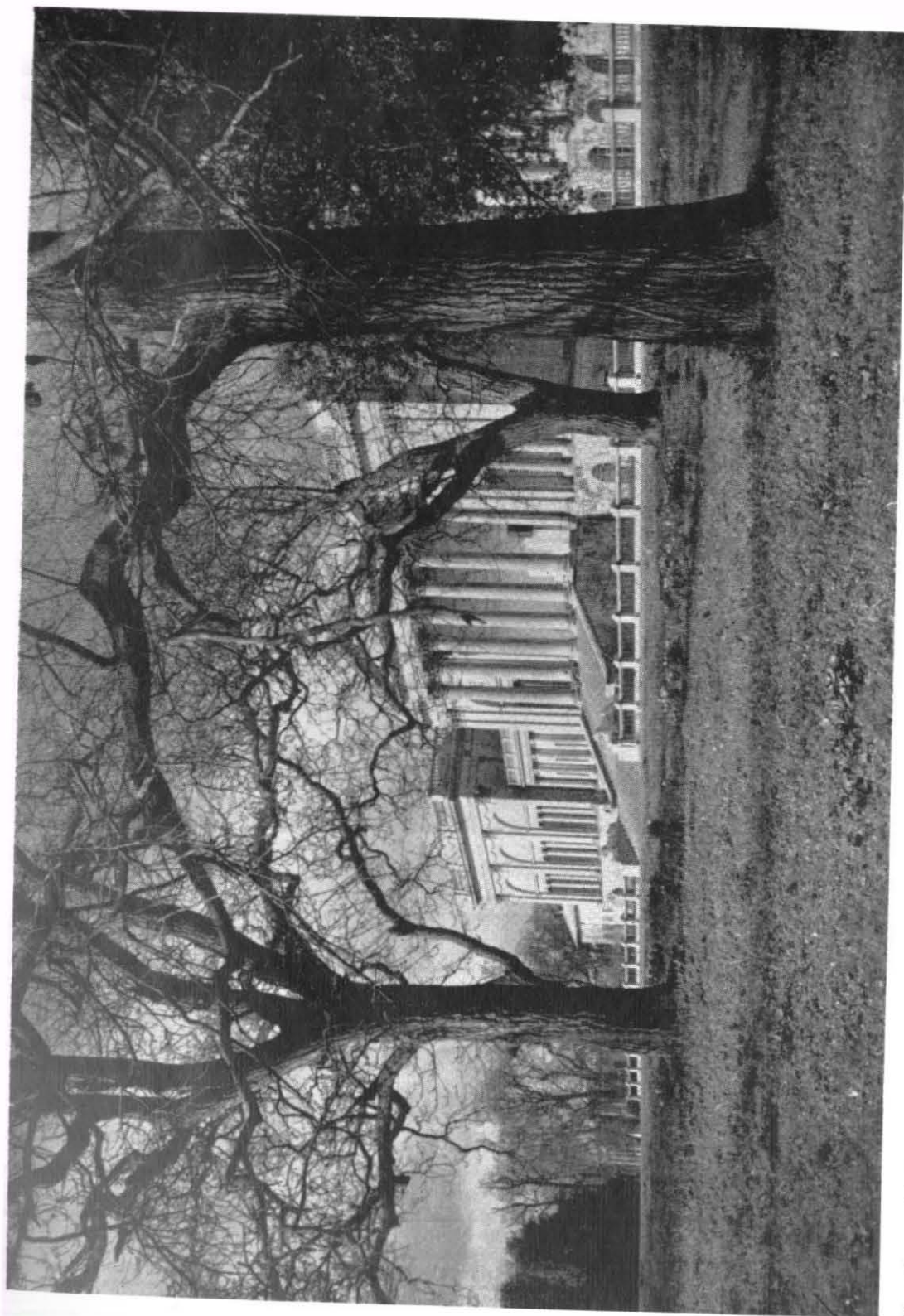


# THE STOIC



*Number One Hundred and Seven.*

DECEMBER 1958



THE SOUTH FRONT

Photograph by M.J.M.

# THE STOIC

VOL. XVIII

DECEMBER 1958

No. 4

## EDITORIAL

THE first Assembly of the term found the School in unfamiliar surroundings, the main body in the stalls, prefects and monitors in the gallery, and the masters, rather self-consciously, seated in a double semi-circle on the stage behind the Headmaster; for the new Hall, though not yet fully equipped, is at last completed and in regular use; it is to be called the Roxburgh Hall. The new laboratories are also finished, and the appearance of the ill-defined area behind the class-room block has been greatly improved by laying a smart new asphalt surface over the gravel; what is perhaps more to the point, those whose form rooms are below the Art School no longer have to skirt the sloughs in wet weather. By a happy co-incidence these improvements in the appearance and facilities of Stowe have come in Mr. Crichton-Miller's first term, for he has left us in no doubt that he has ambitious plans for the future.

In his address to the School at half-term the Headmaster foreshadowed certain reforms which he wished to make in the organization of Stowe. The first of these, a change from two to three half-holidays a week, has been forced upon us by the increasing inconvenience of arranging fixtures with other schools which have already made the change themselves. To do this without reducing the number of school periods means considerable alteration in the routine, and the opportunity is being taken to modify the daily programme so that a better use can be made of the time available. The new routine will come into operation in January.

The Headmaster mentioned other proposals, too, which he had in mind: a somewhat different system of forms in the Middle and Lower Schools, and a more flexible pattern of specialization in Sixth Form work. But the details of these proposals will inevitably take time to work out, and it is not possible to say how soon they can be implemented.

In its games, Stowe has had considerable success. Both the senior and junior pairs reached the semi-finals of their respective tennis competitions

at Wimbledon in August; a gallant 1st XV has lost only three matches, and none by more than three points; and there has been an encouraging improvement in the standard of Fives and Shooting.

All this is heartening evidence of present achievement and future purpose, but it would be wrong, in a general review of the term, not to record the sad loss the School has suffered by the death of Mr. Miles. An appreciation of his life and work is printed on another page. His sudden death shocked Stowe; his wisdom and his fearlessly independent judgment were qualities which would be valued anywhere.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Michaelmas Term, 1958.*

*Prefects* :—P. B. Aarvold (♁), Head of the School; M. G. F. Gilbert (T), Second Prefect; C. J. G. Atkinson (C), Prefect of Chapel; L. A. W. Evans (B), Prefect of Hall; A. J. Beatty (C), Prefect of Library; J. P. D. Hancox (G); J. G. Cluff (W), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. R. Kerr Muir (C); T. G. Wills-Sandford (♁); D. J. Easton (W); D. Ridley (C); C. J. W. Gauvain (T).

*Rugby Football* :—Captain, P. B. Aarvold (♁); Secretary, A. R. Bentall (C).

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

*Fives* :—Captain, C. J. W. Gauvain (T).

*Fencing* :—Captain and Secretary, A. T. MacGregor (C).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term :—Sunday, September 28th, The Headmaster; Sunday, October 5th, The Rev. J. O. Chadwick, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge; Sunday, October 19th, F. F. Fisher, Esq., M.C., Warden of St. Edward's; Sunday, November 2nd, The Rt. Rev. Alfred Rose, formerly Bishop of Dover; Sunday, November 9th, The Chaplain; Sunday, November 23rd, The Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, December 14th, The Chaplain.

The Collections in the Chapel were :—On July 27th, for the Pineapple, £66 3s. od.; on October 5th, for the Stowe Church and Agricultural Benevolent Fund, £29 5s. od.; on October 26th, for St. Luke's Hostel,

£25 15s. od.; on November 9th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £100 os. od.; on November 30th, for the Penhalonga (African Educational) Appeal, Southern Rhodesia, £28 5s. od.

Confirmation was held on Advent Sunday, November 30th, in the Chapel, when 99 candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Canon Charles H. Ritchie, Chaplain to H. M. the Queen, last September. For many years he had preached every summer term in Chapel and we had come to value these addresses highly; it was, therefore, a great disappointment to us last term when we heard he would be unable to come. Both his sons were at Stowe, the younger being Head of the School in 1946. His long friendship with Mr. Roxburgh made it fitting that he should dedicate the Memorial Stone to Mr. Roxburgh in Chapel, and give the address on that occasion.

The Old Stoic Dinner, which took place on November 29th, was again held 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. P. G. Hunter and Mr. N. G. Annan (T, 1935). 186 Old Stoics were present, and a further 40 had to be refused because of the limited accommodation.

At a dinner recently held in London in honour of Mr. H. B. Playford and attended by 50 past members of Bruce House, a presentation was made by P. L. Sherwood as a token of appreciation for his long and successful housemastership. The dinner was organized by C. C. Preston (1929), P. L. Sherwood (1930) and R. B. Matthews (1934), and the appeal, which was confined to Bruce, was subscribed to by over 200 former members of the House.

Mr. Playford is now teaching at a preparatory school at Epsom.

The Pineapple Ball is to be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Thursday, January 8th, 1959. 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, 8, Rosary Gardens, London, S.W.1.

Five new masters have joined the Staff this term: Mr. J. A. Gibbs, Mr. J. M. Temple, Mr. A. M. Vinen (W, 1951), Mr. J. M. Hunt and Mr. M. H. Ryland Jones; Dr. W. F. Warren and Mr. P. G. Naylor have been temporary members of the Staff. Miss Rhuna Martin has joined the Music Staff.

During the illness of Mr. Uttley, Mr. Dams has been acting house-master of Walpole.

Mr. Watson has performed two concertos this term, one with the Norwich Chamber Orchestra at Norwich, and the other with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at Uppingham.

There is good news about the monument regarded most affectionately by Stoics: approval has been given for the statue of George I to be restored, and in due course he will be back in position on the North Front. The estimated cost is £1,550, half of which will be paid by the Ministry of Works.

The Grafton Hunt met at Stowe on Thursday, November 27th.

The Old Berkeley Beagles met at Stowe on Saturday, November 15th.

The Natural History Society has published as its sixth Journal *An Account of the Birds of Stowe*. It contains articles on many aspects of the bird life here, written by members of the School over the past few years and drawing on the Notes in *The Stoic* that have been made nearly every term since 1923. Such a wide subject obviously cannot be covered by one Journal, but a start has been made, and with a check list on which to build it should be possible to expand the account in a few years' time.

Copies can be obtained from Mr. B. A. Barr, Grafton House, Stowe. Price (including postage) 3/-.

On Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th, the Congreve Club presented three short plays: *The Pardoner's Tale* by James Bridie, *The Resurrection* by W. B. Yeats, and *The Bald Prima Donna* by Eugene Ionesco. A review of these productions will be published in the next number of *The Stoic*.

ILLUSTRATIONS.—The tail-piece on page 164 is from a lino-cut by P. J. Black (G). The wood-engraving on page 143 is by Mr. Mounsey; those on pages 158 and 174 by H. D. M. Fletcher (T) and W. P. Rawlings (G).

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

1st XI:—G. M. Shaw (G), A. R. Bentall (C).

3rd XI:—R. E. C. Marton (C), P. B. Aarvold (G), B. E. Dawson (W), O. A. Namouk (G).

For Football:

1st XV:—E. S. Kennedy (C), C. H. Clucas (W), G. D. Parkinson (W), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. J. Easton (W), C. J. G. Atkinson (C).

2nd XV:—R. St. C. Strange (G), K. S. E. Carslaw (G), A. F. Stone (T), G. B. Edwards (W), I. H. Agnew (W), H. F. Ramsay (G), M. G. F. Gilbert (T), T. A. S. Dufty (B), R. A. C. Thompson (G), M. F. Bridgland (B).

3rd XV:—P. M. Salamon (G), D. H. Manzi-Fé (C), M. G. Warren (B), J. B. Mayland (W), L. A. W. Evans (B), J. A. Jefferson (C), P. C. Oakley (C), R. J. Preston (B), J. G. Finlay (C), P. D. Norman (C), D. S. Watson (C), R. S. Dunlop (B), W. P. Hayter (B), C. J. Seddon (G), D. F. A. Would (C).

Colts Stockings:—C. P. Robinson (T), S. H. Sladen (G), D. P. Bentall (C), R. F. Charnock (G), C. B. Tetlow (T), P. N. Gibson (G).

## STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

C. D. E. SPENCE (C) and M. G. WARREN (B) were awarded State Scholarships for Higher Mathematics with Physics on the results of the Certificate Examinations in July.

## EXHIBITIONS

The award of Exhibitions to S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T) and J. V. M. Bryans (T) was announced on Speech Day.

## OLIM ALUMNI

D. WYNNE (G, 1943), the sculptor, has recently completed two major works: a bronze head with hands of Sir Thomas Beecham, which was on show in the Royal Festival Hall on October 15th, and a group, "Teamwork", in granite, which was unveiled on October 27th at the London headquarters of the Taylor Woodrow Group's oversea companies.

C. R. SELBY (G, 1955) won the silver mounted cane at Mons Officer Cadet School for the best cadet of the commissioning detachment at the passing-out parade on September 18th, after having achieved the rank of Senior Under Officer.

R. WILLIAMS (G, 1958) has been awarded a University Cadetship in the R.A.F. Technical Branch.

W. G. FISKE (G, 1956) and R. K. Middlemas (C, 1953) qualified for the Queen's Hundred at Bisley this year.

J. M. DIACK (T, 1956) has been awarded the Premier Prix (Horn) at the Conservatoire Nationale de Musique, Grenoble.

R. G. HETHERINGTON (G, 1958), who spent seven weeks in Labrador with the Public Schools Exploration Society, has now taken up a post in Austria working for refugees.

R. S. L. PEARMAN (W, 1953) played for Bermuda in the Eisenhower Cup.

C. J. G. SHILLINGTON (C, 1957) represented Ireland in the Empire Games at Cardiff. He ran the Mile.

## BIRTHS

To the wife of M. G. MANTON (C, 1945), a daughter, on July 24th; to the wife of H. M. TAYLOR (G, 1941), a son, on July 28th; to the wife of J. F. P. TATE (W, 1941), a daughter, on August 1st; to the wife of G. M. CORBETT (T, 1953), a daughter, on August 18th (in Buenos Aires); to the wife of D. HARTNELL-BEAVIS (T, 1935), a daughter, on August 22nd; to the wife of R. M. BARTLETT (T, 1947), a son, on August 24th; to the wife of V. D. BURTON (G, 1940), a son, on September 4th; to the wife of R. C. H. COLLIER (B, 1941), a son, on September 8th; to the wife of THE HON. J. V. FISHER (T, 1940), a son, on September 21st; to the wife of J. S. HILLYER (G, 1943), a daughter, on September 23rd; to the wife of A. G. JESSIMAN (B, 1941), a son, on September 30th (in Boston, U.S.A.); to the wife of S. TOWNLEY (formerly S. P. E. C. W. WORSTHORNE) (C, 1940), a daughter, on October 6th; to the wife of M. N. BOGGON (T, 1952), a son, on October 6th.

## MARRIAGES

H. M. TAYLOR (G, 1941) to Kathleen Morgan, on October 12th, 1957; J. F. F. LE POER TRENCH (C, 1949) to Rosemary Anne Leslie, on October 19th.

J. I. G. CAPADOSE (T, 1943) to Monica Joan Bramwell, on July 26th, 1958; R. K. MIDDLEMAS (C, 1953) to Susan Mary Tremlett, on August 30th; C. F. CULLIS (W, 1941) to Marjorie Elizabeth Anderson, on September 3rd; G. H. B. CARTER (T, 1947) to Shirley Ann Taylor, on October 4th; N. E. F. COLEMAN (C, 1944) to Vivien Gresham Cooke, on October 4th; D. H. BRASSEY (T, 1949) to Miss M. E. Baskerville-Glegg, on October 15th; R. C. WITHINSHAW (C, 1952) to Jean Elizabeth Pinhey, on October 25th; J. B. CHITTENDEN (T, 1947) to Bridget Veronica Kimmins, on November 15th; R. J. FENNEL (T, 1954) to Fiona Weston, on November 19th.

## DEATH

P. N. WHITEHEAD (G, 1932), as the result of an accident in the Tour de France Rally, on September 20th.



## SPEECH DAY

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were held in conjunction on the last Saturday of the Summer Term, July 26th. This year the weather was more lenient, with some sun and a gusty wind. Exhibitions were held in the Art Schools, the Laboratories and the Workshops, and the cricket was played as usual. The weather rained a little on the Historians performing *Julius Caesar* at the Queen's Temple, but not enough to deter them.

The Prize-giving and Speeches were held on the South Front steps at 3.30 p.m. After the distribution of the prizes it was announced that Exhibitions had been awarded to S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T) and J. V. M. Bryans (T).

The Headmaster then rose to speak. This was his farewell speech and a sad occasion, but the cheerful note struck by his words distinguished it from the normal run of such speeches. He spoke of the happy years he had spent at Stowe and of the many friends he had made during them, expressing his thanks to all the people who had been so helpful in easing the burden of headmastership for him. Such a community as Stowe was bound to have many close ties for him and he felt much sorrow and regret at leaving it. He outlined the recent progress of the School, of which its many new buildings were the outward signs. Not the least moving parts of his speech were his sincere and generous tributes to each of the masters who has retired recently. Finally he wished farewell to all those he had come to know at Stowe.

He then introduced Mr. P. L. Sherwood (B, 1930), a Governor of the School and a member of the Standing Committee of the Friends of Stowe, who gave an account of the new Hall which is reported elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Sherwood concluded by handing the key of the Hall to the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Wimborne, O.B.E., D.L., the Chairman of the Governors, who accepted it on behalf of the School.

The last speaker was the Rt. Hon. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. (C, 1927), President of the Old Stoic Society. On behalf of the Society he presented to the Headmaster an inscribed silver salver and a set of crystal glasses as a token of gratitude for things past and of good wishes for the future.

## THE NEW SCHOOL HALL

The new Hall was formally handed over to the School by the Friends of Stowe on Speech Day and was inaugurated on the Sunday by the School Orchestra's concert. This term it has been in regular use, and its varied employments have already proved the Hall to be an efficient and comfortable building, and suggest that when the final details are completed it will be entirely worthy of its purpose. A full description must wait until the equipping of the interior is finished and the surrounds are levelled and laid out as gardens, but the illustrations on a later page show its general appearance and bring the record of its construction up to date. Speaking on behalf of the Friends of Stowe, Mr. Sherwood gave an account of how the Hall came into being.

"It seems a far cry," he said, "to the day nearly seven years ago when 'Mac' Morison and Dick Kenyon, as two trustees of the Friends of Stowe, came to the Headmaster to say that the Friends had accumulated a modest sum—indeed a very modest sum—and that they sought his advice as to how it might be spent. The Headmaster said unhesitatingly that the School needed a Hall and that the Friends could perform no greater service to Stowe than by building one. And so in due course an appeal was launched.

"As a result of the appeal the Friends of Stowe were able to raise some £24,000 and our most grateful thanks are due to all those Old Stoics, parents and not least boys in the School who subscribed so very generously. I think perhaps I might be allowed to say a special word about the Old Stoics. The School is only 35 years old and therefore of necessity the body of Old Stoics is not large and neither, by comparison with certain other schools, is it rich; further, of course, a tragically high proportion of Old Stoics was killed during the War. Nevertheless in response to three major appeals since the War Old Stoics have subscribed well over £50,000, which I think is a record of which any school might be proud.

"In addition to the £24,000 I have referred to we received most generous contributions from the Governors of Stowe, the Trustees of the War Memorial Fund, the Old Stoic Society and the School Shop.

"Even with this additional help we were short of the £42,000 which has ultimately been required to build the Hall. In fact the Hall could not

have been built unless we had been able to incorporate certain bequests; I refer to the J. F. Roxburgh Bequest, the Plummer Fund and most importantly the Huggins Fund. It was a particularly happy thought on the part of the Headmaster that the Hall should incorporate the Music School, which was the object of Dr. Huggins' benefaction. I am sure this is an arrangement which would have met with the whole-hearted support of Dr. Huggins."

Mr. Sherwood went on to pay tribute to the two people who, more than any others, had made the Hall possible: Dick Kenyon, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Friends of Stowe, and the Headmaster, Mr. Reynolds. "Dick Kenyon," he said, "has rendered very able and distinguished service, and I feel that only those who have sat under his Chairmanship can really appreciate what a tremendous contribution he has made to the success of the scheme. And then, sir, the Headmaster. This Hall owes its inception entirely to the Headmaster. Indeed it is not too much to say that but for his energy, optimism and constant enthusiasm there would have been no Hall."

After describing the activities of the Friends of Stowe, Mr. Sherwood concluded with these words: "And now, sir, on behalf of the Friends of Stowe it is my very pleasant duty to hand over to you, as Chairman of the Governors, the new School Hall and this the key to it. May it serve Stowe well."

## BRINLEY RICHARD MILES

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1899—OCTOBER 13TH, 1958

B.R.M. was educated at Hawarden School and at Jesus College, Oxford, where he obtained his degree in the School of Natural Sciences in 1922. After two years as a private tutor he taught at Rossall and then at Kelly College, before coming to Stowe in September, 1930. In 1934 he was made the Assistant Tutor of the Medical Side, and in 1936 he became the Tutor. Until the war he was in charge of P.T. and boxing. He was too young to do more than train at the end of the first war, but in October, 1940, he volunteered as a Radar Instructor, and rose to the rank of Major in the Royal Artillery. After a term's work at Harrow he returned to Stowe in January, 1946.

He had been a good hockey player as a young man and had won his County hockey colours, and in the thirties he was a dangerous wing in the Masters' XI. But in his last eight years at Stowe he was in constant discomfort and often pain as a result of a serious motor accident. Characteristically he made light of it, and few can have realised how much he suffered.

The young Stoics in the middle and lower school sets were probably as scared of B.R.M. as they were of anyone at Stowe, and the new members of Side VI took some time to get used to his witty and often sharp tongue. But once the early apprehension was over, his tutees knew that to them he was a friend who was prepared to drive himself as hard as he ever drove them, in his efforts to get them through their examinations; and one who would always listen to their troubles and patiently give them his help and advice. As a teacher his main concern was the passing of examinations, narrow enough from some points of view, but a great virtue when one remembers that he seldom had the best sets, and that Side VI did not usually contain the best brains of the School. M.B.'s, "O" Levels and "A" Levels had to be passed, and he made no excuses for his methods, but he had a remarkable way of turning on laughter as if from a tap, and changing a grim period to one of hilarity.

He became Head of the Science Department in January, 1955, and in his last two years was involved in the building of the new Science Laboratories, secretly enjoying his many arguments with architects and builders. Although he never claimed to be a lover of Science for its own sake, he ran the department with efficiency and success, and will be remembered particularly by the laboratory staff as one who was always considerate of their welfare.

He was not one who mixed freely with his colleagues, but to their children he was a well-loved figure, patient with them when they were young, and understanding as they grew older. There is a group of his colleagues, however, to whom his death has come as an especially severe blow—the golfers. As a tremendously keen one himself, the course at Stowe, on which he worked so hard, can be his memorial. Twice a year some of us had a match against a group of faithful Old Stoics, and by us, masters and Old Boys alike, he was held in great affection. His presence on the golf course, in the club house, or at the many dinners, was an inspiration, for he so obviously enjoyed himself and loved to see the rest of us enjoying ourselves. A dangerous fighter on the course, a charming companion both on and off it, there we all saw him at his delightful best.

## STOWE SEPTET

It must be rare for a school to lose within little more than the space of a year (by retirement or, in one case, by death) seven masters whose joint service amounts to so much as 220 years, as has just happened at Stowe. That is an average of more than thirty years, over a period which saw changes in all schools and at Stowe most of the stages of its development, to which these men each made his contribution.

There was room for much hard work in the founding of a new school and the building of a new tradition, and these men gave it without stint. Nor at a later period did they spare themselves, when the heavy burdens and long hours of the war-years and the period that followed so impaired the health of more than one of them as to leave a legacy of pain and suffering in their last few terms at Stowe which it needed all their courage to support. It is to be hoped that their strength will be fully recovered in retirement. What was their achievement over so many years?

Humphrey Playford had been a distinguished President of the Cambridge University Boat Club and had had some experience as a College Chaplain. He came to Stowe in 1925 and three years later was appointed to the Housemastership of Bruce. Although his activities covered many fields (the Chapel, the Pineapple, and Estate work are examples) undoubtedly his most important work lay with his House. He could be over-sensitive in their defence, which led him sometimes to under-rate the good faith of his colleagues, but he set a very high standard in the personal interest and understanding and encouragement which he gave to his boys, and for twenty-five years he made Bruce a House of outstanding quality: a good, often very good, games House, but one which produced scholars too, a House whose particular stamp was one of gentleness and self-restraint, of tolerance and culture, a House that exemplified the civilized values at which Stowe has always aimed. He was, too, a good man at a crisis; self-possessed, calm and effective.

'Fritz' Clifford also came in 1925, and was at once a figure of commanding presence. Delayed once, in his first term or near it, on the way to taking Supper, he quelled an impatient school to utter silence throughout the meal by a brief command and a reinforcing look. He was a slow but tireless worker, with a truly tremendous sense of duty, who would never relax one iota until he had conscientiously fulfilled his purpose, not infrequently working the whole night through. And what a number of purposes he had! For nearly the whole of his career he steered, as its Treasurer, the fortunes of the Pineapple, whose prosperity owes more to him than to any other single man; for some years he was Modern Languages Tutor and taught the meaning of thoroughness to those who came under him; for many more years he served in the Corps, finally commanding it and undertaking wide and exacting responsibilities during the War; for many years again he was Housemaster of Grafton; for nine years he was Second Master, and for a term (in the absence of Mr. Reynolds) acting Headmaster. Now and then, an inflexible sense of duty seemed to embarrass his judgment; but no assistant master has undertaken more for Stowe and none drove himself harder. Twice he had to submit to a major operation, and on each occasion his iron will refused a proper recognition to the toll it took of him.

Freddie Archer, as well, came in 1925—'Wilfred' to some, a nickname that, like the Cunctator, he received in jest and turned to affection and honour. It took, if he

will forgive the memory, a few terms for his quirks and oddities to be recognized for what they were, but only a few terms. Many are the generations of Stoics who learned from Freddie that mixture of unpredictable enterprise and punctilious observance that typifies Stowe at its best, first in the Scouts and later in the Recruits, both of which he ran with such zest and individuality and such thorough-going attention to detail. He had a long reign too, of course, as Mathematical Tutor, and a very successful reign it was. But he will be remembered widely, in addition to these things, for his great kindness and generosity, for his talent as a distributor of striking nicknames, and for his possession of dogs as individual as himself—Buster! Boojum! He was a character, was Freddie, in the style of an earlier age, not omitting his connoisseurship of wines.

And with him, five terms his junior, must go Harold Kinvig, who did so much for him as for so many others. Moreover, who that saw it will forget their memorable partnership in a Stowe *v.* Masters match of long ago, when the Masters' doubtfully skilful team was saved from threatening disaster by a last-wicket century partnership between these two bowlers? Again, they were fellow-officers, at a later and less happy epoch, in the Home Guard.

Harold Kinvig, reduced lately by two major operations within seven months, lost some of the vigour but retained the dedication of his earlier years. He was, while youth allowed, a more than competent player of cricket and hockey and a more than competent scholar. In middle age, he was a zealous and solicitous housemaster, who would to any length sacrifice his own convenience if he could do anything for boys or for their parents, from whom, since his advice was always wise and well-balanced, he earned great respect and abiding affection. But perhaps his greatest service to Stowe was the creation of Side Eight. At a time when the Upper School was smaller and its studies limited to the traditional courses, there was room for something to keep on at Stowe, instead of their leaving early, boys who were not academically-minded but who often were very valuable members of society. The provision of this course was entrusted to Kinvig, who based it on Geography. It was, without question, an immense success. Members of this Side found a real interest in these studies, which many continued to their profit at the University, particularly at Cambridge.

Edward Dewing came in 1928 and assumed Headship of the Science Department. Ill-health unfortunately compelled him to resign from this post after a short time and to confine his main energies to the organisation of Science in the Lower School. He continued, however, to keep valuable records of his pupils' progress and to save them money by the running of a book-exchange. He was an intelligent teacher, whose interests ranged well beyond the limits of his subject. (One of his side-lines was Astronomy: at one time a fascinating orrery was among the apparatus he devised.) He was also a man of great kindness and considerable patience. He had a worth-while message for those who wished to hear it, and they were far from few; but deafness increasingly hampered him in the teaching of large classes. He was an enthusiastic flautist who filled a useful place in the school orchestra. He was also an ever-ready friend to Old Stoics, giving them always a warm welcome and lending a sympathetic ear to all their news, generous in offering hospitality.

'Bertie' Miles, whose shrewd and dry wit was an entertainment and whose often pungent comments concealed a sympathetic, kindly and conscientious nature, came in 1930. His sudden death in October is recorded elsewhere in this issue, together with an appreciation of his work at Stowe which it would be impertinent to add to here. He was a Tutor of great worth.



Lastly, Edward Hart Dyke, but far from least, and first-comer of this group, in 1924, when Stowe was only eight months old, who stayed for 102 terms. Comparisons are odious and unnecessary; but none would grudge the judgment that in 'Dyke' was the completest schoolmaster of them all, for his unfailing industry, his quick intelligence, his wide sympathy, his Christian humility and self-effacement, and his absolute integrity. (Mr. Reynolds spoke truly when he said, in his final speech as Headmaster, that he had never known a more loyal or trustworthy colleague.)

His most obvious work, of course, was as Head of the Modern Languages Department, and with remarkable thoroughness he fulfilled it; but this was only a fraction of the whole. His outstanding value lay in the quiet vital work he did in unobtrusive roles, as a Form Master, as an Assistant Tutor, always on the look-out to give a helping hand to the backward or the less gifted or those with special needs; as an organiser of A.R.P. during the War, and of Forestry Camps in the Lake District during war-time holidays; and in many matters of which few were likely ever to hear. He had been a good athlete, a useful spin-bowler and a thrusting centre three-quarter in the early days when masters were indispensable in providing adequate opposition for the school's first teams; also a fives-player of subtle force; so that it was sad to see him lately suffering painfully from lameness. But, characteristically, he allowed none to see and few to know the extent of his pain; and he retired a little before his time rather than outstay the giving of his best.

Times change and Stowe must change. But these men set a standard of dutifulness and personal service which, even if it is equalled, will certainly not be surpassed.

## STOWE ORIGINALS

The photograph opposite page 153 was taken on Stowe's twenty-first birthday, May 11th, 1944, and appeared in the current *Stoic*. It should be of interest to all generations of Stoics, but will doubtless require some nomenclature for those of later date. In the back row from left to right are Mr. Warden, who needs no introduction, Mr. French, who was Mr. Roxburgh's chauffeur, Mr. Lewis Whitehead, whose comparatively recent death left such a gap among our engineers, and Mr. May, still happily with us. Seated from left to right are Mr. Thomas, 'Moss' of the Shop, Miss Butler, one of the original Matrons, J.F.R. himself, and lastly Mr. Turner, our Chief Electrician, whose retirement this term ends an epoch of invaluable and vital service.

### THE LAURUS CUP 1958

The Cup was won by Grafton. The final order was:—1, Grafton, 78 points; 2, Chatham, 62 points; 3, Walpole, 44 points; 4, Bruce, 12 points; 5 equal, Temple and Grenville, 10 points; 7, Cobham, 3 points; 8, Chandos, 0 points.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### "THE DECIPHERMENT OF LINEAR B"

By JOHN CHADWICK (*Cambridge University Press*, 18/6)

This book describes in detail one of the most remarkable intellectual achievements of this century—the decipherment by the late Michael Ventris (T 1939) of the unknown script called Linear B, discovered in Crete in 1900. The author gives an admirably clear account for the layman of the formidable chain of logic which led Ventris to the conclusion that this "Minoan" language was in fact Greek. He had "pushed back some seven centuries the date of the earliest Greek inscriptions, and proved, for the Greek language, a continuous recorded history totalling thirty-three centuries, a record rivalled only by Chinese." Mr. Chadwick also fills in the background of the discovery and discusses the arguments brought against it by critics; and a picture emerges of the Mycenaean civilization in Greece and Crete about 1400 B.C., just before its final overthrow by alien invaders. It seems, paradoxically, that it is only because of this invasion that Linear B writing has been preserved, for all three sites at which inscriptions have been found, Knossos, Pylos and Mycenae, were destroyed by a violent fire that baked the clay tablets hard.

The personality of Michael Ventris dominates the book, and Mr. Chadwick, his friend and collaborator, is well qualified to testify to his modesty and charm; his brilliance is witnessed by his achievement. Perhaps the most touching tribute to his work was that paid by another scholar: "Devant les siècles, son oeuvre est fait".

This is an unusual book, which gives pleasure of an unusual kind: that of following and really understanding something important and interesting but which one had thought beyond one's reach. To see this argument unfolding, point by point, to grasp and be convinced by it, is a rare experience.

M.G.W.

A full scholarly discussion of the tablets and their interpretation may be found in *Documents in Mycenaean Greek*, by Michael Ventris and John Chadwick. This book was reviewed in *The Stoic* of March, 1957.

### "THE WISEST FOOL IN CHRISTENDOM"

By WILLIAM MCELWEE (*Faber and Faber*, 25/-)

Nearly twenty-five years have elapsed since the late Charles Williams wrote his hauntingly beautiful study of James I. During the intervening years much important research has been done on the other side of the Atlantic, particularly with regard to the history of the Parliaments in the period, but, with the exception of the English edition of Dr. Harris Willson's recent scholarly life of King James, little of this has been easily available to the ordinary reader. Mr. McElwee has therefore performed a very valuable task in following up his two earlier works on Stuart history with this full length assessment of the reign of James I.

Readers of his earlier books will not fail to be delighted by *The Wisest Fool in Christendom*. It is written with all the vividness of phrase that we have come to expect from the author. The reconstructed details of historic scenes, the sharp delineation of character, the penetrating analysis of political groupings, and the incisive judgments on situations mishandled or misjudged conjoin to make this an intensely exciting and readable book.

Mr. McElwee wisely devotes a third of the work to the Scottish period. The chief excellence of the book is the way in which he unfolds with great skill the highly complex (and, to the general reader, very unfamiliar) pattern of Scottish politics from Mary's flight into England down to the time of the Gowrie conspiracy. The story is absorbingly interesting, and extremely important, for these were the formative years of James's character. Brought up without knowing either of his parents, starved of human love, James was subjected to an intolerably severe intellectual discipline. His tutors "produced a paragon of learning and precocity, whose religious beliefs were firmly based on Calvinist dogma and logic. But they never made him really conscientious, or, except under compulsion, hard working." Physically inept and unprepossessing, he was by virtue of his character and position driven in upon himself. His natural self-centredness was increased by the importance which all factions attached to the possession of his person and the kingship which it embodied.

To come to England in 1603 after the privations and penury of ruling in Scotland was indeed to arrive in the promised land. Well versed in the doctrines of Kingship and Reformation theology, James's mind was yet incapable of grasping that the pattern of Tudor constitutional and religious practice worked because it remained deliberately haphazard and un-doctrinaire. It was a fatal weakness that he would press for definitions in areas where compromise and avoidance of definitions had hitherto held good. His intolerable readiness to lecture the Commons on constitutional issues, his refusal to compromise with the Puritans, and above all his financial recklessness were to lay the basis for the clash between Court and Parliament which culminated in the sixteen-forties.

The first years of his reign were peaceful; no longer beset by personal danger, his natural laziness inclined him to pay less and less attention to the business of governing. Over-exertion on the hunting-field and over-indulgence in the Court combined to bring about the gradual disintegration of his character. Unwilling to face the facts of political criticism from without, he sought escape in the fantasy world of Court favourites, to whom he rashly entrusted the reins of government. His character in decline was repellent; the quality of public life had been debased, co-operation between Crown and Parliament broken. Yet despite the failures at home and abroad he had given England twenty years of peace and prosperity, and he died not only regretted but even loved.

C.C.W.J.

Also published recently:— *Still Alive Tomorrow*, by Wayland Young (W, 1941) (Cresset Press, 16/-).

## ESTATE WORK

Previously left to individual Houses, who have been responsible for much noble work in parts of the grounds, estate work has now become a School activity done by a party of boys two afternoons a week. So far the work has resulted in much clearance near the Doric Arch and Temple of Ancient Virtue, which has also had the merit of restoring something of the vista from Ancient Virtue to the British Worthies.

Encouraging results from this term's work suggest that by regular attention it will be possible to bring back, and maintain, order and beauty to much of the overgrown landscape garden.



Two characteristic photographs of B.R.M.: one, as he is remembered by an older generation of Stoics; the other, as we have seen him in recent years, on his way to improve the golf-course.

## STOWE PARISH CHURCH

The discovery last year of extensive wet rot in the timbers of the Church and the disintegration of the copper roofing have presented the parishioners of Stowe with a difficult problem. To save their fourteenth century church, a large sum of money needs to be raised to meet the cost of structural repairs. With little but faith and the hope of charity a long-term plan of restoration has nevertheless been agreed upon by the Parochial Church Council.

Following an inspection by Mr. Forsyth Lawson, A.R.I.B.A., and an estimated overall cost of £3,500, the most urgent repairs were short-listed and work begun at once on the roof of the nave. By November, 1957, the worst of the leaks had been stemmed and the nave roof reboarded and renewed.

This year has seen the copper roofing on the north aisle and the east end of the chancel replaced, and these ceilings re-timbered and plastered. Not content, however, with exterior repairs only, the Council has been further inspired to re-design and re-decorate the interior. The vestry has been extended, and a colour scheme proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Mounsey has been accepted and carried out. The Penyston Chapel has been opened up at the west end and the wooden panelling between it and the chancel has been removed; the chapel is being decorated and furnished as a memorial to Marjorie Dams.

A considerable saving on the original estimate has been effected by the generous help of the Bursar, Mr. Hensley and members of the School Maintenance Staff. Working under architect's supervision, Mr. Hensley and his men have undertaken the major part of the interior repair and re-decoration work.

The Church was re-opened for worship on Sunday, December 7th. Choral Eucharist was celebrated in the morning, and in the evening there was a special Advent Carol Service.

## HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The Competition was judged and criticised by Robin Treffgarne, of Harrow. In his introductory remarks he pointed out how very great was the influence of the Landscape of Stowe. This was natural and inevitable and probably on the whole a good thing, but it did present difficulties. Concentration upon the simplification and design of a picture is hard enough in any case, but is made all the harder when the topographical interest is so strong. "It is very rewarding," he said, "to paint the odd building or barn, or even a still life group of ordinary objects, for in these one can concentrate upon the design of the picture without being lured away by the interest of the subject."

Mr. Treffgarne then discussed the work of the various painters, which have been grouped together into Houses for the sake of convenience.

In Grafton, he was most interested in the work of R. B. J. Gadney, which he said was excellent and quite outstanding work to find in any school; he used colour well and was quite prepared to depart from purely naturalistic colour; his paintings were also interesting in the fact that they were painted in a personal manner; it was, as it were, like recognizing a person's handwriting. J. A. Booth's drawings were very good



STOWE ORIGINALS

and held their own very well against the strong oil painting round them; of his oils he said that he would probably find water colour a more sympathetic medium. H. L. Cowdy's "Table Mountain" was well-painted but had not the imagination of some of the other work; he needed to make his pictures more personal and interesting. S. H. Sladen's picture of the sea coast was his best and a very good effort too.

In Walpole, J. S. Furber's work was outstanding; he handled paint vividly and richly, but he did not always use the paint as oil paint should be used. Like many others in the exhibition a number of his paintings employed great use of vertical lines; these were satisfactory just so long as they did not overpower the main point of the picture. Other painters singled out in Walpole were R. C. Jenks, whose painting of the Boycott Pavilion was excellently realised, and J. A. Maxwell, who had a very lively picture of the South Front.

In Temple, Mr. Treffgarne spent much time upon the work of M. G. F. Gilbert and H. D. M. Fletcher; of the oil paintings, Fletcher's "Chapel" and "Tulip Trees" were both especially good, with a very happy use of autumn colour, and Gilbert's "Temple of Ancient Virtue" was an able bit of painting excellently felt in depth with a well controlled colour scheme. Fletcher's engravings were really a remarkable achievement for a boy and Gilbert's drawings gave one never a dull moment; each drawing was interesting and from each to the next the treatment varied. A. M. C. Batten's oil paintings were very promising and it would be nice to see more of them.

In Chandos, A. Zafiropulo showed a charming personality in his work, but he should be very sure what he was going to do before he did it, because the interest of his painting depended a great deal upon its freshness and spontaneity. J. H. Frazer's painting had attractive colour well controlled and there was the right amount of simplification for the sake of the design. H. B. Taylor had a most striking painting of the Bourbon Tower behind some rather too violent trees, but it was a promising piece of work.

In Bruce, the work of E. Both showed that he could paint well—he had two good still lifes—but it also showed that one had to design abstract paintings very much more carefully. A. C. W. Bone had some very nice drawings and a pleasant painting of daffodils on the edge of a wood.

J. F. R. Saunders, of Chatham, had done some attractive painting, but was much too afraid of emphasising the important parts of the picture.

Mr. Treffgarne then said that after a great deal of difficulty he had decided that Grafton had put up the best show and that both Temple and Walpole had run them very close indeed.

## THE FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society gave its last performance on Wednesday, November 26th, when the film *Plus de vacances pour le Bon Dieu* was shown. Its disappearance is due to a re-organisation of the School's programme.

It was founded some twenty-five years ago as one of the first Film Societies at a Public School, to show foreign films of recognized merit or particular interest not usually seen on the ordinary commercial screen. Its membership was limited to the Upper School, and ninety to ninety-five per cent. of it usually joined.

Except for two "seasons" during the war, three films were regularly shown during the Christmas Term and two during the Easter Term; altogether more than ninety different films, from France, Germany, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Italy and Japan, were seen by successive generations of Stoics during its existence.

E.Z.

## MUSIC

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH, 1958, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Leader—ANGUS WATSON

Conductor—CLIFTON KELYNACK

Trumpet Voluntary	... ..	Clarke-Wood
Brandenburg Concerto No. 3	... ..	J. S. Bach
Allegro; Allegro		
STRING ORCHESTRA—Leader, S. L. WHISTLER (C)		
Conductor, ANGUS WATSON		
Violin Concerto in A—First Movement	... ..	Mozart
C. J. GIBBON (G)		
String Quartet No. 13 in A minor, Op. 29—Second Movement	... ..	Schubert
S. L. WHISTLER (C) (Violin)		
C. J. GIBBON (G) (Violin)		
J. S. C. COHEN (T) (Viola)		
H. R. LANCHESTER (C) (Cello)		
Symphony in E minor, Op. 95, "From the New World"	... ..	Dvorak
First and Second Movements		
Serenade for String Orchestra	... ..	Dag Wiren
Andante espressivo; Marcia		
Overture: <i>Ruslan and Ludmilla</i>	... ..	Glinka

It is now close on half a year since the new Hall opened its doors for the first time to the general public of Stowe—appropriately on the day after the Friends of Stowe had made their formal presentation—and we are all now familiar with the procedure; but on July 27th it was a novelty, and an occasion, with more than a touch of first-night glamour about it.

Mr. Kelynack had devised a programme calculated to exploit to the full the various combinations of sound at his disposal and thereby to subject the Hall to the most rigorous acoustic test. After a brisk and highly competent performance of the Trumpet Voluntary which scholarship has now forbidden us to call Purcell's, the first half of the programme was taken up by works for strings. Bach's 3rd Brandenburg Concerto, like many similar works of its time, can so easily appear to be falling downstairs or trying to beat the clock; from under Mr. Watson's hands it emerged as an orderly but inspiring piece of logic, giving by the clarity of its various strands good earnest of the building's reception of strings. Gibbon's solo work in the Mozart Concerto was equally happy; only at one or two points did he fall below a high level of technical efficiency, and his tone was rich and brilliant, without any of the excessive sentimentality which would have ruined the work. Not being over-enamoured of Schubert I could not wholly share the lyrical enthusiasm with which some greeted the next item, but it was a masterly achievement; I imagine it is uncommon for a work requiring such cohesion and under-

standing to be performed by boys unaided, and it must be some time (if indeed it has ever been so) since Stowe had simultaneously four musicians of the necessary calibre, as it had last term in Whistler, Gibbon, Cohen and Lanchester. I thought the viola part a shade subdued, and (at any rate from where I sat) this work alone in the programme was occasionally lost in the vastness of the hall; but these are somewhat captious criticisms of a very fine effort.

After the interval Mr. Kelynack returned to marshal his combined forces for what was perhaps, to most people, the major work of the programme, the first two movements of the New World Symphony; this must be a nerve-racking work for brass players especially; everyone knows the melodies, and a muffed note can cause general anguish. But all went very well indeed, and here too Mr. Kelynack in his turn must have been gratified and rewarded by the magnificent response of the acoustics to the wide range and mixture of tone. After this the facile romanticism of Dag Wiren's Serenade was inevitably something of an anti-climax, but it is a pleasant enough work to listen to and was beautifully played. The Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla* ended the concert, as it had begun, with an energetic ensemble. It had been (though it had not seemed) a long programme, carried out with tremendous verve by all participants and no less enthusiastically received as altogether worthy of the responsibilities of an inaugural concert.

Stowe musicians (so I am advised) have long regarded Assembly with an antagonism akin to that roused in others for similar reasons by the Albert Hall. They cannot complain now.

B.S.S.

## THE DENNIS BRAIN WIND ENSEMBLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

GARETH MORRIS (*Flute*), LEONARD BRAIN (*Oboe*), CECIL JAMES (*Bassoon*),  
STEPHEN WATERS (*Clarinet*), NEIL SAUNDERS (*Horn*), WILFRID PARRY (*Piano*)

Writing of the celebrated Mannheim Orchestra, which he heard and admired on his tour of Germany in 1772, Burney says, "There is, however, an imperfection in this band common to all others that I have heard . . . The defect I mean is the want of truth in the wind instruments." And the elder Scarlatti, on being introduced to the young flautist Quantz, said rather discouragingly, "My son, you know I hate wind instruments; they are never in tune." The change since then has been staggering. Improvements are still being made, but they are mostly technical refinements, and not basic alterations. The present members of the brass and woodwind families are instruments of a quality and precision which their ancestors of two centuries ago would not have believed possible.

The first half of the programme consisted of the Quintet in B flat by Danzi (who was more or less a contemporary of Beethoven), Mozart's Adagio and Allegro, and Beethoven's Quintet in E flat for Wind and Pianoforte. All these composers were resigned to the fact that their works would not be played in tune. They would have given their eyes to have heard the performance that we were privileged to hear. The Dennis Brain Ensemble is one of those rarities: a group of brilliant virtuosi devoted to the most unselfish art of all—chamber music.

In spite of the terrible loss of its founder, it is still one of the greatest ensembles of its kind in the world. Poulenc's *Elégie* (in memory of Dennis Brain) was played in the second half of the programme, as well as his Sextet for Wind and Pianoforte.

With disappointing memories last year of watching Archie Camden playing his bassoon and hearing every fifth note in that acoustic nightmare—Assembly—it was a real delight to be able to hear every detail in the Roxburgh Hall. One of the members of the ensemble said, "It is just like playing in the Festival Hall," and he should know.

A.J.W.

## CONCERT BY DENIS MATTHEWS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

It is not often that virtuosity is conveyed so unobtrusively as it was when Denis Matthews gave a pianoforte recital in the Roxburgh Hall on Wednesday, October 29th. With a minimum of fuss he invested an admirably balanced programme with a maximum of eloquence. Beginning with a somewhat uncharacteristic piece of Mozart, the Fantasy in C minor, once he had found the pitch of the hall, Mr. Matthews gave this rather mournful work a most convincing rendering. Next came Haydn's Sonata No. 37 in D, which he played ably and expressively, if just a trifle too mechanically. Now well in his stride, the pianist came to what may justifiably be taken as the high-spot of the evening, the Appassionata Sonata of Beethoven. This he gave a really thrilling and beautifully judged performance. Resisting a common temptation to begin the first movement too fast, and making great use of his superb left hand, Mr. Matthews made one feel, as the work progressed, that he was at one with the composer in its expression; no greater tribute is necessary.

After the interval came music by Debussy and Chopin. The former was represented by four pieces from Book 1 of the *Préludes*, of which the most moving was "La Cathédrale Engloutie", which was literally a picture in sound. To finish the recital came a Barcarolle, Berceuse and Ballade by Chopin, of which the Berceuse was notable for the supreme delicacy of its expression. So great was the reception given Mr. Matthews at the end that he was persuaded to play two encores, the second of which, two pieces by a ten-year-old pupil of his, made one wonder if the little girl could possibly play her own music. In all, this was a most worth while and exciting recital, and one which was unanimously enjoyed.

D.M.F.

## THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

The House Music Competitions were held on Sunday, November 2nd, and adjudicated by Derek Gaye, the Director of Music at Bradfield College. The Singing Cup was won by Grenville, and the Instrumental by Temple.

## "ST. CECILIA'S DAY"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

On the evening of November 23rd Purcell's *St. Cecilia's Day* was performed in the Roxburgh Hall. The soloists, who were from Cambridge, were Anne Keynes (Soprano), Grayston Burgess and Peter Boggis (Counter-Tenors), Paul Lawrence (Tenor), and Raymond Hayter (Bass). The Choral Society and Orchestra were conducted by Mr. Kelynack.

## CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

ANGUS WATSON (*Violin*)RHUNA MARTIN (*Cello*)GILLIAN HAPGOOD (*Violin*)RICHARD BRADLEY (*Cello*)GEOFFREY ROBERTS (*Viola*)DERYCK COX (*Spinnet*)

On November 30th the Temple of Concord was once again the scene of one of Mr. Watson's delightful concerts of chamber music. The programme contained two items, the first of which was Bach's Sonata in B Minor for Violin, Cello and Harpsichord, and the second, Schubert's String Quintet in C Major, Op. 163.

Mr. Watson is once again to be warmly thanked for bringing together so many talented musicians and providing one of the term's most enjoyable evenings.



## “ JULIUS CAESAR ”

*Presented by the Historians at the Queen's Temple on July 25th and 26th.*

At lunch-time on Speech Day, Vancouver Lodge resembled a sail-maker's yard: large areas of togae, sullied by the weather during the previous night's performance, were being washed and re-ironed with indefatigable zeal. Nevertheless, the wardrobe maintained the high standard that one has come to take for granted in all productions by the Historians.

The selection of the Queen's Temple undoubtedly justified itself vis-à-vis the new Hall, for although an abrupt shower before the performance threatened to dilute the appreciation of the audience on Saturday night, the rain in fact held off during the actual course of the play. The very effective torch-lit scene, however, would not have been possible within a building, and the most visually dramatic moments would therefore have been lost indoors.

The message of *Julius Caesar* is contained within the line: “The evil that men do lives after them.” The major political sin of Julius Caesar was that by his system of absolute personal government he posed an insoluble problem of succession. In the remainder of the play after his death, the problem works itself out in the discord of the assassins and the eventual suicide of Brutus.

In Act I, Caesar (W. P. Rawlings (G)) had yet to establish a credible identity as Emperor, and Brutus (R. D. Blow (C)) to gain confidence. Both Cassius (C. J. W. Gauvain (T)) and Casca (A. S. T. Steel (T)) were most convincing conspirators, and because of that tended to hold the focus of attention. With the advent of the Second Act, Caesar emerged as an imperious personality, growing in stature up to the moment of his assassination; but this was not the zenith of the production, a distinction which must be awarded to the funeral scene. The crowd had not been staled by over-rehearsal, and reacted with authentic spontaneity to the orations of both Brutus and Mark Antony (L. A. W. Evans (B)). Blow revealed the steadfast purpose which he was to preserve, alone, to the conclusion of the play, despite the discord of his fellow conspirators. Evans presented to the crowd a Mark Antony whose nobility and integrity commanded an enduring respect. His epitaph on Brutus was an admirable conclusion to the play, and one merited by Blow's performance.

It is always invidious to single out for comment any of the less major characters, but the devotion of Lucius (L. J. D. McIntyre (G)) to his master in Scene 3 of Act IV was most touching, and his sleepy little song prepared an atmosphere in which Caesar's Ghost was able to avoid appearing ludicrous, as is so often the fate of apparitions.

*Julius Caesar* is not an easy play for the Historians to perform. Many of its characters are necessarily middle-aged, hard men. It is, therefore, important for the actors to create for themselves credible personalities. This they achieved in the course of the play, which must therefore be accounted a success.

R. J. M. H.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

Tel. : PADdington 5452.

423A, EDGWARE ROAD,  
LONDON, W.2.

December 1st, 1958.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

DEAR SIR,

Since September 8th, when the Club was re-opened for the Winter session, we have all been extremely busy. As is inevitable when a new Warden takes over, there were a few difficulties to be ironed out, but I am glad to report that things are now running smoothly once again.

We are running four football teams—one 'under 14', two junior and one senior—and the standard of play is quite high. At the time of writing the senior side is at the top of the London Federation League, and is in the third round of the Cup. It also tops the Paddington League, and has every hope of winning the Paddington Youth Cup in addition. Unfortunately, this team was knocked out of the Middlesex Cup on Saturday last by the odd goal of five. Both junior teams are very keen, and have every chance of winning the three leagues in which they are competing. One of these sides is also doing very well in the Federation Cup, while the Paddington Junior Cup competition looks as though it might have an all-Stowe Final. The Colts team is not doing quite so well, but this is an exceedingly young side, and the lads will be able to look forward to a bright future if they pay attention to their instructors.

The Club is now running a Canoeing Group, having already built one single-seater, and a double, which is now ready to be fitted with its canvas skin. It is hoped that we shall be able to build two more doubles before the Summer, and then to indulge in some canoe-camping. This is an entirely new venture, and I am pleased with its success so far.

The visit of the Pineapple to the School was a great success, as also was the return visit of the School to the Club. Although this last was marred to some extent by having to play on very muddy pitches, and by foggy travelling conditions, everyone seemed to have a grand time.

Boxing training is in full swing, under the able direction of an L.C.C. Instructor, and while we have not much real talent at the moment, the boys are very keen, and are keeping exceedingly fit.

The visits of parties from the School on Friday nights have been continued, only one House having failed to put in an appearance. I am very glad to see such a close connection with the School, and I hope that these regular visits will continue.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of all here at the Pineapple, of wishing our many friends at Stowe a very happy Christmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. PECKHAM (*Warden*).

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE TWELVE CLUB

There has been one meeting this term, and another is expected shortly. At this meeting M. G. Warren (B) read us a paper on "Byron"; the club has heard many biographies, but few of them can have been quite as vivid as this one. We were given a very clear picture of Lord Byron and of his associates and associations; we learned of his financial troubles, his loves, and, arising out of these, his anguish of mind. It was occasionally mentioned that Lord Byron was a poet, but Mr. Warren was giving us an account more of his life than of his poetry.

P. B. Aarvold (G) was the only new member.

D.M.M.

### THE SYMPOSIUM

At the end of last term, two meetings were held. At the first of these R. N. Behar (C) read a paper on "The Guitar". At the second D. Ridley (C) read a paper on "Wine", and T. J. L. Gauvain (T) one on "Cicero".

One meeting has been held so far this term. At this meeting P. R. Vester (C) and R. P. M. Reay-Smith (C) each read a paper. In his paper on "Atlantis" P. R. Vester gave the Society many interesting reasons for the past existence and disappearance of this lost continent. To this he added a number of descriptions that had been put forward by some of the more prominent Atlantologists, regarding its probable appearance. R. P. M. Reay-Smith then proceeded with his paper on "Fencing". In it he traced the history of the styles and weapons of this ancient sport from the time of the broadsword and buckler, down to the present day.

There is to be one more meeting this term, when the Secretary will give a paper, illustrated with a short film.

S.M.D.W-N.

### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

This term the Society has had two very lively debates. At the first, the motion was "That this House believes in the Colour Bar". Mr. D. RIDLEY (C), proposing, spoke about black immigrants from Jamaica and compared them with new boys in Cobham. He was opposed by Mr. T. C. ROBINSON (G), the U.S. Ambassador to Stowe, who gave us some facts and figures about the problem on the other side of the mill-pond. He was followed by Mr. C. J. W. GAUVAIN (T), who was brief and doubtful, and Mr. D. M. FINGLETON (C), from whose mouth words flowed like Cod-liver Oil. From the house there spoke: Mr. C. ROOK-BLACKSTONE (G), who admitted he is a snob; THE LIBRARIAN, Mr. L. A. W. EVANS (B), who declared he was a negro, and said much that was irrelevant; Mr. N. O. G. MURRAY (C), who did not know whether he was coming or going, and came and would not go; and various others. Against the motion there spoke: THE CO-OPTED MEMBER, who parodied all and sundry; and Mr. S. J. SACHER (C), the length of whose speech was exceeded only by its dullness. Several other speeches were made, notable neither for their excellence nor their ineptitude.

The motion was lost in the Upper House by 2 votes and in the Lower by 44.

At the second debate, the motion was that "The End justifies the Means". The debate was opened by THE LIBRARIAN, who said that popularity was unimportant and produced a scheme for turning Stowe into a fish-and-chip shop. His opposer, MR. J. G. CLUFF (W), gave a re-hash of his Television broadcast. That demagogue, MR. P. B. AARVOLD (S), speaking third, said he was sorry he was keeping his audience from the Goon Show, and said that even work was justified. MR. C. J. G. ATKINSON (C), the fourth speaker, did his best to provoke a member of the History Side to a duel.

Save for MR. A. H. G. ATKINSON (C), who supported his brother, and MR. T. G. GARRATT (C), who excited much sympathy, the other speakers were little worthy of note. The motion was lost by 1 vote in the Upper House and by 30 in the Lower.

Messrs. L. A. W. Evans (B) and J. P. D. Hancox (G) have been elected to the Committee, and Messrs. C. J. W. Gauvain (T), T. C. Robinson (G), R. D. Blow (C), B. L. Irving (C), P. B. Aarvold (S), J. G. Cluff (W), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), A. H. G. Atkinson (C), R. T. Booth (S) and J. N. Wates (B) have been elected to the Society.

H.D.M.F.

## THE VITRUVIANS

The Society's activities this term were limited to a visit by a small party to Rousham House, near Steeple Aston. Both the house and the gardens, the only ones remaining perfectly preserved as Kent left them, are well worth visiting. Built just in time for the Civil War, its front door had holes bored through it to allow Sir Robert Dormer to fire on any approaching Parliamentary force. The most striking character of the house is that, until the additions in the 'Gothick' manner, it was always small enough to be lived in. That atmosphere still remains, and the Knellers, Reynolds, Dobsons and drawings of proposed vistas by Kent never give the impression of a public gallery. The Library is not only lined with heavy leather-bound tomes, but also contains many fine books that have clearly been read and reflect the family's many interests. Each room reveals a different collection: a cabinet filled with Dresden groups, Nymphenburg porcelain, the inevitable Burmese gong brought back during the middle of the last century. Yet not one of them seems out of place or there for show.

The formal gardens demonstrate amply Kent's subtlety and imagination. The Octagon, Cold Bath, Arcade of Praeneste and the Cascade, which is in running order, are approached through carefully planted trees and shrubbery, now in their prime. The impressive and graceful cedar behind Townsend's Building, a rustic Doric temple designed by Kent, the profusion of lead statues and the river are all characteristic of brilliant design lovingly preserved. We are very grateful to Mr. Cottrell Dormer for being such a splendid guide and to Mrs. Cottrell Dormer for her generous tea.

W.P.R.

## THE CONGREVE CLUB

On December 5th and 6th the Club is producing three short plays: "The Pardoner's Tale" by James Bridie, "The Resurrection" by W. B. Yates, and "The Bald Prima Donna" by Eugene Ionesco.

These plays are providing interesting rehearsals, and it is hoped that they will supply two nights' good entertainment. They are to be performed in the Roxburgh Hall, where, unfortunately, it is impossible to produce a spectacular première, because the proscenium arch has not yet been completed.

D.R.

## THE MUSIC CLUB

The Club has met once so far this term, in the President's palatial new residence in the Roxburgh Hall. The meeting unfortunately began on a sombre note, for, owing to the gross inefficiency of the Secretary, the refreshments were late in arriving. Finally, however, the Club was able to sigh a sigh of relief and settle down eagerly to R. D. Blow's (C) paper on "Verdi". Blow dealt mainly with the circumstances of the composer's life, without much profound criticism on his composition. The paper was, however, if a little too factual, well prepared and well supplemented with excerpts from Verdi's operas. We hope to hold another meeting this term, when D. Ridley (C) will read a paper on "The Oboe".

C.J.G.

## THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The Society has transferred its Headquarters from the old music rooms to the Roxburgh Hall, where it has an admirable Gramophone Room of its own, and, in addition, the Director of Music's Room, which is available for the use of more senior members. In the immediate future, the Society has decided to use its funds in improving the comfort and appointments of the Gramophone Room. During the course of this term, however, the Record Collection has been substantially enlarged by a wide variety of music. The Society is particularly grateful to F. Q. O'Neill (W), who, for the second time, has made a presentation, this one being a record of operas by Puccini, sung by Maria Callas.

D.M.F.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

A film show was held on October 29th, when we saw three films: "Atomization", a very interesting film with some excellent photography; "A Tall Order", the story of the manufacture of a fractionating column, which showed the precision required on the largest projects; and "Refinery at Work", a muddled film with some very faded colour.

On November 19th a Dormobile took some members to London Airport, and the members made a resolution not to travel by Dormobile again; their condition was that which would be expected after a bumpy flight. The party visited the maintenance hangars of B.E.A. and those members who were madly keen on aeroplanes found the visit very interesting, but the others considered that some of the time might have been better spent in other parts of the airport.

There is to be another expedition, to High Duty Alloys, later in the term.

M. F. Bridgland (B) was elected Treasurer of the Society and A. H. Matusch (G), Librarian.

D.M.M.

## THE RADIO CLUB

This term an effort is being made to make the Club more of an institution, instead of somewhere to go and solder pieces of wire together. A subscription has been introduced, and it is intended to purchase a club soldering-iron. Ultimately, the Club hopes to cater seriously for those beginning to take an interest in radio, as well as those who already have some knowledge of the subject. When Mr. Osborne left to take up his new appointment, it was feared that no master would take up Presidency of the club; however, we have been lucky enough to obtain an able organiser in Mr. Gibbs.

R.L.W.



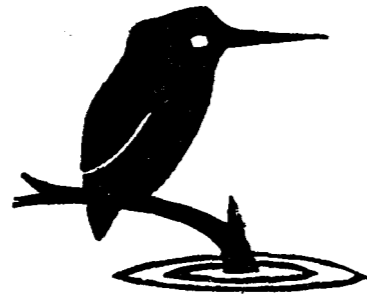
## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has met three times so far this term, and will meet once more before the end of term.

On November 5th, Mr. L. Reid gave a most interesting lecture to the Society. As his subject he took "Wild Life in Trinidad, Tobago and British Guiana", and, with the aid of some excellent photographs, he covered everything from leaf-eating ants to a colony of Great Birds of Paradise in Little Tobago. At the end of the lecture, Mrs. Reid exhibited a few of the many souvenirs which she and her husband had brought back from the West Indies. This was a fitting climax to a fascinating lecture, which was deeply appreciated by members of the Society.

The booklet on "The Birds of Stowe", compiled by members of the Society, is, at the time of writing, still in the press, but it is hoped to have it ready by the end of term.

T.A.A.St.J.



## THE LATRUNCULARIANS SOCIETY

The Society has flourished this term, and several meetings have been held. A. J. Beatty (C) is playing for the Buckinghamshire Juniors in the inter-county correspondence championships.

A.J.B.

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

There have been two meetings of the Society this term. It has been explained to members that the reason there have been no expeditions recently is by no means through lack of trying. D. J. Hanley (W) has written to several firms but always the reply has been in the negative.

Recently the Society has bought a new cutter and trimmer. Not only did the old one not cut efficiently, but it was rather disconcerting to have to wash rust marks off one's prints, having been trying vainly to trim their edges.

It should be noted that A. J. W. Price (W) has kept the darkroom in spotless condition all the term, and M. W. Webster (S) kindly enlightened a few members on enlarging.

P.D.N.

## THE SAILING CLUB

Last term the Club competed in a Cadet open meeting at the Middle Nene Cruising Club, Thrapston. We were only moderately successful, one boat being 11th and the other 18th out of twenty-three competitors.

House matches were held at the end of last term, Grafton being the winners.

This term the Club has been expanding in more than one direction. In the first place, we have bought an almost new boat, rather than building one as was previously suggested. This brings our Cadet fleet up to four boats. And other moves are planned.

A.J.B.

## SHOOTING

This term has so far been the best on record and promises well for the future, as the majority of the eight still have a long time at Stowe. We made an encouraging start by scoring 767 in the first match under N.S.R.A. conditions, which equalled the previous record. Since then all members of the eight have improved steadily and in the most recent match scored 787 out of a possible 800. The improvement of the standard of shooting over the last three years is shown by the average score per person in the team; in 1956 it was 93.7, last year it was 94.25, and this year so far it is 97.23.

The first round of the Staniforth Cup was shot on October 31st. Stowe scored 780 and were placed sixth out of 110 teams, thus qualifying for the final round. So far 9 matches have been won and 2 lost by the 1st VIII, and the 2nd VIII have won one and lost two.

School colours for shooting were awarded last term to P. W. Loxton (S) and S. J. Sacher (C), and this term to D. R. Loxton (S), P. M. Salamon (S) and D. R. White-Cooper (G).

The teams are:—

1st VIII: S. J. Sacher (C), D. R. Loxton (S), P. M. Salamon (S), D. R. White-Cooper (G), R. N. Cory (T), J. J. Earle (T), E. K. Hyslop (T) and R. E. C. Marton (C).

2nd VIII: I. H. Agnew (W), C. C. Bell (C), P. M. Bell (S), H. F. Curtis (W), J. G. Lewis (B), J. M. Mahon (B), J. C. H. Mungall (T) and C. R. Velten (G).

T. G. Wills-Sandford (S), P. F. G. Collinson (C), A. C. Grattan-Cooper (W) and B. G. S. Macoun (S) have also shot in matches.

Results so far have been:—

## 1ST VIII.

v. ALLHALLOWS.	Lost 767—783	v. BLOXHAM.	Won 784—721
v. BRADFIELD.	Won 770—767	v. DENSTONE.	Won 784—759
v. FETTES.	Won 770—756	v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Won 784—753
v. VICTORIA COLLEGE.	Lost 777—788	v. CITY OF LONDON.	Won 787—748
v. SEBRIGHT.	Won 777—742	v. CRANBROOK.	Won 787—775
v. CHARTERHOUSE.	Won 780—775	v. ALLEYS.	Won 787—764

## 2ND VIII.

v. ALLHALLOWS.	Lost 751—753	v. CHARTERHOUSE.	Lost 740—761
v. BRADFIELD.	Won 751—740		

S.J.S.

## THE LIBRARY

Last year's exhibition of books by Old Stoics and Stowe Masters was repeated on Saturday, October 11th, to coincide with the Old Stoic Rugger matches. This year a larger and more varied collection of books was exhibited. Amongst the new additions were: *An Analysis of Knowing*, by John Hartland-Swann (B, 1926), *Earth's Company* by Leslie Reid, and *Sidonius Apollinaris* by H. Rutherford.

During this term a reorganisation of the gallery has been effected. A number of books have been chosen for a sale which will be held, it is hoped, on Saturday, December 13th. Several interesting new books have been purchased, including the celebrated *Doctor Zhivago* and Ronald Penrose's *Picasso, his Life and Work*; while we have been kindly presented with *Vox Zenonis* (Jean Zafiropulo) and *A History of Chipping Camden* (Christopher Whitfield) by the authors, and the *Calendar of Quarter Sessions Records, County of Buckingham (1718-1724)* by the Clerk of the Peace for Buckinghamshire.

The Librarians this term were as follows:—R. V. M. E. Behar (G) (Senior Librarian), H. D. M. Fletcher (T), M. G. Warren (B), J. R. Kerr Muir (C), D. J. Easton (W), C. J. W. Gauvain (T), A. J. Beatty (C).

R.V.M.E.B.

## ON THE COUCH

Slowly I am hypnotised  
By a soothing monotone;  
Then I'm psycho-analysed  
In a cold ascetic drone.

Here they straighten out my kinks  
By the disciplines of Freud,  
Reconstruct my missing links,  
Diagnose a paranoid,  
Plot a graph of my reactions  
To unusual stimuli;  
Though it doesn't change my actions  
Now I know the reason why,  
For I've always been so lazy—  
Never walked if I could slouch—  
Now I'm comfortably crazy—  
On the couch.

M.G.W.

## C.C.F.

Three new Officers have joined the Corps this term: Lt. A. M. Vinen, who is assisting in the training of the Cert. A Companies; Lt. M. H. Ryland Jones, who has started an R.E. Section; and F/O J. A. Gibbs, who has taken Mr. Osborne's place as officer in charge of the Signals Section.

The results of the Coldstream Cup, on July 22nd, were:—1, Temple; 2, Grenville; 3, Walpole; 4, Chandos; 5, Chatham; 6, Grafton; 7, Bruce; 8, Cobham. The competition was judged by Major J. G. B. Chester, M.C. (B, 1943), Coldstream Guards.

The Army sections were in camp at Gandale, Yorkshire, during August; the Naval section joined H.M.S. Vigilant at Devonport in September.

The Night Operation was held on October 28th. A successful evening of patrolling in the fog passed without mishap to any member of the Corps, although road blocks, set to trap the Morris and Austin 'tanks' provided by the I.C.E. section, caused much disturbance to local inhabitants going about their nightly business. It ended, as usual, with both sides having won all the major clashes, and the C.O. sighing with relief as the last rifle was checked in.

A Royal Engineer Section came into operation this term, but, at the moment, it is not officially recognised by the War Office. Even so, with the help of a friendly T.A. unit at Oxford, they have managed to cover the Demolition section of the syllabus, and hope to complete the Field Geometry section as well by March. By the start of next term they hope to be officially recognised, when they will be able to start demolishing the School in comfort, with the sanction of the War Office.

### I.C.E. SECTION

During last term the engine of the 1927 Morris Cowley jammed solid. Several enthusiastic members of the section obtained permission to replace the old engine with an Armstrong Siddeley engine with a pre-selector gear box. Shortly afterwards the old engine was dropped out and with the help of ten people the new one put in. A new rear axle and several other items had to be modified to fit the car, which was successfully started one Sunday, but its performance was retarded by the lack of a capable cooling system. A re-conditioned radiator and fan were acquired from Armstrong's this term and the car is now in first-class working order.

The section's acknowledgements must go to Mr. James, without whose help and knowledge this job and many others could never have been successfully undertaken.

The following promotions were made this term:—

Appointed *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer P. B. Aarvold (G).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. D. J. Easton (W), L. A. W. Evans (B), J. R. Perriss (C), S. J. Sacher (C).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. I. H. Agnew (W), G. T. Shelley (G), A. F. Stone (T), P. A. L. Holt (G), D. A. Furber (W), I. A. R. Mackenzie (G), K. S. E. Carslaw (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. J. S. Furber (W), A. T. MacGregor (C), R. S. Barratt (C), J. A. Jefferson (C), D. K. A. Lawrence (W), A. J. Beatty (C), M. C. Houghton (C), J. G. Cluff (W), A. R. Bentall (C), J. G. Finlay (C), J. W. Baker (G), M. C. Sabey (C).

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

Not many Stowe XV's can have gone so far through the season having won all matches except three and having lost these by a total of 8 points. The spirit of this team has been splendid; it only played below form against Bedford. This do-or-die determination has never been shattered even by numerous injuries to members of the back division, and the great fight against a superior Oundle side, whose forwards played their best game, will always be remembered.

The School matches are now over and the score stands at three lost and three won. The failings have been failure to get a well-fitting pack consistent with adequate line-out work and a lack of scoring power in the three-quarters. However, individually the forwards have done a magnificent job, with McCrea, Bentall, Atkinson and Kennedy prominent. In the backs Costain has been a host in himself, both in attack and defence; he has scored as many points as the rest of the team together, either with conversions, penalties or tries, and he has had three drop-goals. Aarvold has been a splendid Captain; his fault, if any, is not to press home the advantage after he has made a cut-through. He has improved his kicking, handling and general dictatorship of tactics.

Parkinson is potentially a very good attacking player with a deceptive run, but lacks confidence. Pasley-Tyler has tried hard, but he is slow for a wing and his handling is bad. Hamp-Ferguson, still a Colt, did some very good defensive kicking, but lacks speed. Gauvain played well at times, but was unlucky in getting crocked, as he was also last year. Kerr Muir played in promising fashion until he too was incapacitated.

It has been very good fun coaching this XV and I will retain many happy memories.

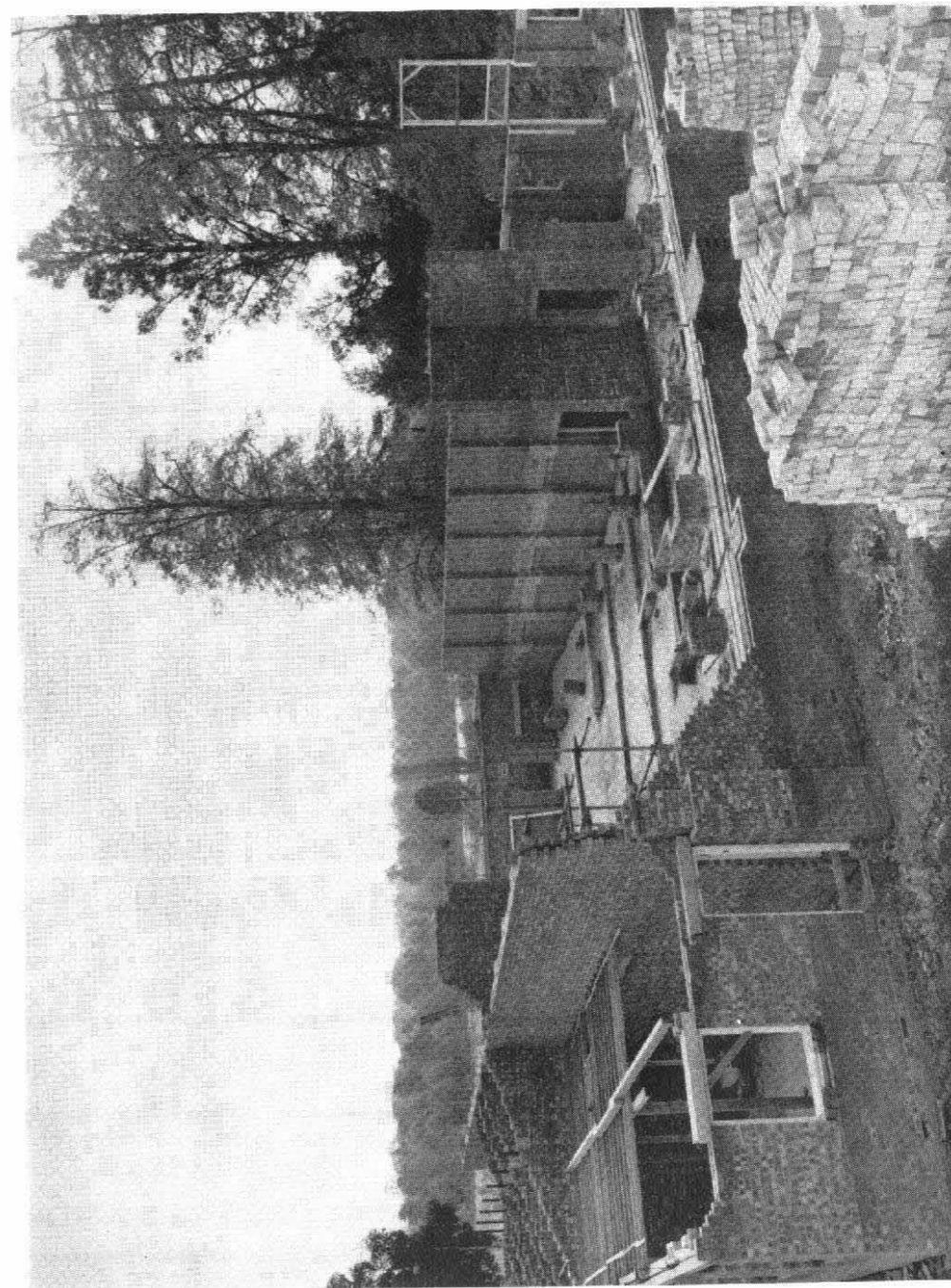
### THE FIRST O.S. RUGGER DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

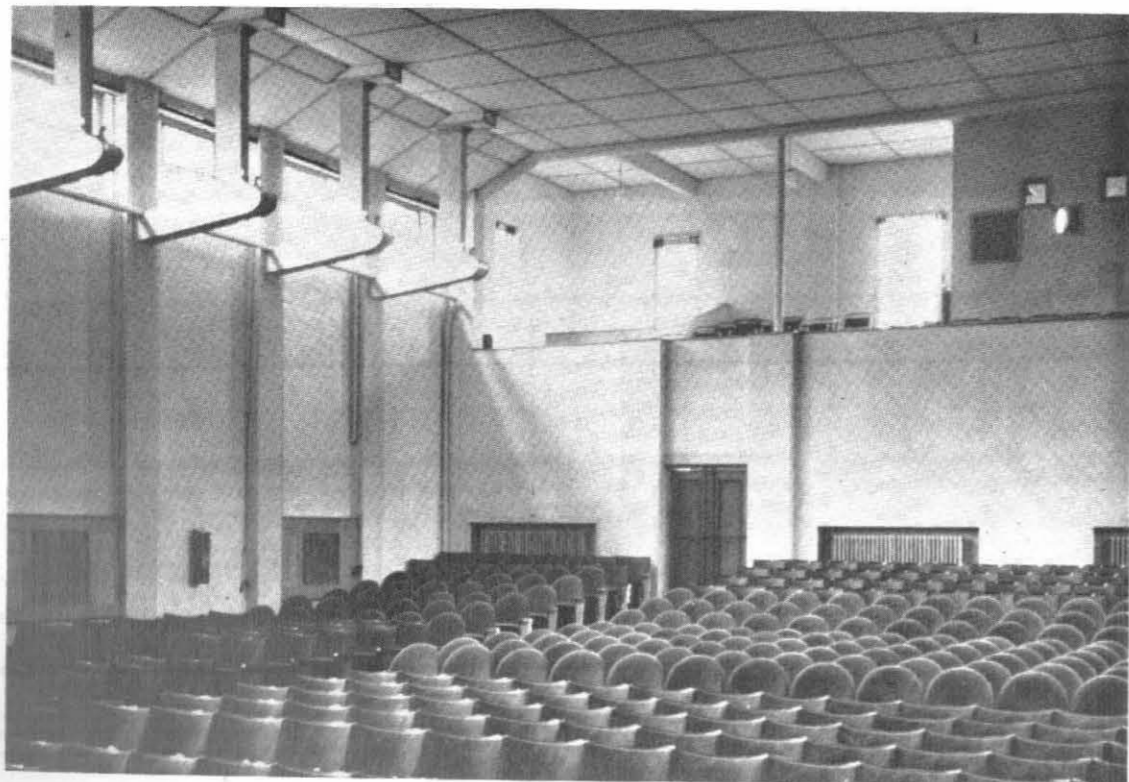
This day will always be on the second Saturday in October and every effort will be made to get a game for any Old Stoic who wishes to play.

The idea was put forward by P. M. Rossiter, who achieved fame at Stowe by captaining the 3rd XV for three years running. He said, "Why shouldn't some of us worse players get a game against Stowe?" or words to that effect. Well, most of those who had got 1st, 2nd or 3rd XV colours for the last twelve years were invited and sixty acceptances were received. There were bound to be cancellations, but the Old Stoics raised three XV's, The Worthies, The Vitruvians and The Palladians.

After the games tea for two hundred was provided in Assembly; this was considered to be a success and will be repeated next year.



THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. OCTOBER, 1916



THE ROXBURGH HALL

Photographs by E.S.P.

## Scores :—

1st XV, 9; Worthies 6  
 2nd XV, 11; Vitruvians 6  
 3rd XV, 5; Palladians 11

1st XV Team :—C. J. W. Gauvain (T); J. R. Kerr Muir (C), P. M. Salamon (G), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), J. H. Temple (T); P. B. Aarvold (G), D. E. Costain (W); P. R. McCrea (W), D. J. Easton (W), D. K. A. Lawrence (W), R. B. J. Gadney (G), C. H. Clucas (W), M. G. F. Gilbert (T), A. G. L. Millington (T), A. R. Bentall (C).

The following played for the Old Stoics :—Bruce : J. E. C. Nicholl (1939), R. Opperman (1955), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (1958). Temple, R. N. Allan-Smith (1957), J. H. Bryan (1957), P. J. H. Rudland (1958), C. D. Manley (1955). Grenville : J. D. Powell-Rees (1955), J. Wolstenholme (1954), P. J. Sefton (1955). Chandos : G. W. Horner (1956), D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (1955). Cobham : M. A. V. Harris (1955), D. A. L. McAdam (1955), M. A. Home (1955), J. A. Boyd-Smith (1956), I. C. McLellan (1953), N. S. Murray (1956), M. K. Ridley (1956), D. J. Bateman (1955), P. M. Rossiter (1950), C. H. Scott (1955), D. D. McIntyre (1955), N. Tetley (1955), C. J. Garratt (1953). Chatham : G. Duckworth (1949), L. E. Bentall (1957), A. Mackintosh (1956). Grafton : M. L. Booth (1958), B. E. Toye (1956), P. G. Gardiner (1954), P. J. R. Hubert (1949), C. E. Clarkson (1957), M. A. Payne (1956). Walpole : C. N. H. Horder (1952), J. F. Svejdar (1958), J. E. G. Nayler (1958), N. J. R. J. Mitchell (1948), R. T. Cherwynd (1951), W. R. C. Heap (1958). N. C. S. Barling (G, 1944) refereed the 1st XV game.

Spectators :—B. C. Gadney (G, 1928), H. R. Herrington (C, 1950), P. J. S. Griggs (B, 1957).

(We apologise for any omissions.)

## THE SCHOOL v. RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Tuesday, October 14th. Won 9—3.

On a dry day playing against the wind and the slight slope, Stowe panned Rugby in its half for the first fifteen minutes and at one time Rugby was confined to the "25" for quite a period. However, the Rugby defence held out manfully and a counter-attack led to the first score—a penalty by Faure. Before half-time Costain had levelled the scores with another penalty. In this half the Rugby three-quarters were more penetrating than our own, but good defence held them.

It looked as if Stowe should win the match with the wind behind and a good knowledge of the capabilities of the opposition. Again Rugby was contained in its own half for the first fifteen minutes, mainly by good kicking by Costain, Aarvold and Hamp-Ferguson. Rarely did the Stowe backs get going owing to slow passing by Costain and creeping by Aarvold; however one very good cut-through was achieved by Aarvold and after good passing Kerr Muir just made the try line. Not long from the end Costain made sure with still another penalty.

This was an encouraging start to the School matches, and had the half-backs combined better the score would surely have been higher. The forwards played a grand game, McCrea being the outstanding forward on the field and Millington doing good work in the line-outs. Costain, except for his passing, played an excellent game.

Team :—Gauvain; Kerr Muir, Salamon, Hamp-Ferguson, I. Pasley-Tyler (G); Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, Lawrence, Gadney, Clucas, Gilbert, Millington, Bentall.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, October 18th. Lost 8—11.

The Stowe backs were superior to their opponents, but the forwards had a bad day against a solid clever Bedford pack.

For Stowe, Aarvold, Costain, Hamp-Ferguson and Salamon played well: their defence was sound and attack penetrating. McCrea did not play his usual power game and the forwards never got going.

Despite Bedford's superiority forward, the game might easily have been a draw had it not been for a gratuitous try. A penalty kick hit the Stowe post and bounced behind the line; Gauvain failed to touch down and threw the ball casually to a Bedford boy, who gratefully applied the downward pressure necessary.

Costain kicked one penalty and converted Salamon's try.

*Team* :—Gauvain; Kerr Muir, Salamon, Hamp-Ferguson, Pasley-Tyler; Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, Lawrence, Gadney, Clucas, G. B. Edwards (W), Millington, Bentall.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at St. Edward's on Saturday, October 25th. Won 12—8.

In perfect conditions Stowe won a match which was continuously exciting. There were some excellent tries and the game, very well refereed, was played in the best spirit.

Stowe, with a long list of casualties, had six new members in the side, whilst St. Edward's were at full strength. Obviously a great deal would depend on how the Stowe side settled down and it was in the first half that St. Edward's wasted their opportunities and the chance of winning the match. Certainly Stowe were a trifle lucky to change over with a lead, but having done this they played some splendid attacking rugby in the second half.

Immediately the game started it was obvious that St. Edward's were faster on the wings, especially the right, but fortunately the ball did not often come this way. Parkinson made a good break in the centre and exposed a weakness which was not exploited enough. After this, St. Edward's settled down to almost constant attack but Stowe defended well and St. Edward's wasted several very dangerous overlaps by kicking or mistiming the vital pass. During this period Costain put in some invaluable saving kicks and Gauvain was having a good game at full back. Eventually Stowe tried some passing in their own twenty-five which broke down and St. Edward's were almost over, but a Stoic was lying on the ball. The ensuing penalty was missed from almost in front and this may well have been the turning point of the game, for, soon after this, one of the best moves of the game led to Stowe's first try. Pasley-Tyler made a fine break and was tackled not far from the line; the Stowe pack was up and whipped the ball straight back, but a certain try seemed to have been thrown away when Aarvold ran too far; however, he managed to put in a kick ahead which was knocked on near the line. Stowe got the shove and wheeled, and Costain, although nearly held, managed to get over the line.

In the second half Stowe played with increasing confidence, winning the ball more frequently from the loose, and there were several crisp handling movements in which the ball went out to both wings. Pasley-Tyler often beat his man but had not quite the finishing speed and might well have put in some cross-kicks. The halves worked very well together, but Aarvold tended to cut inside too often instead of exploiting the

gaps in the centre. However, it was from an inside break of his and a pass back to the forwards that Bentall went over for a good try. Soon after, Costain kicked a penalty, and when Edwards took an inside pass from Pasley-Tyler on the blind side to dive over, the match seemed safe. St. Edward's, however, had other ideas and replied with the best try of the match. After a strong attack on the right the ball went out to the left wing, who was only stopped by a despairing dive by Gauvain. From the loose scrum the ball went to the right again, and this time with an overlap St. Edward's made no mistake. 12—5. Gauvain had been knocked out in his tackle and Temple was temporarily off the field, but although the referee gave plenty of time for re-organisation Stowe played the remainder of the game without a full back! With only about five minutes left they threw the ball around and took a short penalty in their twenty-five. St. Edward's put on tremendous pressure, but they did not seem to notice the absence of a full back. Both sets of coaches at this stage looked badly in need of tranquillisers! Finally Stowe's lack of a full back brought its due penalty when the ball was fumbled after a line-out, and the forwards dribbled over. The kick was missed and the final whistle went.

Stowe had thoroughly deserved their win in spite of looking disorganised at the end. The forwards, although generally being shoved, improved throughout the game, and behind them Costain played an outstanding game.

*Team* :—Gauvain; Temple, Salamon, G. D. Parkinson (W), Pasley-Tyler; Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, T. A. S. Dufty (B), R. A. C. Thompson (C), Clucas, Edwards, E. S. Kennedy (C), Bentall.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 8th. Won 9—3.

Radley were supposed to have a weak side from previous results and it might well have been that Stowe would take it too easily. This was not the case; they battled to the end against a stubborn defence.

Costain was in great form throughout and his try in the first half was a gem: with dummies and side-step, he had the Radley defence bemused before diving over. The first try was a picture-book one; Parkinson executed the dummy-scissors and went up to the full-back; a perfectly timed pass to Salamon gave him an easy run in. Hamp-Ferguson narrowly failed to pick up a rebound penalty from the cross-bar, but he knocked on across the line. Salamon was concussed and left Stowe with fourteen men for three-quarters of the game. Radley scored a good try in the first half and a drop kick hit the cross-bar. 6—3.

In the second half Stowe pressed persistently and had Radley in its own half for at least half an hour, but the defence was devastating and Stowe only got a penalty, to make the final score 9—3.

*Team* :—Gauvain; Salamon, Parkinson, Hamp-Ferguson, Pasley-Tyler; Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, Dufty, Clucas, Thompson, C. J. G. Atkinson (C), Kennedy, Bentall.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, November 12th. Lost 0—3.

This match was played at Stowe on a perfect autumn afternoon; steady rain overnight had made the ground heavy, which caused us to fear that our comparatively light pack would find it difficult to obtain much of the ball from the inevitably well-trained

Oundle forwards. The team was a very lively one, and already possessed the scalps of Rugby, St. Edward's and Radley, and they had given a good account of themselves against Bedford, leading them at half-time. Oundle, who had not been beaten by another school for four years, had victories to their credit against St. Edward's, Uppingham and Hailleybury, and had drawn, rather unluckily, with Bedford 6—6. It looked, in fact, as though we had our work cut out for us.

Oundle kicked off towards Grafton, and the pattern of the game soon took shape. Stowe covered well against a series of heavy attacks from a side which heeled the ball with massive monotonous regularity. They had a fine pair of halves in their captain Stephens, who got a good service from Lewin, and they did everything but score for the first twenty minutes. They constantly altered their tactics and the direction of their attacks: they kicked with good judgment, and kept punching away at the Stowe line. Stowe, for their part, defended admirably. Hamp-Ferguson did splendid work with clean picking-up and kicking, while Gauvain stood up well to pressure, and Costain and Aarvold were as lively and effective as usual. Carlsaw, too, on the left wing was making a most promising début. The forwards, completely beaten in the tight, were covering excellently, and Bentall was ranging truculently all over the field. Only the most heart-warming defence saved our line from being crossed at least five times in that first twenty minutes. But at last, at 2.50, the Oundle try came. A swift move on the left was immediately followed by a thrust on the right, and at last they had the man over. Phillips—the very experienced Oundle right-wing—just managed to slip across the line in the Cobham Arch area, but too far out for the kick to be successful. (3—0). Immediately after the kick-off, Stowe was thundering away at the Pavilion corner. Costain broke away brilliantly, but kicked for touch when it looked as though he might have scored himself or linked up with Pasley-Tyler. Our three-quarters looked dangerous whenever they had the ball, but they had it so seldom, and most of their afternoon consisted of chasing the Oundle line with grim and successful determination. The forwards were often good in the loose, but never gained control in the tight scrums. Half-time came in the midst of a period of somewhat indeterminate play.

The second half was another ding-dong struggle. Hamp-Ferguson kept turning up in moments of crisis with well-judged kicks. Our wings had the measure of their opposite numbers, and Phillips in spite of some ballet-dancing on the right was eventually clawed down. Parkinson broke away, but failed to link up. Stowe had to be content with raids rather than attacks, but one of these on the left hand corner very nearly brought the equaliser. Oundle continued to attack and always looked dangerous when they reached our twenty-five. It must have been a sobering thought for the Stowe defence to know that almost invariably a scrum in that dangerous part of the field meant yet another Oundle attack to be broken up. For the whole of this half we saw some delightful attacking play by Oundle and some of the grimmest defence we have ever seen from a Stowe team. "On ne passera pas" seemed the motto of the hour, and our line was not crossed again.

It was a most exhilarating game to watch, and certainly it ranks among the finest of the Stowe-Oundle series. We were definitely up against a better team, and it was good to learn from Mr. Spragg that he thought that they had never played better this season, but we were treated to as fine a display of determined courage as anyone could wish to see. We have never felt prouder of a Stowe team—not even after their victories in 1938 and 1939. One cannot say more than this.

*Team*:—Gauvain; K. S. E. Carlsaw (G), Parkinson, Hamp-Ferguson, Pasley-Tyler; Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, Dufty, Clucas, Thompson, Atkinson, Kennedy, Bentall.

### THE SCHOOL v. CHELTENHAM

Played at Cheltenham on Saturday, November 22nd. Lost 9—11.

This game was a great personal triumph for Costain, who scored all the points for Stowe, and for Lloyd, of Cheltenham, who scored two tries, made the third and converted one of them.

The Stowe forwards played a great game, particularly in the second half. McCrea was always in the thick of it with vociferous encouragement to his pack. Atkinson was very alert and gave the other scrum-half a difficult time. Stowe got an equal share of the ball against a good hooker, but the heeling was a little slow, which handicapped Aarvold at fly-half.

Both Cheltenham tries were scored from their own half—one by a clean break in the centre—the other from a perfect pass dropped by Carlsaw, which, if it had been held by a fast wing, might well have meant a try for Stowe. Near the end of this half Aarvold narrowly failed on the blind side; the ball came quickly back to Costain who launched himself in irresistible fashion over the line.

The forwards played extremely well in the second half and Costain might have kicked another penalty goal, but only got one. His drop-goal was most unexpected—from a short penalty he split the defence and kicked the ball over from thirty-five yards.

*Team*:—H. F. Ramsay (G); Carlsaw, Parkinson, Hamp-Ferguson, Pasley-Tyler; Aarvold, Costain; McCrea, Easton, A. F. Stone (T), Clucas, M. F. Bridgland (B), Atkinson, Kennedy, Bentall.

#### Other matches:—

Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. BLACKHEATH (Home).	Won	17—0
Sat., Nov. 29th.	v. ROSSLYN PARK (Home).	Won	16—0
Wed., Dec. 3rd.	v. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL (Home).	Won	8—5
Sat., Dec. 6th.	v. RICHMOND (Home).	Lost	3—8

### THE SECOND FIFTEEN

A heavy crop of injuries between the Bedford and St. Edward's matches robbed the 2nd XV of its best season for many years. The first four games were all convincing wins, but the loss of seven players in one week did such damage that winning form was only slowly recovered. Even so the lost games were fought with tremendous determination and that against Oundle was most exciting. After being 12—3 down at half-time, Stowe drew level at 12 all, lost that position through an interception and then on the stroke of time almost recovered it with a push-over. The other very good match was the Northampton fixture, when we did very well to hold to 0—11 a side which had beaten Oundle 20—0.

A large number of players has represented the 2nd. In the early games our scoring power came from the backs, more particularly from R. St. C. Strange (G) at scrum-half and G. D. Parkinson (W) at inside-centre. Four forwards were also prominent then, E. S. Kennedy (C), A. F. Stone (T), T. A. S. Dufty (B) and R. A. C. Thompson (G). In the lean period which followed, the team came to rely on J. B. Mayland (W) at stand-off half, I. H. Agnew (W), centre, and H. F. Ramsay (G), full-back. The wing-forwards, G. B. Edwards (W) and M. G. F. Gilbert (T), were very dangerous in the loose; M. G. Warren (B) hooked extremely well and gave his side a 70% share of the

ball, and M. F. Bridgland (B) and A. G. L. Millington (T), in his second season, did very good work in the scrums and line-outs. K. S. E. Carslaw (G) and J. H. Temple (T) on the wings were both very competent players.

Late in the season Ramsay moved to scrum-half and played very well in that position, and T. Pasmore (C), who had sometimes played on the wing, took his place at full-back. The whole team played with excellent spirit and enjoyed its season, despite the anxiety of frequent changes.

Sat., Oct. 4th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN (Away).	Won	17—0
Sat., Oct. 11th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Won	11—6
Wed., Oct. 15th.	v. KETTERING G.S. 1ST XV (Away).	Won	16—3
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won	18—5
Sat., Oct. 25th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD (Away).	Lost	3—16
Sat., Nov. 1st.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH G.S. 1ST XV (Away).	Lost	0—8
Wed., Nov. 12th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	12—15
Wed., Nov. 19th.	v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. 1ST XV (Home).	Lost	0—11
Sat., Nov. 29th.	v. OXFORD R.F.C. COLTS (Home).	Won	6—5
Wed., Dec. 3rd.	v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD (Home).	Lost	0—3
Sat., Dec. 6th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won	13—3



THE THIRD FIFTEEN

As the results show, the 3rd XV's graph has at least the merit of an upward curve; since the Old Stoic match only thirteen points have been scored against it and its victories have been decisive. The Oundle match was an inauspicious start; tackling was poor and one wondered whether any of the backs was likely to score during the term. Nor

did the game at Brackley inspire any greater confidence, though it will be interesting to see how the team (now somewhat changed) fares in the return match later in the term. The Old Stoic match was a light-hearted gambol, and only for the first time in the Bedford match did some constructive and determined play appear. In the later games the team has worked with increasing confidence and some degree of efficiency; the forwards, though lacking anyone of particular solidity except the redoubtable Hayter, have combined most effectively; Oakley, Dunlop and Watson especially have defended reliably and helped greatly in attack; Would has hooked most successfully. Behind the scrum Finlay at scrum-half and Preston in the centre have been well above the level of the rest; Seddon, at fly-half, has been reliable and resourceful, but rather slow. It is symbolic of the changes in the team that there have been no less than three captains, Jefferson, Ivory and Evans.

The following have played:—E. J. Ivory (T), D. Ridley (C), M. S. Lane (G), O. A. Namouk (G), R. J. Preston (B), C. J. Seddon (C), J. G. Finlay (C), W. P. Hayter (B), D. F. A. Would (C), R. S. Dunlop (B), P. D. Norman (C), J. R. Perriss (C), D. S. Watson (C), L. A. W. Evans (B), P. C. Oakley (C), D. E. A. Marrow (W), D. J. Rimmer (C), S. W. Bolton (C), H. H. Marshall (T), D. Birley (C).

Sat., Oct. 4th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	0—21
Wed., Oct. 8th.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Lost	3—14
Sat., Oct. 11th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Lost	6—13
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Drawn	0—0
Tues., Oct. 21st.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	17—0
Wed., Oct. 29th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	12—5
Wed., Nov. 19th.	v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. (Home).	Won	17—8
Wed., Nov. 26th.	v. KINGHAM HILL (Away).	Won	6—0
Wed., Dec. 3rd.	v. TOWCESTER G.S. (Home).	Drawn	6—6

#### THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

It seems to be the lot of the 4th XV either to pile up a mass of points or to allow their opponents to do so, and this term has been no exception. Inglorious defeats by Oundle and Bedford were redeemed (partially) by victories over St. Edward's and Berkhamsted, and there is to be match with the Latin School later in the term when one hopes for a deciding win. The forwards have been little inferior to those of the 3rd XV, and some of them, who have played for it, have been unlucky not to hold a place there; the backs have shown a certain amount of individual dash, but not much skill or determination. Still, all things considered, it has not been a bad season.

Sat., Oct. 4th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	3—39
Sat., Oct. 18th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	3—12
Tues., Oct. 21st.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won	20—6
Wed., Oct. 29th.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Won	28—3
Sat., Nov. 29th.	v. BANBURY (Away).	Lost	0—6

#### OTHER TEAMS

The Colts had a rather poor season, the Junior Colts were an outstandingly good team, and the Under 14's improved after some calamitous early defeats. Full reports are held over until next term owing to lack of space.

## LAWN TENNIS

A report of the season was published in July; 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 14th. *v.* DALLINGTON L.T.C. Won,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$ .  
E. J. Avory (T) and J. B. Mayland (W), 2—6, 2—6; 7—5, 7—5; 6—4, 6—3.  
W. R. Barnett (W) and C. F. Snow (C), 4—6, 0—6; 7—5, 6—3; 6—4, 6—3.
- May 17th. *v.* RUGBY. Won 8—1.  
E. J. Avory (T) and R. B. B. Avory (T), 7—5, 6—4; 6—2, 6—1; 6—0, 6—0.  
Mayland and D. R. Sabberton (T), 6—1, 6—2; 6—2, 6—1; 6—0, 6—0.  
Barnett and Snow, 6—1, 6—4; 6—3, 4—6, 5—7; 6—2, 6—2.
- May 24th. *v.* WESTMINSTER. Unfinished, Stowe leading 3—0.  
C. J. G. Atkinson (C) and Mayland, 6—1, 6—3; 6—1, 1—0 (unfinished).  
Avory and Avory, 6—2, 6—2; 2—0 (unfinished).  
Barnett and Sabberton, 6—2, 6—4.
- May 31st. *v.* ETON. Lost 3—6.  
E. J. Avory and Mayland, 17—15, 6—4; 6—2, 6—4; 6—2, 6—2.  
Barnett and Snow, 4—6, 6—4, 2—6; 5—7, 4—6; 6—4, 3—6, 3—6.  
G. B. Edwards (W) and J. Q. H. Hippisley (C), 3—6, 3—6; 3—6, 2—6; 4—6, 4—6.
- June 7th. *v.* K.C.S., WIMBLEDON. Won 8—1.  
Avory and Avory, 6—2, 6—1; 6—2, 6—1; 6—3, 6—1.  
Mayland and Sabberton, 6—1, 6—4; 6—3, 6—2; 6—2, 6—1.  
Barnett and Edwards, 3—6, 6—8; 6—2, 6—1; 6—2, 6—4.
- June 21st. *v.* P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Lost 1—7 (1 drawn).  
E. J. Avory and Mayland, 4—6, 2—6; 4—6, 4—6; 6—1, 6—4.  
Barnett and Snow, 2—6, 1—6; 1—6, 6—8; 6—3, 11—13 (drawn).  
Edwards and Atkinson, 1—6, 1—6; 1—6, 2—6; 6—1, 0—6, 1—6.
- June 28th. *v.* MARLBOROUGH. Won  $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Avory and Avory, 6—8, 7—5, 7—5; 6—4, 3—6 (unfinished); 6—3, 8—6.  
Atkinson and Mayland, 0—6, 7—5, 6—4; 4—6, 6—0, 6—1; 6—2, 6—3.  
Sabberton and J. S. Jackson (C), 2—6, 4—6; 4—6, 6—2, 1—6; 4—6, 3—6.
- July 2nd. *v.* WELLINGBOROUGH. Cancelled.
- July 5th. *v.* REPTON. Won 5—4.  
E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—2, 6—2; 6—2, 6—1; 6—3, 6—2.  
Barnett and Snow, 6—2, 3—6, 2—6; 6—2, 6—3; 6—2, 6—1.  
Edwards and Hippisley, 7—5, 0—6, 1—6; 2—6, 4—6; 1—6, 2—6.

- July 12th. *v.* LEIGHTON PARK. Lost 3—6.  
Avory and Avory, 9—7, 6—3; 6—1, 6—2; 3—6, 4—6.  
Mayland and Sabberton, 6—0, 6—8, 4—6; 9—7, 7—5; 1—6, 5—7.  
Barnett and Edwards, 1—6, 1—6; 3—6, 6—4, 2—6; 3—6, 5—7.

- July 19th. *v.* MILL HILL. Won 6—3.  
Avory and Avory, 4—6, 4—6; 5—7, 6—0, 6—4; 7—5, 7—5.  
Mayland and Sabberton, 4—6, 6—3, 3—6; 3—6, 7—5, 6—3; 6—2, 6—2.  
Barnett and Snow, 4—6, 3—6; 6—3, 6—2; 6—4, 5—7, 6—4.

On July 26th, the Old Stoics beat the School by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  rubbers to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Tennis House Matches were won by Walpole.  
Tennis Leagues.—1, Chatham (35 points); 2, Chandos (25 points); 3, Temple; 4, Walpole; 5, Bruce; equal 6, Grenville and Cobham; 8, Grafton.  
The Mornington Singles were won by R. B. B. Avory. He beat Atkinson 6—4, 6—4 in the Final.  
The Mornington Doubles winners were Atkinson and Mayland. Their opponents in the final were Avory and Avory.

## WIMBLEDON

No fewer than 67 Public Schools entered the Youll Cup competition at Wimbledon this year, and once again Stowe proved to be in the top rank. Stowe has never won this competition, but since it began in 1947, we have reached the final four times and have been in the last eight oftener than not.

This year we beat Rugby, Blundell's, Winchester and Eton in turn to reach the semi-finals, where our opponents were Mill Hill, which really meant Phillips, for he was known to be outstandingly good. Everything depended upon our winning the match between the First Pairs, for it was unlikely that Phillips would lose a singles against any boy playing in the competition. After a most exciting match, in which Atkinson and Mayland led Phillips and his partner 5—3 in the first set, we eventually lost twice against the Mill Hill First Pair and although R. B. B. Avory put up a splendid fight against Phillips in the singles, he could not quite save the match.

Thus we disappeared from the competition for another year, but not before making it abundantly clear once again that on average no Public School produces a better Lawn Tennis team than Stowe.

The Thomas Bowl Competition for Under 16's also produced a record entry of 60 pairs, and although our Second Pair departed early after losing against Aldenham, our First Pair went through to the semi-final, and became favourites to win. Unfortunately, Jackson fell heavily on court in the very early stages of the semi-final, and although he carried on under very great difficulties, he was virtually unable to raise his arm, and do what he might the unlucky Sabberton could not win the match by himself.

We have already won the Thomas Bowl once, and very soon have a good chance of winning the Youll Cup too.

The Pairs representing Stowe were:—  
*Seniors.*—C. J. G. Atkinson (C) and J. B. Mayland (W).  
E. J. Avory and R. B. B. Avory (T).  
*Juniors.*—D. R. Sabberton (T) and J. S. Jackson (C).  
A. D. G. Shillington (C) and A. R. F. Hobson (C).



## SWIMMING

We suffered more than usual this year, owing to the extreme perversity of the weather, from not having an indoor swimming bath. However, the team attempted to ignore the icy northern blasts which swept across the pool from time to time during their training, and the result was that out of six matches we won three and lost three. Although these results were somewhat disappointing, even our most optimistic prophets were astonished by the result of the Bath Club Relays. The four-man team, consisting of J. E. G. Nayler (W), E. S. Kennedy (C), J. R. Perriss (C) and P. R. Vester (C), all swam extremely well to knock five and a half seconds off the old School record and come ninth out of the thirty-two schools competing—eight places higher than before. Vester was awarded his colours, and Perriss and Kennedy had theirs re-awarded. This very major triumph was followed two days later by a lesser triumph in the Otter Relays. Here the team, though reaching the final, did not do so well as in the previous year, coming only seventh as opposed to fourth. A. P. Rosner (C), who swam a magnificent length of breaststroke, was re-awarded his colours.

In our School matches we were especially disappointed by the result of the match against the City of London School. We had hoped to uphold our long-standing tradition of winning against them at our home pool, but, even though they came straight from the caressing warmth of their indoor bath in London to the cold chop of the Stowe lake, City of London scored a resounding victory in the senior match, though happily they were beaten off in the junior by a fairly large margin. We owe this mainly to the efforts of our two outstanding juniors of the year, H. R. Kay (C) in the backstroke, and A. D. Cooper (W) in the freestyle, backed up by J. N. Sadler (C) and R. M. Jefferson (C), swimming freestyle and breaststroke respectively. In this match two new records were made: in the senior and junior squadron relays.

Nayler, this year's captain, the best water-polo player the School has seen or is likely to see for some time, swam an extremely good freestyle, especially over a hundred yards, and only lost one race of this distance. Kennedy showed himself to be a strong swimmer in the longer distances, though in sprints he was usually beaten by Vester. Perriss unfortunately lost all rhythm in his freestyle stroke, and was transferred to backstroke, where he soon established himself as the fastest sprinter of the section. It is to be hoped that next year he will again find his place in the freestyle events, and will be able to leave the backstroke in the hands of Kay, D. J. Hanley (W) and C. H. Clucas (W). We were especially strong in the breaststroke, having both W. G. Bennett (C) and A. P. Rosner (C), who were continually vying for superiority.

v. HARROW.	Senior : Stowe 30 ; Harrow 22. Junior : Stowe 25 ; Harrow 17.
v. CITY OF LONDON.	Senior : Stowe 19 ; City of London 33. Junior : Stowe 24½ ; City of London 17½.
v. VICTORIA COLLEGE.	Stowe 43½ ; Victoria College 28½.
v. KINGHAM HILL. (2nd team).	Stowe 26 ; Kingham Hill 26.
Bath Club Relays :—	Stowe 9th out of 32.
Otter Relays :—	Stowe 7th out of 34.
v. OTTER CLUB.	Stowe 23 ; Otter Club 29.

v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Senior : Stowe 36 ; Bedford Modern 14. Junior : Stowe 22 ; Bedford Modern 13.
v. NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR.	Senior : Stowe 35½ ; Northampton Grammar 14½. Junior : Stowe 25 ; Northampton Grammar 15.
v. WELLINGBOROUGH. (2nd team).	Senior : Stowe 30 ; Wellingborough 20. Junior : Stowe 28 ; Wellingborough 12.

## WATER POLO

v. VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY.	Home. Won 3—0
v. OTTER S.C.	Home. Lost 6—5
v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.	Home. Won 5—3
v. N.G.S.	Away. Won 5—0
v. WELLINGBOROUGH. (2nd Team).	Away. Won 9—0

The Senior Water-Polo House Matches were won by Walpole, after a hard game with Chandos. Walpole also won in the juniors after a struggle with Cobham.

## DIVING

The diving this season was rather poor, there being no full-time divers in the team. There were but three matches, only one of which we won. Diving in the Swimming Sports was also of a low standard, perhaps owing to lack of summer in which to practise.

The results in the Swimming Sports were :—

Open—1, W. G. Bennett (C) ; 2, C. H. Clucas (W) ; 3, R. D. Macleod (C).

Under 16—1, H. F. Ramsay (G) ; 2, D. H. Penrose (C) ; 3, A. R. Shackleton (W).

Under 15—1, R. M. Jefferson (C) ; 2, R. I. McLintock (C) ; 3, A. B. Shellim (C).

## THE SWIMMING SPORTS

As was expected, Nayler won all four freestyle events and the Individual Medley by a healthy margin, only being beaten, in fact, in the 50 yards Butterfly. There were no records broken in the Seniors, though fierce competition between Rosner and Bennett resulted in fast and exciting breaststroke races.

There were three records broken in the Juniors. Cooper set up new 50 and 100 yards freestyle records, in the former knocking 0.6 secs. off the old record, and Sadler beating the record in the Under 15 100 yards freestyle by 3 secs. Anderson won the backstroke events rather more by strength than style, and Allen showed promise for the future by winning two Under 15 freestyle events.

Results :—

## OPEN

50 Yards Freestyle—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W) ; 2, J. R. Perriss (C) ; 3, E. S. Kennedy (C) ; 4, P. R. Vester (C) ; 5, A. C. P. Seymour (C) ; 6, J. F. Svejdar (W). Time, 28 secs.  
100 Yards Freestyle—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W) ; 2, E. S. Kennedy (C) ; 3, P. R. Vester (C) ; 4, J. R. Perriss (C) ; 5, J. F. Svejdar (W) ; 6, A. C. P. Seymour (C). Time, 62 secs.

200 Yards Freestyle—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, P. R. Vester (C); 4, J. R. Perriss (C); 5, J. F. Svejdar (W); 6, A. C. P. Seymour (G). Time, 2 mins. 23 secs.

400 Yards Freestyle—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, J. R. Perriss (C); 4, P. R. Vester (C); 5, J. F. Svejdar (W); 6, R. D. Macleod (C). Time, 5 mins. 20 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. P. Rosner (C); 2, W. G. Bennett (C); 3, A. H. Matusch (G); 4, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 5, C. D. Winchester (C); 6, J. A. Jefferson (C). Time, 34.4 secs.

100 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. P. Rosner (C); 2, W. G. Bennett (C); 3, A. H. Matusch (G); 4, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 5, J. A. Jefferson (C); 6, D. L. Drysdale (G). Time, 77.3 secs.

200 Yards Breaststroke—1, W. G. Bennett (C); 2, A. P. Rosner (C); 3, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C); 4, A. H. Matusch (G); 5, F. R. Shackleton (W); 6, D. L. Drysdale (G). Time, 2 mins. 54.9 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, J. R. Perriss (C); 2, C. H. Clucas (W); 3, J. C. Coleman (C); 4, D. J. Hanley (W); 5, M. J. Bloor (W); 6, J. A. Jefferson (C). Time, 33.1 secs.

100 Yards Backstroke—1, J. R. Perriss (C); 2, C. H. Clucas (W); 3, D. J. Hanley (W); 4, J. C. Coleman (C); 5, D. L. Drysdale (G). Time, 77 secs.

50 Yards Butterfly—1, E. S. Kennedy (C); 2, W. G. Bennett (C); 3, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 4, C. H. Clucas (W); 5, F. R. Shackleton (W); 6, J. R. Hunter-Coddington (C). Time, 33 secs.

100 Yards Individual Medley—1, J. E. G. Nayler (W); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, W. G. Bennett (C); 4, A. D. Cooper (W); 5, J. R. Perriss (C); 6, R. D. Macleod (C). Time, 74.9 secs.

#### UNDER SIXTEEN

50 Yards Freestyle—1, A. D. Cooper (W); 2, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 3, R. R. Blagg (C); 4, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 5, R. T. W. Noton (C); 6, E. Both (B). Time, 27.3 secs. *New Record.*

100 Yards Freestyle—1, A. D. Cooper (W); 2, R. R. Blagg (C); 3, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 4, R. T. W. Noton (C); 5, H. F. Ramsay (G); Time, 64.5 secs. *New Record.*

200 Yards Freestyle—1, A. D. Cooper (W); 2, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 3, H. F. Ramsay (G); 4, M. A. Harris (G); 5, D. Moyle (W). Time, 2 mins. 32.9 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. D. Cooper (W); 2, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 3, R. C. Osner (C); 4, D. Moyle (W); 5, N. G. J. Hawker (C); 6, A. R. Shackleton (W); Time, 37.3 secs.

100 Yards Breaststroke—1, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 2, M. A. Harris (G); 3, D. H. Penrose (C); 4, N. G. J. Hawker (C); 5, R. J. Hay (W); 6, T. C. J. Moore (W). Time, 87.8 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, C. M. S. Anderson (C); 2, T. D. A. Cecil (C); 3, H. F. Ramsay (G); 4, P. A. L. Krohn (W); 5, P. M. Henry (C). Time, 37.2 secs.

#### UNDER FIFTEEN

25 Yards Freestyle—1, B. M. Allen (W); 2, J. N. Sadler (G); 3, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); 4, R. M. Jefferson (C); 5, J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C); 6, R. E. Dale (G). Time, 14 secs.

50 Yards Freestyle—1, B. M. Allen (W); 2, J. N. Sadler (G); 3, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); 4, R. E. Dale (G); 5, J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C); 6, P. A. Ayrton (C). Time, 31.2 secs.

100 Yards Freestyle—1, J. N. Sadler (G); 2, B. M. Allen (W); 3, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); 4, C. A. McIntyre (G); 5, R. E. Dale (G); 6, M. R. Lawson (G). Time, 71 secs. *New Record.*

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, R. M. Jefferson (C); 2, J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C); 3, equal, R. L. Jenkins (G) and J. M. Blayney (C); 5, G. R. Duncanson (W); 6, A. Horrocks (C). Time, 40.2 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, R. E. Dale (G); 2, C. P. Warner (W); 3, J. M. Blayney (C); 4, P. A. Ayrton (C); 5, W. J. Moore (C); 6, J. P. H. Cecil (C). Time, 40.7 secs.

## FIVES

The sudden increase in enthusiasm for Fives, shown throughout the School this term, has been most encouraging; Temple can no longer claim five out of the six best players and the team should definitely improve as the result of a little competition. Grateful thanks must be extended once again to our coach, Mr. Bain, who has supported us as always, to Mr. Vinen, who, besides helping to coach the Juniors, has often willingly given up his time to play with the team, and to Mr. Barr, who has made steady and continuous progress with his "squeakers", and may well do for Grafton what Mr. Capel Cure did for Temple.

Of the team P. R. McCrea (W), with his hustling and unorthodox style, is definitely the best player in the School, but still inclined to be erratic, and has been assisted with moderate success by the captain, C. J. W. Gauvain (T); A. F. Stone (T) and S. M. Turner (G) have combined well to make a steady but not outstanding second pair, whilst D. E. Costain (W) and D. O. S. Dobell (G) have completed our Senior team. The former, who has only recently taken up the game at all seriously, has the ability, if he finds time to practise sufficiently, to go a long way; and the latter, though lacking in power, is a careful and competent player. C. J. G. Atkinson (C) has also played with success. In the Colts pair R. B. B. Ivory (T) is exceptional for his age, but his normal hard-hitting partner, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), has unfortunately been unable to play most of the term; C. P. Robinson (T) has deputised quite satisfactorily. As always, the team has suffered from a surfeit of rugger players, but has shown commendable keenness in practising at odd moments.

Results of matches :—

v. MILL HILL (Home).	Lost 1—3
v. MARLBOROUGH (Away).	Won 3—0
v. CITY OF LONDON (Away).	Lost 0—4
v. THE JESTERS (Home).	Lost 0—2
v. OLD CHOMELEIANS (Home).	Lost 0—3
v. OXFORD OLD STOICS (Home).	Won 2—1

The following were awarded their Fives colours :—P. R. McCrea; A. F. Stone; D. E. Costain; S. M. Turner.

C. J. W. G.

## CRICKET

## STOWE v. STOWE TEMPLARS

Played at Stowe on Friday and Saturday, July 25th and 26th. Match drawn.

STOWE					STOWE TEMPLARS				
1st innings					2nd innings				
J. G. Williams, c Herrington, b Lezard	12				c Rushton (F. N.), b Clarkson	3			
D. E. Costain, c Rushton (F. N.) b Lezard	26				run out	4			
R. Sherjan, b Lezard	0				b Clarkson	3			
C. J. G. Atkinson, c Bate, b Harris	49				c Slater, b Clarkson	61			
G. M. Shaw, c Slater, b Lezard	20				b Lezard	10			
A. R. Bentall, c Clarkson, b Herrington	36				b Lezard	0			
S. M. Turner, st Rushton (F. N.) b Herrington	42				c Slater, b Kemp	6			
I. Pasley-Tyler, st Rushton (F. N.) b Kemp	21				c Harris, b Lezard	3			
I. A. R. Mackenzie, run out	2				not out	7			
D. G. Garwood-Gowers, c Rushton (F. N.) b Lezard	0				c Rushton (F. N.), b Clarkson	17			
J. R. Ramsden, not out	0				not out	2			
Extras	15				Extras	6			
Total	223				Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	122			

O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Harris	16	7	40	1	Clarkson	10	4	20	4
Bate	9	3	23	0	Harris	6	1	14	0
Rushton, M. A.	6	3	7	0	Lezard	16	6	42	3
Lezard	21	7	55	5	Kemp	11	4	26	1
Slater	2	0	12	0	Herrington	1	0	11	0
Kemp	5.1	1	6	1	Bate	2	1	3	0
Clarkson	6	1	37	0					
Herrington	3	0	28	2					

STOWE TEMPLARS					STOWE				
1st innings					2nd innings				
H. R. Herrington, b Costain	50				c Atkinson, b Garwood-Gowers	19			
M. A. Rushton, not out	88				c Shaw, b Garwood-Gowers	6			
M. R. de B. Bate, b Costain	16				c Atkinson, b Mackenzie	1			
N. C. S. Barling, b Costain	9				c Garwood-Gowers, b Mackenzie	9			
G. Harwood, did not bat.					c Atkinson, b Costain	14			
C. H. Lezard, not out	4				run out	48			
H. V. Kemp, did not bat.					c Sherjan, b Costain	15			
J. H. Harris, did not bat.					not out	0			
F. N. Rushton, did not bat.					not out	1			
R. W. Slater, did not bat.					b Garwood-Gowers	5			
C. E. Clarkson, did not bat.					did not bat.				
Extras	10				Extras	3			
Total (for 3 wkts. dec.)	177				Total (for 8 wkts.)	121			

O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Garwood-Gowers	11	1	58	0	Garwood-Gowers	9	1	35	3
Mackenzie	4	0	26	0	Costain	15	2	43	2
Costain	12	0	64	3	Mackenzie	10	2	18	2
Sherjan	5	1	19	0	Ramsden	4	0	22	0

## THE STOWE TEMPLARS CRICKET CLUB

The Templars had another cheerful and successful season, winning 5 matches, drawing 5 and losing 4; one game was abandoned. Lack of space prevents a longer report here, but a full account is printed in *The Old Stoic Bulletin* recently published.

## 1ST XI AVERAGES

	BATTING		Runs	Highest Score	Average
	Innings	Times Not Out			
G. M. Shaw	12	0	329	80	27.42
R. Sherjan	12	0	309	92	25.68
C. J. G. Atkinson	12	0	308	61	25.66
A. R. Bentall	12	3	200	42	22.22
D. E. Costain	12	0	213	38	17.75
S. M. Turner	7	1	92	42	15.33
J. G. Williams	12	0	144	37	12.00
I. Pasley-Tyler	8	0	67	21	8.37
D. G. Garwood-Gowers	8	2	28	17	4.66
J. R. Ramsden	7	4	10	5*	3.33
I. A. R. Mackenzie	8	3	12	7*	2.40

	BOWLING		Runs	Wickets	Average
	Overs	Maidens			
I. A. R. Mackenzie	131	42	305	24	12.71
D. E. Costain	140	41	353	25	14.12
D. G. Garwood-Gowers	154	22	405	21	22.14
J. R. Ramsden	49	9	203	8	25.38
R. Sherjan	85	20	251	8	31.38

## CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

## SENIOR

*First Round*:—Bruce 89; Chatham 91 for 8 wkts. (C. J. G. Atkinson 62 not out, D. G. Garwood-Gowers 6 for 37). Cobham 38 (D. S. Watson 7 for 18); Chandos 39 for 2 wkts. Temple 112 (S. M. Turner 4 for 36); Grenville 113 for 7 wkts. (S. M. Turner 55, O. A. Namouk 31).

Walpole 92 (D. E. Costain 50 not out, I. A. R. Mackenzie 5 for 38, I. Pasley-Tyler 4 for 37); Grafton 92 for 9 wkts. (R. M. Smith 44 not out). On the system of 40 overs per innings this match was a tie and was re-played. Replay:—Grafton 157 for 6 wkts. (I. Pasley-Tyler 58, P. B. Aarvold 32); Walpole 144 for 8 wkts.

*Second Round*:—Chandos 22 (B. M. Morris 5 for 8, A. R. Bentall 4 for 14); Chatham 23 for 5 wkts. (P. D. Norman 4 for 4). Grafton 119 (S. M. Turner 7 for 55); Grenville 58 (I. A. R. Mackenzie 5 for 25, P. W. Loxton 2 for 2).

*Final*.—Grafton beat Chatham by 11 runs.

Grafton 179 for 8 wkts. declared (G. M. Shaw 58, R. St. C. Strange 45) and 116 (I. Pasley-Tyler 47, A. R. Bentall 4 for 54).

Chatham 143 (C. J. G. Atkinson 77, G. M. Shaw 5 for 40, I. A. R. Mackenzie 5 for 64) and 141 (I. Pasley-Tyler 4 for 39, G. M. Shaw 3 for 28).

## JUNIOR

*First Round*:—Grenville 55 (R. St. C. Strange 7 for 27, J. W. Allerton 23); Grafton 46 (C. M. St. J. Knight 6 for 13, J. W. O. Allerton 3 for 4). Walpole 88; Chandos 31. Temple 69; Chatham 71 for 5 wkts. Bruce 57; Cobham 58 for 7 wkts.

*Second Round*:—Walpole 63 (C. M. St. J. Knight 4 for 16, J. W. O. Allerton 6 for 25); Grenville 64 for 5 wkts. (C. M. St. J. Knight 41 not out). Chatham 66; Cobham 51.

*Final*:—Chatham beat Grenville by 8 runs.

Chatham 44 for 7 wkts. dec. and 87 (P. G. de Havilland 27).

Grenville 63 (D. P. Bentall 7 for 7) and 60 (D. H. Bate 37, D. P. Bentall 4 for 33, M. J. Summerlin 6 for 23).

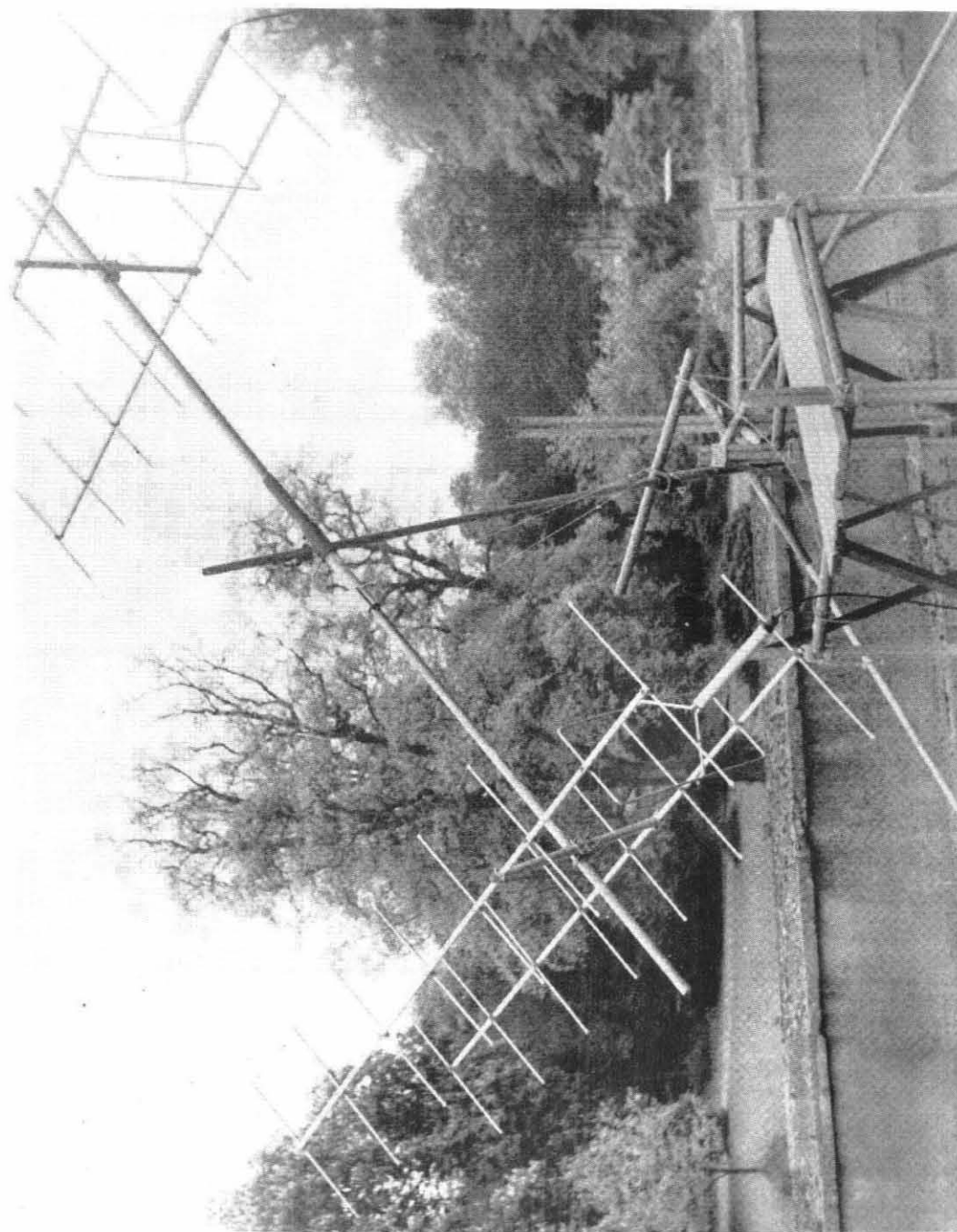
## THE STOWE RADIO TELESCOPE

During the summer term a radio telescope was put into operation at Stowe by a small body of enthusiasts led by Mr. Osborne. The results were very successful, and it is interesting, and perhaps surprising, that the project could be planned and carried out by a group of amateurs. In the popular imagination radio telescopes are vast steel structures like the parabolic bowl at Jodrell Bank; in fact the Stowe telescope consisted of two commercial T.V. aerials, a wartime receiver, and a device to record the fluctuating currents in the aerial.

In space there are countless bodies emitting energy at various frequencies; if some of this energy is in the form of light, we call the body emitting it a star. But light frequencies form only a minute fraction of the whole spectrum, while radio frequencies form a far larger portion. A radio telescope is an instrument for studying these radio waves and locating their source, which, if it is discrete, is called a radio star; indistinct sources, called background radiation, are far more common and emanate from space where matter is present in large quantities. The telescope is thus a very sensitive, highly directional radio receiver, capable of resolving what would sound like faint hissing noises from a background of terrestrial interference. The radio sky is almost entirely unconnected with the familiar night sky, for very few light stars are also radio stars; a radio telescope is also far more powerful than an optical telescope—Jodrell Bank, and Stowe too, can 'see' much further into our galaxy than Mount Palomar. Radio Astronomy is therefore charting totally unknown regions of space, and by its aid man is stretching out his tentacles into the universe further than ever before. We studied the emissions from the sun, and from the Milky Way, our galaxy, and even identified the radio star in Cygnus, which is known to be the result of two galaxies in collision 200 million light-years away, 200 million years ago.

At Stowe, two methods of radio telescoping were used; the radiometer method requires one double-pronged aerial, as illustrated, and when a source transits its beam, a sudden swing is recorded on the meter. By mounting the aerials on a pole which was pointed at the Pole Star, it was possible to follow the sun or any point in the sky by rotating the pole to counteract the rotation of the earth. The interferometer method uses the two prongs of this aerial mounted separately a large distance apart; as the source transits the aerial system, an undulating curve is produced on the recorder, which was in our case a pen-recorder. This is an arrangement whereby the meter movement drives a pen across a chart moving on a drum, rather similar to the barograph in Room 25. From this undulating curve the position of the source can be calculated.

The Headmaster made available the money for the aerial, and the Royal Society made a grant of over a hundred pounds for the pen-recorder. Our thanks are due to both for making possible what is believed to be the first amateur radio telescope ever constructed.



*Photograph by E.S.P.*

THE RADIO TELESCOPE

*E. N. Hillier & Sons Ltd.  
Printers  
Buckingham*

