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EDITORIAL

On October 2nd the Headmaster announced to the School that he was retiring, and the following statement appeared next day in the *Times* :—
“ Mr. E. V. Reynolds is retiring from the Headmastership of Stowe School next year. An announcement says that he feels the strain on his health, which has been impaired by a climbing accident in 1951, interferes with his work as Headmaster. He was appointed in 1949.”

This is not the occasion to estimate Stowe's achievements under her second Headmaster, nor to assess his personal contribution to the life of the School. We must reluctantly accept his decision as the right one, offering him our sympathy on his early retirement and our hope for the full recovery of his health.

The conclusion of a nine years' reign would in any case be a turning point in the history of the School, but other changes on the Staff this year mark it as the end of an era for Stowe. Mr. Clifford's retirement was announced too late to be recorded in the July number of *The Stoic*, and the rain which washed out the speeches on Speech Day unhappily prevented any tribute being paid to his long and faithful service. He came to Stowe in 1925, and in his thirty-two years here he carried out almost every duty that can fall to a schoolmaster. Tutor and Head of Department, Commanding Officer of the O.T.C., Housemaster, Second Master and, during the Headmaster's absence after his accident, Acting Headmaster—he tackled each job with untiring enthusiasm. His energy found other interests too, inside and outside the School, none closer to his heart than the Pineapple, and it was largely due to his efforts that the Club has developed so successfully. No one has been a more loyal servant of Stowe.

Three other senior members of the Staff are departing from Stowe this term. The first to be appointed was Mr. Hart Dyke, who came in January 1924, only two terms after the School's foundation ; in his younger

days he was a notable athlete, and was for long the Head of the Modern Languages Department and Assistant Tutor. Mr. Archer, appointed in 1925, was for many years Tutor of the Mathematics Side, besides being an accomplished cricketer; before the War he ran the Scout Troop at Stowe, and from 1941 until last year he commanded the Recruit Company in the Corps. Mr. Kinvig, who is retiring for reasons of health, came here in 1927; he was, before the War, the creator of a very successful Side Eight, which he ran until he became Housemaster of Walpole. He too was a games-player of all-round distinction.

These four masters are known to all but the earliest generation of Stoics, and their departure means the loss of four who were almost foundation members of the School. It is for those who remain to uphold the ideals and standards they established; for though the conditions of today are different from those which faced the founders thirty years ago, they are no less hazardous. The new Headmaster will carry the chief responsibility in guiding the School through the problems which lie ahead, but he can be assured of whole-hearted support from everyone at Stowe.

As we go to press, it is announced that the Governors have appointed Mr. D. Crichton-Miller to be Headmaster; Mr. Crichton-Miller, who was for two years an Assistant Master at Stowe, has been Headmaster of Fettes College since 1945.

STOIGA

School Officials—Michaelmas Term, 1957.

Prefects :—J. H. Arkell (Ⓔ), Head of the School; H. J. Miall (B), Second Prefect; F. R. Shackleton (W), Prefect of Gymnasium; T. J. H. Carter (Q); N. A. Eddy (G); A. G. M. A. Provest (C), Prefect of Chapel; A. J. White (Ⓒ), Prefect of Library; R. L. Rawlings (Ⓔ); M. G. F. Gilbert (T).

Rugby Football :—Captain, J. F. Svejdar (W); Secretary, C. S. Wates (B).

Squash :—Captain and Secretary, C. J. G. Atkinson (Q).

Fives :—Captain, R. Sherjan (T).

Fencing :—Captain and Secretary, K. A. Wilby (G).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term :—Sunday, September 29th, the Chaplain; Sunday, October 13th, H. D. P. Lee, Esq., Headmaster of Winchester College; Sunday, October 27th, the Rev. St J. B. Groser, M.C., Warden of the Royal Foundation of St. Katharine, Stepney; Sunday, November 3rd, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, November 10th, the Headmaster; Sunday, November 17th, the Rev. C. E. B. Neate, Chaplain of Radley College; Sunday, November 24th, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, December 15th, the Chaplain.

The Collections in the Chapel were :—On July 14th, for the Bishop Kirk Memorial Fund, £22 os. od.; on July 28th, for the Pineapple, £63 4s. 3d.; on October 20th, for the British Epilepsy Association, £26 10s. 3d.; on November 10th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £85 18s. 10d.; on December 1st, for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, £29 10s. od.

Confirmation was held on Advent Sunday, December 1st, in the Chapel, when 88 candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford.

We regret to announce the death of Sir Henry Richards, C.B., a Governor of the School since 1934.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were held in conjunction on the last Saturday of the Summer Term, July 27th. There was no timely improvement in the weather which had all day threatened to curtail the programme, to say nothing of the cricket, and indeed the Speeches had to be cancelled. Exhibitions were held in the Art School, the Laboratories, and the Workshops, and, as a result of the weather, attracted even bigger crowds than usual. The Photographic Society showed the latest Stowe Newsreels.

The weather was more favourable to the Historians, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was performed at the Queen's Temple without interruption from the heavens.

The Old Stoic Dinner was held on November 30th in the Members' Dining Room in the House of Commons. Speeches were made by the Rt. Hon. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. (C, 1927), the Headmaster, Mr.

W. L. McElwee and the Earl Haig (C, 1935). There were 290 applications from Old Stoics, and it is regretted that 104 had to be refused.

The Pineapple Ball is to be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Friday, January 10th, 1958. The price of each ticket (including supper) is 45/-; senior Stoics can buy double tickets at the reduced price of 70/-. Invitations have been sent to all Old Stoics; tickets can be obtained from R. V. P. Adams, Esq., Stowe School, Buckingham, or from the Hon. Organizing Secretary, Flat 3, 4 Salem Road, Bayswater, W.2.

Mr. D. W. Donaldson has joined the Staff.

Miss Anne Budgett has joined the Music Staff.

There was an exciting period in the early weeks of the term when Asian Flu reached Stowe. For some unknown reason the masters proved hardier than the boys, and when, at the peak of the epidemic, 425 members of the School were ill out of a possible 564, the teaching ratio approached par; there were optimistic forecasts that the masters would catch it in the second round of the epidemic and that the balance would swing heavily in favour of the boys, but the forecasts failed to materialise.

Later in the term the Russian satellite caused a stir among a small band of enthusiasts led by Mr. Osborne. The 'bleep' has been recorded at various hours of the day and night, and on one occasion the satellite itself (or its rocket) is reported to have been seen crossing the sky from Wolfe's Obelisk to the Corinthian Arch.

J. F. Svejdar (W) and J. A. Ball (G) have been invited to play for the English Schools against the Scottish in Edinburgh on December 23rd; J. A. Ball has also been invited to play for the Richmond Public Schoolboys against the Scottish on January 1st.

The Grafton Hunt met at Stowe on Thursday, November 21st.

The Old Berkeley Beagles met at Stowe on Wednesday, December 11th.

On Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th, the Congreve Club presented *Macbeth* in the Gym. A review of this production will be published in the next number of *The Stoic*.

ILLUSTRATIONS.—The two drawings in this number are by P. N. Hawkins (B).

A Picture Book of Stowe, comprising over forty of the best photographs of the School and grounds taken from past copies of *The Stoic*, together with a map as end paper, has gone into a second edition and can be obtained from the School Shop. Price, including postage, 6/-.

School Colours, in addition to those already recorded, have been awarded as follows:—

For Cricket:

1st XI:—R. Sherjan (T).

2nd XI:—D. E. Costain (W), A. G. L. Millington (T).

3rd XI:—R. M. Smith (G), M. A. Benkert (G), J. M. E. Anderson (C), I. Pasley-Tyler (G).

For Swimming: F. R. Shackleton (W), J. A. Grant (C), W. G. Bennett (C), M. S. Wilson (C); (for Diving) R. N. Golton (T).

For Football:

1st XV:—J. A. Ball (G) (re-awarded); D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B) (re-awarded); D. R. Hayes (B) (re-awarded); R. Sherjan (T) (re-awarded); J. E. G. Nayler (W), P. B. Aarvold (G), F. R. Shackleton (W), P. R. McCrea (W), D. E. Costain (W), H. A. Truslow (C), A. R. Bentall (C).

2nd XV:—I. Pasley-Tyler (G), P. J. Blayney (C), A. G. L. Millington (T), R. B. J. Gadney (G), J. H. Arkell (G), P. J. N. Pringle (B), J. R. Kerr Muir (C), A. Cameron (B), D. J. Easton (W), M. A. Benkert (G).

3rd XV:—E. S. Kennedy (C), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), J. R. Kennerley (G), P. J. S. Griggs (B), D. K. A. Lawrence (W), R. G. Hetherington (G).

Colts Stockings:—M. Seddon (G), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), R. B. B. Avory (T), T. A. S. Dufty (B), C. H. Clucas (W), H. F. Ramsay (G).

OLIM ALUMNI

G. F. L. GILBERT (T, 1930) was made an M.V.O. in February of this year; formerly Military Attaché at the British Embassy in Lisbon, he has now been appointed to the same post in Stockholm.

A J. AINSLEY (C, 1942) was made a Freeman of the City of London in July.

A. C. C. BRODIE (B, 1929) has been appointed Military Attaché at the British Embassy in Beirut, with effect from January, 1958.

D. MACFARLANE (T, 1928) has been appointed Consul General and Councillor (Commercial) at the British Embassy in Lisbon.

R. A. L. BLACK (S, 1938) has been appointed Chambers of Mines Professor of Mining Engineering at the University of Witwatersrand (in August 1955).

J. D. BUCHANAN (W, 1935) has been appointed Headmaster of Oakham School.

MR. H. R. WATT (Staff, 1934 to 1948), now in Montreal, has been commissioned by the Rhodes Trust to paint the portrait of Dr. Wilder Penfield, O.M. It hangs on the walls of Milner Hall in Rhodes House, Oxford.

D. M. VANCE (G, 1952) played squash for Ireland against Scotland and Wales.

BIRTHS

To the wife of J. E. H. RUSSELL (B, 1944), a son, on May 28th, 1952; to the wife of B. W. B. SPARROW (T, 1942), a son, on February 5th, 1954; to the wife of J. E. H. RUSSELL (B, 1944), a daughter, on July 15th, 1955; to the wife of G. H. R. JENKINS (S, 1944), a son, on February 6th, 1957; to the wife of P. K. COLLIER (B, 1942), a son, on February 10th; to the wife of C. A. COOPER (G, 1945), a son, on May 13th; to the wife of P. F. SZE BEN (G, 1941), a daughter, on June 19th; to the wife of D. B. ROLLESTON (C, 1940), a daughter, on June 30th; to the wife of E. J. SPURRIER (S, 1929), a daughter, on July 18th; to the wife of A. J. O. RITCHIE (T, 1946), a son, on July 19th; to the wife of P. H. H. SPENCER-COOPER (T, 1941), a daughter, on July 23rd; to the wife of J. W. STOYE (C, 1936), a son, on August 5th; to the wife of A. G. DELGADO (C, 1927), a daughter, on August 17th; to the wife of P. D. A. CHIDELL (S, 1930), a son, on September 10th; to the wife of K. E. G. CHENEVIX-TRENCH (C, 1943), a son, on September 14th; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER W. M. W. THOMAS, R.N.

(C, 1943), a son, on September 15th; to the wife of G. J. CHIBBETT (C, 1947), a daughter, on September 18th; to the wife of R. H. GRANVILLE CARR (C, 1929), a son, on September 24th; to the wife of A. G. JESSIMAN (B, 1941), a son, on September 30th (in U.S.A.); to the wife of S. E. F. BALLY (C, 1944), a daughter, on October 24th; to the wife of N. BROACKES (C, 1951), a son, on October 26th; to the wife of J. G. CLIFF HODGES (S, 1933), a daughter, on October 26th; to the wife of J. V. OWEN (T, 1945), a son, on November 1st; to the wife of LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER R. E. WORDLEY, R.N. (C, 1941), a son, on November 1st; to the wife of N. E. WATES (B, 1950), a son, on November 6th; to the wife of G. G. RIDDICK (C, 1938), a son, on November 16th; to the wife of A. W. MURDOCH (T, 1946), a son, on December 6th; to the wife of D. RUTHERSTON (C, 1942), a daughter, on December 6th.

MARRIAGES

G. G. CARMICHAEL (T, 1948) to Miss J. M. Hoar, on September 1st, 1956; P. F. SZE BEN (G, 1941) to Susanne Forbat, on September 22nd; R. H. M. COOPER (G, 1944) to Edna Jean Knowlson, on October 6th (in Sydney); G. W. DODWELL (S, 1936) to Marie Henriette Cornwall, on January 10th, 1957; M. H. BLUNDELL (S, 1936) to Hanni Weidenmann, on April 23rd (in Switzerland); S. A. de G. ABBOTT (C, 1951) to Sally Pauline Cadness Page, on July 20th; H. W. MANCE (B, 1937) to Margaret Anderson, on July 26th; P. G. TICKELL (B, 1951) to Diana Nicholson, on July 30th; C. C. MALDEN (S, 1951) to Elizabeth Ann Willday, on August 17th; J. R. LINDGREN (B, 1949) to Judith Pauline Beck, on August 24th (in Nairobi); C. B. CROFT (T, 1931) to Sheila M. Cox, on September 18th; C. J. S. MARLER (S, 1950) to Shirley Carolyn Van Moppes, on September 21st; A. C. B. CHANCELLOR (C, 1947) to Honor Rosemary Boucher, on October 5th; MAJOR R. C. CARR GOMM (C, 1940) to Susan Gibbs, on October 21st; MAJOR R. C. H. COLLIER (B, 1941) to Gillian Elspeth Fitzgerald, on November 30th; C. D. HARVEY-PIPER (T, 1940), to Penelope Jane Wilson, on November 30th.

DEATH

H. W. BANNISTER (W, 1953), on August 31st, the result of an accident.

HOCKEY FIXTURES

Wednesday, Feb.	19.—R.A.F. Henlow.	Away.
Wednesday, Feb.	26.—REPTON.	Away.
Saturday, March	1.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Home.
Wednesday, March	5.—BRADFIELD.	Away.
Sunday, March	9.—Buckingham.	Home.
Wednesday, March	12.—RADLEY.	Away.
Saturday, March	15.—PANGBOURNE.	Home.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH, AT 5.45 P.M. IN ASSEMBLY

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA

Leader—ANGUS WATSON

Conductor—H. CLIFTON KELYNACK

Slavonic Dance No. 3	Dvorak
Violin Concerto No. 4 in D	Mozart
Allegro ; Andante cantabile		
S. L. WHISTLER (C)		
Concerto for Strings	Vivaldi
THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY :		
O stay sweet love	Farmer
Three Hungarian Folk Songs	arr. Matyas Seiber
<i>The handsome butcher</i>		
<i>Apple, apple</i>		
<i>The old woman</i>		
Conductor : DERYCK COX		
Miniature Piano Concerto	Rowley
Andante maestoso ; Menuetto ; Rondo		
T. W. J. WAINE (G)		
Symphony No. 5 in B Flat	Schubert
Menuetto ; Allegro vivace		
Pomp and Circumstance No. 4	Elgar

THE INTIMATE OPERA COMPANY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, AT 8.30 P.M. IN THE GYMNASIUM

On November 6th, the Intimate Opera Company again honoured us with a visit. They performed three pieces, the first of which was the Masque from *Timon of Athens*, a tuneful and enchanting representative of Purcell's large store of masques. The Toper, a veritable Silenus, captivated us with his Bacchanal bellow, while the Lover entranced us with his mellifluous praises of the Nymph. Yet although the performance was musically irreproachable, one could have wished that the singers had not draped themselves in such inelegant representations of Greek clothing.

The next item, *The Grenadier*, a typical English 18th century comic opera by Dibdin, was less interesting, but it was well sung and acted, and the performers produced as inspired a result as could be expected from so dull a piece.

The Music Master, by Pergolesi, which ended the evening's performance, was an enchanting little opera, enacted with such zeal and enthusiasm, that it could not fail to win the hearts of all present ; nor was there one among the audience who would deny that the main works in the programme were admirably chosen, and their execution delightful and absorbing.

C.J.G.

CONCERT BY THE MUSIC STAFF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, AT 7.45 P.M., IN THE GYMNASIUM

Trio in G, Op. 63	C. M. de Weber
Allegro Moderate ; Scherzo—Allegro Vivace ; Schaefer's		
Klage (Shepherd's Lament—Andante espressivo) ; Finale		
—Allegro		
Flute Sonata	Handel
Andante ; Allegro ; Adagio ; Andante ; Allegro		
Cello Sonata in A	Boccherini
Adagio ; Allegro		
PIANOFORTE :		
Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 2	Brahms
Nocturne, Op. 32, No. 2	Chopin
Widmung	Schumann-Liszt
Chaconne from Partita No. 2 in D for solo violin	Bach
Pianoforte Concerto in F	Gershwin
First Movement—Allegro		

PIANOFORTE RECITAL BY DYNA AUGUST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 8.30 P.M., IN THE GYMNASIUM

The music Mlle. August played was well chosen for the occasion and delightfully contrasted, in that we were able to hear the works of more familiar composers before she went on to play the music of her own country. The first part of the programme consisted of the Fifth French Suite by Bach, the Mozart Sonata in C Major, the Impromptu in B Flat Major by Schubert and Chopin's Fourth Ballade. Undoubtedly, however, the second half of the programme was the more enjoyable and indeed the better played. To those of us who were not already conversant with the works of Chabrier and D'Indy, the *Idylle* and *Helvetia* provided a most pleasing introduction. In the Debussy (*Pour le Piano*) Mlle. August excelled herself, and Ravel's *Oiseaux tristes* and *Toccata* made a brilliant, if rather hasty, climax to the performance.

To hear French music played so beautifully by a pianist who obviously had an intense feeling for it and thoroughly enjoyed playing it made the occasion worthy of memory ; there was no doubt that the audience appreciated it.

CONCERT BY THE SENIOR STRING ORCHESTRA AND THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, AT 7.45 P.M., IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

Leader of the Orchestra—S. L. WHISTLER (C)

Conductor—ANGUS WATSON

Conductor of the Madrigal Society—DERYCK COX

Concerto in D Major for Strings (F. XI No. 16) *Vivaldi*
Allegro—Adagio—Allegro

AYRES AND DIALOGUES *Martin Peerson*

Sing, love is blind

At her faire hands

Hey the horne

Open the dore

Treble Solo—W. R. LUKE (T)

Alto Solo—T. D. A. CECIL (C)

Concerto for Violin and Strings in E major *J. S. Bach*
(First Movement only)

Violin—C. J. GIBBON (G)

MADRIGALS :

Oh lovely night *Michael Praetorius*

Seek sweet content *Wilbye*

Fine knacks for ladies *Dowland*

Serenade in G major—*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, K. 525 *Mozart*

Allegro—Romanze ; Andante—Menuetto and Trio ;

Allegretto—Rondo ; Allegro

The concert given on Sunday, December 1st, by the Senior String Orchestra and the Madrigal Society was an outstanding success. The programme consisted of seventeenth and eighteenth century music, and those who heard it must have been impressed, not only by the high standard of performance, but also by the obvious enjoyment with which fiddlers and singers played and sang music of this period.

It must be admitted that the intonation of the strings was sometimes faulty, but against this it should be pointed out that the orchestra really was a school orchestra, and not one consisting largely of outside helpers. Of its thirteen players, only one could even remotely be called an outsider. It was particularly pleasing to see the players using the full length of the bow, and not merely the inch or so in the middle—not that anything is gained by seeing it, but the full tone which results is something one always hopes for from young players but rarely gets. Whistler led the Orchestra well, and Gibbon's playing of the First Movement of a Bach Concerto was a considerable achievement. The Ayres and Madrigals which separated the various orchestral items were delightfully sung and provided just the right contrast.

We offer our thanks to all the performers, who must have worked very hard indeed to put on such a good concert, and also to Messrs. Watson and Cox, who were responsible for the out-of-school coaching and coaxing, and who conducted the actual performance.

And one final plea—could we please have rather more music of this period in future, when so many people so obviously enjoy playing, singing and listening to it?

R.W.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

There have been two meetings so far this term. On Friday, November 8th, D. M. Miall (C) read us a very learned paper on the Abyssinian Campaign (1940-1), in which he endeavoured to trace its course and explain its purpose. On Friday, November 29th, C. W. J. Campbell (B) read us a most interesting paper on Moscow, which he has recently visited. Needless to say, he was afterwards bombarded with questions and he played us some Russian pop-tunes.

The Society is again grateful to Mrs. McElwee for her hospitality.

New Members : J. H. Arkell (G), C. D. E. Spence (C) and G. G. Vinen (W).

J.D.H.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The term's programme began with a meeting of last year's Society on October 23rd, when R. V. M. E. Behar (G) read a paper on "The 40 greatest years in the history of the Novel". This paper was interesting and well written and contained some most illustrative extracts chosen from the works of the authors with whom Behar dealt. The chosen period was from 1820 to 1860, thereby including such famous novelists as Dickens, Thackeray, Flaubert, Gogol, Dostoevsky and Balzac. The meeting broke up very late after the President had entertained us by playing the piano.

The present Society met for the first time on November 17th, when D. M. Fingleton (C) read a paper entitled "Dimitri Shostakovitch and his contemporaries". Fingleton knew a lot about his subject, and what he told us was interesting, though apologetically presented. He ran through the lives of Shostakovitch, Prokofiev and Khatchaturian, and gave us examples from the work of each on the battery gramophone which he had brought.

It is hoped that there will be two more meetings this term, when E-X. C. W. P. Fletcher (C) and M. S. Lane (G) will read their papers to the Society.

T.J.L.G.

THE MUSIC CLUB

There have been two meetings so far this term. At the first, on Friday, October 25th, we were entertained to a recital by Mr. Cox and Mr. Watson, with a programme including violin sonatas by Beethoven, Mozart and Elgar. On Thursday, November 28th, P. J. S. Griggs (B) read a paper entitled "A Backcloth to Modern Jazz" which illustrated, with no punches pulled, the surroundings in which jazz grew up.

Unfortunately it has proved impossible to organize the hoped-for expedition to the Festival Hall, but J. S. C. Cohen (T) hopes to read a paper on the Russian Nationalist composers before the end of the term.

J.D.H.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

There have been three Debates since *The Stoic* last went to press. At the first, on Wednesday, October 16th, the House considered the motion "That emigration is the policy of a defeatist". MR. FINGLETON (C) proposed it with due seriousness; but MR. VINCENZI (G), opposing, took refuge in a series of suppositions. MR. HEAP (W), speaking third, was precariously humorous; and the CO-OPTED MEMBER, speaking fourth, found a fitting refuge in Greek Culture. The motion was won in the Upper House by the Vice-President's casting vote, and lost in the Lower House by 10 votes.

The second meeting, on November 13th, took the form of a Balloon Debate. In the balloon were Sir William Penney, Peter May, Sir William Walton and Henry Moore. And to champion them, we had procured the inestimable services of Dr. David, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Watson and Mr. Mounsey. Each proved a sparkling orator, and humour was well-balanced with argument to produce resounding applause. After a series of close divisions, Mr. May was—despite the eloquence of his champion—abandoned first; and Sir William Penney triumphed over first Mr. Moore and then Sir William Walton.

After this, the last debate of the term proved to be somewhat of an anti-climax. MR. HANCOX (G), proposing the motion "That Stowe stands for a great deal", split hairs, but failed to replace them with points. THE SECRETARY, opposing, was over-frivolous, but this was perhaps a welcome escape from MR. SNOW (C), who spoke third and in real Dr. Arnold-type theme. Finally MR. KENYON (W) added to the Opposition the deadly weight of an invective against modern life in general. The motion was won by 5 votes in the Upper House, and by a great deal more in the Lower.

Messrs. L. A. W. Evans (B), C. N. Garrett (G), T. A. A. St. Johnston (C), J. E. G. Bach (B), M. L. Lewis (C), C. G. Kenyon (W) and C. F. Snow (C) have been elected to the Society during the course of the term.

The Members of the Committee were:—Secretary, J. D. Harris (B); Treasurer, H. MacLean (G); Librarian, C. D. E. Spence (C); Co-opted Member, H. D. M. Fletcher (T).

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society met only once this term, to hear A. W. Stavert's (C) paper on "Some Aspects of Roman Britain". We feared lest this paper, produced as it was by a member of Side VIII, would be a monument of statistics, economic and constitutional. But our fears were soon allayed as we were lulled by the eloquence of the reader. He talked variously about all aspects of Roman Britain, from wall-building to dyeing, from Newstead to Rutupiae. The paper satisfied many curiosities and replaced them with yet more, through the vast ground it covered.

We regret that the paper we had expected from G. G. Vinen (W) has not materialised.

H.D.M.F.

THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

So far this term there has not been an excessive amount of activity. This has been caused not only by the inefficiency of the Secretary but also by the fact that most of the well-known Houses within reach are closed at this time of the year. However, on Wednesday, October 16th, about twenty members went to see the Monet Exhibition at the Tate Gallery. Everyone spent an enjoyable and instructive afternoon.

J.D.H.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

The 50th meeting of the Club took place at the beginning of term. The question of this term's production was raised, and after considerable argument about the type of play the club should produce, it was decided upon *Macbeth*. An expedition was also proposed but this has proved impossible.

Mr. A. A. Dams has had to give up the Vice-Presidency and Mr. J. Bain has taken his place.

N.A.E.

THE NUCLEUS

A brief preliminary meeting of the Society was held on October 15th, when it was decided to invite P. D. C. H. Goodhart (B), D. A. K. Simmonds (G), H. N. Hawley (W) and M. G. Warren (B) to be members.

The first full meeting took place in the President's drawing-room at Quarry House on November 19th, when P. D. C. H. Goodhart (B) read a paper on "Satellites".

It is hoped that at least one more meeting of the Society will take place this term.

F.R.S.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This term the Society had one of its most successful expeditions for several years; this was to the Research Laboratories of Johnson Matthey, the manufacturers of precious metals. We saw work on the Rare Earths, the rarest series of chemical elements, on Platinum, Germanium and other very valuable elements. It was extremely interesting to see these elements at first hand, since at school we are hardly aware of their existence.

Earlier in the term we had had a film show and a lecture on "Micro-Organisms in the Service of Man", given by L. M. Miall (C, 1930). This was an extremely interesting lecture, being mostly concerned with the early development of penicillin, and it was a pity that it was so sparsely attended.

D.M.M.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This has been a most successful term for the Society, and there has been a record membership of just over 120. At the beginning of the term an excellent High-Fidelity apparatus was installed in Mr. Kelynack's room. On December 4th there was an expedition to the H.M.V. Record Factory at Hayes, which proved most interesting.

During the course of the term records of works by Max Bruch, Debussy, Dukas, Dvorak, Elgar, de Falla, Lalo, Liszt, Mozart, Rossini, Schubert, Verdi, Wolf and Julian Slade have been added to the collection, at the rate of one new record per week.

D.M.F.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

There was only one official meeting of the Society this term, when Mr. Mounsey, who has been our very able President for two years, announced his intention of resigning from the Society; it was left to the committee to choose another President.

The Ciné Section decided to separate completely from the Still Section and it now has its own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The possibilities of expeditions and competitions for next term were discussed, but no one put forward any good suggestions.

D.J.H.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has met three times this term and hopes to meet once more before the term ends. We enjoyed listening to two lectures on November 20th. H. N. Hawley (W) spoke first on "Entomology in the Fells"; this was an account of a week he spent at Malham Tarn Field Centre in Yorkshire. He was followed by A. E. Hopwood (G) on "Wallabies in Staffordshire", an interesting account of one of the few herds of wallabies wild in England.

It is hoped that, transport permitting, there will be a small expedition to Tring Reservoirs on December 4th.

T.A.A.St.J.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

The ornithologists have been active again this term, and two new species have been added to the Stowe list. Two Cormorants, an adult and a juvenile, were seen by about eight people on Eleven Acre at the beginning of term, probably as a result of the hurricane then blowing. The other new species was an adult Slavonian Grebe, reported by Mr. Saunders on November 14th on Oxford Water. It was seen by two other observers that afternoon, and left just before 4.30 p.m. It is distinguished from the Black-necked Grebe, to which it bears a strong superficial resemblance when in winter plumage, by the pure white of its neck, and the black cap extending only to eye-level. Amid these rare visitors, our other migrants have come and gone. The Snipe came in earlier than ever, on October 25th, and House Martins were still moving through on passage on November 5th. Woodcock have been reported from Stowe Woods, and Fieldfares and Redwings are again with us. A dead Water-rail has been found at Home Farm, where they are believed to breed.

W.R.C.H.

THE RIFLE CLUB

The standard of shooting this term has not been of such a high standard as in previous terms, but some of the younger members show great promise. There are several matches next term and we hope to achieve better results.

The following have shot for the 1st VIII:—P. M. Bell (G), C. E. Clarkson (G), R. N. Cory (T), P. W. Loxton (G), D. R. Loxton (G), A. Mash (C), S. J. Sacher (C), P. M. Salamon (G), D. R. White-Cooper (G), T. G. Wills-Sandford (G).

P.W.L.

THE LATRUNCULARIANS SOCIETY

There has been no activity in the Society apart from the normal fortnightly meetings. But next term should once more see us in full cry.

H. N. Lund (C) has been elected to the Society, and J. S. C. Cohen (T) has been elected Committee-Man.

H.D.M.F.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The first meeting of the Club was held on November 3rd to elect a committee: this now consists of the Headmaster as President, Mr. Barr as Club Leader, D. C. Cooper (W) as Chairman, C. P. Thomas (G) as Secretary, K. S. E. Carslaw (G) as Treasurer, J. H. Temple (T) as Committee-Man, and A. C. P. Seymour (G) as Librarian.

There have been two film-shows, both of which have been well attended. We should like to thank Mr. Parke and J. B. H. Wood (G) for showing these films at such short notice.

The annual visit to Smithfield, which was to have taken place on December 4th, had to be cancelled owing to fog.

The membership of the Club was 126 this term.

C.P.T.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society returned to Room 10 because the Aurelian Room has been in such great demand from the Upper and Middle School. Since the flu the Society has met weekly, the two most outstanding speakers from the Lower House being S. P. H. Barker-Benfield (T) and A. C. Gilbert (B).

Officers of the Society:—Vice-President, R. T. Booth (G); Secretary, J. C. V. Hunt (W); Committee-Man, R. W. Rhode (G).

J.C.V.H.

THE 104 SOCIETY

The members of the Society were Mr. G. B. Clarke, J. D. Harris (B), J. P. D. Hancox (G), D. J. Easton (W), C. J. Gibbon (G), M. G. Warren (B), W. P. Rawlings (G).

POEM

I saw a star turn over and go out.
I thought how many, many years it was
Since light ceased travel from that world to ours,
And only now we know of its decease.

I watched, and watched, and thought to see return
The light which lit that distant, trembling sphere.
But all in vain. The thing was dead and cold;
And nought but fear was left me, empty fear.

P.B.A.

ART SCHOOL

THE SUMMER EXHIBITION

On Speech Day the usual exhibition of the year's work was to be seen. It was pleasing to see that, though the two best painters of last year had left, the standard of the work remained very high and on the whole seemed to be every bit as good as usual. A welcome new departure was the large number of colour linocuts and a carefully arranged screen to show exactly how they were done. It was clear that many boys had got a great deal of pleasure from doing these and benefited from the fact that accuracy of craftsmanship was essential. The class work of the Lower School provided, as usual, plenty of colour and excitement without much technical excellence. Of the more established painters, P. V. Sinclair, C. D. E. Spence, H. R. Lanchester and D. A. O'Brien of Chandos, A. C. W. Bone of Bruce, D. A. and J. S. Furber of Walpole, and H. D. M. Fletcher of Temple were represented by some very good paintings. Owing to the extreme unpleasantness of the weather, probably more people saw the show than usual, which was satisfactory for those who had put so much work into the arrangement of the exhibition; it was perfectly clear that the work had been displayed to the best advantage, and the result fully justified the time taken over this.

HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The adjudication and criticism of the House Art Competition was held on November 27th. Mr. P. F. Millard, Headmaster of the Regent Street Polytechnic School of Art, kindly came and talked to us about the work.

His main theme was that every painting should show a personal awareness of the subject painted. This meant more than just painting what one saw; it meant observation combined with personal vision and understanding of the subject. This will give a painting a real interest which no amount of technical skill can supply. Mr. Millard first singled out the paintings of P. V. Sinclair (C) as exhibiting that quality amongst others, saying that his work showed original vision, good tone and colour. R. B. J. Gadney (G) he said had all the qualities; both unfortunately lacked experience in drawing; this was more obvious in Gadney's portraits of R. L. Wiley and M. Pemberton of Grafton; but in spite of this his work was very good. W. P. Rawlings (G) also came in for much praise, both for his oils and his water-colour, but perhaps failed to have the same originality of vision as the other two. Mr. Millard liked H. D. M. Fletcher's (T) work, particularly his Still Life, which was ably painted. J. S. Furber (W) was a painter of very obvious ability, but regrettably, excellent though his paintings were, they said nothing at all; they were merely illustrations of places with no personal awareness of the subject. He seemed to be trying to paint a picture instead of something of which he had actually been aware, with the result that they seemed second-hand; he must look more at nature. There were many other paintings to which Mr. Millard referred for some quality or another; amongst these were: R. L. Rawling's (G) "Boat on the Mud" which showed some good use of oil paint; a good little painting of the Corinthian Arch by R. G. Le Mare (C); a very fine effort at Portsmouth Harbour by A. C. W. Bone (B); a painting with good use of colour by E. Both (B); a painting of the South Front with plenty of zip in it by C. D. E. Spence (C). Perhaps of all characteristics which a painting might have, Mr. Millard deplored most that of respectability. "Be a bit of a devil," he said.

Six Houses competed, Chatham and Grenville abstaining. Mr. Millard awarded the first place to Chandos, the second to Grafton and the third to Temple.



THE "13-FOOT OUTBOARD RUNABOUT" BUILT IN THE WORKSHOPS THIS YEAR
BY R. R. BLAGG (C)



THE LIBRARY
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THE LIBRARY

On Saturday, November 16th, to coincide with the Old Stoics' rugger match, there was held in the Library an exhibition of books written by Old Stoics and by Stowe masters, past and present. Although there was no attempt at a complete collection, there were some forty books on show, ranging in extremes from *Documents in Mycenaean Greek* by the late Michael Ventris (T, 1939) to a copy of the Highway Code, as inspired by J. A. Boyd-Carpenter (C, 1927). The most profuse of Old Stoics proved to be Laurence Whistler (G, 1930), whose poetry, glass-engravings and architectural commentaries added considerable distinction to such an exhibition. Noel Annan (T, 1935), the Provost of King's, was represented by his biography of Leslie Stephen, while Brian Brindley (G, 1950) contributed a Masque in honour of Princess Margaret.

There were several books about Stowe itself, one of which was written by the Housemaster of Chatham, and another by Professor Wilson Knight, English Tutor from 1942 to 1946. Also notable among past masters was T. H. White, English Tutor from 1932 to 1936, with his semi-historical pastiches. The late Headmaster was represented by two slim volumes on English poetry.

The present masters also took their share of the limelight: the History Tutor with his contemporary military history, modern English history and several novels; the Mathematics Tutor with a formidable volume on Analytical Geometry; the Classics Tutor and the Assistant Modern Languages Tutor with works on their respective subjects.

May such a collection grow with the years.

Timber: A Historical Survey of its Development and Distribution, by Bryan Latham, has been presented by E. M. L. Latham (C, 1947) and C. G. A. Latham (C, 1950).

A number of leather bound books has been presented by Mr. C. B. Owen and will be put in the Aurelian Room.

The flowers in the Aurelian Room this term have been given by Mr. A. B. Clifford.

THE LAURUS CUP 1957

The Cup was won for the second successive year by Grafton. The final order was:—
1, Grafton, 54 points; 2, Bruce, 38 points; 3, Chatham, 34 points; 4, Chandos, 21 points; 5, Walpole, 20 points; 6, Temple, 18 points; 7, Grenville, 16 points; 8, Cobham, 12 points.

“ A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM ”

Presented by the Historians at the Queen’s Temple on July 26th and 27th.

There is always some controversy over the demands made on the fortitude of Stowe parents by a visit to the Historians’ Play. This year, sitting mutely amidst gear that can protect against English summer evenings, and casting anxious glances to the West, the audience mulled over two questions : firstly how much discomfort from flies, wind, and rain should be endured to watch Shakespeare in this lovely setting, and precisely what did the director mean by apologising in the programme for harping so much on the comedy abounding in the world of the fairies with which Shakespeare was mostly concerned. Indeed by the end we were no wiser about the second question, for surely the comedy abounded in the rumbustious antics of Bottom and Co. rather than in the aetherial and sometimes inherently arch ‘tweenies’ of Titania’s Court.

The lengthy scene-setting involved in presenting the four lovers was half-hearted and unsteady, but the arrival of Bottom and the “mechanicals” was the beginning of a vast improvement in pace, diction, assurance and entertainment. The players broke free from their stiffness and started to act with intelligence and comic invention, successfully making the manoeuvres, hunts and counter-hunts of the lovers not only comprehensible but amusing. The audience, too, cast off its cares about the weather and by the third act was enjoying hugely “the most lamentable comedy and most cruel death of Pyramus and Thisby”; which was as it should be. The day had been saved; the almost complete dearth of any really talented performers had been hidden by burlesquing as much as possible.

Bottom was undoubtedly the saviour of the day; his boisterous personality and bossing of his friends delighted us. They, too, extracted the maximum amusement out of their performances, W. R. C. Heap (W) as Thisbe being particularly good, though mention must be made of A. S. T. Steel’s (T) quiet playing of Quince—an admirable ‘feed’ for Bottom.

So much for the groundlings. On a higher social plane Theseus started off like a seedy South American dictator on the verge of deposition, but, though always a colourless character, he grew in stature towards the end. Perhaps he was a little overwhelmed by his ‘fair Hippolyta’, a splendid take-off by W. P. Hayter (B) of an Home and Colonial Am. Dram. Soc. Brunehilda. C. S. Wates (B) and J. J. Cater (C) threw themselves wholeheartedly into their parts of Lysander and Demetrius respectively. Rarely can have so much life and enthusiasm been injected into these excruciatingly dull parts: they proved an entertaining couple of hotheads. Of the remaining Athenian women, R. M. Campbell (C) made much the best shot at his part; Hermia was a sturdy and determined ‘Miss’. Helena on the other hand was less good in comparison; J. C. V. Hunt (W) made a commendable attempt at the part but seemed to swallow the lines he did not understand.

Though always beautifully lit, with fairy lights in the hedge heralding its approach, the world of the fairies seemed peopled by some rather elephantine sprites. Oberon was pedetentious even in speech, having only one tone of voice at his command, which made him sound as vicious when crossed by Titania as when they were reconciled. The satyrs were a little reminiscent of Freddy-boys going through their paces with Puck as Best Recruit; otherwise R. E. Thomas (B) made quite a success of a difficult

part which always lacks the sprightliness of Ariel. A. S. Blow (C) was a spirited Titania, especially when defying Oberon; sometimes, however, he sounded like Cassandra, perhaps from sitting on wet grass, but he was undoubtedly the best of the female leads, catching well the feminine extravagances of the Queen of the Fairies.

One fault common to nearly all the actors was being a one-gesture or one-voice man, or, worse still, a bit of both: Oberon has been instanced already, but Helena too employed the same bleating tone, whether at the nadir or zenith of her matrimonial fortunes. The play does not lend itself to spectacular crowd scenes like *Coriolanus*, a forte of the Historians. Nonetheless the producers made the most of what was given them, though surely Theseus’ Court need not have seemed so down at heel. Indeed, although the fairies’ costumes were most ingenious, the dressing was on the whole a trifle disappointing.

The lighting, especially towards the end, as Oberon and his Satyrs departed in the moonlight, was excellent, and the music too blended discreetly with the play. It is sad that this was Mr. Negus’ last appearance as musical director to the Historians, but appropriate that for his swansong there should be a play with so much opportunity for his talents as an arranger and player. And so we left, perhaps not murmuring, as one visitor was heard to murmur, “Magic—magic—sheer magic” (though the Queen’s Temple at night must be closer to Fairyland than any other theatre), but certainly impressed by the lusty enthusiasm and hearty enjoyment of the last two acts, which even a sudden downpour could not dampen.

At least for the writer, the Historians had won their battle against Discomfort and once more provided Speech Day with one of its more imaginative, original and entertaining features.

A.A.V.R.

BETWEEN THE YEWS

Sinking
Awaiting the hour of the leaves on the path
Floating
Awaiting the wind grown pale with evening mist
Sinking

The usual sound of a bird against falling wood
Led me to the unreality of those that are near
Of those that are sinking and floating
Blown far beyond the blue and gold
Of those that are sinking and floating
Slowly towards the weary light
Burning a way through moving walls
Slowly toward the empty light

For the wind shall bring no leaves.

C.G.K.

UN LIT A L'HOPITAL DES FOUS

Wisdom comes easily
 Standing on the shore in the dark
 As the moon climbs high
 On a whispering wave
 And the silent stars stare long
 At failure
 Waiting for time to stop.

But in the garden
 Where pink is all yet nothing
 Where fruit-trees turn to glass
 The day to dust
 There is no escape
 From the violin
 Below the hollow corpse.

Someone
 Lifeless endless
 Is lurking near unseen
 Painting passion in the sky
 And smiling
 As others did
 The morning Peter sank.

Facilis descensus
 The tide sweeps sand from under feet
 The crack grows larger on the wall
 And a stolen word
 Drowns hope
 In endless laughter
 Cooling the flame to ash.

Empty and alone
 It haunts
 Like distant music in a mist
 The tearful men
 Who stand beyond the past
 Dreaming of that which is
 But will not be.

C.G.K.



AN EARLY PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DORIC ARCH



A MUSIC-PARTY, 1733
 Frederick, Prince of Wales, playing the 'cello, and his sisters, the Princesses Anne, playing the harpsichord, Caroline playing the lute, and Amelia seated, listening; in the gardens of Kew Palace.

THE BUILDINGS OF STOWE—II

THE DORIC ARCH

The Doric Arch was built by Earl Temple, probably in 1768, in honour of Princess Amelia, a frequent visitor to Stowe. The Princess, who is on the right in our eighteenth-century skiffle group, was the second daughter of George the Second and Queen Caroline, but she played no great part in international affairs. There was at one time a plan to marry her to the Crown Prince of Prussia, later Frederick the Great, but it came to nothing. She seems to have been a placid, kind woman of solid Hanoverian stock.

Her Arch, however, was as striking as she was homely. Horace Walpole, who saw it in 1770 when he was here with a house-party including Princess Amelia, describes it to his friend George Montague in a letter of July 7th. There is first an amusing picture of the Princess and her party making their way to an entertainment in the grounds.

"The evening was more than cool, and the destined spot anything but dry. There were not half lamps enough, and no music but an ancient militiaman, who played cruelly on a squeaking tabor and pipe. As our procession descended the vast flight of steps into the garden, in which was assembled a crowd of people from Buckingham and the neighbouring villages to see the princess and the show, the moon shining very bright, I could not help laughing as I surveyed our troop, which, instead of tripping lightly to such an Arcadian entertainment, were hobbling down by the balustrades, wrapped up in cloaks and great-coats, for fear of catching cold. The earl, you know, is bent double, the countess very lame; I am a miserable walker, and the princess, though as strong as a Brunswick lion, makes no figure in going down fifty stone stairs. Except lady Anne, and by courtesy lady Mary, we were none of us young enough for a pastoral. We supped in the grotto, which is as proper to this climate as a sea-coal fire would be in the dog-days at Tivoli.

"But the chief entertainment of the week, at least what was so to the princess, was an arch, which lord Temple has erected to her honour in the most enchanting of all picturesque scenes. It is inscribed on one side, 'Amelia Sophia Aug.,' and has a medallion of her on the other.¹ It is placed on an eminence at the top of the Elysian fields, in a grove of orange-trees.² You come to it on a sudden, and are startled with delight on looking through it: you at once see, through a glade, the river winding at bottom, from which a thicket arises, arched over with trees, but opened, and discovering a hillock full of hay-cocks, beyond which in front is the Palladian bridge, and again over that a larger hill crowned with the castle. It is a tall landscape framed by the arch and the over-bowering trees, and comprehending more beauties of light, shade, and buildings, than any picture of Albano I ever saw."

Originally statues of Apollo and the nine Muses surrounded the arch, and it was Apollo's hand that held a poem of Walpole's dedicated to the princess. These, however, have gone the way of so many of Stowe's smaller monuments.

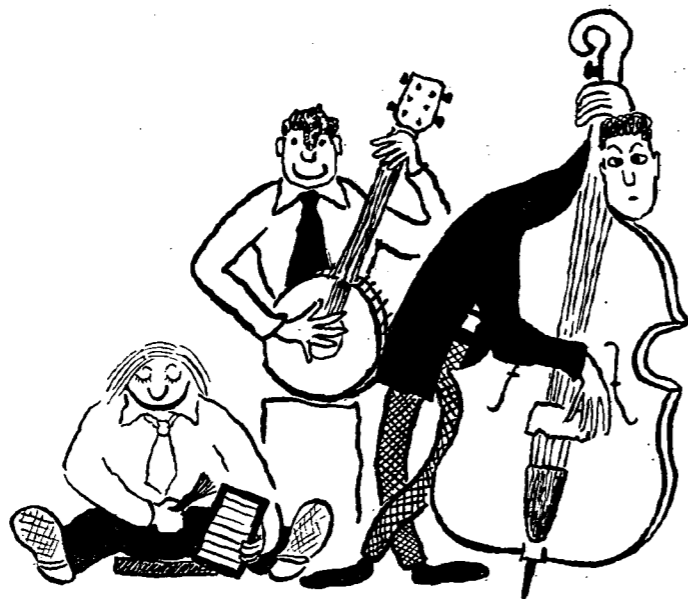
It is interesting to note, in connection with the supper in the grounds, another account, by Lady Mary Coke, in her diary. She writes, "Mr. Walpole thought it rather too cold, and having some apprehension of the consequence, desired when we came back a glass of Cherry Brandy by way of prevention." She does admit, however, that "the night should have been a little warmer." By all accounts Princess Amelia was extremely pleased by her arch, and visited it several times every day.

The elegant lines of the Doric Arch can be appreciated from the drawing facing page 24 but it was not designed merely as a two-dimensional piece of architecture. Like the Corinthian Arch, built only a year or two before, it was intended also as an eyepiece through which to view the landscape; and the scene was worthy of its frame. But unfortunately this "delightful perspective", as Seeley called it, has long been obscured and it is unlikely that Stowe Castle will ever again emerge from behind the screen of trees. However, thanks to some heroic estate work, the Palladian bridge can now be glimpsed, and would, in fact, be clearly visible but for an obstinate elm. Perhaps one day this view, one of the finest at Stowe, will be opened up, and we will no longer have to rely on Walpole and others to describe it for us.³

1. Walpole's Latin let him down, for the actual inscription is *Ameliae Sophiae Aug.* There is also a quotation from Horace inscribed round the medallion: *O colenda semper et culta.*

2. *i.e.* 'Mock Orange', sometimes wrongly called *syringa*, which grows freely at Stowe and would have been in flower at the time of this letter.

3. Care will have to be taken that one of the twentieth century improvements to Stowe is not revealed at the same time.



STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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November 25th, 1957.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

DEAR SIR,

Summer Camp was again held at St. Laurence, near Ventnor, and this year we really did have lovely weather which enabled the boys to have a good holiday with plenty of bathing, cricket, and tennis. The invaluable help given by Christopher Circuit (W, 1944) and Sam Twining (T, 1951) in preparing the site earlier in the summer, and by Donald Reece (W, 1955) and the three Stoics who attended camp, was much appreciated. We are very much indebted to Mrs. Twining for allowing us to use the tennis court.

The usual termly visit to Stowe was on Sunday, October 20th. The school teams won both games. In spite of the rain the boys enjoyed their trip and we are grateful to all who made our day so enjoyable.

We have three football teams this season. The senior and junior teams are playing in the London Federation League and Cup competitions, and the seniors in the North West London League and Cup Competitions also. The boxing training nights are the same—Tuesdays and Fridays—and we have a group of enthusiastic boxers. The London Federation of Boys' Clubs again held their Boxing Competitions (Novice Class) at the Club, and a good number of the Clubs in and around London had boys boxing in the Tournament for the first time. Our representative, Leonard Paynter, won his bout in the preliminaries and went on to win in the final. An innovation this season is rifle shooting, and we have entered a team to compete in the London Federation Competition, which begins at the end of November.

During the past month we have made a combined effort with the National Association of Boys' Clubs "Club Week" and our own New Building Appeal to raise funds. The total collected to date is £88. Some of our younger boys collected remarkable sums, David Leathers (an Under 14) bringing in £9 5s. 6d., John James £6 6s. 4d., and Philip Gibbs £3 2s. 3d.

I am glad once again to be able to acknowledge the assistance given by those Old Stoics who come along regularly to help with the running of the Club.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. HONE (*Warden*).

INTERLUDE

The canal stagnated peacefully. A slight breeze rippled the water, and on either side long rows of arched saplings and muttered curses denoted the presence of anglers. Otherwise perfect peace.

Five Stoics came round the corner in a barge. The rods were lifted for us to pass.

"Look out, you fool! Don't cut the corner."

"Reverse!"

"Too late. We're on the mud."

Our stern slid gently on to the mud-bank.

"You maniac!"

"Push the bows off!"

Someone wrestled with a boat-hook.

"Mind that rod!"

The anglers looked on in fascinated interest. One, with some instinct for preservation of property, began, "Can I —"

"Yes. Quick. Try and push the stern off."

He struggled manfully.

"He'll need more help."

A few more joined him. Eventually we drifted across the channel to the opposite bank.

"Can you push us off?"

Five anglers forsook their lines and pushed us back again. This time we had a reception committee.

"Get off our lines."

"Stay on the other side."

"Try sinking it."

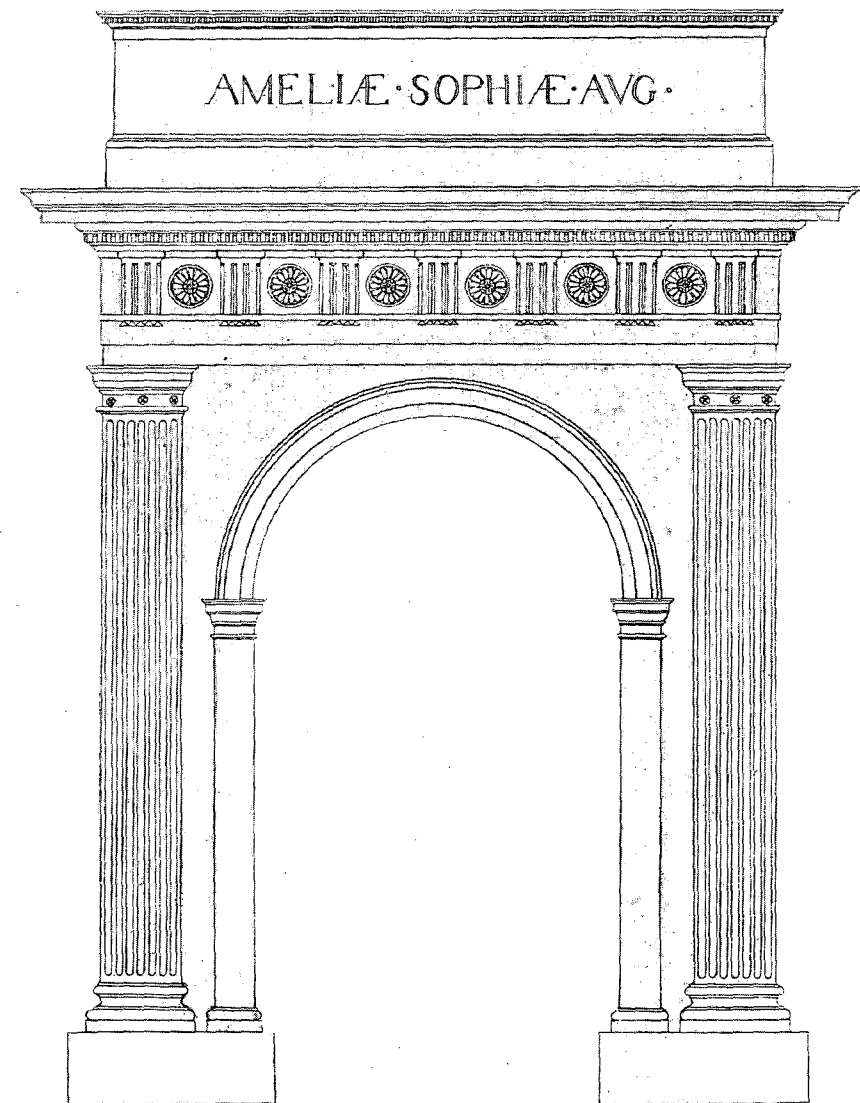
Half an hour later the five Stoics were safely round the next bend. The anglers returned to their rods and thoughts, the canal to its gentle tranquillity; but the fish, their nerves shattered, refused to bite.

J.G.L.

C.C.F.

The results of the Coldstream Cup Competition on July 25th were:—1, Chandos; 2, Chatham; 3, Grafton; 4, Grenville; 5, equal, Cobham and Walpole; 7, Temple; 8, Bruce. The Competition was judged by Major C. S. Wallis-King (G, 1934). Sgt. Stavert was congratulated on the excellent turn-out and performance of the Chandos Squad.

The Night Operation had to be postponed owing to the flu and eventually took place on November 4th. A force of brigandly Syrians, hemmed in inside the ha-ha, endeavoured to break out through the Syrian army and reach the Corinthian Arch. In spite of an increasing downpour a number of patrols went out from both sides, challenging cows, horses and haystacks as well as each other. Then the climax was reached with a heavy battle round the Austin Seven, which had been pushed by some stalwarts

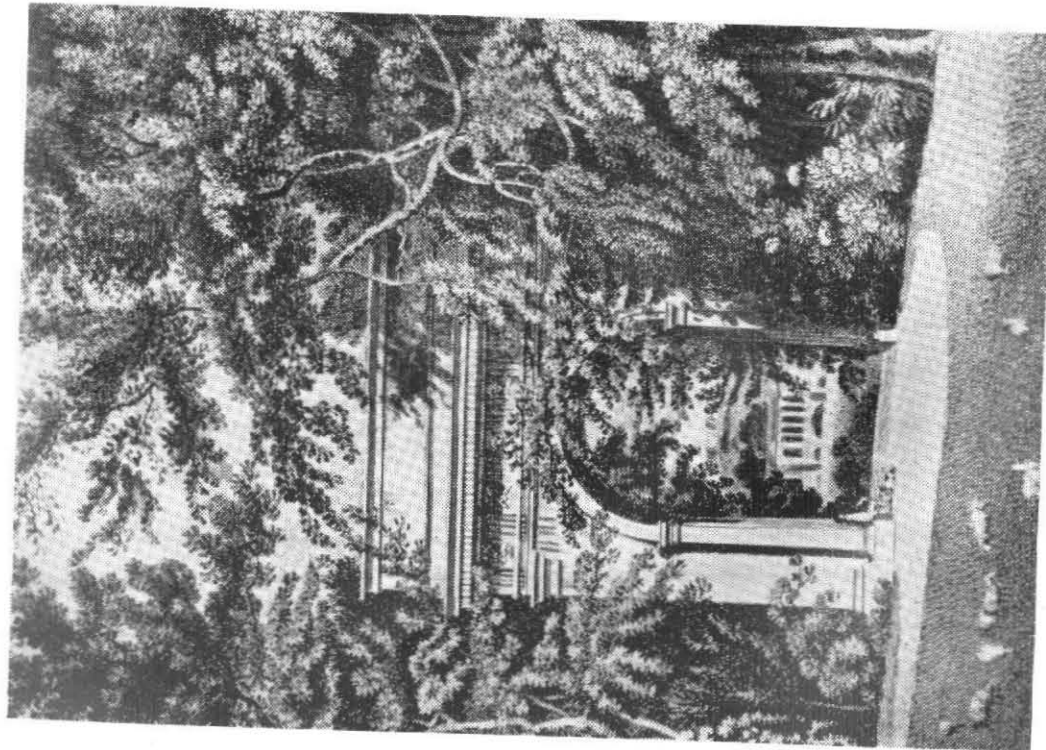


THE DORIC ARCH

Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 1 foot. Measured and Drawn by A. C. L. Whistler (G, 1930).



HORACE WALPOLE, 4TH EARL OF ORFORD (1717-1797),
A FREQUENT VISITOR TO STOWE AND AUTHOR OF THE LETTER
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THE ORIGINAL VIEW THROUGH THE DORIC ARCH,
TAKEN FROM THE SEELEY GUIDE

through the mud to within 200 yards of the Arch. At the same time the Naval Section, after a long haul of the Treasure Chest, came very close indeed to the objective. At the close the troops marched back, sodden but singing, to their supper.

To everyone's regret Major Saunders, after commanding the Corps since 1951, has now retired.

The following promotions were made this term :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sgts. A. W. Stavert (C), F. R. Shackleton (W).

Rated *Petty Officer* : Leading Seaman A. G. M. A. Provost (C).

To *Sergeant* : Cpls. J. A. Ball (G), J. G. Nayler (W), J. H. T. Perris (W), A. J. White (C), J. F. Švejdar (W), M. R. Hill (W), R. Williams (G).

To *Corporal* : L/Cpls. C. J. G. Atkinson (C), T. J. H. Carter (C), M. L. Booth (G), J. R. Kennerley (G), C. E. Clarkson (G), A. G. L. Millington (T), D. R. Hayes (B), R. K. B. Hankinson (W), H. J. Miall (B), M. F. Bridgland (B), H. F. St. H. Jeune (T), R. Sherjan (T), D. C. Cooper (W), P. J. N. Pringle (B).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. J. A. Sutton (T), W. R. Barnett (W), D. L. Drysdale (G), P. P. G. Temple (T).

GOLF

Despite heavy rain early on in the term, which partially waterlogged Chatham Field, much golf has been played this term. Both a Senior and a Junior competition have been widely contested, with an entry of twenty-five in the Senior and of thirty-six in the Junior. The results of these, however, are not available at the time of writing. We have just received an invitation from Mr. Gerald Micklem, our present Walker Cup Captain, for Stowe to compete in his Public Schools Tournament at Woking on April 22nd and 23rd, 1958, when we hope to defend the title which we have now held for two consecutive years.

A.D.C.

FENCING

At the end of last term the Open Foil, Sabre and Epée competitions were held, all of which were won by The Viscount Jocelyn (B), whose departure in July was a serious blow to Stowe Fencing.

As in most sports, the beginning of the term was affected by flu and the early matches had to be cancelled or postponed. The first match was against Bedford Modern (Home), which Stowe won after a fight-off. The second match was away against Bedford School, but was not as successful as the first, and we were soundly beaten. The next was against Aylesbury at home. Unfortunately we just lost. There are three more matches to be fought this term.

The team consisted of K. A. Wilby (G), J. R. Kennerley (G), A. T. MacGregor (C), and G. G. Vinen (W). I. A. R. Mackenzie (G) also fought.

K.A.W.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

All the school fixtures should have been over by now, but that against Rugby had to be postponed until December 14th. We have only won one match against other schools, but that does not say that we have had a bad side. It may not have been a particularly clever one but it has shown great determination, except for a quarter of an hour against Radley, and has refused to be beaten by many points by any side; and Oundle were by no means bad. Personally I have got great admiration for their efforts and I hope that they will be more successful regarding wins before the end of term. There are still five matches left, and I hope that they will do well enough at any rate to silence my critic from East Anglia, who may of course be too busy with his mayoral duties to have followed our fortunes.

To summarise the matches, we played well against St. Edward's and there was some encouraging back play. However, playing against a much fitter Bedford side, our confidence was sapped, and this was mainly responsible for the defeat at Radley. We did a very good job at Oundle and in the end were going as well as they were: only three points were scored in the second half. The Old Stoic match was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by both sides. Cheltenham had built up a formidable reputation, including a defeat of Rugby by thirty points. Stowe was not at all daunted by their record, and, had the forwards retained their superiority of the first half, might easily have won the game.

I would put Svejdar down as one of the best blind-side forwards we have ever had, particularly in defence. He has been a keen but perhaps not very inspiring captain. Wates has usually out-hooked his opponent and is a live wire in the loose. Ball has shoved his fifteen stone and moved it around with remarkable velocity. Nayler has been a tower of strength and has set a magnificent example of toughness and endurance. Hayes and Shackleton have been successful in the line-outs and shoved hard in the second row. McCrea and Bentall have completed a good pack, whose main fault has been in being too impetuous and who have heeled better in the loose scrums for the other side than for themselves.

The backs have not yet knit themselves into a combined attacking unit. Potentially they have good material but so far only two tries have resulted from their efforts, and they were from unprepared movements. The most penetrating of our backs has been Truslow from the U.S.A.

but he has rarely been given the ball. Aarvold has had quite a number of breaks but the finishing has been poor. It was a great pity that Booth damaged himself as he might well have been a try getter. Clarkson, at full-back, has usually been caught out of position, but has generally recovered well with accurate kicks.

This team may not be one of the great ones on the field, but all the members of it have made gigantic efforts in the execution of their duties both as host and guests.

I would like to add my appreciation of the efforts of Josh Nicholl and Peter Shinner in collecting the Old Stoics together for the postponed game. The O.S. match will be on October 11th next year.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 26th. Won 9—5.

After nearly five weeks this was the first of the 1st XV matches, the others having been cancelled or postponed because of the prevalent bug. St. Edward's had fared little better but had played one match.

Stowe began in great form, and, if they did not look like scoring, they made ground regularly by snappy passing movements. They got more than the fair share of the ball in scrums and line-outs and generally looked the better side. At the end of ten minutes Clarkson kicked a good penalty goal. This spurred St. Edward's into action and they pressed continuously for what seemed an unconscionable time on the Stowe line—only very good defence kept them from scoring.

St. Edward's had a couple of chances to score from penalties but failed with both, and the first half ended with the score in Stowe's favour, 3—0.

For the first twenty minutes of the second period Stowe kept up a persistent attack and scored a penalty and an unconverted try—which was the result of a push-over.

Heavy rain changed the character of the game in the last quarter. Stowe continued to get the ball when it was most unwelcome and many slips in passing allowed the well-drilled St. Edward's pack to dominate the play. It was only then that St. Edward's became really dangerous and they might well have pulled the game out of the mud. One passing movement began under the posts and was only stopped by George—or where he should be. Penalties were awarded to St. Edward's in kickable positions, but they were not accepted or were fozzled. Not long before time a kick across was misfielded by Gauvain and was touched down for a try, which was converted. St. Edward's kept up the pressure and all Stowe supporters were relieved to hear the final whistle.

Sherjan played a good game; Clarkson kicked well; the forwards were in great form; Pasley-Tyler had a couple of good runs. But there were not many penetrating attacks by the centres, and this does not augur well for the rest of the season.

Team:—C. J. W. Gauvain (T); H. A. Truslow (C), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), C. E. Clarkson (G), I. Pasley-Tyler (G); R. Sherjan (T), P. W. Loxton (G); J. E. G. Nayler (W), C. S. Wates (B), J. A. Ball (G), D. R. Hayes (B), F. R. Shackleton (W), J. F. Svejdar (W), P. J. Blayney (C), D. J. Easton (W).

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Tuesday, October 29th. Lost 3—16.

Stowe kicked off and attempted a "Harrow" to the left, but the kick was short and a scrum-back was ordered. This failure of a useful deceptive move was prophetic of what was to come. A period of scrappy mid-field play followed, with Bedford getting more than their share of the ball in set-scrum and line-out. Then from a quickish heel Bedford were away in attack, the ball passing to the left centre, who broke through to score by the posts, and the kick went over. Stowe attacked after this set-back, and saw more of the ball from the scrums, but the backs' passing was slow. After a period of pressure Stowe were awarded a penalty some way out, which Clarkson converted. Bedford came back again and an attempt at a drop-goal missed narrowly. But Stowe were getting livelier: Truslow had a good run on the left, Sherjan engineered a neat switch of direction which was foiled, and he then cut through to send Clarkson away with Gowers and Tyler in support; this promising move ended when his pass was intercepted by a Bedford player. Just before half-time, when Bedford had counter-attacked to the Stowe end, a penalty kick gave them another three points.

Bedford started the second half with a series of attacks which were held, Wates being prominent in sound Stowe covering, though they could not get the ball away to attack in turn. Ball charged down a kick and with Svejdar and Nayler in support it looked dangerous, but the ball slewed away into touch. A number of movements by Bedford were checked, but then weak tackling in the centre left a gap, and they were through to score in the corner, the kick being missed. Again the forwards, who were much livelier, gave Stowe the chance to attack, but first Sherjan and then Gowers were caught, their movements developing too slowly. Against the run of the play in this period a Bedford dribble got to the Stowe line, the ball was got away to Clarkson, but he fumbled, and the Bedford pack took the ball over for a shove-over try. This was converted, making the score 16—3. Stowe rallied again, drove the ball up near the Bedford line and were awarded a penalty, which Clarkson missed. From the ensuing line-out they also attacked on the right and were given another penalty for Sherjan to try a short kick right on the line. Nayler and Wates struggled for possession, but Bedford worked it away to touch, and the game returned to mid-field until the final whistle.

Team :—C. J. W. Gauvain; H. A. Truslow, D. G. Garwood-Gowers, C. E. Clarkson, I. Pasley-Tyler; R. Sherjan, P. W. Loxton; J. E. G. Nayler, C. S. Wates, J. A. Ball, D. R. Hayes, F. R. Shackleton, J. F. Svejdar, P. J. Blayney, E. S. Kennedy (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

Played at Radley on Wednesday, November 6th. Lost 3—13.

Except for the last quarter of an hour, the whole match was a very poor exhibition of the arts of Rugby Football. Radley made ground by long diagonal punts, while Stowe only advanced by Sherjan working the touch-line.

At half-time, Stowe led with a goal dropped by Sherjan and might quite easily have held that advantage throughout, had it not been for the most disorganised defensive system seen at Stowe for years. Positioning was of League standard and the tackling, particularly of Clarkson, was little better. The forwards got the ball fairly regularly in the line-outs and scrums, but the backs made little use of it. At the end Radley did much as they liked and scored three tries, two of which were converted.

Team :—E. J. Avory (T); D. G. Garwood-Gowers, H. A. Truslow, C. E. Clarkson, I. Pasley-Tyler; R. Sherjan, P. W. Loxton; J. A. Ball, C. S. Wates, P. R. McCrea (W), D. R. Hayes, F. R. Shackleton, J. F. Svejdar, J. E. G. Nayler, A. R. Bentall (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Tuesday, November 12th. Lost 0—14.

Stowe had the best of the opening rounds, and it was good to see that Costain and Aarvold were combining well. Clarkson looked cool under pressure, and things were going rather better than might have been expected when at three o'clock disaster loomed up out of a moderately clear sky. Stowe were penalised for off-side on their own twenty-five. The kick from fairly far out fell just short of our line to the far side of the posts. From the resultant loose scrum we got the ball back, and instead of touching down and getting a set scrum it was passed behind our line, missed, rolled free and was pounced on by a happy pair of Oundle forwards doubtless murmuring "Corban—it is a gift!" Hacking kicked the easy goal (0—5). In spite of this setback Stowe continued to have as much of the game as Oundle, and in fact had a slight territorial advantage. Costain kicked very skilfully in defence, and Aarvold made one very well-judged kick out to the left wing which very nearly led to a try. Shortly afterwards an Oundle interception gained them fifty yards, and from the position thus gained on our twenty-five their centre, Clarke, ran through and scored. The defence was definitely at fault, because Clarke ran dead straight, swerving neither to his right hand nor to his left and no one laid a finger on him. Enquiries about this led to a suggestion by the referee that Oundle had used a dummy-scissors movement. This would certainly explain the gap. The kick failed. (0—8).

Again the game fell into the same pattern with Stowe doing as much of the pressing as Oundle but never looking as dangerous. The half-backs continued to play very well, but the three-quarters just could not find the openings. Pasley-Tyler had a chance on the blind side, but missed his pass through the old fault of using one eye to watch his opponent. Wates—the Oundle centre—crowded his strong-running wing Simpson into touch by running across, but at last from a scrum in almost exactly the same position as that from which the second try started, Stephens, the Oundle fly-half, broke away along the self-same line as Clarke had used before, made his opening and gave the ball to Phillips, who scored in the corner to put Oundle 11—0 up just on half-time.

The second half was different from the first inasmuch as Oundle with eleven points in their pockets played with greater dash and confidence. They kicked across, they tried ambitious scissors-movements, and quite understandably had their tails in a fairly elevated position. Stowe kept on fighting. Clarkson showed up well under pressure, notably on one occasion when he came to the rescue of poor Truslow who was caught in the wide open spaces on the left wing with no one else in sight except the fast and resolute Phillips, who must have seemed to him to have much more knowledge of the game than he could possibly possess. Wilson, the Oundle full-back, was also playing a fine game. Once he seemed to take on the whole of the Stowe three-quarter line by himself, trapping soccerwise the ball which had been kicked ahead and then finding touch with a long raking kick. Shortly afterwards Stephens employed a precisely similar kick to the one used by Aarvold in the first half—the same angle and the same distance. He may have used 'more advised watch' or he may have been luckier, but the fact remains that Pasley-Tyler was beaten by the bounce and Simpson scored to bring the Oundle score to 14—0 at 3.10 p.m. Hacking's kick hit the post. The last quarter of

an hour saw no further scoring but was most exciting. At long last Garwood-Gowers cut through and was felled by Wilson in the nick of time when in full cry for the line. Oundle had the best combined movement of the match from an intercepted pass. All the forwards joined in, and swept up the field for fully fifty yards before losing the ball in touch. Time came shortly afterwards, and none too soon, since darkness was steadily gathering over the bleak Northamptonshire countryside.

It was a game which was in many ways a disappointment to us. The side did its best, and certainly never gave up trying—not the easiest thing to do when you are in arrears early through presenting five points to the other side. Individually there were no failures and some successes. Wates hooked finely and frequently got the ball when Oundle had the loose head. The young half-backs came out of their first school-match with great credit. Clarkson played well. We had enough of the ball to have scored on several occasions, but we had a three-quarter line with little eye for an opening, and Oundle made it hard for anyone to score near the scrum. The Oundle team broke even on the forwards, just about even on the half-backs, but they had a real superiority in the three-quarter line and that is why they deserved to win. The first try was a defensive error on our part; the other three were all scored by three-quarters. The most one can say is that the game was, as usual, played in an admirable spirit, and it is to be hoped that a rather gallant Stowe team learnt something from it.

Team :—C. E. Clarkson; H. A. Truslow, D. G. Garwood-Gowers, R. Sherjan, I. Pasley-Tyler; P. B. Aarvold (G), D. E. Costain (W); P. R. McCrea, C. S. Wates, J. A. Ball, D. R. Hayes, F. R. Shackleton, J. F. Svejdar, J. E. G. Nayler, A. R. Bentall.

THE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 16th. Won 14—3.

Old Stoic Team :—C. N. H. Hordern (W, 1952); J. B. Hamer (G, 1955), J. P. G. Goldfinger (G, 1951), R. T. C. A. Hall (C, 1955), G. D. L. Adams (B, 1951); H. R. Herrington (C, 1950), P. G. Shinner (B, 1950); I. C. McLellan (C, 1953), T. R. H. Lewis (B, 1954), B. E. Toye (G, 1956), A. C. Sabey (C, 1956), A. Mackintosh (C, 1956), N. E. Wates (B, 1950), M. K. Ridley (C, 1956), C. J. Garratt (C, 1953).

School Team :—C. E. Clarkson; H. A. Truslow, D. G. Garwood-Gowers, R. Sherjan, I. Pasley-Tyler; P. B. Aarvold, D. E. Costain; J. A. Ball, C. S. Wates, P. R. McCrea, F. R. Shackleton, D. R. Hayes, J. F. Svejdar, J. E. G. Nayler, A. R. Bentall.

THE SCHOOL v. CHELTENHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 23rd. Lost 3—6.

Stowe began with great dash and had Cheltenham fighting hard to save their line. The forwards were in grand fettle with Svejdar playing his best game of the season. A wild kick by Cheltenham fell into Truslow's arms and he bulldozed his way over. Clarkson's casual kick barely left the ground. Again the forwards drove for the line, and a push-over try was only stopped by unorthodox tactics. Kicks ahead by Aarvold nearly led to tries, but no scores came. Later Cheltenham, for the first time in our half, got a half-topped penalty which just cleared the bar. The Stowe line had a narrow escape, but the score remained 3—3 at half-time.

For some unfathomable reason the Cheltenham pack achieved a complete superiority over Stowe, and the backs had a lot of very hard defence in front of them; here they acquitted themselves very well and tackled heroically. A try seemed inevitable but it came only because of a misunderstanding between two backs who both said "Yours" when a kick ahead bounced; Cheltenham accepted the three points willingly. With about a quarter of an hour to go Aarvold cut through, and it looked as if Stowe would score, but a strange intercept nearly led to a try by Cheltenham—a forward pass with their wing going for the line.

On the whole Cheltenham were the better side, but Stowe defended well and deserved not to be beaten by more points.

Team :—C. E. Clarkson; H. A. Truslow, D. G. Garwood-Gowers, R. Sherjan, I. Pasley-Tyler; P. B. Aarvold, D. E. Costain; J. A. Ball, C. S. Wates, P. R. McCrea, F. R. Shackleton, D. R. Hayes, J. F. Svejdar, J. E. G. Nayler, A. R. Bentall.

Other matches :—

Sat., Nov. 30th.	v. ROSSLYN PARK (Home).	Lost	0—13
Wed., Dec. 4th.	v. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL (Home).	Cancelled owing to frost.	
Sat., Dec. 7th.	v. RICHMOND (Home).	Lost	6—9
Wed., Dec. 11th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won	3—0

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

The 2nd XV has had a most enjoyable season, and if its results appear inconsistent, its game has never varied. It has throughout concentrated on the quick heel and fast, attacking rugby. In only one match was it really outclassed, the Northampton fixture, which experience has shewn to be too difficult. The victory over Radley was very convincing, but gave less satisfaction than the dour, drawn game with Oundle. This was Cup-tie rugby all through and provided the crowd with a thrilling, hard-fought contest.

As in past years the team has been most fortunate in its captain, to whose leadership it has owed much of its quality and spirit. Bentall has laboured most enthusiastically and the team's fitness and sportsmanship have been due to his untiring efforts. The back division has improved steadily, though it has never, except in the Radley game, taken full advantage of the service the forwards have provided. On the other hand, any one of the three-quarters has been willing to go for a try and the painful tradition of handing it on to the wing has been temporarily obliterated. The forwards, almost unchanged from the beginning, have settled down extremely well, and with Bentall hooking have had more than their share of the ball. In the line-out, too, Millington, Blayney and Gadney have done Trojan work. The props have been useful, though not conspicuous, and the wing-forwards, conspicuous at first for the wrong reasons, have gradually mastered their job.

Team :—M. A. Benkert (G); J. R. Kerr Muir (C), H. J. Miall (B), J. H. Arkell (G), P. J. N. Pringle (B); A. Cameron (B), P. W. Loxton (G); R. G. Hetherington (G), L. E. Bentall (C) (capt.), D. K. A. Lawrence (W), A. G. L. Millington (T), R. B. J. Gadney (G), D. J. Easton (W), P. J. Blayney (C), E. S. Kennedy (C).

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 23rd.	v. R. G. S., HIGH WYCOMBE (Home).	Lost	9—11
Sat., Oct. 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD (Home).	Won	3—0
Sat., Nov. 2nd.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH G.S. (Home).	Lost	9—11
Wed., Nov. 6th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won	25—0
Sat., Nov. 9th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	0—15
Wed., Nov. 13th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Drawn	3—3
Wed., Nov. 20th.	v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. (Away).	Lost	0—21
Sat., Nov. 23rd.	v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD (Home).	Won	8—6
Sat., Nov. 30th.	v. OXFORD R.F.C. COLTS (Away).	Lost	8—11

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

It is impossible to gauge how much the shifting incidence of the influenza epidemic has affected either our performance or that of the schools we have played; whatever the reason, this has been a term of extremes and of sometimes surprising results, but on balance a very creditable one. Only two matches have been lost (one of these without the captain and the best three-quarter), and the games against St. Edward's and N.G.S. (particularly the latter) were remarkably good. Atkinson, who is probably the best natural player in the team, has been an excellent captain and a little unlucky not to hold a more regular place in the 2nd XV. Kennerley soon established himself as an obvious leader of the forwards, who have varied little during the term; though a little dilatory on occasion over keeping up with or getting behind the ball in loose play, they have as a whole worked hard and successfully. Behind the scrum Atkinson and Hancox have played with some initiative and imagination to set movements going; for various reasons the centres have never been the same long enough for much constructive play there to be developed, but the ball has reached Griggs on the right wing often enough for him to do some impressive and rewarding sprinting; he has in fact improved his game steadily through the term, as indeed, if not so remarkably, have several other players. The spirit of the whole team has been admirable.

The following have played :—E. J. Avory (T), J. H. Temple (T), C. F. Snow (C), F. Nemon-Stuart (C), H. F. St. H. Jeune (T), P. J. S. Griggs (B), J. P. D. Hancox (G), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), G. M. Shaw (G), M. G. Warren (B), A. F. Stone (T), A. J. White (C), P. J. H. Rudland (T), B. M. Morris (C), J. R. Kennerley (G), G. B. Edwards (W), W. F. M. Hancock (G).

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 23rd.	v. HIGH WYCOMBE (Home).	Won	33—0
Sat., Oct. 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Drawn	3—3
Wed., Oct. 30th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Away).	Lost	0—17
Wed., Nov. 6th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won	26—5
Sat., Nov. 9th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	0—11
Wed., Nov. 20th.	v. NORTHAMPTON (Home).	Won	6—3
Wed., Nov. 27th.	v. KINGHAM HILL (Home).	Won	23—10

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

After its well-contested draw at St. Edward's the 4th XV has played usually a somewhat ragged and ill-organized game; a few, in particular Hankinson, Bridgland and Clay, have shown a certain energy, but the narrowness of the one victory, over a basically much inferior team from the Royal Latin School, is a fair indication of the team's mediocre performance.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Drawn	0—0
Wed., Oct. 30th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Away).	Lost	0—6
Sat., Nov. 2nd.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Lost	0—17
Wed., Nov. 13th.	v. R.L.S., BUCKINGHAM (Home).	Won	8—0

THE COLTS

The Colts did not have a good season as far as results have gone, because they had too many vital weaknesses. However, it must be said that they always played with plenty of spirit and tried hard to improve. For the greater part of the season a light and slow pack hardly ever won the ball. The pattern was set in the first match against St. Edward's, when for the first twenty minutes we were penned in our twenty-five without once heeling from tight or loose. In spite of this the match was only lost by a penalty goal, each side scoring two tries. With the exception of a heavy defeat by a strong and fast Rugby side, this was the story until the Cheltenham game. Our backs had always had the measure of their opponents and with the little they saw of the ball looked potentially dangerous. Against Cheltenham and Douai the pack dominated play, but now the backs, with a surfeit of the ball, were quite unable to take advantage of it. The trouble started with a very slow service from scrum half and, with the exception of Hamp-Ferguson and Ramsay, slowness of reaction was the main failing of the backs. Against Cheltenham there were enough yawning gaps and overlaps to have scored thirty points, but time and again golden opportunities were thrown away by the backs making the elementary mistake of lying flat when waiting for the pass. In spite of their failings the backs were better than those of any other Colts side with the exception of Rugby, but if they are to be a force later they must correct these basic faults.

Amongst the forwards Duffy and Clucas were always doing something useful and were the only ones who really tackled low. Seddon, although not fast enough for the open side, generally managed to harass the opposing fly-half. Would was a sound scrummager, though unfortunately small for the front row. Hughes-Adams hooked well. Of the backs Hamp-Ferguson was a competent footballer and his kicking was invaluable, but both he and Avory, who showed promise, must run much faster all the time. At full-back Ramsay was neat and resourceful and by accuracy kicked a surprisingly good length; in spite of his size he was one of the best tacklers on the side.

Team :—M. Seddon (G), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), T. A. S. Duffy (B), R. B. B. Avory (T), C. H. Clucas (W), H. F. Ramsay (G), D. F. A. Would (C), C. D. Hughes-Adams (T), R. St. C. Strange (G), G. D. Parkinson (W), J. H. E. Pasmore (C), D. E. A. Marrow (W), D. Moyle (W), P. M. Salamon (G); (also played) A. A. J. Baird (T), R. A. C. Thompson (G), R. J. Preston (B), C. J. Seddon (G), R. A. P. Noye (C), D. K. Birley (C), R. C. Osner (C).

Results :—

Wed., Oct. 23rd.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Lost	6—9
Sat., Oct. 19th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Lost	0—11
Sat., Nov. 2nd.	v. RUGBY (Away).	Lost	0—28
Wed., Nov. 6th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Won	6—3
Tues., Nov. 12th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	6—15
Sat., Nov. 23rd.	v. CHELTENHAM (Home).	Won	11—6
Wed., Nov. 27th.	v. DOUAI (Home).	Drawn	6—6

THE JUNIOR COLTS

This year's side, bereft of the best player among its backs (promoted to the Colts) was always struggling, and its record of two wins and one draw out of eight matches did not cause any surprise.

At first sight the backs looked most promising, but two big centres turned into a wing and a disappointment, and in the end Knight came up from the Under 14's to partner the small and hard-running Bentall, whose fault was his habit of wandering out of position. The halves never came up to expectations, nor did they make a really satisfactory partnership. The scrum-half, Both, remained slow and Irving kicked too often in attack. The wings got few opportunities, but both ran well on occasions. Sladen was a small full-back, but he tackled hard and fell on the ball courageously. The kicking of all was poor, any part of the foot being used, and good touches were seldom found.

Among the forwards Charnock, the leader, set a good example by his tireless energy and vigorous tackling as open side forward, but he and the others were poor at getting the ball away from the ruck. Fletcher and Tetlow, the two props, have always been in the thick of the fray, and Wates hooked well. Gibson got through a great deal of work in the second row and did well at times in the line-out. All the others played with a will but the pack as a whole lacked weight and quickness in thought.

The following have played :—B. L. Irving (C) (capt.), R. F. Charnock (G), A. C. Geddes (T), D. P. Bentall (C), R. D. de B. Bingham (T), T. G. Garratt (C), E. Both (B), R. R. Blagg (C), N. A. Carrington Smith (T), J. Curwin (G), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), M. J. R. Wightman (C), P. C. Lord (G), M. Ramsden (C), P. N. Gibson (G), M. Wordsworth (C), S. M. Williamson-Noble (T), C. P. Robinson (T), J. N. Wates (B), C. B. Tetlow (T), M. N. H. Andrews (C), C. M. S. Anderson (C), E. X. C. W. P. Fletcher (C), S. H. Sladen, (G).

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD (Home).	Lost	5—18
Wed., Oct. 30th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	9—3
Sat., Nov. 2nd.	v. RUGBY (Away).	Lost	0—20
Wed., Nov. 6th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Lost	0—11
Wed., Nov. 13th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Drawn	3—3
Wed., Nov. 20th.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	17—8
Sat., Nov. 23rd.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Lost	8—23
Sat., Nov. 30th.	v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Lost	3—9

THE UNDER 14 FIFTEEN

That this has been the most successful junior side for several years is perhaps cause for a lifting of hearts, but let it be no cause for complacency. It is true that the team contains a few very promising players and some good big ones, and also that they were unbeaten. It is equally true that they were very lucky to draw with Bedford, always our sternest rivals. But for these small mercies at least, let us be thankful.

The main strength of the side lay in a big and vigorous pack, which was inspired by the example of the captain, Allen. He was a tireless performer throughout the season, was exceptionally quick on a loose ball, and though he has much to learn yet about positional sense, is clearly a player who has much to give to Stowe football. The halves and centres were competent, brave, but rather slow; the wings were weak. At full-back the team was well served by S. B. Murray, who never missed a tackle and kicked well with both feet, but who probably is a better forward.

The following have played :—B. M. Allen (W), S. B. Murray (C), J. D. Carslaw (G), A. S. M. Batten (C), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), R. M. Jefferson (C), T. D. B. Lee (G), L. A. Mather (G), J. W. O. Allerton (G), G. R. Duncanson (W), M. A. S. G. Stewart (C), A. R. F. Hobson (C), R. W. Rhode (G), J. F. R. Saunders (C), N. O. G. Murray (C), M. J. L. McEwen (C), A. J. Morison (G), C. J. N. Felton (B), G. F. Arbib (T).

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 26th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Won	13—6
Wed., Nov. 6th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won	21—0
Wed., Nov. 20th.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Won	28—0
Sat., Nov. 23rd.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Drawn	6—6
Sat., Nov. 30th.	v. BLOXHAM (Home).	Won	25—0

LAWN TENNIS

A report was published in the July number of *The Stoic*. Detailed results are given below. (The scores shown after each pair are the results of their matches against the opponents' First, Second and Third Pairs respectively.)

May 11.	v. MR. J. SHEPHERD-BARRON'S VI. Home.	Cancelled.
May 18.	v. DALLINGTON L.T.C. Home.	Lost, 2—7.
	R. D. Fell (C) and C. D. G. Coltart (C),	6—2, 4—6, 3—6; 6—1, 4—6, 6—2; 6—4, 6—3.
	C. F. Snow (C) and P. G. Emerson (C),	8—6, 4—6, 2—6; 1—6, 5—7; 5—7, 2—6.
	R. I. Guinness (C) and J. P. D. Hancox (G),	3—6, 1—6; 3—6, 6—4, 2—6; 0—6, 3—6.
May 25.	v. MILL HILL. Home.	Cancelled.

- June 1. *v.* K.C.S., WIMBLEDON. Away. Lost 3—6.
Fell and Coltart, 4—6, 1—6; 2—6, 3—6; 6—2, 6—1.
Snow and Guinness, 1—6, 1—6; 5—7, 1—6; 6—1, 6—4.
W. R. Barnett (W) and Hancox, 1—6, 2—6; 2—6, 3—6; 6—2, 6—2.
- June 4. *v.* RUGBY. Home. Lost 3—5 (one match unfinished).
Fell and Coltart, 7—5, 6—4; 4—6, 6—4, 6—2; 6—1, 6—0.
Snow and Guinness, 2—6, 5—7; 6—4, 6—8, 4—6; 6—3, 6—7.
Barnett and Hancox, 0—6, 1—6; 3—6, 2—6; 6—8, 6—4, 10—12.
- June 8. *v.* LEIGHTON PARK. Home. Won 8—1.
E. J. Avory (T) and C. J. G. Atkinson (C), 6—2, 6—0; 6—2, 0—6, 3—6;
6—2, 6—3.
Guinness and R. B. B. Avory (T), 6—2, 6—3; 6—0, 6—2; 6—3, 6—3.
Fell and Barnett, 6—2, 6—3; 0—6, 6—4, 7—5; 6—2, 6—3.
- June 22. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. Lost 1—8.
Fell and Coltart, 2—6, 2—6; 3—6, 2—6; 6—0, 6—0.
Guinness and Barnett, 1—6, 2—6; 2—6, 0—6; 6—4, 3—6, 4—6.
Snow and Emerson, 4—6, 3—6; 0—6, 2—6; 6—2, 4—6, 3—6.
- June 29. *v.* WESTMINSTER. Home. Won 9—0.
Fell and Coltart, 6—0, 6—1; 6—0, 7—5; 6—0, 6—0.
Guinness and Snow, 8—6, 6—4; 6—4, 6—1; 6—3, 6—2.
Hancox and G. B. Edwards (W), 6—2, 6—2; 0—6, 6—3, 6—0; 6—3, 6—4
- July 3. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Away. Won 7—2.
Fell and Coltart, 6—3, 6—2; 6—0, 6—3; 6—1, 6—1.
Guinness and Barnett, 3—6, 5—7; 4—6, 6—4, 6—1; 7—5, 6—2.
Snow and Emerson, 3—6, 2—6; 6—3, 6—2; 6—1, 6—3.
- July 6. *v.* ETON COLLEGE. Away. Lost 2—5 (two matches unfinished).
Fell and Coltart, 4—6, 4—6; 7—5, 6—2; 6—2, —.
Guinness and Barnett, 4—6, —; 5—7, 6—2, 4—6; 6—3, 7—5.
Snow and Hancox, 3—6, 0—6; 0—6, 1—6; 10—8, 5—7, 4—6.

Tennis League—Final table :—1, Chatham 76 points; 2, Walpole 71; 3, Grafton 58; 4, Temple 54; 5, Bruce 53; 6, Chandos 34; 7, Grenville 30; 8, Cobham 6.

In the final of tennis housematches, Chatham beat Chandos 3—0.

In the final of the Mornington Singles, C. J. G. Atkinson (C) beat J. B. Mayland (W) 6—3, 6—3. C. D. G. Coltart and C. J. G. Atkinson won the Mornington Doubles.

WIMBLEDON

The Stowe team for the Youll Cup was as follows: First Pair, C. J. G. Atkinson and E. J. Avory; Second Pair, R. D. Fell and W. R. Barnett. We were never very optimistic about our chances (which were much impaired by R. B. B. Avory's inability to appear) and when Atkinson strained his back just before the Competition began, we knew that we could not survive for long. We managed to win one round, but lost to Winchester in the second.

In the Thomas Bowl for Pairs (Under 16) we were much more successful. Our Second Pair, A. H. G. Atkinson (C) and D. E. Costain (W), lost a ding-dong match against Harrow I, but J. B. Mayland (W) and D. R. Sabberton (T), playing First Pair for Stowe, reached the Final of this Competition. The Final was against Mill Hill, and the large crowd which watched it saw a most exciting struggle, which we eventually lost to the favourites by two sets to one, after leading 4—2 in the third set. Mayland and Sabberton played very well indeed.

SWIMMING

The team this year suffered mainly from the fact that it was very badly balanced; there was generally a very good first string and an only mediocre second string. However, the team did not do at all badly on the season's swimming, having won two, lost four and drawn one of the school matches; this result may appear poor, but those matches that were lost were by a very narrow margin. The captain this year, D. A. O'Brien (C), has proved to be the keenest swimmer Stowe has seen for some time, and he broke the backstroke records in the first two matches of the season, breaking each of them again before the season was out. He never lost a race against any other school swimmer, and did much to assist us in winning the medley relays. The team's major triumph this year was the Otter Relays, in which a team consisting of J. E. G. Nayler (W), D. A. O'Brien, M. Buttrose (G) and A. P. Rosner (C) came fourth out of thirty-four schools entering, reaching the finals for the first time in the School's history. This result did much to bolster our reputation amongst the other schools we had yet to swim against. Rosner is one of the most outstanding junior swimmers of the year, and swam senior for much of the season, though he never succeeded in beating A. H. Matusch (G) in the senior breaststroke events. Other junior first strings were P. R. Vester (C), who swam very well throughout the season, doing a quite exceptional time in the 50 yards freestyle at the swimming sports, the best since Nayler made the record two years ago, and C. H. Clucas (W), who has had little rivalry in the backstroke. J. A. Grant (C) has proved himself to be a first-class freestyle swimmer, and though he has swum in the relay during most matches this year, he proved his worth in the swimming sports, where he unexpectedly beat both E. S. Kennedy (C) and T. B. Pulvertaft (C) in the 100 yards freestyle. Kennedy took over the 100 yards freestyle race from T. B. Pulvertaft when Pulvertaft was transferred to backstroke. The latter's freestyle has become somewhat stale this year, and though he won the 400 yards freestyle in the swimming sports, it was an isolated effort. M. Buttrose and J. R. Perriss (C) have both swum consistently well throughout the season, M. Buttrose having made a tremendous come-back in the 50 yards freestyle, largely owing to training with Otter in the holidays. Nayler has proved himself to be a swimmer of immense ability both throughout the matches and in the swimming sports, where he won all but the 400 yards in the freestyle events in times that missed the record by a very small margin. R. M. S. Rees (B) has swum occasionally for the team, but he has not been in such good training this year as in previous years. He has played very well for the water-polo team, however, and was re-awarded his colours.

Results of matches :—

- v. CITY OF LONDON. *Senior*: Stowe 25½; City of London 26½.
Junior: Stowe 17½; City of London 20½.
- v. HARROW. *Senior*: Stowe 27; Harrow 27.
Junior: Stowe 19; Harrow 23.
- v. VICTORIA COLLEGE. Stowe 47; Victoria College 20.
 Bath Club Relays :—Stowe 17th out of 32.
 Otter Relays :—Stowe 4th out of 34.
- v. WELLINGBOROUGH. *Senior*: Stowe 26; Wellingborough 29.
Junior: Stowe 29; Wellingborough 16.
- v. BEDFORD MODERN. *Senior*: Stowe 29; Bedford Modern 27.
Junior: Stowe 30; Bedford Modern 15.
- v. OTTER CLUB. Stowe 32; Otter Club 35.
- v. BERKHAMSTED. *Senior*: Stowe 34; Berkhamsted 21.
Junior: Stowe 21; Berkhamsted 34.

WATER POLO

This year's Senior Polo team has probably been the best team that Stowe has ever had. It won all its School matches and only lost to the Otter S.C., who played a very strong team. J. E. G. Nayler (W) succeeded in keeping his team together, and by the end of the year the team's co-ordination and anticipation was a strong feature. The attack of M. S. Wilson (C), E. S. Kennedy (C) and R. M. S. Rees (B) was very strong; the two wings kept Wilson well fed and gave him many opportunities to use his very powerful shot. F. R. Shackleton (W), J. H. S. Utley (C) and goalkeeper G. B. Edwards (W) understood each other well in defence and were very solid when under pressure.

Although the Juniors only had two matches and very little time to develop a team, there was seen to be the nucleus of a good team of the future.

Results :—

v. VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY.	Home.	Won	3—2.
v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Away.	Won	8—1.
v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.	Away.	Won	5—4.
v. OTTER SWIMMING CLUB.	Home.	Lost	2—6.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Senior Water-Polo House Matches were won by Walpole, who beat Chandos in the final, after beating Grafton and Grenville in the first and second rounds. Chandos beat Chatham in the first round and had a bye in the second round, owing to the disqualification of Temple and Bruce. Walpole were a very strong house side and scored twenty goals, while they conceded only five.

Chandos beat Walpole in the final of the Juniors in a very close and hard game, some players showing great promise for the future.

DIVING

Both Seniors and Juniors dived with reasonable consistency this season, the Seniors winning and losing three matches. R. N. Golton (T) and W. G. Bennett (C) dived first and second strings respectively. C. H. Clucas (W) and J. A. Jefferson (C) represented the Juniors. The Swimming Sports produced a low standard in both Senior and Junior events, mainly owing to the weather and lack of practice.

The results in the Swimming Sports were :—

Open—1, M. Buttrose (G); 2 equal, W. G. Bennett (C) and R. N. Golton (T).

Under 16—1, T. A. A. St. Johnston (C); 2, A. J. Parkinson (C); 3, C. H. Clucas (W).

Under 15—1, J. A. Jefferson (C); 2, J. Q. H. Hippisley (C); 3, M. A. S. G. Stewart (C).

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

The highlights of this year's sports were the three new records in the Open events. D. A. O'Brien (C) won the 50 yards Backstroke, and though virtually unopposed, put up a record time. W. G. Bennett (C) broke the existing Butterfly record by two seconds. J. E. G. Nayler (W), besides winning the 100 Yards and the 200 Yards, broke the individual medley record by four and a half seconds.

Though no records were broken in the Under 16 events, P. R. Vester (C) swam strongly to win all the Freestyle races. C. H. Clucas (W) and A. P. Rosner (C) also stood out in the Backstroke and Breaststroke.

In the Under 15 events, T. D. A. Cecil (C) and A. D. Cooper (W) showed themselves to be two very promising freestylers, Cecil also being a good backstroker, and Cooper a breastroker, although he was beaten in the 50 Yards by A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), who is, unfortunately, a cricketer.

• Results :—

OPEN

50 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, M. Buttrose (G); 3, J. A. Grant (C); 4, equal, J. R. Perriss (C) and E. S. Kennedy (C); 6, A. C. P. Seymour (G). Time, 26.9 secs.

100 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, J. A. Grant (C); 3, E. S. Kennedy (C); 4, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); 5, J. R. Perriss (C); 6, M. Buttrose (G). Time, 60.2 secs.

200 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, J. A. Grant (C); 4, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); 5, R. D. Macleod (C); 6, A. H. Matusch (G). Time, 2 mins. 21 secs.

400 Yards Freestyle.—1, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); 2, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 3, J. A. Grant (C); 4, J. R. Perriss (C); 5, E. S. Kennedy (C); 6, R. D. Macleod (C). Time, 5 mins. 12.2 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, W. G. Bennett (C); 2, A. H. Matusch (G); 3, M. S. Wilson (C); 4, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 5, J. H. S. Utley (C); 6, D. A. O'Brien (C). Time, 36 secs.

100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, A. H. Matusch (G); 2, M. S. Wilson (C); 3, W. G. Bennett (C); 4, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 5, D. A. O'Brien (C); 6, F. R. Shackleton (W). Time, 78.1 secs.

200 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. H. Matusch (G); 2, D. A. O'Brien (C); 3, W. G. Bennett (C); 4, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 5, F. R. Shackleton (W); 6, J. H. S. Utley (C). Time, 2 mins. 57 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, D. A. O'Brien (C); 2, J. R. Perriss (C); 3, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); 4, D. J. Hanley (W); 5, J. C. Coleman (C); 6, M. J. Bloor (W). Time, 30.2 secs.*

100 Yards Backstroke—1, D. A. O'Brien (C); 2, J. R. Perriss (C); 3, T. B. Pulvertaft (C); 4, J. C. Coleman (C); 5, D. L. Drysdale (G); 6, D. J. Hanley (W). Time, 71 secs.

50 Yards Butterfly—1, W. G. Bennett (C); 2, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 3, E. S. Kennedy (C); 4, M. Buttrose (G); 5, M. S. Wilson (C); 6, J. H. S. Utley (C). Time, 31.9 secs.*

100 Yards Individual Medley—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, D. A. O'Brien (C); 3, E. S. Kennedy (C); 4, J. A. Grant (C); 5, J. R. Perriss (C); 6, M. Buttrose (G). Time, 71.2 secs.*

* New Record.

UNDER SIXTEEN

50 Yards Freestyle—1, P. R. Vester (C); 2, R. M. Coulson (G); 3, H. R. Kay (G); 4, L. J. D. McIntyre (G); 5, N. C. W. Hemming (C); 6, J. R. Wingad (C). Time, 28.8 secs.

100 Yards Freestyle—1, P. R. Vester (C); 2, H. R. Kay (G); 3, R. M. Coulson (G); 4, D. J. Rimmer (C); 5, L. J. D. McIntyre (G); 6, C. H. Clucas (W). Time 68 secs.

200 Yards Freestyle—1, P. R. Vester (C); 2, R. M. Coulson (G); 3, D. J. Rimmer (C); 4, C. H. Clucas (W); 5, A. P. Rosner (C). Time, 2 mins. 33.2 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. P. Rosner (C); 2, C. D. Winchester (C); 3, J. A. Jefferson (C); 4, R. M. Coulson (G); 5, D. S. Watson (C); 6, J. G. Finlay (C). No time recorded.

100 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. P. Rosner (C); 2, J. A. Jefferson (C); 3, D. S. Watson (C); 4, T. A. A. St. Johnston (C); 5, D. J. Rimmer (C). Time, 78.1 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, C. H. Clucas (W); 2, H. R. Kay (G); 3, J. A. Jefferson (C); 4, P. R. Vester (C); 5, W. S. R. Parry (W); 6, L. J. D. McIntyre (G). Time, 35.5 secs.

UNDER FIFTEEN

25 Yards Freestyle—1, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 2, A. D. Cooper (W); 3, R. R. Blagg (C); 4, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 5, M. J. R. Wightman (C). Time, 13.9 secs.

50 Yards Freestyle—1, R. R. Blagg (C); 2, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 3, A. D. Cooper (W); 4, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 5, R. C. Osner (C). Time, 32.2 secs.

100 Yards Freestyle—1, A. D. Cooper (W); 2, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 3, R. R. Blagg (C); 4, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 5, R. J. Hay (W). Time, 74 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 2, A. D. Cooper (W); 3, R. R. Blagg (C); 4, R. C. Osner (C); 5, D. Moyle (W); 6, N. G. J. Hawker (C). Time, 39 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 2, R. C. Osner (C); 3, C. M. S. Anderson (C); 4, P. M. Henry (C); 5, T. C. J. Moore (W); 6, P. A. L. Krohn (W). No time recorded.

CRICKET

STOWE v. STOWE TEMPLARS

Played at Stowe on Friday and Saturday, July 26th and 27th. Match drawn.

STOWE TEMPLARS

1st innings		2nd innings	
M. D. T. Loup, c Rushton, b Shillington	33	lbw, b Garwood-Gowers	8
J. A. Boyd-Smith, b Garwood-Gowers	1	lbw, b Harris	1
J. B. Taylor, run out	5	st Rushton, b Shillington	30
A. R. Bentall, lbw, b Sherjan	5	not out	28
M. A. Rushton, run out	46	c Sherjan, b Shillington	28
H. V. Kemp, run out	6	c Atkinson, b Sherjan	9
J. B. Hamer, b Sherjan	1	c Rushton, b Shaw	6
R. H. G. Carr, b Sherjan	4	not out	5
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones, b Harris	12	b Shillington	6
M. C. Scrutton, not out	4		
P. C. Morris, c Harris, b Sherjan	10		
Extras	1	Extras	8
Total	128	Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	129

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Garwood-Gowers	9	1	28	1	Garwood-Gowers	11	1	28	1
Harris	11	2	20	1	Harris	10	2	17	1
Sherjan	23	8	46	4	Sherjan	16	5	28	1
Shillington	11	2	33	1	Shillington	14	4	33	3
					Shaw	5.1	2	15	1

STOWE

1st innings		2nd innings	
L. C. P. Ribeaux, b Morris	0	run out	4
C. J. G. Atkinson, c and b Hamer	3	b Morris	11
G. Harwood, b Loup	15	b Morris	5
J. H. Harris, b Morris	9	not out	41
R. Sherjan, b Morris	42	not out	8
D. E. Costain, c Carr, b Morris	3		
G. M. Shaw, b Morris	21		
L. E. Bentall, b Morris	0		
F. N. Rushton, c Bentall, b Jenkyn-Jones	6		
C. J. G. Shillington, st Carr, b Jenkyn-Jones	5		
D. G. Garwood-Gowers, not out	0		
Extras	12	Extras	4
Total	116	Total (for 3 wkts.)	73

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	15	4	20	6	Morris	6	2	18	2
Hamer	10	1	27	1	Hamer	6	1	25	0
Loup	19	7	36	1	Jenkyn-Jones	3	1	14	0
Scrutton	4	0	9	0	Loup	3	0	6	0
Kemp	3	1	12	0	Scrutton	1	0	6	0
Jenkyn-Jones	0.5	0	0	2					

1ST XI AVERAGES

		BATTING					
		Innings	Times Not Out	Total	Highest Score	Average	
J. H. Harris	...	12	1	282	50	25.63	
C. J. G. Atkinson	...	12	0	227	55	18.91	
R. Sherjan	...	12	4	136	42	17.0	
G. Harwood	...	12	0	193	33	16.08	
G. M. Shaw	...	11	1	145	40	14.5	
D. G. Garwood-Gowers	...	8	5	28	11*	9.33	
L. E. Bentall	...	6	1	42	23	8.4	
F. N. Rushton	...	11	1	80	16	8.0	
L. C. P. Ribeaux	...	12	0	85	18	7.08	
C. J. G. Shillington	...	9	2	44	17*	6.28	
D. E. Costain	...	5	0	30	15	6.0	

BOWLING

		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. H. Harris	...	129.1	39	271	23	11.78
R. Sherjan	...	111.3	38	249	16	15.56
D. G. Garwood-Gowers	...	137.1	22	259	23	15.6
C. J. G. Shillington	...	98.3	24	297	19	15.63

Also bowled :—G. M. Shaw 18.5—3—66—5; D. E. Costain 5—1—19—0; G. Harwood 3—0—14—0.

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR

First Round :—Chandos 149; Grenville 91. Walpole 76; Grafton 79 for 0. Bruce 71; Cobham 72 for 0. Chatham 150; Temple 76.

Second Round :—Grafton 210 for 9; Chandos 58. Chatham 265 for 2; Cobham 147.

Final :—Grafton beat Chatham by an innings and 34 runs.

Chatham 66 (C. E. Clarkson 5 for 27) and 52 (Clarkson 5 for 29).

Grafton 152 (G. Harwood 57).

JUNIOR

First Round :—Temple 95; Grafton 35. Grenville 103; Chatham 104 for 7. Walpole 188; Cobham 115. Bruce 65; Chandos 39.

Second Round :—Temple 114; Chatham 91. Bruce 19; Walpole 21 for 1.

Final :—Walpole beat Temple by 106 runs.

Walpole 109 for 8 and 70 for 5.

Temple 49 (D. E. Costain 5 for 21) and 24 (D. E. Costain 4 for 5).

THE STOWE TEMPLARS CRICKET CLUB

For the first time in its short history, the Club was undefeated. Both matches against the School and the three final days of the Week were spoilt by rain but the rest of the fixtures were played, happily without interruption.

The Club's first engagement was a weekend at Cambridge, where Trinity College was held to a draw and on the following day the Cambridge Crusaders were soundly defeated by 5 wickets. On Whit Monday, at Dulwich Common, the Templars failed by only 11 runs to beat the Old Alleynians with two wickets left standing.

The match against the 1st XI was spoilt by rain. Michael Rushton batted confidently in both innings but otherwise runs were not made easily against the School bowling. Peter Morris bowled too well for the School batsmen, hitting the stumps five times and taking 6 wickets for 20 runs. Sherjan played all the bowling sensibly and with great determination, being eventually bowled by Peter Morris for 42. Both sides fielded in rain and drizzle and the match was eventually abandoned. During the rather stern cricket on the North Front, remarkable events were taking place on the South. Norman Barling, disdaining single runs, and after a late start reached 103 by lunch-time. The School kitchens were rewarded by the fall of his wicket immediately after the interval, and in spite of some intrepid Templar fielding in torrential rain the match was left drawn.

Following the School matches, the annual visit to Dick Hawkins at Daventry was a great success. After scoring the meagre total of 92, the Templars dismissed their opponents for 64, Morris taking 5 for 15 and Lezard 5 for 22. Against the H.A.C., as on other occasions this season, Peter Morris and Peter Harris destroyed the major part of the opposition batting quickly and the match was won by 6 wickets.

The highlight of the Templars' season is always the Week at Stowe. This year the weather turned exceeding sour and after three fine days what little cricket there was took place in drizzle and gloom. The match against the Oundle Rovers was drawn, with the odds heavily in the Templars' favour; St. Edward's Martyrs were beaten by 31 runs; and the remaining matches, against the Northants Amateurs, the Old Alleynians and the Hampstead Club, were ruined by the rain.

The final game of the season was played against the Henley Club, where the Templars were held to an exciting draw, a four being needed off the last ball of the day for victory.

This account would not be complete without acknowledging the support and encouragement given to the Club by the School; Brian Gibson wears our colours and umpires with stern—even ruthless—impartiality, Sid Jones prepares the truest of wickets, and several Stowe families practically adopt us during the Week. To all these people, our very grateful thanks.

M.D.T.L.

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