lewis				9	P. J. Workman, st Rushton, b Miall				21
R. A. B. Day, b Lewis				8	A. J. Duvivier, not out				25
J. H. Harris, b Brewer				18	N. E. R. Robson, M. C. F. Cox, A. W. Fuller, E. J. W. Lewis, J. Hilliard, C. J. Davis, R. S. H. Brewer and E. N. Thomas did not bat.				
J. B. Hamer, b Lewis				0	Extras				2
D. Cameron, c Fuller, b Lewis				4	Total (for 1 wkt.)				102
R. A. Opperman, lbw, b Brewer				10					
M. D. Miall, c Lewis, b Brewer				23					
R. W. Slater, b Lewis				4					
F. N. Rushton, b Brewer				0					
C. J. G. Shillington, not out				0					
Extras				8					
Total				98					

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brewer	20	4	53	4
Duvivier	4	1	7	0
Lewis	19.2	9	26	6
Thomas	4	2	4	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron	4	0	17	0
Hamer	6	1	15	0
Shillington	8	0	30	0
Miall	12	4	25	1
Slater	1.3	0	12	0

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 1st. Bedford won by seven wickets.

Bedford won this match comfortably. The most unhappy feature from Stowe's point of view was the fact that it could have been a keen struggle had the team done itself justice, for the sides were not unevenly matched; the batsmen, however, allowed

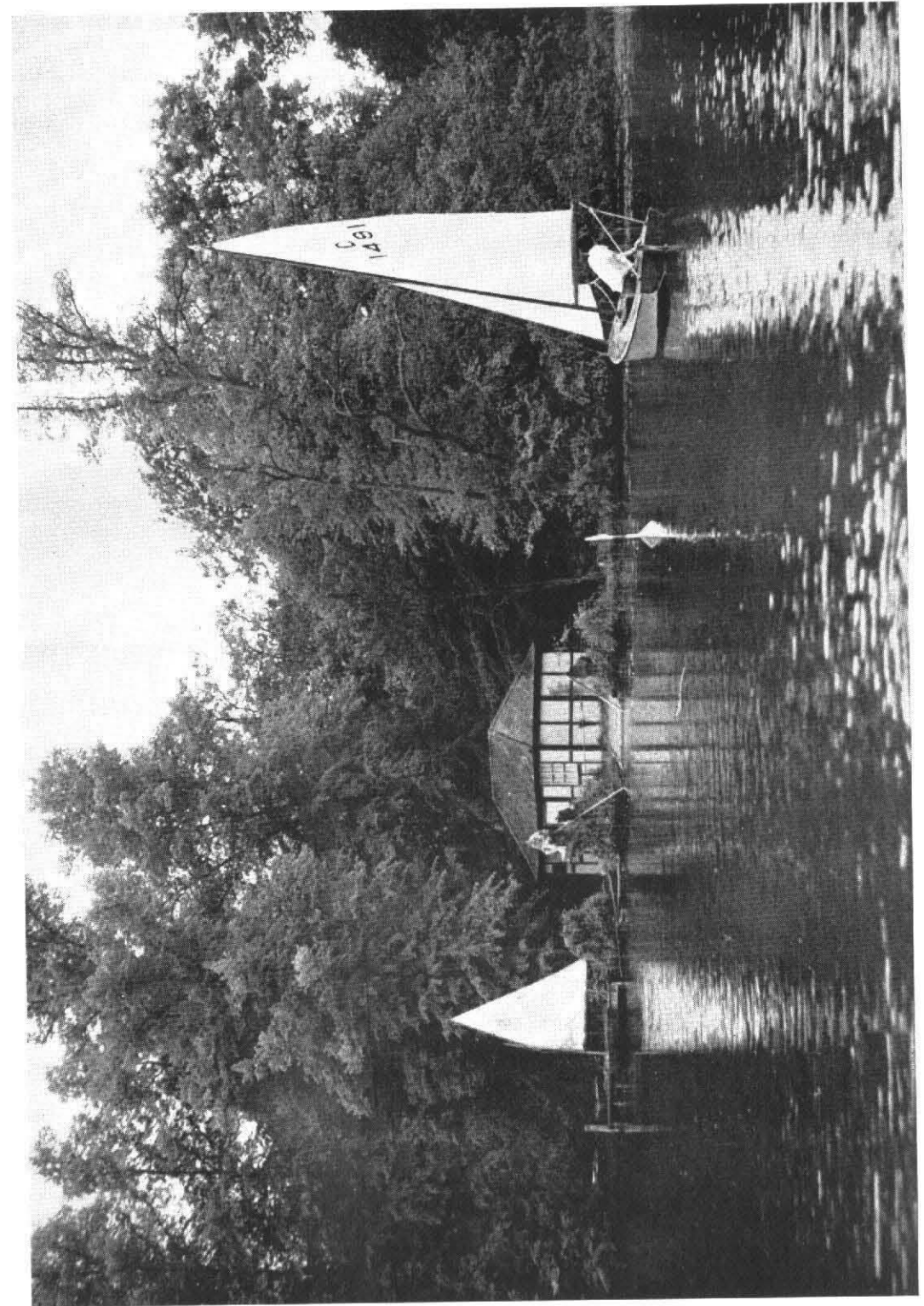
themselves to be overwhelmed by a moderate attack, their poor total being entirely due to a lack of determination and not of the necessary skill.

When the Stowe innings started, the atmosphere was damp and rather heavy, and it seemed that the opening bowlers might, as a result, present some problems. In fact, little real use was made of the new ball, and the opening overs were delivered at what can only be described as a comfortable medium pace. Boyd-Smith and Worth, however, both began hesitantly and with exaggerated care, and both were soon dismissed by what appeared to be guileless deliveries. Kerr was a little unlucky in being very well caught at backward short leg from quite a firm stroke. Harris, after starting quite confidently, played over or round a ball pitched well up to him, and with the score at 31 we now had Day struggling but undefeated at one end and Hamer in characteristic form at the other. This wicket produced 30 runs and a brief hope of a reasonable score, also a frightening moment when Hamer hit hard on the leg side and struck the short leg, who obviously never got a sight of the ball, a fearsome blow on the forehead. Fortunately the damage was not as great as at first appeared and the fielder returned later in the day. Once Hamer departed, the Stowe batting went into swift decline and the last four wickets produced only eight runs.

In Cameron's second over Miall took an excellent catch at short leg, and another wicket in this early period would have kept Stowe in the game. Cameron defeated the other opener with the score at 24, but by that time the Bedford No. 3 had settled down and soon the batsmen were in a commanding position. With Bedford 21 behind, Slater struck one last blow, but twenty minutes later the match was decided.

With the match finishing soon after three o'clock, Bedford batted on and declared at tea. Stowe now had an hour's batting, when Boyd-Smith and Worth, in putting on 74, profoundly irritated at least one spectator by displaying the aggressive approach to batting which we knew they could produce and which had been quite absent at half-past eleven.

STOWE					BEDFORD				
J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Ferro				3	D. G. Conniff, c Rushton, b Cameron				11
M. J. Worth, b Ferro				5	C. Kahn, c Miall, b Cameron				0
R. A. B. Day, b Ferro				14	K. Rischmiller, c Shillington, b Slater				34
J. P. Kerr, c Marriott, b Ferro				5	D. C. Eldridge, run out				65
J. H. Harris, b Eldridge				8	P. H. Howlett, b Cameron				11
J. B. Hamer, c Meadows, b Bass				22	R. L. J. Kilby, b Shillington				17
D. Cameron, b Eldridge				14	C. H. R. Marriott, lbw, b Miall				10
M. D. Miall, c Rischmiller, b Eldridge				2	R. H. Meadows, not out				6
R. W. Slater, lbw, b Eldridge				0					
F. N. Rushton, not out				1					
C. J. G. Shillington, c Meadows, b Bass				4					
Extras				7	Extras				4
Total				85	Total (for 7 wkts.)				158
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Ferro	13	4	30	4	Cameron	12	2	38	3
Bass	8.3	1	11	2	Hamer	8	1	15	0
Eldridge	10	1	21	4	Shillington	9	0	44	1
Conniff	5	0	16	0	Slater	7	0	16	1
					Miall	11	1	27	1
					Boyd-Smith	2	0	14	0

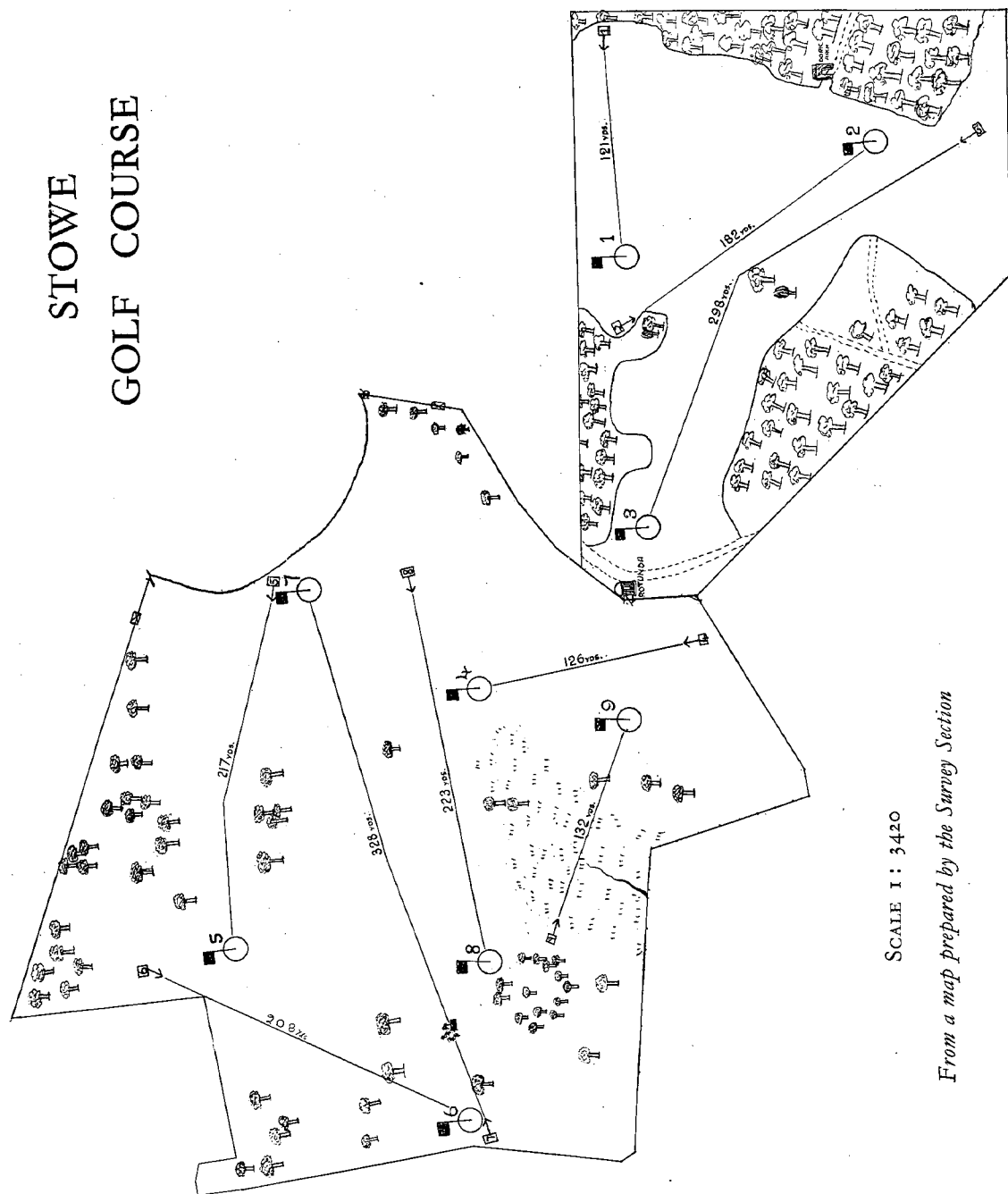


[J.R.P.]

THE ELEVEN ACRE LAKE

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STOWE
GOLF COURSE



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STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 4th. M.C.C. won by 31 runs.

M.C.C.				Stowe			
N. A. Doggart, b Cameron	2			J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Doggart (N. A.)	32		
C. V. P. Airey, b Hamer	2			M. J. Worth, b Morland	0		
W. T. Western, st Rushton, b Miall	27			R. A. B. Day, c Corke, b Doggart (A. P.)	25		
H. de G. Worth, c Day, b Cameron	3			J. P. Kerr, b Doggart (N. A.)	13		
A. P. Doggart, c Rushton, b Slater	21			J. H. Harris, lbw, b Doggart (N. A.)	0		
T. R. Summers, not out	38			J. B. Hamer, c Corke, b Doggart (A. P.)	18		
T. B. G. Welch, c Kerr, b Slater	0			D. Cameron, b Doggart (N. A.)	0		
M. D. Corke, b Miall	28			M. D. Miall, not out	12		
P. D. Bally, b Hamer	1			R. W. Slater, c Western, b Morland	3		
E. H. Morland, c Cameron, b Miall	3			F. N. Rushton, b Doggart (N. A.)	0		
C. M. Tracey, b Miall	5			C. J. G. Shillington, b Doggart (N. A.)	0		
Extras	6			Extras	2		
Total	136			Total	105		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron	11	1	27	2	Morland	10	4	15	2
Hamer	12	3	22	2	Bally	5	3	7	0
Shillington	9	0	32	0	Doggart (A. P.)	14	2	48	2
Miall	6.5	0	22	4	Doggart (N. A.)	13.4	3	32	6
Slater	4	0	20	2					

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 8th. Stowe won by 20 runs.

For the fourth consecutive year this match has produced exciting cricket and a very close finish. The most notable game in this series was undoubtedly that of 1953, when we outplayed and just failed to beat an outstanding Radley side. This year we have achieved victory, but the main credit for it must go to the bowlers, particularly Hamer and Miall; for few people can have anticipated our success, when Radley began their innings faced with a total of only 95.

In the early part of Stowe's innings Boyd-Smith batted soundly and produced a number of good strokes; it was a disappointment to see him go when apparently well set. Kerr settled down quickly and was not out at lunch, when, with the score 77 for 4, we seemed reasonably comfortable, if not actually strongly placed. Play recommenced at five to two, and twenty minutes later Stowe's innings was over. This disaster was due, not to any outstanding quality in the bowling, but to a series of strokes which the spectators, and no doubt the batsmen responsible for them, would prefer to forget. The wicket was placid, there was ample time, and it seemed that Radley were in an overwhelming position.

Stowe, however, produced a most hostile opening attack, Hamer in particular bowling as well as could be desired. In his third over he dismissed Hole, who had looked a most competent opener, and soon after had the pleasure of removing a stump with another excellent ball. Just before this Boyd-Smith had accepted a hard chance at second slip with the greatest aplomb, and when Miall came on and had a wicket in his second over, Radley were 25 for 4. From that moment the game developed into an intense struggle, with wickets falling at steady intervals but with the score moving slowly along all the time. Cameron replaced Hamer and just before tea struck what was probably the decisive blow when he had the Radley No. 7, who had batted sensibly

and soundly, caught off his glove. At the other end Miall bowled half a dozen overs, in which he defeated two batsmen and gave little away.

At the tea interval the score was 68 for 7 and it was still anybody's match. When four runs had been added, a run out, due to a bad call and a smart piece of fielding, put Radley in a critical position. For a couple of overs it seemed as if the remaining batsmen might emulate two distinguished cricketers of other days by 'getting them in singles', but Miall was clearly not prepared to accept this possibility and settled the issue with two wickets in four balls.

STOWE					RADLEY				
M. J. Worth, c McCowen, b Morkill.....	5				F. T. A. Hole, b Hamer.....	3			
J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Wilson, b Duff.....	29				D. W. H. McCowen, c and b Miall.....	13			
R. A. B. Day, c Berkeley, b Duff.....	6				J. C. Lewis, c Boyd-Smith, b Hamer.....	6			
J. P. Kerr, c McCowen, b Morkill.....	24				D. W. M. Berkeley, b Hamer.....	3			
J. H. Harris, b Lewis.....	9				W. D. G. Lewis, c Boyd-Smith, b Miall.....	0			
D. Cameron, c Hole, b Morkill.....	7				P. F. Dale, b Cameron.....	10			
J. B. Hamer, c McCowen, b Morkill.....	7				N. A. Slocock, c Harris, b Cameron.....	18			
M. D. Miall, b Lewis.....	1				J. R. E. Nelson, run out.....	9			
R. W. Slater, st Wilson, b Morkill.....	2				T. W. Morkill, c Rushton, b Miall.....	7			
F. N. Rushton, lbw, b Lewis.....	1				A. R. Duff, not out.....	2			
C. J. G. Shillington, not out.....	2				T. J. Wilson, b Miall.....	0			
Extras.....	2				Extras.....	4			
Total.....	95				Total.....	75			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lewis, W. D. G.	9	4	18	3	Cameron.....	14	4	27	2
Morkill.....	11.4	4	37	5	Hamer.....	11	6	9	3
Duff.....	11	5	16	2	Miall.....	11.3	1	26	4
McCowen.....	8	1	22	0	Slater.....	2	0	9	0

STOWE v. RUGBY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 18th. Rugby won by 131 runs.

In the first hour of their innings Rugby scored just over 90 runs for the loss of three wickets and gave a most remarkable exhibition of stroke play. For once we had a reasonably dry wicket and a fast outfield, and the ball when firmly struck came quickly off the bat and hastened to the boundary. Rugby made the most of these conditions. A number of strokes were certainly produced which made no contact with the ball; but the great majority sent it racing away, and those who were watching had a full measure of that much sought commodity, 'brighter cricket'.

During this period and for most of Rugby's innings the Stowe bowlers maintained a steady attack, and it was to their credit that in spite of the early onslaught Rugby's total at lunch was 132 for 6. Cameron in particular was always hostile during a very long spell. His final figures certainly did not do him justice. Shortly before lunch Rushton took a remarkable catch at full stretch on the leg side, such as school wicket-keepers seldom achieve; and this was certainly the highlight of Stowe's performance. It was a misfortune that after nine Rugby wickets had fallen with only thirty runs added after lunch the last pair produced the sort of stand that is always a captain's nightmare and which confounded the bowlers by the use of original but nevertheless enterprising and effective strokes. Stowe fielded well throughout the Rugby innings, but while these last sixty runs were scored the catches always fell out of reach and the attacking strokes always seemed to find the open spaces.

The Stowe innings contained the poorest batsmanship that we have seen in a season of limited stroke play and disappointing totals. Boyd-Smith fell to a good ball that moved off the wicket, but nearly all the batsmen failed to cope with deliveries that were either undistinguished or, frankly, rank bad. This unhappy performance is best forgotten and we will hope for better things at Rugby next year.

RUGBY					STOWE				
E. McQ. Rose, st Rushton, b Miall.....	34				J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Lancaster.....	11			
C. R. B. Neame, c Opperman, b Cameron.....	0				M. J. Worth, lbw, b Lancaster.....	1			
P. R. Colville, c Slater, b Miall.....	28				R. A. Opperman, lbw, b Young.....	25			
M. R. Oddy, b Hamer.....	65				J. P. Kerr, c Harcourt, b Lancaster.....	19			
J. H. G. Tildesley, c Rushton, b Cameron.....	10				J. H. Harris, b Lancaster.....	5			
H. H. Fox, c Rushton, b Slater.....	4				J. B. Hamer, c Tildesley, b Hodder-Williams.....	4			
T. B. L. Coghlan, c and b Slater.....	1				D. Cameron, b Neame.....	16			
R. Lancaster, lbw, b Hamer.....	10				M. D. Miall, b Coghlan.....	0			
M. Hodder-Williams, b Hamer.....	2				R. W. Slater, lbw, b Coghlan.....	1			
G. S. Harcourt, b Harris.....	50				F. N. Rushton, b Coghlan.....	6			
D. H. Young, not out.....	17				C. J. G. Shillington, not out.....	5			
Extras.....	7				Extras.....	4			
Total.....	228				Total.....	97			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron.....	18	1	67	2	Coghlan.....	13	6	21	3
Hamer.....	15	1	56	3	Lancaster.....	9	5	13	4
Miall.....	11	0	54	2	Harcourt.....	6	2	11	0
Slater.....	9	3	23	2	Young.....	5	1	20	1
Shillington.....	3	0	14	0	Hodder-Williams.....	10	3	18	1
Harris.....	0.5	0	7	1	Neame.....	1.5	0	10	1

STOWE v. CRYPTICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 25th. Cryptics won by 57 runs.

CRYPTICS					STOWE				
R. F. B. O'Callaghan, c Harris, b Cameron.....	69				M. J. Worth, c Morris, b Skene.....	16			
C. F. Deacon, c Harris, b Slater.....	38				J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Mennim.....	4			
R. H. Fair, b Hamer.....	33				R. A. Opperman, c Deacon, b Bradley.....	6			
D. Connington, b Slater.....	44				J. P. Kerr, b Morris.....	31			
J. Connington, st Rushton, b Slater.....	7				J. H. Harris, lbw, b Eddison.....	25			
R. J. Morris, b Hamer.....	8				J. B. Hamer, b Morris.....	34			
L. M. T. Castle, run out.....	7				D. Cameron, c Bradley, b Skene.....	9			
F. H. Bradley, b Cameron.....	0				M. D. Miall, lbw, b Bradley.....	21			
F. Mennim, not out.....	3				R. W. Slater, c and b Bradley.....	0			
The Rev. R. J. B. Eddison, not out.....	8				F. N. Rushton, b Skene.....	4			
R. W. Skene did not bat.....					C. J. G. Shillington, not out.....	0			
Extras.....	3				Extras.....	15			
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.).....	218				Total.....	161			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron.....	17	3	48	2	Bradley.....	17	4	33	3
Hamer.....	15	3	35	2	Mennim.....	6	1	15	1
Miall.....	8	0	44	0	Skene.....	16	7	30	3
Shillington.....	10	1	50	0	Eddison.....	11	1	31	1
Slater.....	8	0	32	3	Castle.....	3	0	16	0
					Morris.....	6	0	18	2

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at St. Edward's on Saturday, July 2nd. St. Edward's won by 5 wickets.

Two innings played by Stowe batsmen in this match are worthy of mention. Boyd-Smith, after playing quietly for half-an-hour, launched a furious assault as soon as the opening bowlers came off, and for a short time produced a rate of scoring which seemed quite improper in the first hour of the day. Unfortunately he could not resist trying once too often, and the catch was duly swallowed on the mid-wicket boundary. After that there was little worthy of record until Shillington arrived with the score at 88 for 9. He played with calm certainty, dispatching bad balls to the leg boundary with the minimum of fuss and collecting twenty-one good runs before the fast bowler returned and defeated him.

Neither Hamer nor Cameron were quite in their best form with the new ball and St. Edward's made steady, though leisurely, progress. Cameron at last disposed of one opener and soon after Slater took a smart catch at silly mid-off from a firm stroke intended for runs. When two more wickets fell and the score stood at 65 for 4, it seemed that Stowe had a chance, but the St. Edward's captain now settled down to play very well, and, adequately supported at the other end, he put the result beyond doubt with a sound and attractive piece of batting.

STOWE						ST. EDWARD'S					
J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Gardiner, b Friend	33					D. L. Hosie, c Slater, b Cameron	17				
M. J. Worth, c Gardiner, b Spence	0					C. F. Dobson, lbw, b Cameron	13				
R. A. Opperman, b Oldaker	8					R. J. C. Sprague, b Cameron	3				
J. P. Kerr, c Sainsbury, b Friend	5					J. R. Friend, not out	54				
J. H. Harris, b Friend	11					J. D. B. Gardiner, c Slater, b Shillington	6				
J. B. Hamer, c Dobson, b Powell-Harker	6					B. G. Powell-Harker, b Hamer	20				
D. Cameron, not out	15					H. J. F. Emson, not out	2				
M. D. Miall, run out	0					M. W. Spence, M. Oldaker, J. Sainsbury and E. A. Appleby did not bat.					
R. W. Slater, c Sprague, b Powell-Harker	14										
F. N. Rushton, c Appleby, b Friend	2										
C. J. G. Shillington, b Oldaker	21										
Extras	4					Extras	5				
Total	119					Total (for 5 wkts.)	120				
	O.	M.	R.	W.			O.	M.	R.	W.	
Spence	5	3	11	1		Hamer	14	3	33	1	
Oldaker	7.5	3	15	2		Cameron	14.4	1	46	3	
Sainsbury	1	0	14	0		Shillington	7	2	15	1	
Friend	9	1	39	4		Slater	4	0	13	0	
Powell-Harker	9	2	25	2		Miall	2	0	8	0	
Appleby	2	0	11	0							

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Saturday, July 9th. Match drawn.

Cameron was rather inaccurate and Hamer not very hostile at the start of Oundle's innings, and thirty runs were scored in quick time. Miall came on and quickly produced a good one to defeat one opener and shortly after took a superb diving catch off his own bowling to remove the other. He went on to bowl a long steady spell which caused the batsmen considerable speculation and made them earn their runs. The fast bowlers attacked alternately at the other end and Cameron had one success in the period before lunch.

Early in the afternoon Slater had his first bowl of the day. At the end of six overs he had taken three wickets for eleven runs and had drastically altered the situation. Hamer now induced one of the new batsmen to give Rushton a catch, and the score stood at 140 for 7. Nos. 8 and 9, however, slowly but surely carried Oundle out of trouble with careful, unspectacular batting, and were undefeated when the declaration was made at twenty-five to four.

The Stowe innings that followed was the most pleasing that we have seen, for while most of the batsmen clearly suffered from the lack of confidence that is to be expected at the end of a lean season, they applied themselves grimly to their task and usually hit the bad ball firmly. Hamer played his best innings, the Oundle fieldsmen being considerably shaken by the power of his driving, and Day and Cameron also produced some good strokes. For a long time there was a prospect of victory, but in the last three-quarters of an hour the rate of scoring fell away. Cameron was out shortly before the end, and Miall came in clearly undecided as to whether to play his natural aggressive game or to defend passively. As a result he produced a stroke which deflected the ball on to his wicket, and, as he himself subsequently stated, obviously had its origin in squash rackets or golf.

OUNDLE					STOWE				
G. M. Boyce, b Miall	25				J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Mitchell, b Apple- yard	38			
J. M. Foulds, c and b Miall	26				J. P. Kerr, c and b Saul	15			
J. F. Doubleday, b Cameron	19				R. A. B. Day, c Boyce, b Minney	23			
R. V. Lawry, lbw, b Slater	38				J. H. Harris, lbw, b Appleyard	6			
T. W. D. Herbert, st Rushton, b Slater	18				J. B. Hamer, b Lawry	31			
A. J. T. Crabbe, c Hamer, b Slater	9				D. Cameron, b Saul	33			
J. C. M. Bishop, c Rushton, b Hamer	0				R. A. Opperman, c Herbert, b Mitchell	9			
J. H. Minney, not out	33				M. D. Miall, b Mitchell	1			
P. H. Mitchell, not out	33				R. W. Slater, not out	0			
J. D. Appleyard and G. H. Saul did not bat.					F. N. Rushton, not out	2			
					C. J. G. Shillington did not bat.				
Extras	5				Extras	6			
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	206				Total (for 8 wkts.)	164			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron	17	2	67	1	Mitchell	13	2	30	2
Hamer	17	3	48	1	Saul	14	2	58	2
Miall	16	2	47	2	Appleyard	14	3	30	2
Slater	12	3	28	3	Minney	11	2	35	1
Shillington	3	0	5	0	Lawry	2	0	5	1
Harris	2	0	6	0					

2ND XI.

All in all the 2nd XI have had a very successful season. The Old Stoic match is still to come, but of the ten matches so far played, seven have been won, two drawn and one lost. Of the schools, Pangbourne, Rugby and Oundle have been defeated (Rugby by five runs and Oundle by one wicket in desperate finishes); Radley and Harrow have been held to a draw; St. Edward's defeated us handsomely.

The team, excellently led by its Captain, Wetton, have always played cheerful and enterprising cricket. Both the drawn games were ones spoilt by rain and the team has always gone for a finish somehow. Much of its success is due to its Captain and the spirit he maintained.

The batting was never sound and rarely was a good start made, but there was nearly always someone to put the bat hard against the ball and pull us out of trouble. Shand Kydd heads the averages and managed to contain his love of beating the leather off the ball in the interests of his side. Wetton made several useful scores, often in a crisis, as did Johnson. Day was a welcome reinforcement and lent soundness to his position of number three. Albrecht always looked like making runs and was out unluckily more than once. Sinclair made one or two useful scores. But the early batting was very inconsistent.

The bowling was perhaps the strongest quality of the team. It was well balanced and well handled. Sefton bowled with a fine action and often considerable pace and accuracy; Wetton bowled with fair pace and stamina. These were the two outstanding bowlers. Reynolds used his off breaks effectively as a foil to the openers, and Carr bowled little, but his leg rollers were promising; he got more than one useful wicket. Scrutton tried desperately hard with no luck at all. He will come again. Sherjan joined us late and was a useful gain.

The fielding was more than keen and the throwing improved steadily. More catches were taken in the slips by the specialists Johnson and Albrecht than for several seasons. Sinclair behind the stumps was never very tidy but he improved steadily and was a great trier. He took at least one catch worthy of Evans.

In conclusion, it is the writer's pleasure to thank the team for so much pleasant and humorous company and for many afternoons of enjoyment and good cricket.

Team :—G. R. N. Wetton (B), R. A. B. Day (T), D. E. D. Johnson (C), J. Sherjan (T), M. C. Scrutton (C), G. W. Reynolds (C), P. J. Sefton (G), W. Shand Kydd (C), S. G. H. Sinclair (C), P. F. Albrecht (C), G. N. Carr (W), G. W. Rose (C).

Results :—

- Wed., May 11. *v.* R.A.O.C., BICESTER. Home. Won by 56 runs.
Stowe, 132.
Bicester, 76.
- Sat., May 14. *v.* HARROW. Away. Match drawn.
Harrow, 93 for 3 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 82 for 7 wkts.
- Wed., June 1. *v.* R.A.F. HALTON. Home. Won by 4 wkts.
Halton, 85.
Stowe, 87 for 6 wkts.
- Wed., June 8. *v.* RADLEY. Away. Match drawn.
Stowe, 164 for 3 wkts. dec.
Radley, 4 for 0 wkt.
- Wed., June 15. *v.* PANGBOURNE N.C. Home. Won by 6 wickets.
Pangbourne, 102.
Stowe, 104 for 4 wkts.
- Sat., June 18. *v.* RUGBY. Home. Won by 5 runs.
Stowe, 123.
Rugby, 118.

- Sat., June 25. *v.* BUCKINGHAM. Home. Won by 4 wickets.
Buckingham, 108.
Stowe, 111 for 6 wkts.
- Wed., June 29. *v.* 75 A.V. DEPOT. Home. Won by 5 wkts.
75 A.V. Depot, 74.
Stowe, 76 for 5 wkts.
- Sat., July 2. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost by 7 wickets.
Stowe, 103.
St. Edward's, 105 for 3 wkts.
- Sat., July 9. *v.* OUNDLE. Home. Won by 1 wicket.
Oundle, 105.
Stowe, 106 for 9 wkts.

3RD XI.

Of the seven matches played, Stowe has won three, drawn two and lost one, the game against Radley being spoilt by rain. Horner has made a good captain and wicket-keeper, and has been keenly supported by a team whose main weakness has been dropped catches. The bowling, opened by Garwood-Gowers and Smith, has been steady, and Horner, Hayward, Mackintosh, Bagnall and Samuel have been the main run-getters.

Team :—G. W. Horner (C), M. C. Scrutton (C), R. Charlton (C), J. A. R. Bagnall (C), A. Mackintosh (C), J. B. D. Smith (C), J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B), J. A. I. Hayward (C), M. Samuel (B), C. J. Gridley (C), J. H. Bryan (T).

Results :—

- Sat., May 14. *v.* HARROW. Away.
Harrow, 131 for 3 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 76 for 9 wkts.
- Wed., June 8. *v.* RADLEY. Away.
Radley, 67 for 7 wkts. (Smith 3 for 19).
- Sat., June 18. *v.* PADBURY. Home.
Padbury, 58 (Gowers 4 for 24).
Stowe, 140 for 6 wkts. (Hayward 38, Mackintosh 39).
- Sat., June 25. *v.* STEEPLE CLAYDON. Home.
Stowe, 75.
Steeple Claydon, 77 for 4 wkts.
- Wed., June 29. *v.* VERNEY JUNCTION. Home.
Verney Junction, 55 (Gowers 3 for 25, Smith 3 for 18).
Stowe, 57 for 5 wkts.
- Sat., July 2. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Home.
St. Edward's, 135 for 2 wkts. dec.
Stowe, 116 for 9 wkts. (Bagnall 39, Hayward 26).
- Sat., July 9. *v.* PADBURY. Away.
Padbury, 52.
Stowe, 54 for 5 wkts.

THE COLTS

The Colts beat St. Edward's (at Stowe), Rugby and Wellingborough, lost to Radley and St. Edward's (at Oxford), drew with Harrow, Bradfield and Oundle. The match with Bedford was not played owing to rain. The game with Harrow was drawn with honours even, but the drawn games with Bradfield and Oundle were only narrow avoidances of defeat.

The side, which was not expected to be a strong one, did better than anticipated, and with a little more cricket sense and steadiness under pressure, its record could have been better.

With the promotion of J. H. Harris to the 1st XI the batting strength was weakened, but Harwood and Atkinson settled down to make a useful opening pair. Harwood has played very soundly and patiently, and has been the most consistent scorer. Atkinson has some attractive shots and is quick on his feet, but is rather too apt to get himself caught behind the wicket. Walker, a left-hander, has played several good innings at No. 3, and can hit the ball hard, but he hits it too much into the air and has not yet acquired the patience needed to make him a reliable player. Ribeaux has improved his batting considerably, and has made a useful cover-point, though his throwing is not yet as accurate or as fast as could be desired.

Clarkson, Robinson and Garwood-Gowers have supplied the middle batting. They are the most physically powerful members of the side and each on his day has made useful contributions, but their best friends would hesitate to call any of them orthodox or reliable. All like to "have a swish" and would do so with greater success if they would refrain from hitting across the line and would choose the ball to hit with greater discretion. All are beginning to improve in this. The remaining batsmen did not contribute many runs, but Stern and Cater on occasion played out time with commendably straight bats.

The wicket-keeping of Atkinson is worthy of special mention. He has done the job extremely well and by his remarkable agility has saved innumerable byes and captured many wickets.

The bowling has been chiefly in the hands of Garwood-Gowers, Stern, Cater and Clarkson. Garwood-Gowers can bowl distinctly fast for a Colt and might have been a really destructive force; but, although he has taken the most wickets, he has not acquired any real control of length and direction and has been very inconsistent. Clarkson has ability, but he too is far too inaccurate. Stern, a slow left-arm bowler, and Cater, who bowls leg-breaks, have each taken almost as many wickets as Garwood-Gowers, and both have bowled very well at times. All of them should practise more seriously and more often, if they wish to develop into good players.

The ground fielding, and, to a lesser degree, the catching had been quite satisfactory up to the last two matches, when the fielding generally broke down badly. Runs were given away by every conceivable means, and catches hard and simple alike were put on to the ground, with the result that two matches which might well have been won ended in a decisive defeat and a discreditable draw.

Before this the captaincy of Clarkson had been quietly efficient, but he was unable to cope with the ineptness which crept into the side's fielding and bowling in these two games.

Team :—C. E. Clarkson (♣), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), G. Harwood (♣), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), N. M. Stern (B), R. L. Walker (♣), L. C. P. Ribeaux (♣), R. H. Robinson (B), J. J. Cater (C) (all these were awarded Colts caps); J. A. Boddy (C), T. G. Wills-Sandford (♣).

Results :—

- Sat., May 14. *v.* HARROW. Home. Drawn.
Stowe, 113 for 3 wkts. dec. (Harwood 46, Walker 34).
Harrow, 79 for 4 wkts.
- Sat., May 21. *v.* BRADFIELD. Away. Drawn.
Bradfield, 138 for 7 wkts. dec. (Cater 4 for 34, Stern 2 for 35).
Stowe, 72 for 9 wkts. (Harwood 24, Walker 15).
- Wed., May 25. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Won by 90 runs.
Stowe, 149 for 9 wkts. dec. (Harwood 54, Atkinson 30, Clarkson 29).
St. Edward's, 59 (Cater 6 for 23, Garwood-Gowers 2 for 9, Stern 2 for 9).
- Wed., June 8. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Lost by 3 wkts.
Stowe, 108 for 8 wkts. dec. (Walker 30, Ribeaux 34).
Radley, 109 for 7 wkts. (Garwood-Gowers 3 for 36, Stern 2 for 19).
- Sat., June 18. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
Rugby, 61 (Garwood-Gowers 4 for 18, Stern 5 for 14).
Stowe, 63 for 5 wkts. (Atkinson 17, Robinson 10 not out, Garwood-Gowers 13 not out).
- Sat., June 25. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
Wellingborough, 117 (Garwood-Gowers 2 for 45, Stern 3 for 15, Clarkson 4 for 30).
Stowe, 122 for 5 wkts. (Walker 61, Ribeaux 22).
- Sat., July 2. *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost by 6 wickets.
Stowe, 109 (Harwood 18, Robinson 49).
St. Edward's, 112 for 4 wkts. (Garwood-Gowers 2 for 11).
- Sat., July 9. *v.* OUNDLE. Home. Drawn.
Oundle, 154 for 7 wkts. dec. (Garwood-Gowers 4 for 38).
Stowe, 104 for 9 wkts. (Harwood 22, Atkinson 18).

JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts have had quite a promising season. Although only two matches have been won, the drawn game with Harrow was even, and they had much the better of it at Rugby, scoring 198 in under two hours; Radley would almost certainly have been beaten if they had not had to leave a quarter of an hour before the finishing time agreed on by the captains.

Scores were understandably small at the beginning of the season, when wickets were wet and the outfield slow. The batting was unreliable with the exception of Bentall, who only failed once. He invariably had to come in after two quick wickets had been lost and showed the right approach to the situation by batting carefully but hitting the bad ball very hard; many of his innings were well worth double their value in runs. Sherjan is also a most promising player with the right aggressive approach; he ought to score many runs when he curbs his desire to score off every ball. Avory also made some useful scores, and if he was often dropped it was chiefly because he

hit the ball hard. Pasley-Tyler concentrated well and was a useful opener. Nearly all the side could bat and they have come on well during the season, even if they have not made large scores.

The faster bowling was good, but a penetrative spinner was lacking. Sherjan was particularly steady, as his figures show (72 overs, 29 maidens, 147 runs, 16 wickets). Noye bowled too much down the leg but on occasions bowled a very good ball. Shaw has the makings of a good slow left-hander but needs to concentrate more on accuracy.

The fielding was generally good, with Sherjan outstanding for quickness; he achieved some useful run-outs by employing a certain natural cunning. Honey kept wicket in unorthodox fashion, but has a good eye and has brought off some fine catches.

The following have played:—A. R. Bentall (C), R. Sherjan (T), E. J. Avory (T), I. Pasley-Tyler (S), A. T. B. Honey (T), G. M. Shaw (S), R. A. Miall (B), R. A. P. Noye (C), G. B. Edwards (W), A. G. L. Millington (T), J. G. Williams (C), S. M. Turner (G), A. Cameron (B), D. J. Easton (W), J. B. Mayland (W).

Results:—

Sat., May 14.	v. HARROW. Home. Drawn.
	Stowe, 80 for 5 wkts. dec.
	Harrow, 79 for 6 wkts. (Sherjan 4 for 20).
Sat., May 21.	v. ETON. Home. Lost.
	Stowe, 61 (Bentall 32).
	Eton, 96 for 6 wkts.
Wed., May 25.	v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Won.
	Stowe, 82 (Bentall 28).
	St. Edward's 77 (Avory 5 for 16, Sherjan 4 for 18).
Wed., June 8.	v. RADLEY. Home. Drawn.
	Stowe, 128 for 9 wkts. dec. (Bentall 40, Shaw 26 not out).
	Radley, 53 for 7 wkts. (Shaw 3 for 14).
Sat., June 18.	v. RUGBY. Away. Drawn.
	Stowe, 198 (Avory 61, Sherjan 41, Bentall 38).
	Rugby, 141 for 7 wkts. (Sherjan 3 for 36).
Sat., July 2.	v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost.
	Stowe, 148 (Avory 37, Sherjan 27, Pasley-Tyler 22).
	St. Edward's, 151 for 5 wkts.
Sat., July 9.	v. OUNDLE. Away. Won.
	Oundle, 106 (Noye 3 for 13, Shaw 3 for 20).
	Stowe, 108 for 7 wkts. (Pasley-Tyler 44, Bentall 33).

CRICKET AND HOCKEY LEAGUES

These were organized on the same basis as in the last two years. The Cricket League Cup was won by Grenville, with Grafton second. Chandos were again head of the Hockey League table and just won the Combined Leagues Cup from Grenville.

LAWN TENNIS

The School's performance this year has been a trifle disappointing. Of the matches so far played against other schools, Stowe has won five and lost two, whilst of the four club matches two have been won and two lost.

M. J. Burrows (C) has captained the VI, and has partnered L. P. Coni (C) as 1st Pair. They have played very consistently indeed, and even succeeded in beating a county pair in the match against P.S.O.B.L.T.A., an extremely good performance. A. D. J. Grenfell (W), who has acted as Secretary, has improved considerably since last year, and with a less unreliable partner than R. M. T. Earlam (W) would have been more successful. Grenfell and Earlam have not combined well, but it has not been possible to provide the former with a stronger partner. Earlam has definitely deteriorated since last season, and one must hope that he will eventually recover his old confidence and skill.

A number of people have played in the 3rd Pair, the most frequent performers being N. Snow (T), P. G. Emerson (C) and R. D. Fell (C). R. B. Skepper (T) and A. D. Evans (W) have also been tried. Unfortunately, the School contains little available talent at present, though a number of junior cricketers are also most promising tennis players. Four of them are taking part in the Under-16 competition at Wimbledon.

All who have enjoyed their tennis at Stowe will be sorry to learn that Mr. Lucas has been taken ill and is at present in hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Full match details will appear next term. Brief results:—

v. MR. J. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI.	Lost 1—5.
v. WESTMINSTER.	Lost 3—6.
v. ETON.	Won 6—3.
v. LEIGHTON PARK.	Won 6—3.
v. DALLINGTON L.T.C.	Won 5—4.
v. MR. G. J. CHIBBETT'S VI.	Lost 2—7.
v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON.	Lost 2—5.
v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A.	Won 5—4.
v. RUGBY.	Won 6—2.
v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Won 5—4.
v. MILL HILL.	Won 5—4.

Matches still to be played are against U.C.S., Repton and Old Stoics.

SWIMMING

Of the six matches so far this term three have been won; a report of these, together with an account of the Swimming Sports, will be published in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

GOLF

Last Spring term we were fortunate enough to get a fixture with Bradfield College, and on March 19th we played them at Calcot Golf Course, near Reading. The match was a draw and provided a most pleasant day's golf.

STOWE	Won	BRADFIELD	Won
D. P. Marshall-Andrew (B)	3/2	R. S. H. Brewer	—
M. D. Miall (B)	o	A. D. Selwyn	o
J. M. E. Anderson (C)	—	J. Hilliard	4/3
N. M. Stern (B)	—	P. J. H. Daubney	4/2
L. G. B. Williamson (T)	1 up	P. G. Woodhouse	—
	<u>2½</u>		<u>2½</u>

In April another annual golfing event for the School, the inter-public schools competition, took place at Woking. In the first round we played Harrow and beat them 4½ to ½.

STOWE	Won	HARROW	Won
D. P. Marshall-Andrew	5/4	S. F. Usher-Smith	—
J. M. E. Anderson	o	J. G. A. Gracey	o
N. M. Stern	3/2	J. Gray	—
M. D. Miall	5/4	J. Proctor	—
L. G. B. Williamson	2/1	D. W. Anderson	—
	<u>4½</u>		<u>½</u>

In the next round we were drawn against Wellington and were beaten in a very close match by 3 to 2.

STOWE	Won	WELLINGTON	Won
D. P. Marshall-Andrew	1 up	P. G. Shillington	—
N. M. Stern	—	C. H. Churchill	2 up
J. M. E. Anderson	—	A. K. Smith	1 up
L. G. B. Williamson	—	N. Stainforth	1 up
M. D. Miall	2/1	P. Cullinan	—
	<u>2</u>		<u>3</u>

During last term a new golf course was under construction in Chatham field. With the help of a few boys the ground staff carried out some alterations to the field, and half-way through this term the course was declared fit for play. All the holes have been equipped with new flags, and some with new cups. The tees have direction posts, on which are painted the number of the hole and the distance in yards. Its lay-out can be seen on the printed plan facing p. 291.

The result of the Senior Golf Competition is that J. M. E. Anderson (C) beat N. M. Stern (B) 5/4. In the Junior Competition J. M. E. Anderson (C) again beat N. M. Stern (B)—this time 1 up. Both these results were over 18 holes round the School course.

Another School competition has been arranged, the result of which will probably not be known until the very end of this term. It is hoped that a match against the Masters will be held, but this is still undecided.

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Sat., Oct. 8.—OLD STOICS.	Home.
Tues., Oct. 11.—RUGBY.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 15.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 22.—ST. EDWARD'S	Home.
Wed., Nov. 2.—RADLEY.	Away.
Tues., Nov. 8.—OUNDLE.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 12.—HARROW.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 19.—T. A. KEMP'S XV.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 26.—CHELTENHAM.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 3.—RICHMOND.	Home.
Wed., Dec. 14.—R.A.F., HALTON.	Home.
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