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## I stand and shall stand

NE hundred terms ago Stowe School became a reality: until then it had been an idea living in the minds of the men to whom we are indebted for the foundation of the School, men in whom practical capabilities were combined with a high degree of idealism in a rare and unusually successful union. At about 6.30 in the evening of May 11th, 1923, the first term started, and Stowe began to fulfil the function for which it was founded. In the country there were, and indeed there still are, more boys of Public School quality than the Public Schools could provide for. One hundred terms ago Stowe began to fill this gap, and also to make its own unique contribution to English education.

Stowe has now taken its place among the leading Public Schools of the country, and the ideals of its founder have become the traditions of today. In the editorial of the first number of *The Stoic* the conviction of the founder was expressed thus: 'Rules and restrictions will largely prevent people (just as being in prison prevents them) from doing foolish or wrong things, and the more liberty there is, the greater is the risk that such things will be done. But the best, if not the safest, way of keeping a community free from wrong and folly is to teach its members to prefer right and sense.' This is an ideal that has become a tradition, accepted and honoured.

At the head of the same editorial stood the words which are reprinted as the title of this one. The first word has, for a hundred terms, represented a fact. 'The second represents an aspiration, and is therefore of much greater importance. The exertions of very many people were required to establish the fact; it will devolve principally upon ourselves to realise the aspiration.' Although this was written for the first Stoics, it has remained a challenge to each successive generation and applies equally to us today.

# STOICA

School Officials-Summer Term, 1956.

Prefects:—T. D. Philips (6), Head of the School; A. B. Hyslop (T), Second Prefect and Prefect of Gymnasium; A. D. Evans (W); D. Cameron (B); T. D. Brickhill (G), Prefect of Library; G. W. Horner (C); B. R. Williams (C), Prefect of Chapel; R. M. Elliott (C); M. K. Ridley (C).

Cricket:—Captain, F. N. Rushton (6); Secretary, D. Cameron (B).

Lawn Tennis: - Captain and Secretary, L. P. Coni (C).

Swimming:—Captain, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); Secretary, P. W. Rigg (W).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 6th, The Chaplain; Sunday, May 20th, The Rev. P. Hammond, Vicar of Stowe; Sunday, May 27th, The Rev. C. C. W. James; Sunday, June 3rd, The Rev. A. R. MacD. Gordon, Chaplain of Cuddesdon College, Oxford; Sunday, June 17th, The Chaplain; Sunday, July 1st, The Rev. Canon C. H. Ritchie, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen; Sunday, July 8th, The Rev. Francis Moncrieff, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway; Sunday, July 29th, The Headmaster.

The Collections in the Chapel were:—on March 18th, for the Missions to Deep Sea Fishermen, £22 os. od.; on May 13th, for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £22 12s. od.; June 3rd, for the Children's Country Holidays Fund, £28 5s. od.; June 24th, for the Crippled Children, £31 10s. od.; July 15th, for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, £25 7s. od.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were again held in conjunction on Saturday, July 28th. On this and the preceding nights, performances of Twelfth Night were given at the Queen's Temple. Accounts of this and other events will appear in our next number.

Mr. H. V. G. Kinvig is handing over the housemastership of Walpole to Mr. J. C. T. Uttley at the end of this term.

The Rev. C. Windsor Richards is retiring from the Chaplaincy and will be succeeded in September by the Rev. C. C. W. James.

During the illness of Dr. E. Zettl, Mr. R. C. Watt, B.A., has again joined the Staff.

Mr. C. W. Haigh is leaving the School to take up an appointment in America.

After being at Stowe for almost ten years, Miss Madge Phillips is leaving at the end of the term.

The marriage took place on April 3rd of Mr. C. F. Deacon and Miss Cynthia Nichols; the Rev. C. Windsor Richards officiated at the ceremony, which was held in Stowe Church.

The Exeat was from Friday, June 8th, to Monday, June 11th. The School Dance was held on the previous evening, that of Thursday, June 7th, and a film, *The Belles of St. Trinian's*, was shown for those not going to the dance.

The School has been the scene of much building activity this term. The Headmaster's house on the edge of Chatham Field is near to completion, the Memorial Hall is rising swiftly, and a new master's house is being built on Paper Mill Hill.

The renovation of the East Boycott Pavilion is finished, as is that of the Temple of British Worthies, and work has started on the Temple of Venus. A programme for the care and restoration of William Kent's landscapes has been prepared, and a beginning is to be made in the autumn. It is hoped to give a fuller account of this next term.

The following have been successful in the 1st M.B. Examination at Cambridge:—Parts 1 and 3, J. B. Spooner (C); Parts 1 and 2, R. C. Squires (C); Part 2, R. H. Whitaker (C); Part 4, C. H. Cheetham (6).

THE PINEAPPLE BALL.—The Organizing Committee is anxious to coopt some of the younger Old Stoics. If anyone who has left the School recently or is leaving this term would like to join the Committee, he should write for details to David S. Duckworth, Esq., 47, Whitelands House, Chelsea, S.W.3.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB.—It may not be generally known that all past members of the School are eligible for membership of this Club, which is situated opposite the Green Park; there is no entrance fee and subscription rates are relatively low. Anyone who is interested can get particulars from The Secretary, The Public Schools Club, 100, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

Representative Colours were awarded at the end of last term to D. E. D. Johnson ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ) for Cross-Country Running; to C. J. G. Shillington ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ) for Athletics; to R. B. Skepper ( $\mathfrak{T}$ ) for Ski-ing.

School Colours have been awarded as follows:—

Hockey (in addition to those already recorded):—

T. J. H. Carter (Q), C. D. G. Coltart (Q), G. N. Carr (W).

Cricket:-

Ist XI:—M. D. Miall (B) (re-awarded), J. P. Kerr (W) (re-awarded), J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), J. H. Harris (C), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), C. J. G. Shillington (C).

2nd XI:—T. D. Brickhill (G), J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B), C. E. Clarkson (6), A. Mackintosh (C), R. L. Walker (C).

3rd XI:—J. H. Bryan (T), R. I. Guinness (C), C. G. Kenyon (W), N. S. Murray (C), T. J. H. Carter (C).

Colts Caps: E. J. Avory (T), A. R. Bentall (C), R. Sherjan (T), A. G. L. Millington (T).

Swimming:—R. M. S. Rees (B) (re-awarded), P. Ricardo (W), J. E. G. Nayler (W), T. B. Pulvertaft (C), D. A. O'Brien (C), K. H. Wells (Q).

Tennis:—I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6).



# ANNUAL PRIZES

BASIL WILLIAMSON PRIZE:	J. O. B. Rosedale (T)
DASIL WILLIAMOON TREEL	A. D. J. Grenfell (W)
	Ť. D. Philips (🍪)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY:	J. B. D. LAWFORD (B)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH:	R. Boston (W)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ENGLISH:	` ′
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR LINGLISH:  Senior:	J. O. B. Rosedale (T)
Junior:	I. A. R. MACKENZIE (6)
<i>y</i>	N. J. M. Аввотт (C)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS:	N. W. D. Sturch (T)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK:	T. P. BOYD-CARPENTER (C)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN:	/
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATIO	J. F. M. TILLINGER (W)
SYRETT PRIZE FOR HISTORY:	R. B. SKEPPER (T)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY:	J. D. Harris (B)
D Engage	J. P. D. HANCOX (G)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH:	Not awarded
J. G. Riess Prize for German:	C. J. GIBBON (G)
CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH:	J. O. Kennedy (W)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	A. J. BEATTY (C)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	C. J. A. BINNIE (B)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS:	M. J. S. Hubbard (G)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR SCIENCE:	Not awarded
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:	R. Charlton (C)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	G. R. Beeley (T)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS:	N. G. CLAYTON (6)
HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL	C. R. P. TYZACK (C)
Knowledge:	T. P. Boyd-Carpenter (C)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING:	R. Boston (W)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING:	B. R. WILLIAMS (C)
EDWARD HARDING PRIZE FOR READING:	D. J. Easton (W)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEI	ECH:
Senior: 1st	M. K. KIDLEY (4)
2110	d, J. F. M. TILLINGER (W)
Junior:	D. M. Fingleton (Q)
Anthony Howard Prize for Art:	J. V. H. HIPPISLEY (C)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE:	Not awarded
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Music Prizes: GILLING-LAX—Senior: M. E. F. FITZMAURICE (W) Tunior: L. J. D. McIntyre (G) Piano: Senior: M. E. F. FITZMAURICE (W) Tunior: A. A. W. KEMP (6) Woodwind: C. J. M. HAINES (C) Brass: A. D. OSBORN (C) Strings: S. L. WHISTLER (C) Organ: Not awarded JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR CARPENTRY OR METAL WORK: J. A. SUTTON (T) WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES: A. E. THEUNISSEN (6) M. L. A. Andrews (C) BRUXNER-RANDALL PRIZE: R. D. TURRALL (C)

# ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1956

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships:-

- L. M. THOMAS (Cottesmore School, Crawley, and Stowe School).
- C. B. Tetlow (Tre-Arddur House, Anglesey).
- M. P. Woosnam-Mills (Stone House, Broadstairs).
- M. A. HARRIS (The Wick and Parkfield School, Haywards Heath).
- A. B. Shellim (King's Mead, Seaford).
- E.-X. C. W. P. FLETCHER (Cheam School, Newbury, and Stowe School)

ROBERT McDOUGALL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSIC

T. W. J. WAINE (Beachborough School, Brackley).

# UNIVERSITY AWARDS

N. W. D. Sturch (T) was awarded an Open Scholarship in Classics at Christ Church, Oxford, in March.

# OLIM ALUMNI

N. G. Annan, O.B.E. (T, 1935) has been elected Provost of King's College, Cambridge.

THE HON. G. P. H. CHORLEY (6, 1951) has been placed in the First Class in the Honours School of History at Oxford.

#### **BIRTHS**

To the wife of J. M. Young (B, 1942), a daughter, on April 28th, 1955; to the wife of G. T. G. Conant (B, 1942), a daughter, on November 15th, 1955; to the wife of C. F. Legh (C, 1940), a son, on December 30th, 1955.

To the wife of J. K. A. Bromley (C, 1941), a daughter, on January 14th, 1956; to the wife of P. J. Wadsworth (W, 1943), a son, on March 5th; to the wife of R. Benson (C, 1940), a son, on March 15th; to the wife of K. G. Rice (C, 1936), a daughter, on March 19th; to the wife of Captain R. M. W. Busk, R.E. (6, 1943), a daughter, on March 24th (in Cyprus); to the wife of Squadron Leader H. S. L. Dundas, D.S.O., D.F.C. (W, 1938), a daughter, on March 28th; to the wife of D. B. Morgan-Grenville (W, 1945), a son, on March 29th; to the wife of P. J. Blundell, M.C., T.D. (6, 1938), a son, on April 4th; to the wife of R. N. Barclay (C, 1937), a daughter, on April 4th; to the wife of S. P. Towneley (formerly Worsthorne) (C, 1940), a daughter, on April 14th; to the wife of C. R. Milne (T, 1939), a daughter, on April 15th; to the wife of D. J. Cater, M.B.E. (G, 1933), a daughter, on April 16th.

To the wife of R. B. McGrigor, M.B.E., F.R.C.S. (W, 1937), a daughter, on May 11th; to the wife of P. D. P. Duncombe (C, 1945), a son, on May 21st; to the wife of R. C. Roxburgh (W, 1938), a daughter, on May 24th; to the wife of M. G. Falcon (C, 1946), a son, on May 26th; to the wife of B. D. Henry (C, 1937), a son, on May 29th; to the wife of J. I. K. Gornall (B, 1948), twin sons, on June 6th; to the wife of A. R. Bateman (C, 1946), a son, on June 9th; to the wife of Captain A. W. Murdoch (T, 1946), a daughter, on June 14th; to the wife of P. D. A. Chidell (G, 1930), a son, on June 20th (in Hong Kong); to the wife of H. K. Dawson Shepherd, O.B.E. (T, 1930), a daughter, on June 25th (in Cyprus); to the wife of J. O. Outwater (C, 1941), a daughter, in June (in Massachusetts); to the wife of N. E. Wates (B, 1950), a son, on July 9th; to the wife of J. I. Tweedie-Smith (B, 1946), a daughter, on July 19th.

#### **MARRIAGES**

P. J. Wadsworth (W, 1943) to Peggy Everson, on February 27th, 1954; J. M. Young (B, 1942) to Miss G. M. C. Loombe, on March 6th, 1954; The Rev. J. R. S. Michell (6, 1939) to Miss C. H. D. Dawson, on July 30th, 1955; A. R. Bateman (C, 1946) to Jacqueline Davies, on August 11th, 1955.

F. J. Walter (C, 1928) to Mrs. M. L. J. Brown, on March 3rd, 1956; G. S. Chadwick (C, 1945) to Jocelyn Heather Tooth, on April 7th; Captain J. O. Fane de Salis (B, 1947) to Caroline Jane Knight, on April 14th; H.S.H. Prince Rainier III, Sovereign Prince of Monaco (C, 1937) to Grace Kelly, on April 18th (in Monaco); P. C. Paisley (W, 1949) to Maureen Connor, on April 19th; M. D. Cobham (G, 1949) to Shirley Foote, on April 20th; D. R. Harrison (B, 1947) to Margaret Walton, on April 21st; Major P. D. Forsyth-Forrest (T, 1940) to Audrey Henderson, on April 24th; N. M. C. Isham (C, 1947) to Joan Genet, on April 28th (in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia); J. R. Banks (G, 1950) to Shirley Mary Dickinson, on May 19th; G. M. Briers (G, 1938) to Elizabeth Czarina Monies, on May 26th (in Halifax, Nova Scotia); The Lord Calthorpe (W, 1943) to Anne Alexander, on June 6th (in Dublin); H. F. Sassoon (G, 1939) to Mary Patricia Boord, on June 8th; N. A. Gray (C, 1952) to Amanda Edwards, on June 29th; The Earl Haig (C, 1935) to Adrienne Thérèse Morley, on July 19th.



#### **DEATHS**

J. C. E. PESHALL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (B, 1938), on May 30th, at St. Thomas's Hospital; R. G. Knight (W, 1951), in May, from a car accident in Germany.

# BOOK REVIEWS

#### "OLD LONDON CHURCHES"

By ELIZABETH & WAYLAND YOUNG (W, 1941) (Faber, 638.)

It is indeed a treat to be asked to review a book of this calibre. The authors have presented us with a mine of information charmingly written and extremely readable. It is a book to browse in, either turning over the excellent illustrations, or reading the delightful descriptions of the many interesting churches of London. It is very easy to find one's way about the book; so, as a work of reference, it could hardly be bettered. The trouble is that, having looked up one church, one is tempted to read on and on, so fascinating are the descriptions. To anyone who loves London and is interested in her history and architecture, this book will be most welcome.

M.J.M.

#### "THE WATERS OF MARAH"

By PETER HAMMOND, Vicar of Stowe (Rockliff, 21s.)

The late Archbishop Temple described the movement towards Christian Unity which has developed during this century as "the great new fact of our time". The contribution which the Orthodox Churches have made to the World Council of Churches has been of immense value. For not only has the Council been saved from becoming merely an organization of Protestant Churches in the West, but Orthodoxy has given wider, deeper (and to many, unfamiliar) perspectives, in which some of the western controversies between the Roman Catholic and the Reformed traditions appear recent, trivial and often almost meaningless.

In the past there have never lacked English travellers in Greece with observant eye and ready pen, and in his captivating Waters of Marah (an enquiry into the present state of the Greek Church) the Vicar of Stowe has revealed himself as a sympathetic and discerning modern observer following in a distinguished tradition. His journeys in Northern Greece just after the Communists had been defeated are of absorbing interest, not without physical hazard, and amusingly related. The author seems never at a loss, whether he be sipping coffee in a Macedonian village with the Commandant of the local gendarmerie discussing "such varied topics as the [then] Bishop of Birmingham, Schiller, the Scottish Liturgy (and, inevitably, the incredible folly of the British electorate in banishing Mr. Churchill to the opposition benches)", or missing his way on a visit to remote mountain monasteries and so having to creep "along the edge of the abyss, edging cautiously across expanses of bare rock scoured by the wind, a thin coating of ice affording none save the most precarious foothold", or encountering the valiant anti-communist Papa Constantinos, who introduced himself as "the priest who bore the machine gun in the sacred company of the despot (Bishop)".

Mr. Hammond has shewn that the Western Christian has much to learn from the Greek Church with its stress on the organic, institutional order of the visible Church, and in particular from its Liturgy which "has remained the very heart of the Church's

life". For the message of Orthodoxy to the West is relevant to our condition. It is expressed in the essential meaning of Orthodoxy as "right worship". And our own partial rediscovery in the West in recent years of the central place of the Liturgy in the Church's life cannot fail to be enriched through closer contact with the Greek Church with its emphasis on the representative character of the people's offering in Worship and by the shape of the Orthodox Liturgy, through which "the familiar pattern of God's saving economy towards man is re-presented in psalm and prophecy, in lections from the Gospel, and the matchless poetry of the Canons."

C.C.W.J.

#### "BLOOD ROYAL"

By IAIN MONCREIFFE (C, 1937) and Don Pottinger (Nelson, 12/6)

Heralds and genealogists, as a general rule, wrap themselves away from the world in a mantle of pomposity, while to the ordinary man they appear only as disciples of an out-of-date, snobbish, and rather silly cult. Iain Moncreiffe and his illustrator, in their two earlier books, Simple Heraldry and Simple Custom, have already proved themselves exceptional in their ability to poke sly fun both at themselves and the rest of the world, and have also shown that their science has its importance for the historian, the archaeologist and the anthropologist. Their new book surpasses its predecessors in both these respects. The text and drawings are funnier, and above all they have managed, in their analysis of kingship throughout the ages, its religious, political, and historical importance, to impart an enormous amount of instruction. Persons who think themselves quite learned discover in it a good deal they did not know before. Almost everyone will pick up some entertaining, out-of-the-way bits of knowledge and even the totally illiterate should get pleasure from the colourful illustrations. Moreover, all of them will find something to chuckle over. It is learning made delightfully easy and as such highly to be recommended.

W.L.McE.



# STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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423A, EDGWARE ROAD,
LONDON, W.2.
26th June, 1956.

To the Editor of The Stoic.

SIR,

The Summer programme is now well under way. We have two cricket teams; the Senior team is in the quarter-finals of the Federation Cricket Cup Competition and so far has not lost a match.

We have approximately the same number of entries as last year for the Paddington Youth Sports, and the prospects are promising for retaining the Senior and Junior Cups. We entered six boys for the London Federation Athletics, of whom three are competing in the Finals on Saturday, June 30th.

On Sunday, June 3rd, a party of twenty members paid a visit to Harringay to see the Russian Circus and were very much impressed. Then, on the following Monday, another party of Junior members went to Earl's Court Stadium to see the Dress Rehearsal of the Royal Tournament.

Our annual camp will be near Ventnor, Isle of Wight, from July 29th to August 11th.

Our visit to the School on Sunday, June 24th, was a most successful and enjoyable one. We were fortunate in having a perfect day and the boys made the most of the outing. Two cricket teams played against two School elevens. The Seniors won their match, but the Juniors lost. We are most grateful to all who helped to make the visit such a happy one.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. Hone,

(Warden).

# THE LIBRARY

By the generosity of Edward W. Wykes, Esq., a Governor of the School, the Library has been presented with the new edition of *Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians* in a Vols.

A copy of George West's *Poem on the Gardens at Stowe* (London, 1732) has been presented by S. P. W. J. Simpson (C).

Majority: An Anthology of 21 years of Publishing by Hamish Hamilton has been presented by the publishers.

# House Plays

Grafton's production of *Escapade* suffered from an absence of talent in the longer roles. The small character parts were excellently performed on the whole, notably by E. W. Fulton as a Brooklyn-style newspaper reporter, C. J. Seddon as a cheeky schoolboy, and above all by P. M. Salamon as the embodiment of secretarial poise. D. L. Drysdale made a very creditable shot at a difficult part as Stella Hampden, the wife, and T. D. Philips was suitably villainous as the headmaster, Dr. Skillingworth. F. N. Rushton as the irascible John Hampden spoke his lines rather too loudly in the moments of comparative calm and so had nothing in reserve. He might well have been good in his part if he had realised that if one underlines everything one might as well underline nothing. The set deserves a special word of commendation: it was most attractive in design and gave a most convincing impression of solidity.

Few people would claim that Seagulls over Sorrento is in any sense a good play. As in all comedies written with a particular actor in mind, the style of the leading part is fixed and allows very little scope for individuality when performed by anybody else. M. K. Ridley not only filled the part with apparent ease; he even performed the difficult feat of endowing the character with a genuine personality. This was a performance of authority and maturity. The other actors of course start at a disadvantage in a play of this sort, which depends for its success on the star's commanding the stage and acting everybody else off it. They all acted well and adequately filled the other parts, but they were up against the nature of the play itself. As a tour de force it was very enjoyable. The pace of the comedy never slackened and there was not a weak member in the cast; but for a House play I thought it rather too much of a one-man show.

Clergymen are of course always mildly funny, bishops are quite absurd, and bishops in their underwear are really too ridiculous. The same is true of middle-aged spinsters and members of the German armed forces. If the spinsters get drunk by mistake and the Germans do not speak English very well, they are quite irresistibly ludicrous. The Chandos House play had everything! Nobody tripped up on a banana skin, but this was possibly the producer's fault. In every other respect the author's memory was faultless. Luckily the acting in See How They Run was far better than the play. J. T. R. Baines was an inspired spinster and M. A. Thorpe a suitably improbable bishop; M. J. H. Hammond was suitably wide-eyed and T. M. G. Leon sufficiently tight-lipped. A. E. C. Whinney and R. N. Behar acted pleasantly and efficiently and kept the play moving smoothly. The tedium of the first act was not, I think, the fault of the actors.

The other two plays were of a very high standard. Walpole revived The Two Bouquets, a mock-Victorian musical; they miraculously solved the problem of a tiny stage and went at the play with so much verve and high spirits that they completely captivated not only the audience but an admiring crowd of extra-mural onlookers. It may seem unfair to single out for special praise any member of a cast which was so uniformly good, but mention must be made of R. J. Hay, who performed with an inspired gusto which completely compensated for the obvious deficiencies of his singing voice, and of A. J. B. Robinson, whose mustachioed dog was the doggiest of the breed. This was a memorable evening; but if there were a prize for this sort of thing, Chatham would surely win it with their excellent production of While the Sun Shines. Here neither high

spirits nor a star actor could carry them through; without good unselfish acting from the whole cast the play would have been a miserable failure. It was a success just because everybody acted together so well and because there was no attempt from anybody to steal the show. J. W. R. Jenkins's American airman was a beautifully controlled piece of acting and perfectly matched B. R. Williams's well-considered performance as the Earl of Harpenden. The parts which in this play could easily degenerate into mere burlesque—the Duke of Ayr and Stirling and the Frenchman—were given just the right treatment by K. H. Wells and O. R. Harding respectively. They made these figures both humorous and human, when they might so easily have been merely artificial caricatures. The two female characters are not easy parts for boys to



perform, and both J. G. Finlay and M. C. Sabey are to be congratulated on their skill. The fact that the part of Mabel Crum could be given in these circumstances without offence and without embarrassment speaks very highly for the tact of both performance and production. R. I. Guinness's performance as the butler was a fine display of economy of gesture and a very just sense of timing.

This was a very good series of House plays. There was not one play which did not have a very fair performance, and a year which sees two such productions as *The Two Bouquets* and *While the Sun Shines* must be considered outstanding. Our thanks are due to the Housemasters for their hospitality and to the casts and producers for such hard work to such good effect.

# Music

THE STOIC

#### CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST, AT 8.30 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY

#### Leader—Angus Watson

#### Conductor—H. CLIFTON KELYNACK

Overture to Aristophanes' Comedy The Wasps	. Vaughan Williams
Trumpet Concerto	Haydn
C. S. Wates (B)	
Concerto Grosso in A minor, Op. 6, No. 4	Handel
Nutcracker Suite	. Tschaikowsky
Symphony in E flat, No. 39	Mozart

#### CONCERT BY THE C.C.F. BAND

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, AT 8 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY

Conductor—Mr. E. J. Webb

The Band Concert given in Assembly on June 17th was well and truly up to the

standard of its predecessors, and, if anything, surpassed it.

The Parade March by Alford with which the concert opened was the usual stuff and was played crisply and effectively. If not as famous as the internationally known Colonel Bogey, this March was pleasing and efficient. It was followed by a typical piece of what one might describe as 'Grand Hotel' music—Wood's Love in Arcady—with plenty of rubato, and with the clarinet of C. J. M. Haines (C) tickling the ears of the groundlings with a most effective and sentimental entry after an intentionally prolonged pause. This piece showed the band in a completely different mood, and they proved to be as good in the melting as in the martial.

Then the N.C.O.'s showed that they could sing as well as shout commands. They made a good job of *Shenandoah* and the perhaps more appropriate *Yeomen of England*, and it was pleasing to see such unexpected characters as C. M. Hill (C) and N. S. Murray (C) raise their voices in song. The whole performance was much appreciated

by the squads, who doubtless preferred them in this new role.

Purcell and Handel followed with a fine performance of the Trumpet Tune and Air by C. S. Wates (B), and a powerful rendering of part of the Water Music which was repeated 'in toto' by Mr. Webb because he was not satisfied by the performance. This, too, with a fine disregard for the state of his band's embouchures, particularly considering that they were about to play his own Coronation March. This they did very successfully, and it proved to be a most satisfying composition with plenty of originality and a fine solid bass to it which gave M. J. Ducker (C) and his Tuba plenty to do.

We went to Vienna for the final item—a selection from White Horse Inn—and Vienna is a good place to reach at the end of any musical pilgrimage, whether Classical or Romantic. A good time was very definitely had by all, and it is doubtful whether more pleasure was extracted from the very luscious melodies by the audience or the players. The music also gave the band the opportunity of showing how well they could follow the sensitive and skilful conducting of Mr. Webb in a series of intricate and differing rhythms.

To anyone who heard the Band play in what may be described as the pre-Webb era the general improvement can only be called quite staggering. To hear such a full and varied programme played so very well by a group of amateurs with no professional player to give confidence and general support gave enormous pleasure, and was a very great tribute to the hours of devoted work Mr. Webb has put into his training. If the Horns and Clarinets seemed the strongest part of a fine ensemble, there was really no weakness anywhere, and in C. S. Wates we have a trumpeter of unusual beauty of tone. The Flutes and Oboes showed plenty of promise, while P. W. Breton (C) and R. J. McCay (Q) were worth seeing as well as hearing on the Drums: they made their presence, as it were, felt.

Altogether it was a most memorable evening, and anyone who heard it must have felt sorry that the concert had to end, and so glad that there would be another chance

to hear the Band in action at the General Inspection on July 2nd.

A.M.

# CONCERT BY THE ELIZABETHAN SINGERS SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD, AT 8 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY Lute—DIANA POULTON Conductor—Louis Halsey

Elizabethan Madrigals					
I come, sweet birds				• • •	Robert Jones
Dainty fine bird	·			• • •	Orlando Gibbons
Fair Óriana, beauty's Quee	n				John Hilton
I go before, my darling				• • •	Thomas Morley -
The nymphs and shepherds	s dance	ed	• • • •	• • •	George Marson
Lute Music					
The Huntsuppe		•••	•••		John Whitfield
Go from my window			•••		emi mali
The Spanish pavan		•••			Thomas Robinson
Lord Zouche's Maske			•••	• • •	Anon.
JACOBEAN PARTSONGS					
There is a lady sweet and l	kind				Thomas Ford
Rest, sweet nymphs	•••				Francis Pilkington
Can she excuse my wrongs	. ?		• • •	•••	John Dowland
Farewell, dear love	•••	•••	•••	• • •	Robert Jones
LUTE MUSIC					
The King of Denmark's G	alliard				John Dowland
Tarletones Riserrectione	•••	•••	•••	•••	John Dowland

TWENTIETH CENTURY PART SONGS

Heart's Music ... ... Vaughan Williams
I care not for these ladies ... ... Edmund Rubbra
I sowed the seeds of love ... ... arr. Gustav Holst
Nobody knows the trouble I see Bobby Shaftoe ... ... arr. W. G. Wbittaker

There was a smaller audience than usual to hear one of the loveliest concerts Stowe has had recently. A combination of circumstances was no doubt responsible for this, but those who were there must have felt themselves privileged to hear such perfect

singing. Balance, chording, words, tone quality, all were superb.

The Elizabethan Singers were founded originally by Louis Halsey at Cambridge and now consist largely of Cambridge graduates who have found themselves in London. None of them is a professional singer, though Louis Halsey himself and some of the men were at various times Choral Scholars of King's College; they could not have had a better schooling in perfection, but the credit for the enthusiasm and musicianship of the group must be attributed to Louis Halsey's remarkable gifts as a choral conductor, and to his versatility.

As a foil to the Singers, nothing could have been more suitable in this entirely English programme than the two groups of lute music presented so charmingly by Diana Poulton; suitable, because the lute is the only instrument on which English

composers have excelled by far their continental rivals.

The Elizabethan Singers owe allegiance to both Elizabethan ages, and the final group of twentieth century English part-songs demonstrated how excellent the modern English revival is. Probably no other country is producing so much lovely 'a capella' music. In fact the final group was so tantalisingly exciting, that there was a temptation to ask for more.

A.J.W.

#### CONCERT BY THE MUSIC STAFF

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH, AT 8.30 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY

Violins—Angus Watson, Eric J. Webb 'Cello—Edith Churton Viola—Ainger Negus Bass—Alison Watson

Clarinet—ERIC J. WEBB

Piano—M. TEASDALE BURKE, DERYCK H. COX, H. CLIFTON KELYNACK

Pianoforte Trio No. 2 in B flat, K.502 ... ... Mozart
Allegro, Larghetto, Allegretto

Prelude, Passacaglia and Fugue for Violin and Viola Gordon Jacob

Divertimento in E flat for Violin, Viola and 'Cello, K.563 Mozart Allegro, Menuetto, Allegro

Le Carnaval des Animaux ... ... Saint-Saens

(Grande Fantaisie Zoologique)

Introduction et Marche royale du Lion—Poules et Coqs
—Hémiones — Tortues — L'Eléphant — Kangourous
—Aquarium—Personnages à longues oreilles — Le
Coucou au fond des bois — Pianistes — Fossiles — Le
Cygne — Final



LINO-CUT R.M.C.



One of the most promising sights in Stowe at present is the slowly-rising Memorial Hall. I do not know how carefully the acoustics have been planned but it is certain that they can be no worse than those of Assembly, which came close to ruining this concert at times. However, the Music Staff refused to be beaten by this obstacle and by the end of the evening, when perhaps our ears were more accustomed to the odd effects of echo, they seemed to have overcome it.

The Piano Trio was particularly affected. In quiet passages all was well, but anything above a mezzoforte resulted in a jumble of noise as violin, 'cello, piano and echoes failed to achieve a balance. To judge by what one could distinguish of the playing and

by one's knowledge of the performers, this was a very great pity.

The two works for strings only were far less affected by the room. The Gordon Jacob was particularly successful, both in itself and as a contrasting filling in the Mozartian sandwich. After a deceptively simple start to the Prelude the music quickly changes to a passionate mood set on the formal basis of passacaglia and fugue. It was brilliantly played, and, in spite of its being the least 'popular' work played at Stowe for many years, was warmly received by the audience. I hope that future programme planners will take note of this precedent. The Divertimento, which completed the more austere part of the concert, was a delight, as any Mozart is, but one felt the lack of a slow movement. After a rather uncertain start the performance gained in assurance until the last movement, which was thrilling as well as delightful.

One is so conditioned by modern practice that it did not seem possible for a string quintet and two pianos to do justice to the various beasts in Saint-Saens' menagerie. However, thanks to Mr. Webb's quick change from violin to clarinet and back again, all the necessary tone colours were present. Particular pleasures in this item were an unbelievably ponderous Elephant, a more gracious Swan than is usually encountered, and a hard fought braying match won outright by Mr. Watson's last 'dying fall'.

To mention any one player as especially worthy of praise would be an impertinence to all of them. One can only, in admiration and envy, thank the Music Staff for their efforts in providing us with an evening of delight.

M.J.F.

Alford

# GENERAL INSPECTION, JULY 2ND GENERAL SALUTE: "The Royal Air Force" INCIDENTAL MUSIC DURING INSPECTION: Slow March. Scipio ... ... ... ... ... ... Handel Troop. Red Lips ... ... ... Laurendeau Grand March. Majesty ... ... ... Laurendeau Troop. The Colours ... ... Stanley INTERLUDE FOR DRUMS

#### HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

MARCH PAST—The Standard of St. George

Mr. Richard Greening, sub-organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, judged the Junior Piano Prize on Wednesday, May 23rd. This group reached a higher standard than in previous years. Preliminary heats for string players were also heard.

Mr. Ernest Mather judged the House Music Competitions and individuals for the Music Prizes on Sunday, May 27th. Temple won the Singing Cup, the test piece being Waltzing Matilda, arranged by Thomas Wood. The Instrumental Cup was won by Chandos with works arranged for Flute, Oboe, Two Clarinets and French Horn.

# THE ALIBI

Augustus Withall leant back comfortably on the park bench. Yards behind him was the blurred roar of Piccadilly; yet here all was dim and cool, a twilight of reality lit by the last afternoon sunlight filtering through the foliage overhead. He came here often to ruminate the day's events before retiring to his Chelsea home, and he favoured this particular spot as he was usually able to be alone. This evening, when he had arrived, there had been someone on his seat, a tall, lugubrious man in a threadbare overcoat, but as soon as he had sat down, the man rose and shambled off in the direction of Hyde Park, much to Augustus' satisfaction, and he was able to begin a rather complaisant recapitulation of his day's activities. He was interrupted from this congenial pastime by the realisation that someone had sat down on the other end of the bench. Turning his head, he saw a young man quite well dressed, with a sunburnt face and rather large, spaniel-like eyes. His general appearance was one of abject depression. Having summed him up, Augustus was about to turn away, when the young man spoke:

"I've lost my hotel," he said mournfully.

Augustus was so startled as to forget his usual habit of not speaking to strangers and repeated the young man's words incredulously.

"Yes," replied the young man. "It's all too absurd for words. You see, I've been abroad for nearly eight years, and I only came back because of the death of my mother." Augustus sniffed sympathetically. "I didn't know where to stay, but my taxi-driver found me a small hotel somewhere off Piccadilly which was quite cheap, and I dumped all my bags there and registered, and then went out to find a chemist as I needed a toothbrush, and when I tried to find my way back, I couldn't. I thought I had taken two turns to the left and three to the right, but when I reversed the order to return, I ended up in a cul-de-sac. I wandered all over the place, and asked several policemen if they knew of any small hotels opposite apartment blocks, but they couldn't help me, and I can't remember the name of the hotel to save my life! I haven't got a bean on me, as I spent it all on the toothbrush, and my traveller's cheques are all back in the hotel. I really don't know what on earth to do!"

He looked so miserable that Augustus said, quite involuntarily: "Could I help in any way? I could lend . . . '

The young man jumped at the offer with pathetic eagerness. "Could you really?" he said. "I'll pay you back the minute I find my hotel; only I'll have to make telephone calls, and go places, and I can't do it like this!" and he patted an empty trouser pocket.

"Of course, of course," said Augustus, genially. Then an ominous thought crossed his mind, and frowning a little he asked: "But just how do I know that you're not rather a clever confidence trickster?"

The young man was obviously taken aback. "Well," he stammered, "I...I don't really know, I mean. How can I prove anything?"

Augustus, who had been thinking, replied: "Well, the best method would be by showing me the toothbrush you said you went out to get."

A tremor crossed the young man's face. He patted his hip and then his side pockets and dug deep into his coat. "I . . . I must have lost it," he muttered, "oh, Lor'.'

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Augustus studied him grimly. "Which puts you in a bad way for your loan, my friend," he said. "Now what do you do?

The young man looked desperate. Augustus almost softened, and then his doubts came flooding back again. What could he do? He stared at his feet for an answer, and finding none his gaze wandered across to the other side of the bench. Suddenly his eye was caught by something reflecting the sun's rays. He peered closer at it, and saw that it was an ordinary toothbrush in a perspex container. He broke into a smile and pointed to it. The young man followed his finger and his face lit up.

"It must have fallen out of my pocket as I sat down," he said, retrieving it thankfully.



"And now I suppose you'd better have your loan," said Augustus, pulling out his notecase. "Will thirty shillings be enough for you?"

"Splendid. Thanks ever so much."

"Here's my address. Send the money round when you're able, and don't bother to register it."

When the young man had gone hurriedly off with profuse thanks, Augustus relaxed contentedly, flatteringly conscious of having done someone a good turn. He sat there thinking for a few minutes longer, and was about to get up when he noticed somebody standing by his bench peering at the ground. It was the lugubrious man in the threadbare coat who had been sitting there when Augustus had first arrived.

"Lost anything?" he said cheerily.

"Yes," answered the man dismally, "a toothbrush!"

C.P.L.

# From Here To Infinity

I was feeling slightly mathematical that day, I remember, but I little imagined the nightmare ahead of me. I got into a train, found my usual compartment, the one with 'Dover from the South' on the right of the mirror, and the train started off. The compartment was empty, and so I settled down to my book, but when I looked up again, I found I was two dimensional!

This seems hard to imagine, but really the only difference it makes is that you are invisible sideways on. I looked out of the window and saw that I had arrived at a smooth station. There was no name on the board, only a funny sign like an 8 on its side. I stepped out of the carriage, walking laterally, and saw a porter carrying a couple of light rectangles.

Where is this place?" I enquired, noticing that he was wearing contact lenses (spectacles have too many dimensions).
"This is Infinity," he replied.

"Infinity?" I queried.

"Yus," he replied. (Evidently speech was not affected by this change.) "It's the biggest junction in the country," he went on. "All parallel lines meet here, you know. We have a lot of traffic. You've heard of points at Infinity, haven't you? Well, have you'ever operated them?"

I had to confess I hadn't, but I asked who were the group of people gossiping at

the other end of the platform.

"Oh, them," he said with ungrammatical scorn. "They're only asymptotes. They always seem to meet here."

I thanked the man for his help and walked parabolically towards the group. "Excuse me," I began, "but which of you is the square root of minus one? One man at the back coughed slightly.

"You are?" I ventured.

"No, i is," he replied sagely. I nodded isotropically and tried again.

"Do you live here?" I enquired.

"Oh no," replied the humorist. "We go home every evening to the origin, except for old cycloid who goes all the way to the directrix. Then there's fat hyperbola with his large eccentricity, who passes twice a day but doesn't stop.'

Two more with circular features introduced themselves as the twins I & J. Then cycloid, an elderly jovial gentleman, with a protruding co-efficient, stepped forward

"You're not really imaginary," he whispered somewhat paradoxically. "I think you'ld look much better in 3 D!"

Now I'd heard this said of one or two film stars and I must admit that I felt flattered

"You see this stick," he said, showing me a staff he was holding. "Well, this is the pole of the diameter of the circle line; it always stays here. Now, if you hold on to this and go off at a tangent, you will get on to the Circle line, which will drop you at King's Cross."

King's Cross was better than nothing, I thought, and it would be rather exciting to go literally off at a tangent. I caught hold of the stick and a flat yellow train came in.

At King's Cross everything seemed cubic and normal; I beamed exponentially at the large clock, as befits a man who has attained infinity, and stepped on to the escalator. C.J.A.B.

# THE BABY SITTER

Miss Penworthy put the baby quickly into the washing machine and turned the knob. The soap-suds fizzed behind the glass partition, and a flurry of white circled at speed among the soap-suds.

"I do hope," said Miss Penworthy to the assistant, "that it is alright to wash nappies

in this thing.

"Quite all right, Madam," replied the assistant with the smile of one for whom

politeness is a financial necessity.

Miss Penworthy let her thin lips part, and her teeth clicked in metallic satisfaction. It was stupid of Penelope to have left her with the child. As she had sat in that painfully prim sitting room with the angry looking chairs and the simpering reproduction of 'Sunflowers', she had looked at the baby with its yellow curls, its pink cheeks, full rounded lips, and she had felt an extremely urgent need to untidy this silly little room and its silly little heir. She had smashed the simpering reproduction of 'Sunflowers' with one of the angry chairs, and here was the heir whirling round in a shoal of nappies at the Launderette.

The machine ground to a stop, and a faint red tinged the soap suds.

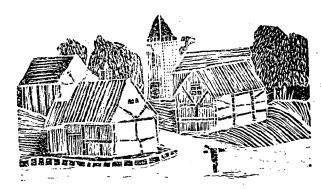
"What's wrong with No. 4?" snapped the manager advancing, his spectacles sweating with emotion.

Miss Penworthy did not wait to explain. She went out into the High Street, into the heat and the bustle. She gripped her hand-bag tightly and she felt faintly irritated. She did not see the van or hear the squeal of tyres . . . .

From the Launderette came the sound of middle class confusion, and Miss Penworthy in the gutter wore a smile of contentment.

"What a waste of nappies!" the assistant was saying. Nature and a secondary education did not incline her to poetry. O.P.P.





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# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

#### THE TWELVE CLUB

The Society was honoured on Friday, June 22nd, at its 272nd meeting by a paper from B. R. Williams (C) entitled "The Life and Paradox of Edmund Kean". Although the Paradox was not immediately apparent to all members of the Society, the tragedy of this famous tragedian was recounted with great skill and feeling, and the Society deeply sympathises with Mr. Williams in his future career. Mr. Williams spiced his excellent paper with choice anecdotes about the stage and by the end there was a definite odour of greasepaint in everyone's imagination.

The Society was greatly indebted to Mrs. McElwee for her kind hospitality. It is hoped that O. P. Plowright (T) will read a paper on London before the end of term.

New members this term were: R. M. Elliott (C), J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B), N. K. W. Williamson (C).

A.B.H.

#### THE EPHEMERALS

As yet there has been no meeting this term. It is to be hoped, however, that A. Mackintosh (C) will soon be fit enough to read us his paper, sometime after exams.

New members this term are G. W. Horner (C), R. J. McKay (C), D. E. D. Johnson (C) and J. Sherjan (T).

A.D.E.

#### THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society has met twice this term. T. R. Finlow (B) read a paper on "Thomas Creevey", and A. W. Stavert (C) on "Early British Railways". J. N. Booth (6) and J. J. Cater (C) are going to read papers before the end of the term.

Music has added to the interest of the evening. The Secretary played Chopin by candle-light, and the President gave one of his rare and legendary performances, which was much more to the taste of the Society.

M.E.F.F.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

There has been one meeting of the Society this term; the motion was "That in the opinion of this House all foreigners should learn English". The motion was proposed by Mr. Barbour (C) who delivered a strongly Anglophil oration in his usual persuasive, self-confident style. The Opposer, Mr. Fingleton (Q), countered with some impressive thrusts of eloquence and drew a decisive analogy between Stowe and a Viet-Namese public school. Mr. Heap (W), speaking third, conjured up faded visions of England's greatness, summoning to his help the powers of Hecate to cast a spell of belief on the doubting House. The fourth speaker, Mr. Likierman (C), "kept a sense of proportion" and rapidly dispelled the attractive illusions of the previous speaker.

There followed many interesting speeches with references as far apart as Orwell's Newspeak and the Tower of Babel. Mr. Plowright (T) delivered his last crusade

against modernism, deploring the plain medium greyness of the world, the flicker of painted eye-lashes beneath the neon lights of a chromium-plated bar, and the replacement of the kraal by the maisonette. "This scented isle, this seat of Mars," he ended, "is now rotten with the maggots of decadence and the weevils of decay." During the course of the evening, B. and K. were pilloried; a new cult was inaugurated, that of bowing before the Bursar's chimney; and the back of Walpole and the East End were compared. In the Upper House the motion was lost by four votes to seven, and in the Lower House by eleven votes to forty-one.

After the debate, Messrs. Gifford (C), Glen (C), Hancox (G) and Lane (G) were elected to the Society.

The officers of the Society were:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Secretary, R. B. Skepper (T); Ex-Secretary, A. B. Hyslop (T); Librarian, O. P. Plowright (T); Treasurer, N. W. Lyell (6).

R.B.S.

#### THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society met for the 127th time on Tuesday, July 3rd. M. K. Ridley (C) read an impressionist paper on his trip to Greece, and Mr. Stephan attended the meeting.

A. D. Evans (W) will read a paper later in the term.

N.W.D.S.

#### THE MUSIC CLUB

In an atmosphere of sunny balm, the Club has already met twice this term. At the first meeting Mr. Copley (B) polished off the Romantic movement in an energetic and fascinating evening, and at the second Mr. Williams (C) and Mr. Plowright (T) took the stage with "Upper Clefmanship, or the art of appearing musical without actually being able to find Middle C". Both gentlemen were well qualified for their task, and the result would have probably made S. Potter, were he dead, do a few brisk turns in his grave.

Mr. Jenkins (C), from the U.S.A., is to read the third and last paper of the term.

The Club has been to see the Sadler's Wells Ballet in Oxford, and hopes to launch itself on the gay metropolis for the furthering of its musical knowledge sometime soon.

On Friday, May 11th, Guirne van Zuylen (Soprano) gave a charming recital of French and German songs to the Club and its guests in the Temple of Concord. Such concerts, thanks to the President, are becoming more and more frequent, and never fail to send the barometer of musical appreciation, in the words of the psalmist, "soaring upwards, ever upwards".

O.P.P.

# THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The Society has added the following works on long-playing records to the Library: Violin Concerto (Beethoven), Symphony Nos. 31 and 39 (Mozart), Symphony No. 9 (Schubert) and a complete recording of Iolanthe. It is hoped to have a new cabinet by next term.

A.M.

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## THE STOIC

# THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

There was one expedition last term, to Warwick Castle, on Wednesday, March 10th. The weather was perfect and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

This term the Society was enlarged considerably and although, because of leagues, it was impossible to arrange an expedition in the first half of the term, there is one fixed to Hatfield House for Saturday, July 7th, another to Verulamium and the Abbey of St. Albans for Wednesday, July 25th, and O. P. Plowright (T) has promised a paper entitled "Lovely London".

A large proportion of the Society went to Woburn Abbey with the Natural History Society on Saturday, June 30th.

J.B.D.L.

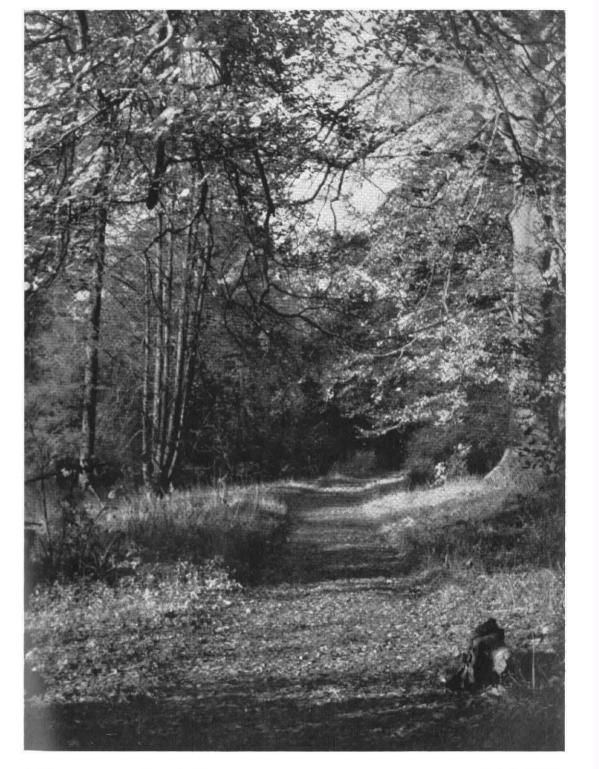


# THE NUCLEUS

Near the end of last term the Club was started to fill in a gap in the scope of the Science Society. Its object is to find out about and discuss some of the more high-brow problems of modern science.

Last term A. B. Howarth (C) read a paper on "The Scientific Problems of Photography", and this term we heard from S. G. Theunissen (6) about "Gas Turbines for Cars", from L. T. J. Long (C) on "Relativity", and J. O. Kennedy (W) on "Atomic Clocks".

J.O.K.



A WALK NEAR THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE

Photo by M.C.L.



THE AURELIAN ROOM
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#### THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

On May 23rd an expedition went to the works of the British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., at Rugby. During our long walk round the vast machine shops we saw practically everything electrical, from light bulbs to enormous transformers, being made. This has been the only activity of the term so far, but it is hoped to have another meeting before the end of term.

J.O.K.

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#### THE CONGREVE CLUB

At a meeting at the beginning of the term, it was decided to hold the Midsummer Entertainment as usual this year, and to go on an expedition to London. The latter was arranged, but unfortunately had to be cancelled. The former, however, took place; it consisted, as usual, of poetry and music, followed by a play. This year Christopher Fry's short play, A Phoenix too Frequent, was chosen, the story of which, in Fry's words, "was got from Jeremy Taylor, who had it from Petronius".

B.R.W.

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

An expedition has been arranged for members of the Society and others to visit the "Sixty years of Cinematography" and "Sixty years of Cinema" exhibitions which are on in London at the moment.

P.R.V.

#### STILL SECTION

A competition to obtain photographs suitable for improving the Stowe Picture Book and for inclusion in *The Stoic* will be judged towards the end of the term.

P.R.V.

#### CINÉ SECTION

Our programme this term has been somewhat limited by our financial position, but after showing two films in the Gym, Above Us the Waves and On the Waterfront, we have been able to start a short satire on a Stoic's Life and a Newsreel. We hope to show both of these on Speech Day, as well as a shortened version of the last two terms' newsreels and the Troubled Mind, which was made and shown at the end of last term.

At the beginning of the term we were hampered by a lack of cameras, since last term's Secretary has left, but we have now two Bolex H 16's at our disposal, one with a 'zoom' lens fitted; and so we are better off than ever previously.

L.G.B.W.

#### THE LATRUNCULARIANS

In spite of the lethargic attitude of the Secretary, the busy-body Committee-man has kept the Society going this term; nor has enthusiasm been damped by the summer weather. Four meetings have been held and five new members elected.

R.B.S.

#### THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Owing to the large increase in the size of the Society, it was, for the first time, sub-divided into Upper and Lower Houses. The former was ably led by the officers, who were: J. E. G. Bach (B), Vice-President; M. W. Gore (B), Secretary; M. L. Lewis (C), Committee-man. The most prominent speakers of the term were Messrs. J. A. M. Gifford (C), M. L. Booth (6) and P. L. Duncan (B).

M.W.G.

#### THE RADIO CLUB

Following its annual event of the Cross-Country commentary, which was unusually successful last term in that more than 50% of the commentaries were received and relayed—possibly a record—, the Radio Club at the end of term joined up with the I.C.E. Section to provide a Public Address service at the Athletics events.

The groundsmen objected to the parking of the Signals Van on the muddy pitch; so the van was loaded with the electrical apparatus plus ten scaffold planks, which were laid end-to-end under the wheels, once on the grass, until the van was firmly parked in the middle of the Javelin Range. This meant turning out immediately after lunch on the Saturday preceding Sports Day, to move it back and round again.

During the operations, the van ran out of both petrol and water, so we resorted to pushing. That would have been all very well if we hadn't been pushing the van just enough downhill to get up a fair speed. As soon as we reached the limit of one plank, the driver braked, and all the apparatus slid out of the back. Petrol and water were later brought from the labs. in beakers. A chit had to be signed for each, and soon we ran out of ink as well.

During the next week the van was used for gathering up the field-day cable. It poured with rain, and the cable-winder broke down. Moreover we had been running on the I.C.E. Section's private petrol supply without asking; so the following Friday, before we were allowed to take the van out for Sports Day, we were forced, at the spanner's edge, to SCRUB THE VAN FLOOR.

The batteries for the amplifier ran out surprisingly fast, but it was all right on Saturday, after the Lab. staff had discovered that we had taken batteries not meant for use, with no acid in them.

Proceedings were interrupted for the Grand National, which we tried to relay over the speaker. It was almost impossible to get a coherent report from anyone who had tried to hear this, and we refrain from comment.

The Summer term never presents much activity in the Radio Club. The club receiver has been overhauled and seems to operate more satisfactorily now. It is hoped that members will refrain from leaving it on unattended all Sunday afternoon, and will not remove valves from it. It will soon be fitted with all necessary pilot lamps, which should make it easier to remember to turn it off.

W.H.J.

#### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

So far this term there have been two meetings of the Society, and a third will be held before the end of term. One expedition has taken place, in conjunction with the Vitruvian Society, to Woburn Abbey, on June 30th. We were fortunate in seeing a calf of the European Bison.

On March 10th, the Society welcomed Mr. Reid, who gave us a very interesting lecture on the birds of Minsmere and Havergate Island, and this was followed on March 21st by M. J. S. Hubbard's (G) prize-winning essay on "The Butterflies of Stowe". Both these lectures were fairly well attended.

On March 17th a party of thirty-five members visited the Severn Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge. There were still many White-footed Geese flying around, and we also saw the permanent collection. The collection is unique, having representatives of nearly every species of waterfowl in separate pens.

W.R.C.H.

#### NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

Since the last issue of The Stoic one new bird, the Whooper Swan, has been added to the Stowe list. A party of six, three adults and three juveniles, was present during the last fortnight of March, arriving at about 7.30 p.m. and leaving before 6 the next morning. Their long neck held upright, yellow bill, and honking cry distinguished them from the resident Mute Swans. Another rare visitor last term was a Bittern, the second recorded here. It was seen by four people between March 13th and 14th. The first Chiff-chaff was heard and seen on March 26th, a fairly early date considering the weather. The Great Crested Grebe arrived on March 7th and 10th. They have nested successfully and now have three well-grown young. Our resident pair of swans has nested on Oxford Water and has five cygnets. Two Tufted Duck were present on the lakes for a week in March. These birds used to breed but in the last fifteen years have almost disappeared. Hopes were entertained that they would stay and breed, but we were unlucky. Mallard have also failed to nest here this year, although there is a brood at Dadford. A Common Sandpiper was seen by the Eleven-acre lake on May 2nd. These birds have now established themselves as passage migrants. Dabchick have been seen on the almost reedless Oxford Water.

All the commoner butterflies are well represented now, the first Brimstone being seen on March 23rd, followed a few days later by Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells.

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#### THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term the Committee has consisted of: D. J. P. Birt-Llewellin (T), Chairman; D. C. R. H. Brown (C), Hon. Secretary; N. H. Pennington (G), Hon. Treasurer; G. A. Philippi (C), Committee-man. We are pleased to announce that one out of every three boys in the School is now a member.

The Club's first activity this term was a visit by thirty-nine members to the Oxfordshire Show on May 16th. Although it was a most enjoyable afternoon with many interesting stands and entries to be seen, the day was spoilt by heavy rain.

The following Wednesday sixteen members went by bus to the Harris Bacon factory at Kidlington, where they saw the complete process of turning a live pig into bacon. The pigs were electrocuted, stuck, and dehaired by machine. After singeing to harden the skin for rind, they were gutted and graded. Nothing was wasted; for example, the skin of the gut is used for sausage skins. When graded the sides are soaked in strong saline solution for five days and then smoked, after which they are ready for dispatch to the retailer. A most interesting afternoon was rounded off with tea in the canteen.

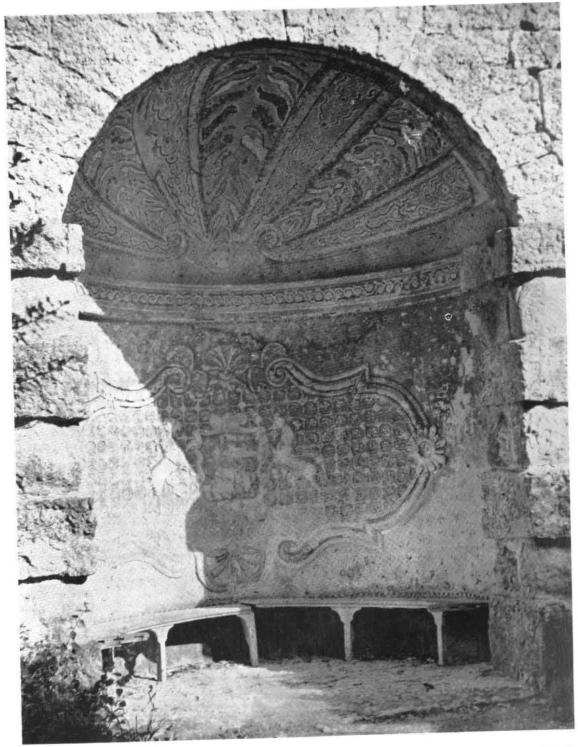
On Tuesday, June 12th, ten members visited Mr. Owen's 1,800 acre farm at Westbury, where they saw in action one of the largest grass-drying plants in the country. As well as this, half the farm is devoted to grain production, and large capacity drying units and storage bins were inspected. Fat cattle were Mr. Owen's other interest, and one of the latest self-feed surface-silo plants came into operation for these during the winter months. To finish up, we were shown round the buildings, which included covered cattle yards and a workshop.

Later in the term, on June 20th, seven members were kindly taken by Mr. Barr and Mr. Adams to Phipps' Brewery at Northampton. The whole process of brewing was seen, starting from where the barley arrived from the farmers; we watched the hops, mulched barley, yeast and sugar being boiled and brewed, and saw the finished product bottled or draughted. It was comforting to learn that everything in beer is good for you. Then, after sampling the various types of beer, the party returned, refreshed after a most interesting afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 27th, Mr. Barr and Mr. Miles very kindly took nine members in their cars to the Buckinghamshire Cattle Breeding Centre at Little Horwood. On this 98 acre farm were 34 bulls, of the seven better known breeds, used entirely for Artificial Insemination purposes. We saw the bulls tethered in the fields, the collection of the semen, its dilution in the laboratory, and its storage in deep-freeze. After seeing all the buildings and how a cow is inseminated, we returned after a most interesting afternoon.

At a committee meeting held on Saturday, June 30th, it was decided that the Club's funds should be invested in the government's Premium Bond Scheme, that the Chairman should give a lecture on "Heredity in Cattle—the Future of Artificial Insemination in Pedigree Breeding", and that we should try to arrange a visit to Col. Melville's Turkey farm later this term.

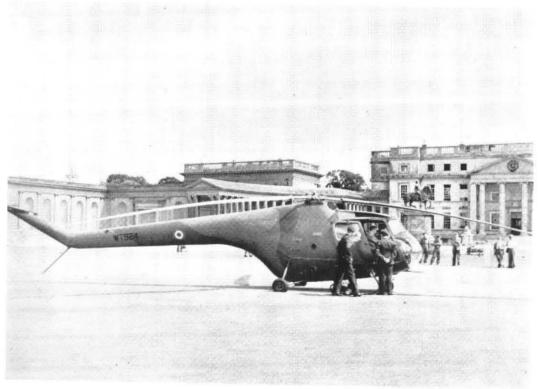
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THE PEBBLE ALCOVE

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HELICOPTER ON THE NORTH FRONT

Photos by E.S.P.

#### THE SAILING CLUB

The Sailing Club island has taken on an entirely new appearance this term. The island has been cleared to make way for a dinghy park, and a slip-way has been dug out and built. The club house has been painted and renovated, and all the jetties have been repaired.

The sailing this term has been of a very high standard and many of the new members show much promise. The Club has just purchased another 'Cadet' dinghy, bringing the total number of 'Cadets' to three. The 'Cadet' was adopted by the Club last year and has since proved very satisfactory. Races this term have been very keen and have been organised nearly every week-end.

There have been three sailing matches against other schools this term. The first match against Rugby, at Rugby, proved very good racing, and the match finished in a win for Rugby. The points were Rugby 29, Stowe 28½. The team for this match was S. D. A. Firth (C), M. L. A. Andrews (C), P. W. Breton (C) and M. C. Legg (C).

The second match took place at Brent Green Sailing Club against Bromsgrove and Repton. The wind during this match proved too strong for all the boats, and in all the races only three boats out of six finished. The final result was Repton 32 points, Bromsgrove 24½, Stowe 24½ points. The team was the same as for the Rugby match.

The last match of the season, a return match against Rugby at Stowe, should have been a win for Stowe, but somehow the team seemed to be dogged by misfortune. The team was S. D. A. Firth (C), B. H. M. Bellingham (W), M. G. Legg (C) and R. Dacey (C). The final result was Rugby 32½ points, Stowe 28½ points.

The House matches this year took place on a Sunday with a hard south-westerly blowing which caused three boats to capsize during the racing. In the finals Chatham won against Cobham; Cobham has been in the finals for the past four years but has never won the Cup.

The Singles Championship was won by B. H. M. Bellingham (W).

Our thanks go to Mr. Box and his staff for all the work they have done for us this

The Sailing Club is now on a very firm footing, and the keenness and standard of sailing is very high; it is hoped that the Club will be able to keep up the high standard it has attained.

P.W.B.

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#### THE RIFLE CLUB

Because most other schools shoot for the Ashburton Trophy, we have had no matches this term. However the standard of shooting has considerably improved.

W.G.F.



# C.C.F.

On May 14th a Whole-Day Exercise was held in the Ouse Valley at Westbury, the I.C.E. Section providing a D.R. for the first time.

At a Certificate 'A' Examination on June 4th we had these almost unbelievable results: in Part I, 55 passed out of 56; in Part II, 91 out of 93. The Best Cadets were, in Part I, M. C. Houghton (C); in Part II, F. R. Shackleton (W) and A. W. Stavert (C) equal. Stavert has now been successively Best Recruit and Best Cadet in Parts I and II.

The Inspection, held on July 2nd by Air Commodore J. R. Hallings-Pott, C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., A.-O.-C. No. 62 (Southern) Group R.A.F., was notable for the fact that for the first time the Inspecting Officer arrived by helicopter, touching down on the North Front field. The turn-out and drill were well above average.

The Competition for the Coldstream Cup was judged on July 24th by Col. I. W. Gore-Langton, M.B.E., Lt.-Col. Commanding Coldstream Guards, and R.S.M. Smith. Walpole was first, Cobham second, and Grafton third.

Owing to an epidemic of German measles we have most regretfully had to cancel our attendance at Stamford Camp in August.

The following promotions were made this term:-

To Under-Officer: Sgts. A. Mackintosh (C), M. D. Miall (B), F. J. P. Madden (C), A. E. Theunissen (6).

To Sergeant: Cpls. D. E. D. Johnson (C), C. J. A. Binnie (B), P. F. Catchpole (6), B. E. Toye (6).

To Corporal: L/S R. M. Elliott (C), L/Cpls. C. M. Hill (C), G. N. Carr (W), R. T. V. Hunt (W), N. K. W. Williamson (C), R. L. Rawlings (6), A. J. Whitehead (W), S. D. C. Wallace (B), R. M. T. Earlam (W), P. Ricardo (W).

Appointed Lance-Corporals: Cdts. G. W. Horner (C), P. W. Breton (C), P. F. Albrecht (C), B. H. M. Bellingham (W), J. H. T. Perris (W), T. H. Clark (G), H. H. Faure (C), C. G. Kenyon (W), M. C. Legg (C), M. R. Hill (W), M. J. Shrager (T), R. C. Squires (C), K. H. Wells (C), L. T. J. Long (C), R. K. B. Hankinson (W), A. W. Stavert (C).

# PHYSICAL TRAINING

The House P.T. Competition was held on Monday, June 25th. The order of placing was as follows:—I, Chatham; 2, Chandos; 3, Cobham; 4, Grafton; 5, Temple; 6, Bruce; 7, Grenville; 8, Walpole.

# CRICKET

With two club matches still to be played the First XI's record is four games won, two lost, four drawn and one abandoned. With victories over the M.C.C. by nine wickets and St. Edward's by 120 runs fresh in our minds, both of them very good performances, there might be some temptation to think that results taken as a whole are a little disappointing. In fact they can be regarded as very satisfactory, for it was by no means certain that we would have a well-balanced and successful team at the beginning of the season. There seemed to be plenty of bowling, but the batting strength was limited, even though several of the bowlers were capable of collecting a few runs, and the batting has in fact been the side's weakness. We made insufficient runs against Oundle and were lucky to avoid defeat at the hands of Bradfield and Radley. It was not until the end of June that the batsmen really found their touch.

It has been a little unfortunate that the two players most likely to get runs, J. P. Kerr (W) and J. A. Boyd-Smith (C), are both essentially No. 5 batsmen, free hitters who tend to take chances and who are therefore vulnerable early in the innings, when the bowling is accurate and hostile. Boyd-Smith has made a number of very good strokes but he has not really had a successful season. Kerr had a nightmare patch of poor form early on and did little in the first half of the term. Since the Buckingham match, however, he has played well, while occasionally needing a little luck in the early part of his innings. J. H. Harris (C), who on the other hand is, if anything, over-cautious, has after an uncertain start improved steadily, and has played some valuable innings recently, particularly in the St. Edward's match. D. E. D. Johnson (C) is highly unorthodox but on good wickets hits the ball hard and has certainly justified his promotion.

Among the bowlers D. Cameron (B) has been rather less consistent than last year but is still a very capable performer with the new ball. He had figures of 4 for 52 against Bedford and 4 for 35 against St. Edward's, all but one of his victims being batsmen in the upper part of the order, and he bowled well without much luck at Radley. M. D. Miall (B) had a short period during which he indulged in overmuch experiment at the expense of accuracy but he has remained nevertheless a most useful bowler. He has not once this year had a wicket that really suited him. The same may be said of C. J. G. Shillington (Q), who has often bowled capably, particularly against the M.C.C., and is, incidentally, a much im-

proved fielder. J. Sherjan (T) is a good, persistent stock bowler of whom more use might have been made. All these in addition played useful innings at different times, and Miall's 48 at Radley deserves special mention.

The most startling event has undoubtedly been the advance of D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B) as an opening bowler. As a Colt last year he was not particularly successful, but from the first practice this season he has bowled purposefully and well and at, to say the least, a very lively pace, especially in recent weeks. In taking four wickets in four balls against the M.C.C., and, incidentally, hitting the wicket each time, he accomplished a very rare bowling feat. Except in this match his tally of wickets has not been great, but he has not always been lucky in the matter of close catching and he has been notably inexpensive. His entertaining and very individual batting technique has unfortunately been seen very little in the middle.

F. N. Rushton (6) has been the side's captain and wicket-keeper. It is hard to see how anyone can undertake both these demanding tasks with absolute efficiency, and Rushton's general performance behind the wicket has not been quite up to his high standard of last year. As a captain he has been sound and level-headed, and always aggressive. He has occasionally persisted with an attacking policy in the field when the deck-chair critic on the boundary felt that resources were being wasted and a period of defence was desirable, but if there was a fault here it was surely one on the right side. He is the personification of keenness and has built up and maintained a very good spirit in his team.

The fielding has usually been sound and frequently distinctly good, and the throwing, often a weakness in a school side, has been of a high standard. Boyd-Smith and Sherjan may perhaps be mentioned for their particular versatility and efficiency in the field.

#### STOWE v. R. J. MORRIS'S XI.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 12th. Stowe won by five wickets. R. J. Morris's XI 105. Stowe 106 for 5.

# STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, May 16th. O.U. Authentics won by seven wickets. Stowe 174. O.U. Authentics 176 for 3 (J. W. Kirby 48, J. D. Currie 40 not out).

#### STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 26th. Match drawn.

The most notable feature of the morning's cricket in this first school match was the bowling of Garwood-Gowers, who had two short but extremely lively spells.

More than once the batsman must have been relieved to find his wicket intact after the ball had passed him by; there were also two dropped slip catches, neither really difficult. This was a good effort that did not deserve to go unrewarded. The rest of the bowling, however, was little more than pedestrian, and at times it lapsed into rather careless inaccuracy. The lunch score would undoubtedly have been more than 80 for 1 had not Allday, the Bradfield opener, gone through a period during which he became utterly pinned down and must eventually have wondered whether he would ever score again. To his credit, however, he did not lose patience and received his reward when in the hour after lunch he found his touch and made some attractive strokes. Bradfield were now well established and seemed to be on the way to a really formidable total. But Miall began to bowl steadily and in a spell of thirteen overs took all three wickets that fell after lunch. At the other end Sherjan clearly demonstrated the value of the old fashioned virtue of length in bowling. These two held Bradfield in check at a vital time with the aid of some tidy fielding, and thus kept their side very much in the game.

Stowe were left two and a half hours in which to get the runs. Boyd-Smith and Sinclair were comfortable enough in the opening overs and collected 34 between them for the first wicket. Boyd-Smith then failed to get hold of a high full toss, and his departure was followed almost immediately by the appearance of Bradfield's two spinners, who, in a very short time, were dominating the game. Kerr and Sinclair both hit over balls pitched right up to them. Harris and Harwood survived unhappily for a while but never looked like getting on top of the bowling. Miall and Sherjan were soon in and out, and the score stood at 66 for 7. However, Cameron and Rushton then dropped anchor and between them saved Stowe from defeat. They batted with great good sense, and comfortably enough to suggest that the bowling was not as devastating as the earlier disasters had made it appear. Five minutes from time Cameron at last failed to get right over a rising ball, but Shillington came in to face a situation not unfamiliar to him, and with his captain, who had batted pluckily and well, saw it through. These last fifty minutes did at any rate something to redeem a very indifferent display of batting.

Bradfield	Stowe
P. J. Workman, c Kerr, b Sherjan 30 J. P. Allday, not out 90 W. S. C. Gurney, c Sinclair, b Miall 60 A. W. Fuller, c and b Miall 11 R. P. Farr, st Rushton, b Miall 61 E. J. W. Lewis, not out 11 J. W. Sketchley, W. H. C. Morris, P. J. P. Eacersall, E. N. Thomas and S. N. Lauder did not bat.	J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Workman, b Eacersall 16 J. P. Kerr, b Thomas 3 J. H. Harris, c Farr, b Thomas 17 G. Harwood, c and b Thomas 2
Extras	Extras 5
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.) 210	Total (for 8 wkts.)
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Garwood-Gowers 8 3 •11 0	Lauder 8 4 11 0
Cameron 7 1 27 0	Workman 3 I IO O
Sherjan 24 12 42 I	Eacersall 5 I 2I I
Miall 29 5 80 3	Lewis 26 16 19 3
Shillington 7 I 26 o	Thomas 21 12 17 4
Harris 4 0 21 0	Sketchley 3 I 4 o

#### STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, June 2nd. Stowe won by 5 wickets.

Bedford  D. G. Conniff, c Harris, b Camer M. G. Hearth, b Cameron H. Rischmiller, b Garwood-Gowe P. M. Howlett, b Cameron D. C. Eldridge, b Harris R. L. J. Kirby; st Rushton, b Shill C. Kapur, b Garwood-Gowers R. L. Wade, c Shillington, b Came J. Summerfield, not out R. G. Bass, c Garwood-Gowe Shillington J. R. N. Ferro, c Miall, b Shillington Extras	6 ors 6 ors 7 ors 7 ors 11 oron 6 ors 15 ors., b	Stowe  J. A. Boyd-Smith, c Conniff, b Eldridge S. G. H. Sinclair, b Eldridge
Total	R. W.	Total (for 5 wkts.)
Cameron 15 1 2 3 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4	24 2 52 4 28 0 10 0 27 3 3 1	Bass       0.       M.       R.       W.         Ferro       8       1       32.       0         Eldridge       9       4       29.       1         Eldridge       15       2       39.       3         Conniff       8       0       30.       0         Wade       5       0       20.       r

A good spell with the new ball by Cameron gave Stowe a very satisfactory start on a wicket that looked full of runs. In his second over he found the edge of the bat and the catch at first slip was well taken. He went on to hit the wicket twice, each time with a yorker, a ball that can be the fast bowler's most effective weapon. At the other end Garwood-Gowers was lively, though inclined to bowl a little short. After losing four wickets for twenty-seven runs Bedford began to settle down. All six Stowe bowlers were tried, and it was Harris who succeeded in breaking the stand which followed. At lunch Bedford were 89 for 7, but their bowlers proceeded to bat resourcefully, the last two wickets adding 49. They might well have added several more but for an excellently judged catch by Miall near the mid-wicket boundary. Shillington, well have ended the innings sooner had a very possible slip catch been taken when he first came on.

Stowe had some fifty minutes batting before tea. This was a period of good cricket, for Bedford bowled and fielded keenly and well, and the Stowe opening pair dealt sensibly with the problems presented by the new ball. They both made some respectable strokes and Boyd-Smith was a little unlucky when he just failed to time a push to leg and was smartly caught. Kerr, who followed him, was subdued and for a while runs came slowly. Sinclair presented a solid defence but had some good fortune when playing outside the off stump. Nevertheless his was a valuable contribution. After his departure Johnson adopted an entirely different approach with a number of firm strokes on the off side. Harris meanwhile had settled down and looked safe though

not in his best form. When Johnson went, after batting nineteen minutes for 24, the score was 119 for 4. This was a critical moment, for had the middle batsmen faltered, there might have been a keenly contested finish; but Cameron proceeded to play well, and, with Harris firmly established, Stowe were comfortably home with over half an hour to spare.

This was a pleasing performance, for there was a contribution of some sort from nearly everyone, and after a good start an attacking spirit was maintained all day. Cameron deserves a special word of praise for some intelligent and hostile bowling.

#### STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Tuesday, June 5th. Match drawn.

Rain fell heavily on the evening before the match, bringing to an end the drought of May and providing the first damp wicket of the year. At eleven o'clock a strong wind was drying the ground rapidly and there was some speculation as to how the pitch would play. It turned out to be very slow and easy, and Radley scored comfortably and quickly in the early stages. After a moderate opening spell Cameron changed ends, and, with the score at 52, once again produced a yorker to take the first wicket. He settled down to bowl very well at a little below his usual pace, moving the ball in the air and keeping the batsmen well pinned down. He was rewarded with only one more wicket but saw at least two possible chances missed. At the other end Miall made, on the whole, the best of unpleasant gusty conditions. Four Radley wickets were down for 74, but their middle batting was determined and enterprising and after lunch they generally had the initiative. They were occasionally a little over adventurous as is indicated by three run outs, the last of these being the result of a perfect fast throw from the deep to the top of the stumps by Boyd-Smith. The Stowe bowling was rather unimpressive during this period, but conditions were unhelpful and Cameron was clearly feeling the effects of his long bowl before lunch.

Stowe were left two hours and a quarter's batting time: the task was by no means an impossible one on an easy wicket and with a fast outfield. They began badly but Miall, promoted in the order, and coming in ten minutes before the tea interval, gave pleasure to supporters of both sides with two thumping fours that sounded a rousing note of defiance at a very suitable moment. He went on to play an excellent innings, in which aggressiveness and good sense were well combined. Unfortunately Kerr at the other end was utterly out of form. For over an hour he struggled on, trying to find his touch, but hardly ever did he succeed in hitting the ball cleanly. Had he been scoring at his usual rate there would have been some chance of victory, but by the time he and Miall were out we were hopelessly behind the clock. The innings now declined rather swiftly, and after Sherjan had hit out unnecessarily and got caught, and Rushton had astonished Stowe supporters by allowing himself to be bowled by a slow full toss, Radley appeared to have won. Johnson, however, took twelve in an over from the opening bowler who had returned with the intention of rounding things off, and with Shillington once again standing firm the game was saved.

#### RADLEY Stowe F. T. A. Hole, b Cameron. S. G. H. Sinclair, lbw, b Morkill. N. A. Slocock, hit wkt. b Miall J. A. Boyd-Smith, lbw, b Wigley..... P. H. Raby, run out. J. P. Kerr, b Duff.... A. R. Duff, c Johnson, b Cameron. M. D. Miall, c Slocock, b Duff T. W. Morkill, st Rushton, b Miall... D. E. D. Johnson, not out..... J. J. S. Wilson, c and b Sherjan J. H. Harris, b Wigley... N. E. O'Shaughnessy, run out D. Cameron, b Wigley. P. J. Mackeown, not out Sherjan, c Lane, b Duff. R. A. Lane, run out... F. N. Rushton, b Duff..... M. J. P. Jenkins, c Sherjan, b Miall. C. J. G. Shillington, not out M. D. Wigley, st Rushton, b Miall. D. G. Garwood-Gowers did not bat. Extras Total. Total ( for 8 wkts.). Garwood-Gowers 28 ijЗ Cameron.... 20 48 13 3 Shillington..... 15 Sherian ..... 3 Harris

#### STOWE v. RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Saturday, June 16th. Match abandoned.

On a melancholy day of cold and drizzle, play was possible for only a little over an hour and a half after lunch. In this short period, Stowe batted adequately in unfamiliar conditions. Sinclair had an adventurous innings, during which a blow on the knee necessitated his having the assistance of a runner, and another on the elbow resulted in his retiring temporarily from the field of battle. He returned undeterred by these misfortunes, and on receiving a high full toss played an overhead smash shot, original in conception and of considerable violence. He was apparently well established when the game came to its watery end.

S. G. H. Sinclair, r J. A. Boyd-Smith, c J. P. Kerr, c Crawh J. H. Harris, lbw, l D. E. D. Johnson, r M. D. Miall, D. Ca F. N. Rushton, and D. G. Garw bat.	Fagar all, b b Atte ot out imeron C. I.	n, b C Livin Inbord I, J. G. Sh	oghlan gstone ough Sherja	15 16 8
Extras				5
Total	(for 3	wkts	.)	73
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Attenborough	4	1	10	I

#### STOWE $\nu$ . OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 23rd. Oundle won by eight wickets.

"The Oundle match" is a powerfully evocative phrase at Stowe, and though the more urbane and mannerly mood of cricket allows little scope for the high tumult that rages to and fro along the North Front in winter-time, there is none the less a feeling that here is a match of no ordinary consequence; ironically enough, it may well have been this very feeling that contributed to defeat, inducing as it did a nervousness, a sense of strain which threw the team off balance and made them force the pace. Stowe won the toss and on an excellent wicket naturally elected to bat first. Crabbe, who eventually accounted for six Stowe wickets, bowled steadily from the start; the Oundle attack was not otherwise remarkable, but the fall of 4 wickets for 28 runs within the hour was a discouraging omen. Harris and Miall stood firm for a time; Harris was not entirely comfortable to begin with but gradually adjusted himself and in fact provided the only resolute performance for Stowe; Miall, in a short but spirited display, knocked up 18 before being caught; Cameron, after surviving for three-quarters of an hour, in his turn too fell to the persevering Crabbe. Sherjan failed to get hold of a poor ball, and Rushton came out, one hoped perhaps to offer a more solid and enduring partner for Harris. However, at 109, Harris, within easy striking distance of his 50, misjudged a well-pitched ball and in trying to hit it to leg was fairly beaten; he had achieved a measure of concentration and control which none of his fellows had equalled and his mistakes had been few; he had scored 48 in an hour and forty-four minutes. After his departure the end was not long in coming. Rushton continued his contribution, but neither Shillington nor Garwood-Gowers gave him much support, and the innings closed at 118.

On this amiable wicket 118 provided but a modest challenge to the Oundle batsmen who soon effectively mastered the Stowe bowling. An early slip by Boyce gave Stowe a moment of hope when he was caught behind the wicket off a ball in Cameron's second over after only three runs had been scored; a second chance came when Mitchell mistimed another ball from Cameron, but the catch was dropped, and the mistake proved expensive. With the score at 34, Doubleday after driving the ball to cover point called for an impossible second run and was run out without difficulty. Mitchell was now joined by Lawry, a lively, versatile performer who scored rapidly and soon caught up his more stolid partner; between them these two brought the score to within three of Stowe's total, when Mitchell, whose hand appeared to have been vexing him for some time, retired hurt and made way for Christian to add the final touch. It had been a discouraging game for the Stowe bowlers; with no help whatsoever from the pitch, with opponents who had little more than a century to make and the best part of four hours if necessary to make it in, the odds were heavily against them, and it is not surprising if the heavy responsibility robbed them of confidence and precision. Garwood-Gowers kept a reasonable length, and though not otherwise markedly accurate (at any rate in his first spell) attacked mainly the off stump and to begin with kept the runs down; in the latter part of the innings Mitchell in particular drove him without much difficulty. The rest of the bowling was undistinguished.

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# STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 7th. Stowe won by 120 runs.

St. Edward's came to Stowe on July 7th with a good record and were soundly beaten. Stowe were fortunate to bat first on a good hard wicket, and Kerr set the tune by scoring 8 off the first over. The first wicket fell at 50; Kerr ran himself out when he was playing well, and he was soon followed by Rushton. After Boyd-Smith had regaled us to a few good shots and a larger number of cow-shots, three wickets were down for 89, a very tolerable score, but the match then stood in the balance.

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Harris and Johnson rose to the occasion and gave the most heartening display of batting which your correspondent has seen from a Stowe pair for a long time. Lunch was taken at 130, and then they punished the bowling to the tune of seventy in fortyfive minutes. The stand ended at 202, having added 113, when Johnson was put out for 53, and he was soon following by Harris, who made 77. Anti-climax and waste of time followed, and the innings was a trifle belatedly declared at 236 for 7, leaving St. Edward's less than two and three-quarter hours to bat. All the leading Stowe batsmen were disposed of with the help of the very good St. Edward's wicket-keeper. The St. Edward's throwing was notably good, and they endured with fortitude the hammering of Harris and Johnson.

Stowe opened with their fast attack, and Garwood-Gowers, fresh from his triumph over the M.C.C., soon drew first blood, and when Cameron hit the stumps with two successive balls St. Edward's were 18 for 3. There followed a firm stand by Sutherland and Sainsbury, and a draw seemed the most likely result. Sutherland was solidity itself, and Sainsbury seemed to have settled down after a shaky start and was scoring fast. At 77 Sainsbury hit a ball straight back at the bowler who touched it with a finger. It went on to the stumps and Sutherland was run out. It is the unluckiest and most blameless way in which it is possible for a batsman to be out, and one must sympathize with St. Edward's in losing an important wicket at a critical stage in such a way. Once again the second partner quickly followed, Rushton taking an acrobatic catch off the destructive Cameron. It was now 82 for 5, and Stowe closed in for the kill. For Garwood-Gowers, no fieldsman was as far in front of the wickets as half way down the pitch; for Cameron, just one. After Cameron had taken four wickets the slow attack was brought back with an equally attacking field, and Miall, cleverly flighting the ball, took four quick wickets to finish the innings at 116, with twenty-five minutes to spare.

Rushton had managed his bowling with good judgement, and he is certainly fortunate in having at his disposal such a splendid fast attack. Your correspondent will permit himself a few reflections on this comparative triumph of the unreliable Stowe batting. There is not a sound batsman in the side unless it be Kerr, whose innings he was almost wholly prevented from seeing. Boyd-Smith has abandoned the straight bat. He could become an exceedingly effective hitter if he would not play the pulled drive, with his left foot half-way to the square-leg umpire. Harris played many elegant strokes and played them with power when his eye was in, but he marred his otherwise very good innings with many feeble shots, which seem to be due not so much to errors in technique as to sheer languidness of movement. Johnson is no stylist, but, knowing his limitations, played a sensible and effective innings, of which he has good reason to be proud. He approached his task with the best mental attitude, and if other and more talented batsmen would do the same. Stowe would make very many more runs.

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#### 2ND XI.

This has been another successful season, though the team has had to struggle hard at times against certain fundamental weaknesses. Of the nine matches played up to the game against the Old Stoics, four have been won, two lost, and two drawn, and one, against Rugby, abandoned owing to rain.

The season started off well with a draw, scores level with Harrow, the visitors needing a five or six off the last ball to win and getting a four. After that Buckingham was defeated, Stowe getting the last hundred in under an hour. A desperate match with Bedford followed, again going to the last over and last wicket. Pangbourne was the field day for the bowlers. After that the team seemed to decline, particularly in scoring power. We never made enough runs for the bowlers to work with confidence. Against Oundle, the last three wickets had to hold the fort for an hour to deny Oundle victory. Halton was just defeated, but we could not do the same with St. Edward's, in spite of heroic bowling. However the games were never dull and the team always gave of its best. A few more runs from the middle batsmen and all would have been well.

Carr captained the side excellently; he was always thinking and trying something new, and the side followed him. He was successful also with his leg rollers. Albrecht was probably the steadiest of our bats. More than once he gave the side a good start. Brickhill was as good a stumper as we have had; his batting promised well, but dropped away after the first two games. Walker made one or two good scores, Boddy showed he could hit, and Harwood was steady at number one. The bowling was largely in the hands of Garwood-Gowers and Clarkson, and well they did us. Most of the wickets fell to their bowling medium quick. It was rare for Clarkson not to send the opposition opening bat back in his first over. Cater promised as a leg spinner and was beginning to earn his keep at the end of the season. Variety was lent by Ribeaux, slow, and Mackintosh, quick.

The fielding was enthusiastic and improved as time went on.

The whole team is to be congratulated on its efforts and the pleasure it afforded to the spectators.

Team:—G. N. Carr (W), S. G. H. Sinclair (6), P. F. Albrecht (C), T. D. Brickhill (G), J. C. W. Garwood-Gowers (B), C. E. Clarkson (6), A. Mackintosh (C), G. Harwood (6), L. C. P. Ribeaux (C), J. J. Cater (C), J. A. Boddy (C).

Results :---

Sat., May 19th. v. Harrow. Home. Drawn.
Stowe, 154 for 6 wkts. dec.
Harrow, 154 for 7 wkts.

Wed., May 30th. v. Buckingham. Home. Won by 3 wickets. Buckingham, 152 for 5 wkts. dec.

Stowe, 157 for 7 wkts.

Sat., June 2nd. v. BEDFORD. Home. Lost by I wicket.

Stowe, 123.

Bedford, 124 for 9 wkts.

Tues., June 5th. v. RADLEY. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

Radley, 104.

Stowe, 106 for 4 wkts.

Wed., June 13th. v. Nautical College, Pangbourne. Away. Won by 61 runs.

Stowe, 110.

Pangbourne, 49.

Sat., June 16th. v. Rugby. Away. Match abandoned. Rain.

Rugby, 138 for 6 wkts.

Stowe, 8 for I wkt.

Sat., June 23rd. v. OUNDLE. Home. Drawn.

Oundle, 161 for 6 wkts.

Stowe, 109 for 9 wkts.

Wed., June 27th. v. Halton. Home. Won by 2 wickets.

Halton, 103 for 9 wkts. dec.

Stowe, 105 for 8 wkts.

Sat., July 7th. v. St. Edward's. Away. Lost by 3 wickets.

Stowe, 106.

St. Edward's 109 for 7 wkts.

#### 3RD XI.

The 3rd XI has had a good season so far, with three wins and two draws in five matches, the result of the team's cheerful and aggressive approach. Horner has again led the side efficiently, and has made many a thunderous appeal with due effect on the shattered umpires. Murray, Bryan, Horner and Guinness have been the main run-

getters in their different ways, and Guinness, Kenyon and Fiske have bowled steadily

and efficiently, though the effect of Murray's opening overs on nervous batsmen must not be forgotten. The fielding has improved greatly, with Bryan an outstanding cover,

Team: -G. W. Horner (C), J. H. Bryan (T), R. I. Guinness (C), C. G. Kenyon (W),

J. B. Spooner (C), N. S. Murray (C), M. K. Ridley (C), T. J. H. Carter (C), T. D.

but must learn to show more of his left shoulder and less of his chest to the bowler.

The side's bowling has not developed as well as it might have done, and greatly lacks penetration. A greater degree of steadiness has been achieved as the team has progressed, but there have been occasions when one or two of the bowlers have shown surprisingly little control of length or direction. Noye (left-hand), Avory and Sherjan, all medium paced, have supplied the backbone of the attack. Millington, medium pace, and Bentall and Shaw, slow left-handers, have been disappointing. All have distinct possibilities, but need to put in a great deal more practice to gain better control.

The fielding has been lively and generally competent. Atkinson has shown great common-sense in the disposal of his forces, using the most agile in positions requiring quick movement, and hiding away those who neither stoop nor cover the ground with speed.

Special mention might be made of Williams's fielding in the gully, which position he has made his own, and where he caught a wonderful catch against St. Edward's.

Team: C. J. G. Atkinson (C), E. J. Avory (T), A. R. Bentall (C), R. Sherjan (T), R. A. P. Noye (C), A. G. L. Millington (T), G. M. Shaw (6), J. G. Williams (C), D. J. Easton (W), G. B. Edwards (W), I. Pasley-Tyler (6), R. A. Miall (B), A. Cameron (B).

#### Results:—

Sat., May 12th. v. Wellingborough. Home. Won by 9 wkts. Wellingborough, 53 (Noye 5 for 16, Avory 3 for 9): Stowe, 83 for 2 wkts. (Atkinson 46 not out).

Sat., May 19th. v. HARROW. Away. Lost by 4 wkts. Stowe, 138 (Avory 62, Millington 38). Harrow, 140 for 6 wkts. (Sherjan 3 for 37, Noye 3 for 39).

Sat., May 26th. v. Bradfield. Home. Drawn. Bradfield, 172 for 4 wkts. (Sherjan 3 for 27). Stowe, 58 for 7 wkts.

Sat., June 2nd. v. OUNDLE. Drawn. Oundle, 145 for 7 wkts. (Avory 2 for 29). Stowe, 80 for 6 wkts. (Pasley-Tyler 30).

Tues., June 5th. v. RADLEY. Away. Won by 4 wkts. Radley, 118 (Avory 5 for 28, Bentall 4 for 8). Stowe, 119 for 6 wkts. (Atkinson 33, Bentall 26 not out, Millington 25)

Sat., June 23rd. v. BEDFORD. Away. Won by 4 wkts. Bedford, 101 (Noye 4 for 33, Avory 2 for 16, Sherjan 3 for 5). Stowe, 103 for 6 wkts. (Atkinson 36, Bentall 27 not out).

Sat., July 7th. v. St. Edward's. Home. Drawn. Stowe, 151 for 7 wkts. (Bentall 60, Millington 33). St. Edward's, 84 for 3 wkts.

Results:—

Sat., May 19th. v. HARROW. Home.

and Philips and Carter very alert in the slips.

Harrow, 163 for 5 wkts. dec.

Stowe, 152 for 9 wkts. (Bryan 35, Murray 27).

Sat., May 26th. v. Steeple Claydon. Home.

Steeple Claydon, 136 for 4 wkts. dec.

Stowe, 109 for 7 wkts. (Horner 33 not out).

Sat., June 2nd. v. BEDFORD. Home.

Stowe, 149 (Ridley 30).

Bedford, 120 (Kenyon 5 for 6).

Tues., June 5th. v. RADLEY. Home.

Radley, 133 (Guinness 3 for 29).

Stowe, 137 for 9 (Spooner 29).

Sat., June 23rd. v. PADBURY. Home.

Padbury, 10 (Guinness 4 for 5).

Stowe, 160 (Murray 34, Bryan 38, Horner 50 not out).

#### THE COLTS

At the time of writing, seven matches have been played, and the game with Rugby, which could not be played because of rain, is to be played at a later date. Three matches have been won, one lost (off the last ball), and three drawn.

The side has been an enthusiastic one, which has been very capably led by Atkinson, whose captaincy has steadily improved. He has also kept wicket well and is a correct and sensible opening bat with a beautiful forcing back shot.

The side's batting is stronger than its bowling and down to No. 9, or even 10, runs of a non-agricultural variety may be expected. Sherjan, who has begun now to curb his impetuosity, has a pleasant style and a wide range of shots, and might well become a good player. Both Avory and Millington can hit the ball hard, but are somewhat lacking in balance and speed of co-ordination. They are likely to improve as their strength catches up with their growth. Millington especially has hit a number of lusty sixes. After a shaky start Bentall has begun to make runs in recent matches. He is very much an off-side player at present, but realises his limitations on the legside and knows what he must do to overcome them. Shaw, a left-hander, is slow on on his feet and definitely prefers the ball to come to him, but has some fluent shots when it does arrive in the correct area for him. Pasley-Tyler made a useful 30 against Oundle,

With the possible exception of Noye, the remaining batsmen are all capable of making their shots in the approved manner, but have not had very much opportunity to do so.

#### **JUNIOR COLTS**

The general standard of Junior cricket was low this year, although it must be said that the whole Club was very keen. Several of the players who looked very moderate performers have improved considerably and if they continue to perservere should be useful in the future.

After a deplorable display in the field at Harrow, the side buckled to and supported the bowling well. One of their best efforts was in the next match, when they dismissed a strong Eton side for 133. For winning matches they relied almost entirely on Costain and Avory; Costain put up some remarkable bowling performances—a missed catch robbed him of all ten wickets at Oundle. His bowling was based on the cardinal virtues of length and direction, combined with an intelligent use of the crease and slight variations of pace. After a depressing start, he showed considerable promise with the bat and looks a very sound player. Avory, with his height, should be a useful bowler but he needs to improve his control of direction. His batting is potentially more promising; he hits the ball very hard and played some useful innings. McCrea, a late discovery, also looked as if he should make plenty of runs in the future as he has a very good eye and learns quickly. Namouk and Agnew both improved throughout the season, and Bate and Jackson should be useful as Juniors next year. Ramsden took up leg breaks, and if he can develop the right temperament should be a dangerous bowler. The side generally fielded keenly and well-Costain, Agnew, Jackson, McCrea and Barratt being especially noticeable.

Team: -D. E. Costain (W), I. H. Agnew (W), R. B. B. Avory (T), O. A. Namouk (G), P. R. McCrea (W), J. B. Mayland (W), J-R. Ramsden (C), J. D. L. Barratt (C), R. St. C. Strange (6), J. S. Jackson (C), D. H. Bate (G).

#### Results :--

Sat., May 10th. v. HARROW. Away. Lost by 102 runs. Harrow, 162 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe, 6o.

Sat., May 26th. v. Eron. Away. Lost by 67 runs.

Eton, 133. Stowe, 66.

Sat., June 2nd. v. Oundle. Away. Won by 7 wkts.

Oundle, 38 (Costain 9 for 16).

Stowe, 39 for 3 wkts.

Tues., June 5th. v. RADLEY. Away. Lost by 23 runs.

Radley, 96 (Costain 7 for 24). Stowe, 73 (Avory 34 not out).

Sat., June 23rd. v. BEDFORD. Away. Drawn.

Bedford, 126 for 5 wkts. dec.

Stowe, 110 for 6 wkts. (Costain 43 not out).

Sat., July 7th. v. St. EDWARD's. Home. Won by 6 wkts.

St. Edward's, 60 (Costain 6 for 15). Stowe, 61 for 4 wkts. (Avory 29 not out).

# ATHLETICS

Yet again bad weather caused the early abandonment of the Standards programme, which was to be a brief one in any case. However, the weather improved so rapidly that a full programme of heats was completed without significant interruption. As an experiment, the organisation of heats and finals was the responsibility of the Head of the School and the prefects. They provided all the officials except the starter and arranged all the heats. After a few minor crises in the early stages and much burning of midnight oil, the whole programme ran smoothly, and congratulations and thanks are due to the prefects for their work.

By the time Sports Day arrived, on March 24th, the track was in fine condition and most of the finalists were fit, but it was very clear, however, that the strongest and fastest performers were the members of the cross-country team. It is seldom realised that the fitness which most boys achieve during the Athletics season is relatively little. Months of hard grind during the winter are now the lot of all who get to the top in athletics. The cross-country runners, who do a few weeks of this grim business, show themselves in a different class from all the others once the track season starts.

The races themselves did not produce many really good performances, though there were some, but most events were keenly contested and the general standard was perhaps rather better than for a year or two. There was one new record in the Under 15 Hurdles, where D. J. Easton (W) showed a smooth clean style. M. L. Booth (65) ran very well indeed to win both the Three-quarter Mile and Half-Mile events in the Under 16 group, and the win of P. B. Aarvold (6) in the Under 16 Quarter-Mile was a grand piece of running. Pride of place, however, must go to C. J. G. Shillington (C), who so nearly broke the Mile record. He ran a very well judged race, making his own pace all the while, and opening up a gap which grew wider and wider between him and the rest of the field. It is good to know he will have another chance next year.

The House Competition was a very close one between Grafton, Bruce and Cobham, who finished in that order, with Grafton only 55 points ahead.

- 100 Yards.—1, D. J. P. Birt-Llewellin (T); 2, D. Cameron (B); 3, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 4, C. J. Sherwin (T); 5, P. F. Catchpole (6); 6, P. A. J. de Clermont (C). Time, 10.7 secs.
- 220 Yards.—I, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 2, D. J. P. Birt-Llewellin (T); 3, C. J. Sherwin (T); 4, H. R. Yorke-Davies (6); 5, P. A. J. de Clermont (C); 6, T. G. Smallman (G). Time,
- Quarter-Mile.—1, C. J. Storrie (C); 2, S. R. Yardley (B); 3, D. H. G. J. Pepper (B); 4, H. R. Yorke-Davies (6); 5, T. G. Smallman (G); 6, G. N. Carr (W). Time, 56.1 secs.
- Half-Mile.—I, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2, D. Ll. S. Butler (C); 3, D. E. D. Johnson (C); 4, R. J. McCay (C); 5, S. R. Yardley (B); 6, A. G. Morison (G). Time, 2 mins. 11.2 secs.
- One Mile.—1, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2 (equal), A. G. Morison (G) and D. E. D. Johnson (C); 4, D. Ll. S. Butler (C); 5, G. A. Phillippi (C); 6, N. J. R. Kay (6). Time, 4 mins. 44.2 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.—1, H. R. Yorke-Davies (6); 2, L. T. J. Long (6); 3, D. E. D. Johnson (6); 4, R. L. Walker (C); 5, C. E. Clarkson (6). Time, 18.0 secs.
- High Jump.—1, J. A. Boyd-Smith (€); 2, H. R. Yorke-Davies (⑤); 3, L. C. P. Ribeaux (€); 4, R. L. Walker (C); 5, G. V. Norris (C); 6 (equal), P. R. Vincenzi (G), N. G. Clayton (6), and R. Dacey (C). Height, 5 ft. 31 ins.

Long Jump.—I, D. Cameron (B); 2, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 3, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 4, M. Buttrose (G); 5, R. J. Mells (C); 6, G. N. Carr (W). Distance, 18 ft. 3 ins.

Pole Vault.—1, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); 2, M. Buttrose (G); 3, N. G. Clayton (6); 4, D. H. Philpott (C); 5, P. R. M. Humbert (6); 6, C. R. A. Marfleet (G). Height, 9 ft. 6 ins.

Discus.—1, A. G. Barbour (C); 2, J. B. Spooner (C); 3, C. M. Hill (C); 4, J. V. H. Hippisley (C); 5, J. P. Kerr (W); 6, K. H. Wells (C). Distance, 113 ft.

Throwing the Javelin.—I, J. P. Kerr (W); 2, J. A. Boyd-Smith (C); 3, H. J. Miall (B); 4, M. S. Wilson (C); 5, D. Cameron (B); 6, J. F. Svejdar (W). Distance, 135 ft. 6 ins.

Putting the Weight.—1, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 2, C. J. Sherwin (T); 3, T. C. Velten (G); 4, A. G. Morison (G); 5, K. H. Wells (C); 6, D. Cameron (B). Distance, 35 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

One Hundred Yards.—I, C. F. Snow (C); 2, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 3, R. A. Godfrey (C); 4, J. R. Ellis (C); 5, N. D. Sconce (B). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—I, C. F. Snow (C); 2, N. D. Sconce (B); 3, R. A. Godfrey (C); 4, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); 5, G. M. Lickierman (C). Time, 26.2 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—I, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, M. L. Booth (6); 3, P. J. N. Pringle (B); 4, J. G. Cluff (W); 5, J. C. Morgan (C). Time, 57.8 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, M. L. Booth (6); 2, R. A. Godfrey (6); 3, J. G. Cluff (W); 4, J. R. Ellis (C); 5, R. Sherjan (T). Time, 3 mins. 41.3 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.—1, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, N. D. Sconce (B); 3, A. T. T. B. Honey (T); 4, J. S. C. Cohen (T); 5, M. A. Benkert (6). Time, 17.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, P. D. Norman (C); 3, J. S. P. Agg Large (C); 4, M. L. Booth (6); 5, P. S. Bramley (W). Height, 5 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump.—1, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, J. R. Ellis (C); 3, P. J. N. Pringle (B); 4, P. D. Norman (C); 5, P. W. Loxton (6). Distance, 17 ft. 2½ ins.

Putting the Weight.—I, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, S. H. P. Howorth (C); 3, D. R. C. Cory (T); 4 (equal), P. W. Loxton (6) and D. A. Furber (W). Distance, 36 ft.  $7^{1/2}_{2}$  ins.

100 Yards.—1, A. Cameron (B); 2, D. J. Easton (W); 3, I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6); 4, J. H. Temple (T); 5, B. B. Jones (B). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—I, I. R.G. Dowdeswell (6); 2, A. Cameron (B); 3, B. B. Jones (B); 4, D. J. Easton (W); 5, R. T. Birt-Llewellin (T). Time, 27.2 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6); 2 (equal), D. J. Easton (W) and P. C. Oakley (C); 4, E. S. Kennedy (C); 5, P. J. S. Anderson (C). Time, 62.3 secs.

Half-Mile.—I, P. C. Oakley (C); 2, M. Pemberton (6); 3, R.-A. P. Noye (C); 4, J. H. Temple (T); 5, P. J. S. Anderson (C). Time, 2 mins. 23.4 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles.—r, D. J. Easton (W); 2, A. Cameron (B); 3, J. R. Kerr Muir (C); 4, P. J. S. Anderson (C); 5, A. J. Beatty (C); 6, B. B. Jones (B). Time, 11.3 secs. (New Record).

High Jump.—1, R. A. C. Thompson (6); 2, R. S. Dunlop (B); 3, A. Cameron (B); 4, J. R. Kerr Muir (C); 5, E. S. Kennedy (C). Height, 4 ft.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Long Jump.—I, J. R. Kerr Muir (C); 2, A. C. Booth (6); 3, J. H. Temple (T); 4, I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6); 5, R. S. Dunlop (B). Distance, 16 ft. 1½ ins.

1, Grafton, 136 $\frac{5}{6}$ ; 2, Bruce, 131; 3, Cobham, 119; 4, Chatham, 99; 5, Chandos, 61; 6, Walpole,  $57\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7, Temple, 52; 8, Grenville  $27\frac{5}{6}$ .

#### STOWE v. RADLEY v. CHELTENHAM

For the first time the triangular athletics match with Radley and Cheltenham was run at home this year. We were fortunate to have excellent weather, a fast track, good performances and a close match, all in the same afternoon. With these conditions athletics compared favourably with any game for spectator appeal, and a large crowd was interested and frequently excited by the performances.

In the senior match the lead changed hands many times, and there was never a stage when any team was so far ahead that it could not be caught. The junior match, however, became a runaway victory for one team, but this satisfied the crowd's partisan appetite, for the team was Stowe's.

In the senior match we won only two events. C. J. Sherwin (T) ran 100 Yards in 10.5 secs. and C. J. G. Shillington (C) won a most exciting Mile in 4 mins. 47 secs. He dominated the race tactically and thoroughly deserved to win. The Relay should have been Stowe's. We were leading at the last take over and then dropped the baton.

In the junior match Stowe gained eight first places and many seconds. D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B) won the 100 Yards and 220 Yards races, P. B. Aarvold (6) won the High Jump, S. R. Yardley (B) the Half-Mile, R. L. Walker (C) the Hurdles, N. J. R. Kay (6) the Mile, and M. L. Booth (6) the 440 Yards.

#### Results :--

Seniors: Radley 88; Cheltenham 79; Stowe 57. Juniors: Stowe 107; Radley 65; Cheltenham 52.



# **SWIMMING**

Of the seven matches so far this term six 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*.

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# GOLF

For the first time since its inception Stowe won the Public Schools Invitation Tournament organized by G. H. Micklem. In the first round Stowe beat Charterhouse by three matches to two, although Stern was unlucky to lose at the twentieth to Beck. In the second round Stowe played Winchester and won by four matches to one, including some big defeats by Miall and Paul. In the final Stowe played Harrow and won by an easy margin, Paul only just failing to win the last match on the eighteenth green.

Stowe			Harrow		
L. G. B. Williamson (T) 3/1	• • • •	Ĭ	K. R. L. Webb	•••	0
N. M. Stern (B) 7/6	•••	I	J. Proctor		0
J. M. E. Anderson (C) 1 up	• • •	I	G. H. Stevenson	• • •	0
M. D. Miall (B) 5/4		I	J. H. Dahl	• • •	0
K. A. Paul ( <b>©</b> )		0	J. J. Dean, 1 up	• • •	I
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The house matches have again been played in the summer term and Bruce beat Grafton (4—o) in the final. The standard of golf has been higher than for some time and four houses had strong teams. Last year's winners, Cobham, were defeated by Grafton, and Chatham, the runners-up, were beaten by Bruce, although all of their last year's team were available.

Individual competitions have again been organized. In the final of the Senior Competition, L. G. B. Williamson (T) meets S. P. C. Hall (6), and in the Junior C. J. G. Atkinson (C) meets the winner of H. M. Illingworth (6) and R. A. Miall (B).

L.G.B.W.

# FENCING

Early in June we took the opportunity of seeing some first class fencing when Mr. Owen very kindly drove us down to London to see the Men's International Foil Competition.

Although this is not perhaps the ideal term for fencing, both the Foil and Epée Competitions were completed. The Open Foil was won by the Hon. R. J. Jocelyn (B), and the Open Epée by N. K. W. Williamson (C).

The Hon. R.J.J.

# LAWN TENNIS

The VI has had its best season for some years. The fixture list included matches against nine other schools, eight of whom we defeated (a number very easily); the ninth school match, against Rugby, began in a drizzle and had to be abandoned when, after a few minutes play, the drizzle became a downpour.

L. P. Coni (C), playing in the VI for the fifth year, has been an excellent Captain, and well supported by R. M. T. Earlam (W) has been the mainstay of the best Stowe pair since we reached the finals of the Youll Cup Competition in 1948 and 1949. Coni and Earlam won the Doubles Competition at Queen's Club last August, and it has been obvious from the many fine matches they have played this season, that their victory was no fluke. Their play against the First Pairs of Mr. Shepherd-Barron's VI and Westminster reached a very high standard indeed.

During the early part of the season, I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6) and R. D. Fell (C) played as Second Pair, and J. L. Moore (6) and G. B. King (W) as Third. Later, Fell proved to be too erratic, and we settled on Dowdeswell and Moore as Second Pair, and chose the Third from Fell, King, P. G. Emerson (C) and R. B. Skepper (T). Both Second and Third Pairs have played well on occasions, though of course their standard is far below that of Coni and Earlam. Nevertheless, their contribution to Stowe's victories over other schools must not be under-estimated.

Coni or Earlam should win the Mornington Singles and should overwhelm all opposition in the Doubles. Chandos and Walpole are joint favourites for the Housematches.

Stowe should do well in the Youll Cup Competition in August. A great deal depends upon the Second Pair beating its opposite number. In the Under 16 Doubles, we shall be represented by E. J. Avory (T) and R. B. B. Avory (T), and hope to reach the Final, as we did last year.

The outlook for 1957 is not too good, for most members of the present VI will have left, and the more promising juniors in the School are also competent cricketers, and will therefore not be available. Even if we prove to be weak, we shall be comforted by the knowledge that Stowe's tennis record over the years has been equalled by few Public Schools which rely entirely upon boarders.

#### Results :--

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May 12th.

v. Mr. J. A. Shepherd-Barron's VI. Home. Lost, 3—6.

L. P. Coni (C) and R. M. T. Earlam (W), 5—7, 6—2, 5—7; 6—2, 6—3; 6—4, 6—0.

I. R. G. Dowdeswell (6) and R. D. Fell (C), 2—6, 5—7; 5—7, 3—6; 6—3, 6—4.

J. L. Moore (6) and G. B. King (W), 3—6, 0—6; 6—2, 2—6, 6—8; 4—6, 3—6.

May 19th.

v. Westminster. Home. Won, 7—2.

Coni and Earlam, 6—4, 1—6, 6—2; 6—1, 6—0; 6—2, 6—2.
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Dowdeswell and Fell, 2-6, 6-8; 6-3, 6-4; 6-3, 6-2.

Moore and King, 0-6, 2-6; 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; 6-1, 6-2.

May 23rd. v. Leighton Park. Away. Won, 9-0. Coni and Earlam, 6—0, 6—1; 6—2, 6—0; 6—0, 6—1. Dowdeswell and Fell, 6—3, 6—3; 6—2, 6—2; 6—1, 6—0. Moore and King, 7-5, 6-2; 6-1, 7-5; 6-1, 6-2.

May 26th. v. ETON. Home. Won, 6—1. Coni and Earlam, 6—1, 6—0; 6—1, 6—0; 6—4, 6—2. Dowdeswell and Fell, 8-6; 6-0, 6-4; 6-2, 6-3. Moore and King, 6-4, 3-6, 3-6; 6-2, 4-6; 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

May 30th. v. Dallington L.T.C. Home. Won, 7-2. Coni and Earlam, 6-2, 6-0; 6-2, 6-2; 6-4, 6-0. Dowdeswell and Fell, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; 6-3, 6-3; 10-8, 7-5. Moore and King, 4-6, 4-6; 6-3, 6-4; 3-6, 4-6.

June 2nd. v. U.C.S. Home. Won, 5-3. Coni and Earlam, 6-3, 6-2; 6-2, 6-1; 6-1, 6-0. Dowdeswell and Fell, 4-6, 6-4; 2-6, 3-6; 5-7, 6-4, 5-7. Moore and King, 2—6, 6—1, 1—6; 6—1, 6—4; 5—7, 6—2, 6—2.

June 6th. v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON. Home. Won, 7-2. Coni and Earlam, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; 6-0, 6-1; 6-0, 6-0. Dowdeswell and Fell, 2-6, 0-6; 6-0, 6-3; 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Moore and King, 0-6, 1-6; 6-1, 6-3; 6-2, 6-1.

June 16th. v. Rugby. Away. Abandoned because of rain.

June 17th. v. St. John's College, Cambridge. Home. Lost, 4-5. Coni and Earlam, 6-2, 6-1; 8-6, 6-0; 7-5, 6-1. Moore and P. G. Emerson (C), 3-6, 3-6; 3-6, 3-6; 6-4, 6-2. Fell and King, 1—6, 4—6; 5—7, 6—2, 2—6; 5—7, 4—6.

June 23rd. v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. Lost, 4-5. Coni and Earlam, 6—4, 4—6, 2—6; 9—7, 7—5; 6—2, 6—2. Dowdeswell and Moore, 4-6, 1-6; 10-8, 6-4; 6-1, 6-3. King and Emerson, 0-6, 4-6; 1-6, 2-6; 3-6, 0-6.

June 27th. v. Wellingborough. Home. Won, 8-1. Coni and Dowdeswell, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; 6-1, 6-0; 9-7, 6-1. Moore and Fell, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; 6-1, 6-3; 6-0, 6-1. King and R. B. Skepper (T), 6-1, 1-6, 4-6; 6-8, 6-1, 6-4; 6-1, 6-3.

June 30th. v. MILL HILL. Away. Won, 6-3. Coni and Dowdeswell, 6-4, 6-3; 0-6, 6-3, 6-3; 6-2, 6-3. Moore and King, 4-6, 3-6; 8-10, 4-6; 7-5, 6-3. Fell and Emerson, 2—6, 4—6; 6—8, 6—2, 6—4; 6—0, 6—3.

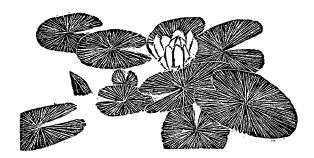
July 7th. v. REPTON. Home. Won, 8-1. Coni and Earlam, 6-0, 6-1; 6-3, 6-1; 6-2, 6-1. Dowdeswell and Moore, 6—1, 6—3; 3—6, 6—0, 7—5; 6—3, 6—3. Emerson and King, 3-6, 2-6; 8-6, 2-6, 9-7; 6-3, 7-5.

# ETON FIVES

THE STOIC

On Sunday, March 18th, 1956, the School lost to the Old Citizens by three matches to none. Scores:—

A. B. Hyslop (T) and N. W. D. Sturch (T) lost to B. J. Garrett and J. R. Petzold, 1-3. I. S. C. Cohen (T) and R. G. McAllester (T) lost to H. P. Hawken and W. H. Ollis, o-3. L. P. Coni (C) and J. H. Bryan (T) lost to L. P. Lockie and A. M. McPherson, o-3.



# RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES

#### IST XV.

Sat.,	Oct.	6.—Wasps.	Home.
			Home.
			Away.
Sat.,	Oct.	20.—BEDFORD.	Away.
Sat.,	Oct.	27.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Away.
			Home.
			Home.
			Home.
			Away.
			Home.
Wed.,	Dec.	5.—St. Mary's Hospital.	Home.
			Home.
Sat.,	Dec.	15.—London Scottish.	Home.

# THE HAWAIIAN CASUALS

The fields of Buckingham have been riven by a new force this term, and at Chackmore, Blakesley and Finmere, amid trip-wires, impervious cows and a large-scale pig, two matches have been won and one drawn in a style which can only be described as unparallelled.

The reason for this invasion is the Hawaiian Casuals Cricket Club, comprising a group of brilliant athletes and others who feel that the Muse of English cricket needs a new coat of paint. Mr. J. C. T. Uttley was elected to wield the first presidential paintbrush, and accordingly many strange expeditions into the fantastic have shattered the otherwise untrammelled peace of Rural England. A permanent feature was G. W. Horner (C) and a hat. B. R. Williams (Q) made a brief appearance at the crease on one occasion, retiring gracefully after a single ball with this term's watchword on his lips. J. W. R. Jenkins (Q) was everywhere bringing the trans-Atlantic atmosphere of St. Louis to the otherwise very English, buttercup-strewn meadows, and T. D. Philips (6), that noted Head of the School, proved that even the easiest catch can look difficult. Among the batsmen, the Captain of Cricket looked pained at the style of some of the 1st XI, and I. P. Kerr (W) was not always at his best among the provincial undulations provided, and of the vast covey of bowlers only A. Mackintosh (C) managed to send shattered wickets spinning hither and thither in a really satisfactory manner. Two stirring sixes were, however, hit by J. A. Boyd-Smith (C) and D. Cameron (B), the latter left-handed into the Maths. tutor's herbacious border. This has no connection with the fact that, at the annual dinner, his name-sake R. L. Walker (C) was elected next year's Captain and Mr. Uttley re-elected to the Presidential seat amid the cheers of a club which is obviously extremely successful, "U", and "the thing" of the

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