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THE ROXBURGH HALL

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## EDITORIAL

ON Speech Day, Friday, June 19th, the Roxburgh Hall was officially opened in a simple ceremony incorporated into the Speech Day proceedings. The Hall had been in use in an undecorated state for a year, and much had already been said about the difficulties which accompanied its construction, but on this occasion boys and parents met together to commemorate the three men, Mr. Roxburgh, Dr. Huggins and Mr. Reynolds, whose inspiration had done more than anything else not only to further the building of the Hall but also to create the School itself. Mr. Reynolds was himself present, and so too was Lt.-Col. Huggins, brother of Dr. Huggins. In his speech the Headmaster pointed out that, although different in many ways, all three had it in common that they were bachelors, which perhaps helped to account for their unselfish and entire devotion to Stowe.

The opening ceremony consisted of the hanging of each of their portraits in the entrance to the Hall. Their contributions are concisely but vividly recorded. J.F. is commemorated on the proscenium arch in a Latin inscription composed by Mr. Hunter, which may be translated in these words: "Master most wise, most learned and most loved: of Stowe first head and maker: forgetful always of self and to others devoted: his pupils he nurtured, trained and educated with generous painstaking affection." By the portrait of Dr. Huggins, which has been presented to the School by his family and which hangs at the entrance to the music rooms, are the words, "This tablet commemorates Dr. Leslie Parry Huggins, Director of Music 1928-1952, whose warm and generous spirit, having given to many their first love of music, endowed its practice by the provision of these rooms." Beneath the portrait of Mr. Reynolds is the following inscription: "Old Stoics gave this portrait of Eric Vincent Reynolds, Headmaster 1949-1958, by whose vision, interest and courage the building of this Hall was realized."

## STOICA

*School Officials—Summer Term, 1959.*

*Prefects*:—C. J. G. Atkinson (Q), Head of the School; L. A. W. Evans (B), Second Prefect; E. J. Avory (T), Prefect of the Gymnasium; A. J. Beatty (C); M. F. Bridgland (B), Prefect of Hall; D. J. Easton (W); R. B. J. Gadney (G); C. J. W. Gauvain (T); E. S. Kennedy (Q), Prefect of Library; A. H. Matusch (G); J. R. Perriss (C); D. Ridley (C), Prefect of Chapel.

*Cricket*:—Captain, C. J. G. Atkinson (Q); Secretary, D. E. Costain (W).

*Lawn Tennis*:—Captain and Secretary, E. J. Avory (T).

*Swimming*:—Captain, J. R. Perriss (C); Secretary, P. R. Vester (C).

*Sailing*:—Commodore, A. J. Bradford (C).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 10th, The Rev. E. B. Maynard, Vicar of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, U.S.A.; Whitsunday, The Rt. Rev. K. E. N. Lamplugh, Bishop of Southampton; Sunday, May 24th, The Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, May 31st, The Rev. A. T. Johnson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Forest, Melksham; Sunday, June 7th, The Rev. F. H. Mountney, Vicar of All Saints', Hereford; Sunday, June 14th, The Headmaster; Sunday, June 28th, The Rev. M. L. Hughes, Uppingham; Sunday, July 5th, The Rev. David Jenkins, Chaplain of Queen's College, Oxford; Sunday, July 12th, The Ven. G. D. Savage, Archdeacon of Buckingham; Sunday, July 19th, The Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, July 26th, The Rev. Canon J. A. Fisher, St. George's, Windsor, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

The Collections in the Chapel were:—On March 29th, for the Pineapple, £25 18s. 2d.; on May 17th, for the Children's Country Holiday Fund, £27 os. od.; on June 4th, for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, £26 8s. 6d.; on June 28th, for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £28 15s. od.

EASTER.—It is not often that the chief festival of the Church falls within the school term, but this year it was celebrated by the School at Stowe, and will be remembered for two notable performances of

sacred works. On March 21st the Buckingham Music Society, conducted by Mr. Cox, sang *The St. John Passion* of J. S. Bach in Stowe Church; it was a most moving experience and was well attended, as befitted a performance of such high merit. The other was a fine production of John Masefield's *Good Friday*, which was presented as an act of worship in the Roxburgh Hall on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The parts were taken, with one exception, by members of the Staff.

On Good Friday a devotional service was conducted by the Rev. G. C. Stead, Chaplain of Keble College, Oxford. On Easter Sunday anthems were sung in the Chapel: "O Filii et Filiae" and "Now from every Christian Steeple" by the choir, and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" by the whole school.

On Monday, May 4th, the Headmaster and Masters were hosts at a Commemoration Dinner given in the Garter Room; the Prefects joined the company after dinner. Their guests were friends of the School, including many from the County, the Services, the Universities, and from other schools.

Old Stoic Day was held earlier than usual this year, on Saturday, June 6th, as it was felt that Old Stoics could not be properly entertained when Old Stoic Day was combined with Speech Day. It was not possible to alter the cricket fixtures so that the Templars' match against the School could take place, but matches against the Old Stoics were arranged at Tennis, Golf and Swimming. A special tea and supper were provided and there was a bar in the West Colonnade. Unhappily this was one of the few days of the term badly spoiled by rain.

SPEECH DAY, FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH.

This year for the first time Prefects spoke on Speech Day. The speeches were held in the morning, and C. J. G. Atkinson, Head of the School, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced D. J. Easton, Head of Walpole, who made a speech of welcome to all who were present at this first Speech Day to be held in the Roxburgh Hall. L. A. W. Evans, Second Prefect, then gave a summary of the year, after which the Viscount Wimborne, Chairman of the Governors, was asked to present the Annual Prizes, which he did with the assistance of Mr. Hunter. Lord Wimborne spoke a few words at the Head of School's request, and was followed by the Headmaster, who movingly explained the significance of the ceremony, which then took place, of hanging the three portraits in the foyer of the Hall; meanwhile all present stood in silence. Finally, A. J.

Beatty, Head of Cobham, thanked all those who had made the venture possible.

In the afternoon the School Band played on the South Front Portico, and there were various exhibitions: of Art and "Some Stowe Moths" in the Art School, of Photography in the Puppet Theatre, and of Wood and Metal Work in the Workshops. At 3.30 p.m. the Headmaster was 'At Home' on the lawn in front of the Gothic Library, and at 4 p.m. each House held its own tea-party. At 5.30 p.m. Tutors were 'At Home' on the Oak Room Lawn.

The School Dance was held the previous evening, Thursday, June 18th, and boys were allowed to leave Stowe any time after 4 p.m. on Speech Day for the Exeat, which lasted until Tuesday lunchtime. A simple but efficient system of checking out and in made the whole week-end go off very smoothly.

Although Speech Day and Old Stoic Day had already been held, the last week-end of term was still a gala occasion. On Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th, the School played the Templars and the finals of the Swimming Sports were held, and on both evenings the Historians presented *Richard II* at the Queen's Temple. On the Saturday afternoon there was a Fete on the South Front in aid of Stowe Parish Church.

The Roxburgh Hall is now decorated and equipped, and we owe much of this to the generosity of several friends of the School. Mr. Laurence Whistler designed the lettering and decoration round the proscenium arch. Mr. D. A. Abrahams gave the cinema projectors, the lantern slide projector, and associated equipment. Mr. H. J. Leak gave the high fidelity sound equipment, comprising microphones, gramophone turntable and loudspeakers. Mr. W. Betts gave the wrought screen in the foyer. To all of these we record our grateful thanks.

With the help of the School Shop the following have been purchased: the stage curtains, the stage switchboard and lighting equipment, the stage rigging (including the fly gallery and head joist), and the wood-block floor of the auditorium.

In September a small waiting house comes into being. It is to be called Nugent House and Mr. M. T. Burke will be its first housemaster. The name follows the tradition of the five earliest Houses at Stowe, for Nugent became one of the family names when the second Earl Temple married Lady Mary Nugent. Old Stoics of the early thirties may remember that Nugent was one of the names suggested for Walpole House.

Mr. R. M. Wilkins has been a temporary member of the Staff during this term. Dr. A. V. Adams, who temporarily joined the Staff in January, is leaving at the end of term.

We announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson on June 15th. This is the ninth successive son born to members of the Staff.

#### S.P.B.

Percy Ball, who retires at the end of this term, joined the staff in January 1945. He had, in his own county of Gloucester, been not only a widely known player of Cricket and Rugby Football but also a coach of high reputation, some of whose products had earned great distinction. Although at Stowe circumstances confined his efforts mainly to younger boys, he applied to them a degree of skill, clarity and patience that bore much fruit; and he continued to do this until, in his late fifties, an accident compelled him to go slow.

His kindly sympathy and conscientious thoroughness made him an excellent form master in the Lower School; and indeed he taught History, in which subject he had been a scholar at Cambridge, with a simple directness that was most effective at all levels.

He and Mrs. Ball are to live still in the neighbourhood, at Great Horwood.

#### R.E.S.

Bob Snell came to Stowe from Bedford School in 1947 as a mathematician, but in addition to teaching Mathematics to most boys in the School at some stage in their life here, he has been under-housemaster of Chandos, and has, conscientiously and without ostentation, contributed to many sides of life at Stowe. A wartime Rugger Blue who also played for Northampton, he has coached at various times the Fifty, the Junior Colts and the Under 14's. As a wartime Athletics Blue and hurdler who was invited to a trial for the 1948 Olympics Team, he naturally took over the Athletics, and for years he has successfully battled with climate and epidemics to carry through his Athletics programme. But the activity he enjoyed most was Cross-Country, and it is fitting that the last of a series of successful teams had an unbroken record. He leaves to become Head of the Mathematics Department at a new secondary school in Amersham; he, his wife and family take with them our best wishes for the future.

#### D.H.C.

It is hard to know who will miss Deryck Cox most when he leaves to become Director of Music at Framlingham at the end of this term. His pupils will lose both a teacher and a friend who was prepared to go to endless trouble on their behalf; the School will lose an organist and pianist of distinction and an inspiring choral conductor. His colleagues too will miss his quiet geniality, patience and kindness. That he should so soon be promoted to a Directorship elsewhere comes as no surprise to those who know him and his abilities. We all hope that he and his wife will be happy in their new surroundings.



## ANNUAL PRIZES

BASIL WILLIAMSON PRIZE :	{	P. B. AARVOLD (G)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY :		C. J. G. ATKINSON (C)
BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR CHURCH HISTORY :		C. J. W. GAUVAIN (T)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH :		C. J. W. GAUVAIN
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ENGLISH : <i>Senior</i>	{	D. J. EASTON (W)
		J. P. D. HANCOX (G)
		R. V. M. E. BEHAR (G)
	<i>Junior</i> :	R. B. JONES (B)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS :		A. ZAFIROPULO (C)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK :		C. J. GIBBON (G)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN :		C. J. GIBBON
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :		T. J. L. GAUVAIN (T)
ZAFIROPULO PRIZE FOR CLASSICAL VERSE :		C. J. GIBBON
SYRETT HISTORY ESSAY PRIZE :		C. J. W. GAUVAIN
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY :		D. M. FINGLETON (C)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH :		Not Awarded
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR GERMAN :		H. R. KAY (G)
CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH :		R. B. WILLIAMSON (C)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :		M. G. WARREN (B)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :		T. E. C. BUSHELL (C)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :		Not awarded
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR SCIENCE :		F. P. G. ALDRICH-BLAKE (C)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :		Not awarded
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :		P. A. L. HOLT (G)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :		J. R. A. NOTTINGHAM (C)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :		Not awarded
HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE :	{	D. M. FINGLETON
		R. W. RHODE (G)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :		D. J. EASTON
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :		B. L. IRVING (C)
EDWARD HARDING PRIZE FOR READING :		J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :		
	<i>Senior</i> :	D. M. FINGLETON
		N. O. G. MURRAY (C)
	<i>Junior</i> :	S. M. D. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE
ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART :		R. B. J. GADNEY (G)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE :		R. B. J. GADNEY

## GILLING-LAX MUSIC PRIZES :

Two Pianos :

{	T. J. L. GAUVAIN
	T. D. A. CECIL (C)
	D. A. FANSHAWE (C)
	Brass : H. WHITELY (C)
	Organ : D. A. WESSELY (G)

Piano :

Woodwind : C. B. TETLOW (T)

Strings : C. J. GIBBON

JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR CARPENTRY OR METAL WORK :

M. A. S. G. STEWART (C)

WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES :

{	E. K. HYSLOP (T)
	T. J. L. GAUVAIN
	R. WILLIAMS (G)

BRUXNER-RANDALL PRIZE :



The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships :—

- J. C. MAYOR (Arnold House School, London, N.W.8.).  
 A. R. NEGUS (Elstree School, Woolhampton).  
 C. J. F. GETHIN (Cottesmore School, Buchan Hill, Crawley).  
 J. FRY (Dulwich College Preparatory School).  
 E. G. M. REAY-SMITH (Summer Fields, Nr. Oxford).  
 D. W. J. GARRETT (St. Michael's, Tawstock Court, Barnstaple).  
 A. V. KEMP-JONES (Carn Brea School, Nr. Bromley).  
 M. J. BAKER (St. Ronans, Hawkhurst).  
 B. A. MARCEL (Summer Fields, Nr. Oxford, and Stowe).

D. R. SABBERTON (T) has been awarded an Exhibition.

## OLIM ALUMNI

R. G. C. KINAHAN (T, 1934) has been chosen as the next Lord Mayor of Belfast.

P. C. J. NICHOLL (B, 1938) was installed as Mayor of Lewes on May 20th.

E. C. S. PRICE (C, 1928) has been elected Master of the Salters' Company.

J. M. ASHTON (C, 1933), the officer commanding 3rd Carabiniers (Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards), recently handed over in Germany to R. A. SIMPSON (C, 1934), the officer commanding 16/5th Lancers.

P. C. MITFORD (C, 1936) has taken over command of the 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, in Germany.

A. E. DES C. CHAMIER (C, 1953) was awarded a First Class in Part II of the History Tripos, at Cambridge, having won a First in Part I last year. He also headed the list of successful candidates for entry into the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service.

J. R. WARDEN (T, 1954) was awarded a First Class in Part II of the Classical Tripos, at Cambridge. He won a First in Part I last year.

J. O. KENNEDY (W, 1956) was awarded a First Class in Part I of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos, at Cambridge.

W. A. McMULLEN (C, 1954) was awarded a First Class in Part I of the Classical Tripos, at Cambridge.

F. D. A. LEVITT (C, 1954) has been awarded the Edward S. Prior prize for Architecture, at Cambridge.

D. J. V. FITZ-GERALD (G, 1955), a B.A. of the University of British Columbia, has been awarded a World University Service Scholarship at the University of Malaya.

J. D. G. NIVEN (G, 1927) was, at Hollywood in April, awarded an 'Oscar' as the year's best actor, for his performance in *Separate Tables*.

S. D. M. ROBERTSON (B, 1947) was producer for the Marlowe Society's notable production of *Edward II*.

T. B. HENDERSON (C, 1932), who has composed the scores for many documentary films and T.V. productions, is becoming known for his orchestral works. His "Rhapsody for Piano and Orchestra" was commissioned for the St. Pancras Arts Festival, which was held in February.

R. J. W. UTLEY (C, 1952) won the First Whitsun Handicap at Goodwood in a Lotus.

J. C. COLEMAN (C, 1958) is in Austria, working in one of the homes set up by the World Council of Churches for refugee Hungarian boys.

M. C. HOUGHTON (C, 1958) has just completed an enterprising tour of the Rhodesias, partly hitch-hiking and partly on a bicycle; he is reported to have swum a swollen river with his bicycle and to have been unsuccessfully attacked by baboons.

## BIRTHS

To the wife of C. H. BRADLY (B, 1949), a daughter.

To the wife of A. CAIGER-SMITH (T, 1947), a son, on June 9th, 1959.

To the wife of G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934), daughters, on February 15th, 1948, and September 29th, 1949.

To the wife of G. J. E. DIXON (T, 1949), a son, on May 5th, 1959.

To the wife of N. A. GAMMIDGE (T, 1934), a daughter, on May 9th, 1959.

To the wife of E. F. G. GOSLING (C, 1939), a son, on May 3rd, 1959.

To the wife of R. H. GRANVILLE CARR (C, 1929), a son, on June 3rd, 1959.

To the wife of D. K. HELM (G, 1950), a son, on June 21st, 1959.

To the wife of E. P. HICKLING (C, 1941), a daughter, on May 12th, 1959.

To the wife of D. R. S. KINGAN (T, 1946), a daughter, on March 12th, 1959.

To the wife of J. R. LINDGREN (B, 1949), a daughter, on April 15th, 1959.

To the wife of P. C. MACNAMARA (B, 1941), a daughter, on June 27th, 1959.

To the wife of H. F. SASSOON (G, 1939), a son, on April 1st, 1959.

To the wife of P. G. SHEPHERD (C, 1945), a son, on January 4th, 1959.

To the wife of A. K. THOULD (C, 1949), a son, in June, 1958.

## MARRIAGES

G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934) to Esther Shelagh Dick, on December 11th, 1945.

S. N. L. CHALTON (B, 1951) to Linda Mary Chown, on May 4th, 1959.

R. C. FARWIG (C, 1938) to Suzanne Mary Stuart, on June 20th, 1959.

N. G. GAMBIER (T, 1952) to Miss S. M. E. Blakeney, on June 6th, 1959.

R. HALL-LLOYD (C, 1951) to Svetlana Kassanova, on July 12th, 1959.

D. C. F. KIMBER (B, 1951) to Joan Francis Wylie, on April 18th, 1959 (in Santiago).

A. K. THOULD (C, 1949) to Miss B. Furner, on August 24th, 1957.

D. G. WYNNE (G, 1943) to Gillian Bennett, on April 2nd, 1959.

## DEATH

C. P. PATTINSON (T, 1955), on May 29th, 1959, in a car accident.

## THE LIBRARY

It was with the very deepest regret that we heard that Molly Trengrouse was leaving Stowe at the end of term, in order to be nearer to her home in Sussex. She has been the mainstay of the Library since Summer 1946; and all who have used it will remember her with affection and gratitude. We wish her every success and happiness in her new post as Headmaster's Secretary at Cranleigh.

On Old Stoic Day we again displayed our collection of books by Old Stoics and Stowe Masters past and present. On June 20th the Buckinghamshire Record Society held its summer meeting in the Library; members inspected our manuscripts and collection of Stowe books before seeing the house and grounds. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Jenkins, presented the Library with a copy of his book *The Dragon of Whaddon*, a life of Browne Willis, the Buckinghamshire antiquary.

The following new Librarians have been appointed:—L. J. D. McIntyre (G), H. R. Kay (G), T. C. J. Moore (W).

## A VISIT TO STOWE IN 1781

INCLUDING THE EARLIEST KNOWN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL SHOP

A diary has recently been presented to the Aylesbury Museum which records a visit to Stowe in 1781. This throws some light on the early history of what is now the Shop, and about which practically nothing appears in the early guide books, the earliest entry—a mere mention of its existence—appearing in the 1788 edition.

The writer sets out by stage coach from Oxford Street, spends one night in Aylesbury, where he finds "the Entertainment not of the best", and next day arrives at Buckingham (in those days the County Town), where it seems he fares rather better.

"We arrived at Buckingham the County Town, about 5 miles from Steeple Claydon, about half past five and put up at Lord Cobham's Arms, an exceeding good House and very good entertainment. The Landlord, Mr. Baxter, a widower, with his daughters both very handsome, one of whom waited on us all the time. There is nothing worthy of observation at Buckingham. We dined, supped and lay here, and after breakfast next morning went in post chaise to Stow Gardens, about 2 miles from hence, thro' a very pleasant road cut thro' meadow grounds, and near Stowe we had a View of the Grand Collonade (*sic*) at the Entrance of the Gardens and at some distance from it, upon an Eminence, of the House. We left the chaise at the New Inn close almost to the Collonade (*obviously the Corinthian Arch*), and passing over a lawn or field entered the Gardens by a small door by the side of the Grand Terrace. We spent about 3½ hours in seeing the Gardens, Temples, Buildings etc. (a description of which is printed by Rivington, nigh Paul's Church Yard, and also in the Oxford Guide), and afterwards went and saw the House, tho' at a disadvantage on account of the alterations making in it, the present Earl having pulled down several of the front Center Rooms and in their place erected a Grand Saloon at the Entrance of the House with a large Dome and supported by exceeding large red and white high pillars of the new invented Composition in imitation (*sic*) of the Granite Marble. On one side of this is a most elegant and grand room to be called the Musick Room, which is most beautifully gilt and ornamented and supported by large pillars of Composition of the Yellow Cast and when finished will be, I make no doubt, one of the finest rooms in England. This Room is Lady Temple's room, who is they say an excellent performer on the Harpsichord, Guitar and other instruments. On the other side of the Saloon is another room of equal size with the Musick Room and intended for a Drawing Room. Exclusive of these alterations the House is the same as it was, except that the front which was formerly stucco is now faced with Free Stone. In the Flower Garden opposite the West end of the House Lady Temple is erecting a very large Menagerie, with Rooms for her Ladyship's retirement, and Rooms behind for an old man who is to reside there to take care of and attend the future inhabitants of this place. At each end are large semi-circular rooms enclosed with wire lattice to be painted Green; the front next the Flower Garden forms a kind of Circus with Pillars, the interstices of which are to be enclosed with glass in the manner of a Green House. And in the centre of this part will be Her Ladyship's Sitting Rooms, where she means to retire for the purpose of drawing, an art in which she is said to excel,—and such other amusements as may be agreeable to her. And as she and the Earl permit strangers to see the whole House at all times even when

they are there, it is said her Ladyship intends this for her own particular accommodation and that when finished it will not be shown to any persons except her own family and particular friends, which will be a great pity as from the plan and design it must then prove deserving the Attention of future visitors of these Gardens.

"We lost seeing a great many of the family and other excellent pictures with which the Rooms were hung but which were now taken down to prevent them being hurt by the alterations making to the House."

It is possible that the Menagerie was designed by Valdré, as it was he who decorated the circular room in the centre. This room, originally intended as "Her Ladyship's Sitting Room", was turned into a Museum of Natural History at a later date, by the first Duke; in the manuscript copy of *Some Notes on the History of Stowe*, G. G. Gilling-Lax gives an account of the Duke's museum collection which carries the story of the Shop a stage further.

"A large number of specimens, as well as many Greek and Roman antiquities, were collected by him during his tour in the Mediterranean on his yacht, the "Anna Eliza", during the years 1827-1829. As his collection grew, the whole building was given over to this purpose. By 1827 it also contained 'the Mineralogical collection of the late distinguished Abbé Hauy, arranged by himself' and containing ten thousand specimens. This was purchased by the Duke for £4,000 (a typical extravagance). At the sale in 1848 it was bought by the Directors of the Jardin des Plantes for £325 : 10 : -. The Duke's own collection was disposed of at the same time, including a specimen of Plesiosaurus Dolichodeirus which was bought by the Trustees of the British Museum for eight guineas."

### VILLANELLE

I've had an awful problem here,  
In thinking what I ought to say,  
And still my mind is not quite clear.

My poetry is poor, I fear,  
But it will have to stay that way;  
I've had an awful problem here.

My mind has suffered wear and tear  
Through morning, evening, night and day,  
And still my mind is not quite clear.

My verses always turn out queer,  
But queer, I think, they'll have to stay.  
I've had an awful problem here.

My brain's been working everywhere  
And it has often gone astray.  
And still my mind is not quite clear.

I haven't got a poet's flair;  
Success is always far away.  
I've had an awful problem here  
And still my mind is not quite clear!

R.B.J.

## SPEECH DAY EXHIBITIONS

### THE ART SCHOOL

Among the Speech Day exhibits one could find oils, watercolours, lino-cuts, wood-engravings, pencil sketches, tableauxmobiles and something approaching a papier collé. R. B. J. Gadney's (G) experiments accounted for a good deal of this variety, though his more conventional media were more successful—his portraits, self- and otherwise, and sketches showed remarkable skill. The abstracts are clearly too difficult at the moment, though a group portrait tending towards abstraction had some sense of form, and two spattered ink designs on a white ground had a delicacy lacking in the attempts in oils. Painted under his influence by the Lower School one might mention a series of figures in black, red and yellow, bold in outline and with a good sense of design.

Architecture dominated the subject-matter, and here I enjoyed the looming, throbbing renderings of Stowe buildings and a romantic castlescape by J. A. Maxwell (W) and the inexhaustible architectural invention of J. A. Booth (G), whose colour on charcoal sometimes lent an attractive background. S. R. Houfe (T) gave a good account of a village church tower and of a scene in the back streets of Oxford which had good composition and beautiful treatment of the reflection. T. D. A. Cecil (C) handles oils with sensitivity, notably in a picture of an ordinary white villa and a still life; he is promisingly rivalled by his brother. J. S. Jackson's (C) romantic scenes (copies apparently) reveal an exquisite handling of oils, notably some Red Indians on horseback.

From the Middle and Lower School I liked C. T. Preston's (B) sketches of somewhat similar jockeys and Popes; two screamingly weird heads by J. J. W. Hamilton (C); the minute accuracy of R. B. Jones (B) and his attempt at Emmett's trains. A single beech bough in a local scene by J. K. Hutson (B) had a sense of design, so did an aerial view of a bay by J. F. A. Hope (T), and a great octopus of a branching road, some tentacles leading to dull houses, a few off the paper, by J. C. Hardy (W). P. N. Hawkins (B) showed to better advantage in the *Epicurean*. A group of coloured lino-cuts revealed excellent craftsmanship but had the appearance of being done by one hand.

S.W.E.S.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This was by far the most interesting exhibition that the Society has produced for many years, and they are to be congratulated upon the number and quality of the pictures shown.

In judging an exhibition and competition of this sort there are three qualities to be considered, apart from the fact that work done professionally loses a lot of marks. The first essential is that a good photograph should be interesting in design rather than subject matter, although the two can sometimes be combined. The design depends upon the pattern of black, white and grey that is created, both linear and in mass. The second quality that is essential is technical—good workmanship combined with a knowledge of how to get the best results; and the third essential is in the final presentation of the photograph.

Photographs showing an interest in design were quite numerous. There was a "Stowe Gatepost", by M. Webster (G) (1st Prize), very well seen and placed; "Assembly" by P. A. L. Krohn (W) and "The Worthies" by C. J. de Mowbray (C), both of which were unusual views of ordinary things, which can easily lead to originality for originality's sake and must be guarded against. There were also several of A. H.

Matusch's (G): "North Front Lamp", "The Palladian Bridge" and "The Oxford Bridge" (2nd prize).

Technically there were too many good photographs to mention individually; but there were also many cases where the photographer had used the wrong grade of paper or the wrong quality of paper, or where he had shaded the enlargement or omitted to do so when it was desirable. Experience should enable anyone to overcome mis-judgments of this sort, but no photograph should be exhibited when the photographer knows he could do better.

In the matter of the presentation of the final print, almost all the photographs left much to be desired. When, usually after several attempts, a really satisfactory print has been achieved, it must then be trimmed, as the white edges tend to weaken the value of the whites in the design. At this point, if it has not been possible to do it before, horizons should be made horizontal, and buildings vertical. There were too many crooked photographs. Then, as every good photograph looks better mounted, the photographer should mount it well. Spotting out the white dust spots, which are almost impossible to avoid, is a tedious business which should be left until the print is mounted, but it must be done. Hardly any of the exhibits came up to this standard. Incidentally, the look of the exhibition as a whole would have been improved if the prints had been larger.

Photographs which should be mentioned were:—"The Llama" by D. A. Wessely (G) (3rd prize, but professionally done) with excellent lighting and placing; "Ancient Virtue" by E. H. Bacon (W), "Pier" by J. Q. H. Hippisley (C), "South Front from the Octagon" by A. H. Matusch (G), and "The Churchyard" by M. Webster (G). The colour prints should have been a lesson to anyone not to have them made.

M.J.M.

## HOUSE PLAYS

It would appear a fruitless task to perform a thriller at a school, since it is hard to imagine anybody being frightened by his intimate friends, even if they are on the other side of an orchestra pit. Grenville, however, succeeded in their performance of *Ten Little Niggers*: the death scene of the judge (C. J. Gibbon) must have been one of the most powerful and revolting scenes ever staged in a house play. J. P. D. Hancox acted well the gay, debonair Philip Lombard, an accurate piece of type casting. Mr. Gibson stepped into the role of William Blore at the last minute, the original actor falling ill, and saved the day. Also outstanding were the two female parts: Emily Brent portrayed by T. R. Nightingale, and D. M. Balfour as the heroine, the voluptuous Vera Claythorne. Despite the occasional slip down the greasy path of bathos, as much a fault of the script as of the performance, the atmosphere was tense and exciting.

The Cobham house play *Dry Rot* was designed for the pleasure of plain, blunt men, and as such it succeeded. We were fed with our cues for laughter by the rigger players, ancient and modern, who were dispersed about the auditorium and enjoyed every minute of it. But it is debatable how long one can appreciate straight slapstick; for after the first half-hour one has normally seen everything. With the material available, however, Cobham presented, as is their annual custom, a comedy which the select few who were able to get tickets fully appreciated. The performances of D. Ridley, N. A. W. Wheatley and J. R. Hunt were outstanding.

("Ten Little Niggers" was presented in the Roxburgh Hall on March 20th and 21st; "Dry Rot" in Cobham House Room on March 24th and 25th.)

L.A.W.E.



## LECTURE

Dr. Nikolaus Pevsner gave a lecture on 'Looking for Sculpture in English Churches' in the Temple of Concord on May 21st. He emphasised that England was lacking in the great stone sculpture of the early Middle Ages found notably in France, and in the late mediaeval wood-carving of Germany and elsewhere; it was doubtful, he said, whether much first-rate work had existed before the vandalism of the two Cromwells. Despite these limitations there was much small-scale work that was eminently worth while. In the seventh century there was around Northumberland a cultural centre in advance of the Continent: he showed an impressive relic of a large standing figure on the West facade of Monkwearmouth church in Durham (c. 675)—the earliest major architectural sculpture surviving in England. As further evidence of the quality at this period he showed a flying angel from Bradford-on-Avon whose stylised wings revealed an unself-conscious though profound sense of design.

There followed a series of slides of French sculpture, notably the tympanum of Moissac (c. 1120), sculpted with a Christ of great power and grandeur surrounded by the symbols of the four Evangelists; St. Matthew's Angel in particular, stepping away from the figure of Christ though with his body twisted perforce towards it, exhibited the extreme tension of the artist's concept. From the West facade of Chartres (c. 1150) he showed the highly stylised, elongated statues, already partly free of the architecture, but with their form governed by the column. Finally, from Rheims (c. 1230), the highly sophisticated naturalistic feline features of a St. Anne and the grouping of statues freed from the architecture, revealing the liberation of man from the Church.

Here were the standards against which to measure the achievement of England. A solitary figure in poor condition in the West portal of Rochester cathedral and some fine figures from St. Mary, York, now in a museum, were the best he could do on the large scale (Wells being an even more disastrous contrast). On the small scale, however, and with the aid of modern photography, England could score: a censing angel from the South transept of Westminster Abbey (c. 1255) had the same feline features as the St. Anne at Rheims (artists at the Abbey were clearly in touch with what had happened there), and the vertical and horizontal wings exquisitely fill the available space—that of a right-angled triangle with a concave hypotenuse. [This figure, incidentally, is crudely imitated on the outside of Stowe Chapel.] From the spandrels of the triforium in the Angel Choir of Lincoln, he showed an equally successful angel with outspread wings. Most exquisite of all, perhaps, were three bosses from Lincoln (c. 1275), notably two wrestlers encircled in oak and hawthorn leaves, the victor of almost Grecian beauty and the other gross, suggesting a symbolic meaning. For the first time ever in England, and for many centuries in the West, the Chapter House at Southwell contains carving of leaves which breaks with mediaeval conventions and achieves minute naturalistic accuracy; yet despite the ornamentation of functional lines as well as capitals, the architectural structure is not lost. Finally Dr. Pevsner showed excellent minor wood-carving from misericords and an angel roof, only to juxtapose them to a crushingly fine bench-end from Ulm and an archangel from a reredos in Krakov which still dominated the screen when the lights were turned on.

Discussion turned almost solely on modern sculpture; Dr. Pevsner appeared sometimes suspicious of the facility of Epstein; doubtful of the place for abstract sculpture in churches (it can only convey generalities), and appreciative of Henry Moore, who

respected the right of the public to demand a Virgin and Child, for example, that was clearly representational.

The outstanding qualities of the lecture were the prodigious scholarship, exposure of what was merely quaint or picturesque, and unerring discernment of true artistic merit whether stylised or naturalistic. The general impression was that field-glasses were essential for examining English church sculpture, and that it was preferable to go abroad.

S.W.E.S.

## TWENTY CENTURIES ACHIEVED

As the night grows darker,  
The strip-lights get brighter,  
And the faces grow more pallid  
In the ultra-modern streets  
Of our satellite town.  
The Highway-Code pedestrians  
Scurry in their pre-determined courses  
Past the neon-lighted cinema  
And the *Television Arms*  
(Which *does* supply beer).

An air-conditioned super-coach  
Parts at 1500 hours  
For a pre-determined tour  
Of the countryside.  
All those who wish to see  
Through the anti-road-glare perspex  
The chromium-plated milk-churns  
And the *Pub-Crawler's Arms*  
By the chlorinated river  
Bring their polythene-packed snacks  
At 1500 hours—or was it three?

And after a tiring super-day  
Switch on our 'uncle' Telly  
And run a boiling foam-bath  
Of the atom-heated water,  
Then slide between the nylon sheets  
On the Divan-Sofa-Bed  
With the thermostatic heat-control,  
Then sink into an aspirin sleep:  
And for miles and miles down the street  
All and sundry are doing the same.  
So it's nice to have a different name,  
For to-morrow's going to be just the same  
In our satellite town.

P.M.W.

## MUSIC

CONCERT BY THE STRING ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

*Conductor of the Glee Club—MR. COX*

*Conductor of the String Orchestra—MR. WATSON*

*Leader—C. J. GIBBON (G)*

Concerto Grosso No. 3 in F major	... ..	<i>Alessandro Scarlatti</i>
Violin Concerto in E Major (from 'The Seasons')	... ..	<i>Vivaldi</i>
<i>'La Primavera'</i>		
<i>Violin—C. J. GIBBON</i>		
Pianoforte Concerto in D major	... ..	<i>Haydn</i>
<i>Vivace — L. J. D. MCINTYRE (G)</i>		
<i>Un poco adagio ; Rondo all' Ungherese—T. J. L. GAUVAIN (T)</i>		
Five Slovak Folksongs	... ..	<i>Bela Bartok</i>
Serenade for String Orchestra, Op. 20	... ..	<i>Elgar</i>
<i>Allegro piacevole ; Larghetto ; Allegretto</i>		
Sarabande	... ..	<i>Britten</i>

(In his review of Public School music in the July number of "The Musical Times" Mr. Derek Gay, Director of Music at Bradfield College, commented on the variety and interest of this programme.)

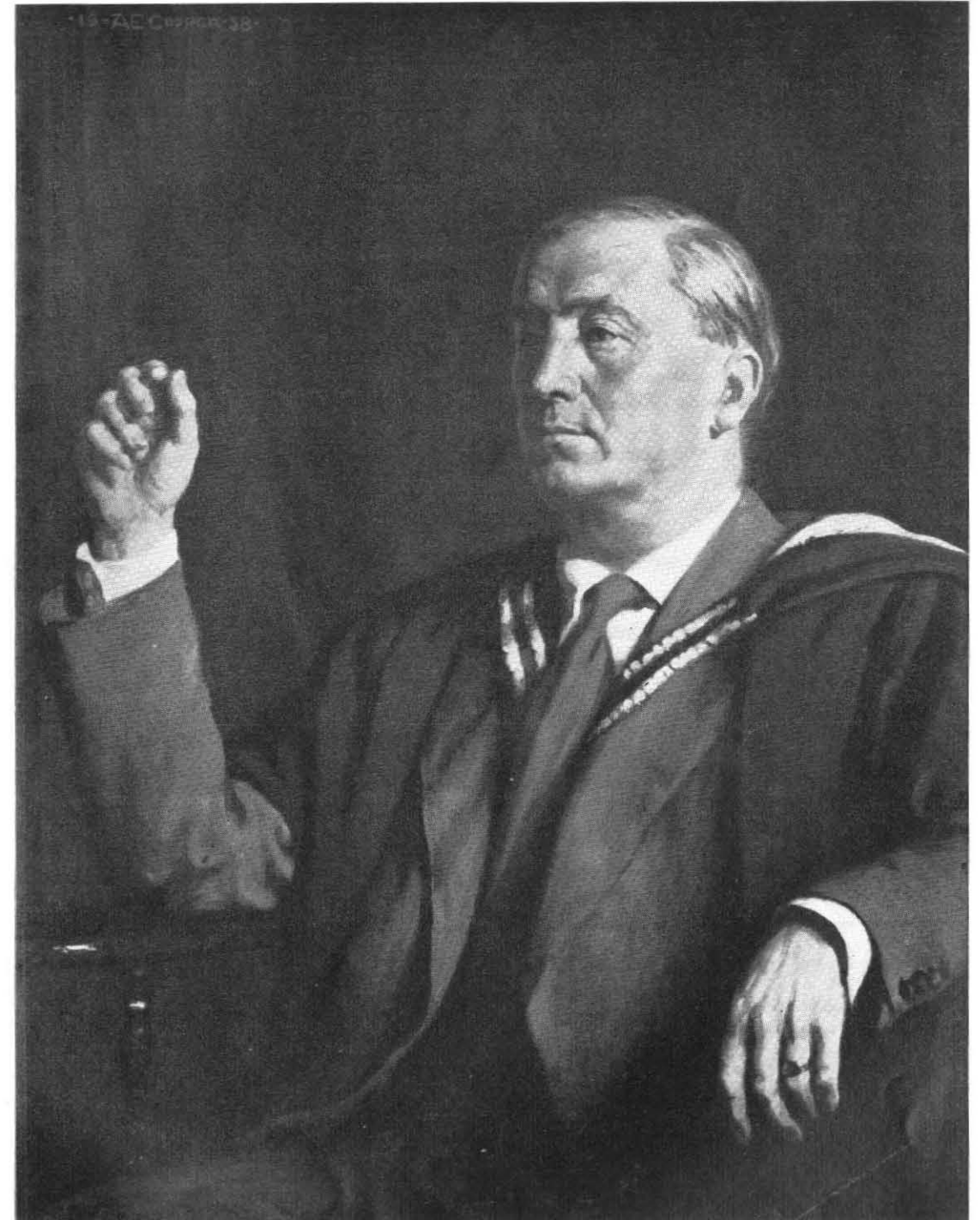
CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB  
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

L'Arlésienne Suite No. 1	... ..	<i>Bizet</i>
<i>Prelude ; Adagietto ; Carillon</i>		
Pianoforte Concerto in A minor	... ..	<i>Grieg</i>
<i>First Movement—T. W. J. WAINE (G)</i>		
THE GLEE CLUB		
Five Negro Spirituals	... ..	<i>arr. Jacobson</i>
<i>I want to be ready</i>		
<i>Oh, wasn't that a wide river</i>		
<i>Gwine to ride up in the chariot</i>		
<i>Steal away</i>		
<i>Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel</i>		
Fifth Symphony	... ..	<i>Beethoven</i>
<i>Fourth Movement</i>		
The Swan Lake Suite	... ..	<i>Tchaikovsky</i>
<i>Scene ; Dance of the Swans ; Valse</i>		

*Leader—MR. WATSON*

*Conductor of the Orchestra—MR. KELYNACK*

*Conductor of the Glee Club—MR. COX*



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## ORCHESTRAL STUDIES

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LECTURE BY JAMES BLADES

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

On the second Saturday of term, the Music Society was treated to a lecture on "The Orchestral Instruments of Percussion" by Mr. James Blades, who, amongst many other fascinating accomplishments, can boast of being that exotic sound-studio figure one has always wanted to meet: the man who coincided the gong with J. Arthur Rank's muscle-man.

Mr. Blades is a virtuoso at his trade. His hilarious impersonation of a frenetic rock-'n'-roll glockenspieler, no less than the incredible feat of playing a Stravinsky part with side drum, bass drum and cymbal tapping simultaneously in three different times, or the way he produced an ocean of sound from his Chinese tam-tam, was breathtakingly impressive.

However, his main intention was not to demonstrate his own proficiency, but to tell us about his subject; and it came with a shock, after roaring with laughter at his stories, to realize that one had learnt so much. He created an informal atmosphere with such artistry that one forgot there was any didactic purpose at all.

Although one had always thought of the percussion section as being more notable by its absence than by any inherent qualities of expression, he showed us the many unsuspected subtleties of the "kitchen department" and its very real importance in the orchestra. Mr. Blades' success was shown by the way his audience went bubbling back to the school talking about the histories of his instruments, of which they had previously known nothing, and, more pungently, by an overheard comment: "I wish someone would teach us Maths like that!"

W.P.H.

MUSIC IN CONCORD

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

A concert of chamber music was given in the Temple of Concord on Sunday, May 24th, when the two pieces played were Beethoven's Pianoforte Trio in C minor (Op. 1, No. 3) and Brahms' Sextet in B flat major (Op. 18). The players were Mr. Cox (*pianoforte*), Mr. Watson and Lesley Melvin (*violins*), Anne Wolfe and Elizabeth Watson (*violas*), Miss Martin and Richard Bradley (*cellos*).

PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIAL MUSIC

GENERAL INSPECTION, JULY 1ST

Salute for an Admiral—Excerpt from <i>Iolanthe</i> ... ..	<i>Sullivan</i>
SLOW MARCH: <i>Parade</i> ... ..	<i>Beaumont</i>
SEA SHANTY: (Capstan and Windlass) <i>Shenandoab</i> ... ..	<i>trad.</i>
Londonderry Air ... ..	<i>trad.</i>
CEREMONIAL SLOW MARCH: <i>Scipio</i> ... ..	<i>Handel</i>
MARCH: <i>Heart of Oak</i> ... ..	<i>trad.</i>
(on formation of close column of Companies)	
MARCH PAST: <i>Voice of the Guns</i> ... ..	<i>Alford</i>



## THE GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club gave a concert in the Roxburgh Hall on Sunday, July 5th, which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

It was very agreeable to be allowed a second hearing of some excellent music from the winter concerts, particularly Bartok's *Five Slovak Folksongs* and Jacobson's arrangement of a group of Negro Spirituals. In lighter mood Deryck Cooke's humorous song *Closing Time*, accompanied by appropriate actions on the part of Messrs. A. F. Stone (T), D. A. Fanshawe (C), and L. J. D. McIntyre (G), proved very amusing.

Unfortunately, owing to the sudden indisposition of Mr. Peter Rhodes, the baritone, it was impossible to present the main item of the programme, Hadley's cantata *Fen and Flood*. Instead Mr. Cyril Leeson stepped into the breach at very short notice with a spirited tenor rendering of two groups of songs, accompanied by Mr. Cox. Among the first were the well-known *Eriskey Love Lilt* from Kennedy-Fraser's collection of Hebridean Folk-songs, and *Old Mother Hubbard* à la Handel. The second group included three popular arias from Italian opera, with the addition of a song from *The Gondoliers*, and ended with Britten's uninhibited *Foggy, Foggy Den*, which brought forth some rousing applause.

The Glee Club is indeed a vital part of Stowe's musical life, and it has justly become noted for its refreshingly high standard under Deryck Cox's inspiring direction; his departure will be a very great loss.

J.M.H.

## MUSIC IN CONCORD

## SUNDAY, JULY 19th, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

JOHN MELVIN (C, 1951) ( <i>Clarinet</i> )	MR. WATSON ( <i>Violin</i> )
JAMES DIACK (T, 1956) ( <i>Horn</i> )	LESLEY MELVIN ( <i>Violin</i> )
MR. WEBB ( <i>Oboe</i> )	GEOFFREY ROBERTS ( <i>Viola</i> )
MISS MARTIN ( <i>Cello</i> )	
Overture in C major for two clarinets and corno da caccia ...	<i>Handel</i>
(First clarinet part transcribed for oboe)	
String Quartet No. 68 in E flat major, Op. 64, No. 6 ...	<i>Haydn</i>
Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115 ... ..	<i>Brahms</i>

The Music Competitions were held on Sunday, June 7th. The adjudicators were Dr. Willis Grant, Professor of Music at Bristol University (keyboard), Mr. Harvey Phillips, Professor of 'Cello at the Royal College of Music (strings), and Mr. H. W. Holyoak, Master of wind instruments at Berkhamsted School (wood-wind and brass).

In addition to the prizes awarded on Speech Day, which are recorded elsewhere in this issue, the following awards were made:—Intermediate Violin, C. S. Wintle (C); Junior Violin, P. M. Gallegos (G); 'Cello Cup, T. E. C. Bushell (C); Intermediate Piano, T. R. Nightingale (G); Junior Piano, D. M. Balfour (G); Finalist Prize, D. A. Fanshawe (C).

## " RICHARD II "

Presented by the Historians at the Queen's Temple on July 24th and 25th and at Old Wardour Castle on July 28th

The Historians this year chose *Richard II* for their open-air production at the Queen's Temple. It is customary for reviewers of this annual event to devote their first paragraph to a eulogy of the setting. This is justified as the Queen's Temple gives the producer a large and interesting acting area ideally suited to the more grandiose of Shakespeare's play. Obviously an army or a crowd is more realistic at the Queen's Temple than in the Roxburgh Hall or indeed in any indoor theatre. There is, however, a price to be paid. The small conversation scene is less easy to put over out-of-doors. The more subtle details of pointing and the quiet gesture are lost. A line thrown away is thrown away indeed. If he is to succeed the producer must make his players act in the grand manner.

Fundamentally *Richard II* is a play about remarkably unpleasant people: York is a time server and a bore; Bolingbroke is callous and dishonest; Richard, and this is the point of the play, is at first headstrong and unreasonable and later broken and self-pitying. This is the difficulty. The central character is unsympathetic, yet he has to get our sympathy.

C. J. W. Gauvain (T) gave us a Richard of remarkable vigour. Headstrong he certainly was, but in the first half of the play we saw little of the self-indulgent king whose chief interests in life were the latest Italian fashions and suave court life. His tantrums, too, sometimes did not ring true. In the second half of the play he was admirable; though weak and morbidly self-pitying, he acquired the essential dignity which makes the play hang together.

D. Ridley's (C) Gaunt was excellent and he knew how to use the full range of his voice. He gave us an excellent picture of the strong man in decay, and the scene where his advice is ignored by Richard was most effective. D. M. Fingleton (C) was also very convincing as the ineffectual bore who just cannot make up his mind. Northumberland, not the most rewarding of parts, was admirably played by A. C. Geddes (T). He moved and spoke well and even when facing upstage was easily audible at the back of the auditorium, no mean achievement at the Queen's Temple. Whenever he appeared, L. A. W. Evans (B) successfully dominated the stage as Bolingbroke. Bolingbroke is the tough *par excellence* and the part was played very straight, as is essential. Evans was ideal for the part, as he has a splendid stage presence and a voice which must have been clearly audible at the Armoury.

As we have now come to expect, the staging was very good indeed. The lighting, a difficult problem at the Queen's Temple, was starkly theatrical. The murder, played in silhouette, was particularly effective. The actors were not, however, always alive to the problem of getting in each other's shadows. The play was splendidly dressed and the make-up was not obtrusive.

The producer's sense of priorities was obvious; audible well-spoken poetry first and acting second. In the open air this was perhaps wise.

G.D.M.

## ATHLETICS

*(After T. S. Eliot)*

We are the spastics  
Who sit in the houseroom  
All day  
During the summer.

We tried each one on the programme  
Half fearfully, half tearfully;  
Tension weighed  
The fates against us.  
Twisting expertly  
The shot rose  
High and came down hard  
Upon our necks.

We are the spastics  
Urged into athletics.

The spikes of our shoes  
Stuck  
In the wood  
Of the long jump.  
Our head got stuck in the sand  
In the rain  
After the high jump.  
We pricked  
Our fingers  
With the javelin  
And in the discus  
Cut our heat.

We are the spastics  
Urged into athletics  
Who sit in the houseroom  
On a summer's day.

Here we go round the four-forty  
Four-forty, four-forty  
Here we go round the four-forty  
In break on a P.T. morning.

In the pole vault we stopped  
At the top  
Vertical  
Looking down  
From eight feet above ground.  
We fell on our face in the hundred  
And tipped every one of the hurdles.  
We are the spastics  
Urged into athletics.

There's no joy in running  
That sickening feeling  
The laboured breathing  
The agony, the shouts.  
Three times round,  
The dinner bell  
The look in front, the look behind.

We've won, we've won!  
The race behind.  
We are the spastics  
Urged into athletics  
Who sit in the houseroom  
On a summer's day.

J.G.L.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## THE TWELVE CLUB

There has only been one paper this term, but few members regret this, since the pressure of work and outside activities has been high. On June 29th C. J. Gibbon (G) bewildered and battered us with his paper on "Ibsen". Unfortunately we learned not so much about Henrik Ibsen's life and character as about the importance of his plays, in comparison with his contemporaries, and of the lasting effect he has had on the modern world. Gibbon pre-supposed so much knowledge of Ibsen's plays among his listeners that it was somewhat difficult to follow the thread of his highly intelligent and technical paper through to the end. Nevertheless his comments and judgements were certainly sound and we were left at the end, if not entirely comprehending, at least appreciative of the work which had gone into the preparation of his subject.

A. Zafropulo (C) and R. B. J. Gadney (G) have both promised to read papers before the end of term.

With last term's large leave several new members have been elected:—R. B. J. Gadney, H. R. Kay (G), C. J. G. Atkinson (C), T. J. L. Gauvain (T), L. J. D. McIntyre (G), A. H. Matusch (G).

C.J.W.G.

## THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society has been more than usually active; three meetings have been held to date, and it is hoped to hold one more before the end of term.

The first of these papers was given by C. B. Tetlow (T) on "The History of Horology". In it he enlightened the Society on the various standards for the measurement of time, and then traced the progress of clocks from the ancient sundial to the first mechanical clocks of the thirteenth century, and thence to modern chronometers. The second paper was given by H. H. Marshall (T) on "Witchcraft". The paper described the various forms of witchcraft that are prevalent throughout the world and then turned in greater detail to magical occurrences in this country. The last paper, on "Migration", was delivered by F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C). In it he started by describing the various types of migration, and their causes. We were then told how it is studied, and given a few clues as to how these amazing feats of navigation are performed. The members of the Society hope to be able to finish off their year in the Symposium with a paper by J. A. M. Gifford (C) on "The Solar System".

S.M.D.W-N.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Classical Society again flourishes. We have been regaled with two excellent papers this term, both from Old Stoics. On June 14th, N. W. D. Sturch (T, 1957) came over from Oxford to edify us with his paper on the somewhat esoteric subject of "The Lelantine Wars", in which his searching scholarship disinterred for us the long-forgotten struggles of Chalcis and Eretria for the coveted Lelantine Plain. We were also honoured with a talk by J. R. Warden (T, 1954), who told us of his travels in Greece, from which we gained an interesting and colourful picture of the habits



and customs of the inhabitants and the beauty of the scenery. He showed some slides of the places he had visited and played us a record of a Greek song.

C.J.G.

#### THE 59 CLUB

Last term we lost E-X. C. W. P. Fletcher (C), who read a most interesting paper on political thought before he left. He gave us a lot to think about, and the ensuing discussion was long and exhaustive. A. Zafropulo (C) (one of our most distinguished members) left us to become a member of the Twelve Club; under the new system he is precluded from being a member of both clubs simultaneously.

There is to be a meeting at the end of term at which one of our leavers, P. R. Vester (C), will give a talk on a subject as yet undecided. We are limiting ourselves to one meeting this term because of examinations.

R.N.B.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Since last going to press, three debates have been held. The first was held on Sunday, March 22nd, and the motion was "That modern life is too comfortable". Mr. J. R. KERR MUIR (C), proposing, spoke in modest tones, and in spite of having his fair share of officers, despised those Stoics whose sole plea in life was for more study periods and less work. THE TREASURER, MR. L. A. W. EVANS (B), delivered a lengthy invitation to a coffee party to be held in what he freely admitted to be the most luxurious study in the school. MR. E-X. C. W. P. FLETCHER (C), speaking third, brought the house to tears for what was unfortunately the last time, before the fourth speaker, MR. W. P. RAWLINGS (B), arose and tried to explain how pleasant it was to live a daydreamer's life. Amongst several notable speeches that of MR. D. H. TEMPLE (B) stood out, if only for the fact that the House was enthralled by his chair-balancing act. The motion was finally lost in both Houses.

On Sunday, June 1st, the motion was "That this House deplores the preoccupation of the nation with sport". The Proposer, MR. M. L. LEWIS (C), spoke well and almost succeeded in passing a motion of his own which had something to do with abolishing cricket leagues, before MR. C. J. G. ATKINSON (C), opposing the motion, swept the proposition aside in a speech which showed that there was little hope for the book-worms at Stowe. Speaking third, MR. A. S. J. M. BURTON (B), smoothing back his oft-discussed hair, altered most of history to suit himself, before the fourth speaker, MR. J. N. WATES (B), arose and talked about model aeroplanes, the only sport in which he had participated during the previous half hour. From the floor of the House there were many sporty speeches, which ranged from cricket to cock fighting, and from one sort of filly to another. The motion was won in the Upper House by the President's casting vote, and lost in the Lower by 2 votes.

The second debate of the Summer term was held on Sunday, June 28th, when the motion was "That Charity is out of date". MR. D. RIDLEY (C), proposing, was amusing and serious in turn, but seemed solely intent on finding a way to evade his death duties. However, THE SECRETARY, MR. A. F. STONE (T), tried to commit suicide by being serious most of the time, until a rather risqué poem awoke the House again. THE CO-OPTED MEMBER, MR. D. M. FINGLETON (C), speaking third, made an admirable speech, although members of the House who had hoped to hear some more of the latest hit tunes on his gramophone went away disappointed. The fourth speaker,

MR. T. C. ROBINSON (G), making his farewell appearance, demonstrated the fact that jokes are just as amusing in England as they are in the United States by relating tales from the Deep South. Amongst speakers from the floor were MR. I. R. FERRIER (T), who dwelt longingly and lovingly on comfort in a police station, and MR. M. S. LANE (G), who derives a lot of fun from being chased by irate taxi-drivers. The motion was won in the Upper House by 5 votes and lost in the Lower by 8.

MR. D. M. FINGLETON (C) has been elected to the Committee, and Messrs. T. A. S. Dufty (B), P. L. Duncan (B) and H. H. Marshall (T) have been elected to the Society.

A.F.S.

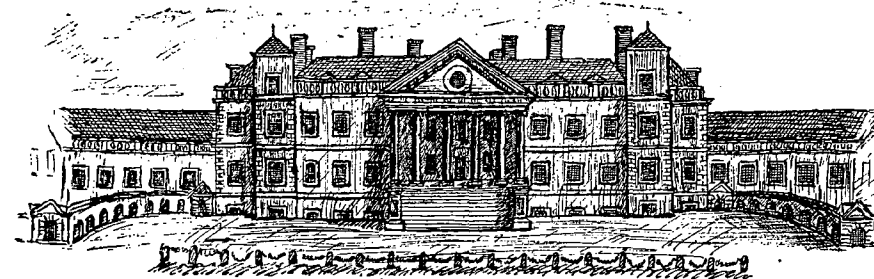
#### THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

"Dorchestre, that is a symple town by South Oxenforde by sides Walyngforde bytwene the fallynge togidres of Temse and of Tame."—*Trevisa: Translation of Higden's "Polychronicon"*, 1357.

On June 11th Mr. Mounsey and Mr. Stuart took a party of eight Vitruvians to visit the Abbey Church of Dorchester-on-Thames. There are a great many interesting historical and architectural problems connected with the church, and the interior provides many items of individual interest. The leaden bowl of the font exists in excellent condition from the twelfth century and its series of figures represents the eleven Apostles. However, we were only able to identify St. Peter, holding his key. In the South Choir Aisle the vigorously and ingeniously carved figure of an unknown knight is of particular beauty. The glorious decorated work of the sanctuary is the most stimulating feature of the Abbey. The lively tracery of the Jesse window and the flaring tracery of the East window, along with a series of sculptures in the latter and some old glass collected from various parts of the church, give the sanctuary a unique beauty. We combined our visit to Dorchester with stops at Ewelme Parish Church and the tiny eighteenth century chapel at Chislehampton, and with a tea of interest at an hotel (of little architectural merit) in Dorchester.

Owing to his increasing commitments in other spheres at Stowe, Mr. Mounsey has had to give up the Vice-Presidency of the Vitruvians; we are most grateful to him for his patronage and assistance over many years. We welcome Mr. Stuart as his successor.

R.B.J.G.



## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has met once this term, to plan the Exhibition and Competition, and these were duly held in the Puppet Room on Speech Day. One hundred and fifty prints were entered, which was most encouraging. It is hoped to have an expedition to the R.P.S. Exhibition next term.

A.J.W.P.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This term has been a very active one for the Society. By the end of term there will have been six expeditions, those worthy of note being one to the National Physics Laboratory on its Open Day, and two to the Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell.

A series of films on Atomic Physics was shown in the early part of the term, and these were well attended by the more serious-minded members.

The Society convened on two occasions for business meetings.

T.C.J.M.

## THE RADIO CLUB

There has not been very much activity in the Club this term, radio construction being a winter occupation. But an event of major importance was the grant of a substantial sum of money, which, together with the Club funds, will be devoted to making the Club more attractive for beginners.

In the past members have had to supply their own kits of parts, and, for anything more than the simplest apparatus, this is very costly. From next term the Club will lend members the parts to build a simple receiver or amplifier, and if they then become enthusiastic, buying an expensive kit will be less of a risk.

Whenever a member wants advice on any matter of theory or practice, more senior members are always pleased to be of what assistance they can; and so I hope no-one who is thinking of joining the Club will be put off if he is a beginner. Numbers being limited, priority of membership is given to members of the Middle and Upper Schools.

R.L.W.

## THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This has been another active and useful term for the Society, and quite a number of records have been added to the collection. Most noteworthy is a complete recording of Verdi's *Otello*; the others are Classics Club records of works by Beethoven, Corelli, Dvorak, Haydn, Mozart, Scarlatti, Telemann and Vivaldi.

D.M.F.

## THE JAZZ CLUB

Mid-way through last term a group of Mr. Webb's pupils formed a Stowe Dixieland Jazz Band. Those concerned are M. J. R. Wightman (trumpet), E. Both (clarinet) and J. Curwin (trombone), making up the front line, and the rhythm section consisting of H. Whitely (bass), R. A. M. Birchenough (guitar) and M. C. Sabey (drums). I. F. Bracey plays the piano when necessary.

On the morning of the Exeat an impromptu session was given in Assembly, which, from the ovation, appeared a success. Owing to G.C.E. examinations the prospects of

our giving a concert at the end of term are slim, but it is hoped to give one during next term. Mr. Gibson has very kindly offered to become our President.

J.C.

## THE JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB

The Club was founded last term under the Presidency of Mr. Burke.

The Secretary, T. E. C. Bushell (C), read a paper last term on Chopin, illustrated with a recording of some of the composer's studies.

There have been two meetings this term. S. D. E. Parsons (W) presented a paper on Tschaikowsky, which dealt mainly with his life and music for the ballet. J. F. R. Saunders (C) gave us an interesting account of Schubert and his chamber music. At the next meeting I. F. Bracey (C) is to read a paper on "The Horn".

T.E.C.B.

## THE LATRUNCULARIANS SOCIETY

A. B. Shellim (C) was elected Committee-Man of the Society at a meeting held just before the Exeat. Several other meetings were held and some games of variable quality played.

A.J.B.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society met on May 19th. As usual a plea was made to all entomologists to help build up the Stowe butterfly collections, and as usual it met with no response. The question of expeditions was discussed. An expedition to the butterfly farm in Kent was suggested, but unfortunately this was found to be too far away. The Natural History Museum was put forward as an alternative, but it was thought that this would be more suitable for the winter term. The Society intends to meet again before the end of term.

F.P.G.A.-B.

## NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

On May 10th a male Bearded Tit, the first to be seen at Stowe, was seen in Chatham reed bed. This is a most surprising record, as there had been no strong easterly winds which might have brought it here from East Anglia. The only possible explanation would seem to be that it had followed the River Ouse up to Buckingham in search of a mate, assuming, of course, that there was an excess of cocks and breeding pairs in East Anglia.

The Great Crested Grebes are nesting here again. On April 4th they hatched four young. At the time of writing three of these are still here. On June 27th a second brood of at least three was hatched.

During the term a mercury vapour moth-trap has been used at various places in the grounds, with satisfactory results. So far about eighty different species have been caught. Lack of space unfortunately prevents the inclusion of a complete list of species caught at this juncture, but such a list would include: Poplar Hawk, Eyed Hawk, Lime Hawk, Elephant Hawk, Puss, Lobster, and Great Prominent, to mention only a few. Most families seem to be fairly well represented here. It is hoped that in a few years' time we will be able to draw up a complete check list of the moths of Stowe.

F.P.G.A.-B.

## THE BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Increased outside activities during the Summer Term have led to an almost dormant Society. It is hoped to resume proceedings on a larger scale in the winter, with a more junior membership, under the guidance of Side VI.

P.F.G.C.

## THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Owing to a delay we were not able to start rearing chicken this term. The hen house has now arrived and work has begun on the run. It is hoped that we will be able to start early next term. Advice has been given on several occasions to Mr. Clarke about his geese. There was an expedition to the Royal Tournament on Thursday, June 11th.

J.C.G.

## THE PUPPET CLUB

The Club has progressed considerably this term. All the scenery has been completed for the coming production, and Miss Herbert has been very busy dressing the puppets. At the end of last term the Club lost its highly ingenious electrician, H. G. G. Richardson (T), but T. A. Hankey (C) took over with great success. Mr. Hunt has been working very hard on the literary side and on the recording of the words and music. D. Ridley (C), A. F. Stone (T), S. H. Sladen (S) and J. G. Green (W) have worked together on the script. In the first few weeks of next term the words and music of Franz Lehar's *The Merry Widow* will be heard echoing from the Art School.

A.S.B.

## ESTATE WORK

There have been two major projects this term, besides a number of smaller activities, which include the clearing of undergrowth in the Sequoia Avenue, tidying up the surroundings of certain temples, and some weeding in the Palladian Water.

Greater interest has centred around the clearing of elder and overcrowded saplings in the plantation east of the Octagon creek, which, under the organisation of P. M. Bell (S), has been a continuation of last term's work. This will once more open the vista of the Gothic Temple from the Lake Pavilions.

The other notable project, which it is intended to complete before the end of term, has been the building of a concrete dam to restore the pool above the Shell Bridge to its former high level. When completed, the water should flow out of the pool by way of the tunnel under the Cook Memorial at a height about three feet above the present outlet. For some time past the water has found its own way out and the new dam is intended to prevent this. This work will once again allow promontories to become islands, and decently hide areas of mudflat until such distant time as they can be dredged. The dam has been largely the work of A. J. Morison (G) and J. C. Galbraith (G), and many others have helped improve the vicinity.

J.M.H.

## C.C.F.

A Basic Test was held on June 3rd and 17 cadets passed; there were no failures. On the same day there was an Army Proficiency Test, 21 cadets passing out of 25; Major W. Wheeler, Scots Greys, was President of the Board. An R.E. Classification was held for the first time; 7 cadets passed, one failed. In the R.A.F. Proficiency Test all 17 passed.

An Arduous Training Camp was held in North Yorkshire between April 1st and 7th, and was attended by 4 officers and 20 cadets. The R.A.F. Section spent their Annual Camp with the R.A.F. at Kinloss; the 12 cadets were rather disappointed with the flying facilities.

Major M. R. Janes visited Stowe on June 9th—10th, bringing a troop of the R.H.A. equipped with 5.5's; they gave three excellent demonstrations and assisted with the Field Day. Captain D. S. Duckworth (S, 1950) brought a squadron of the Inns of Court Regiment, T.A., to Stowe on July 3rd; a night scheme was organised with them, in which 2 officers and 26 cadets took part.

The General Inspection was held on July 1st and was carried out by Rear Admiral D. R. F. Campbell, D.S.C., R.N., Flag Officer Flying Training.

## ARDUOUS TRAINING CAMP

After a long train journey and several marathon changes of equipment and stores we arrived in York at 4.30 in the afternoon of Thursday, April 2nd. We re-organised ourselves in pairs and soon everyone had moved off on the fifty mile journey to the map reference of our camp. There were varying fortunes that evening: one pair only covered eleven miles before nightfall, another covered over forty, and another stayed the night in an army camp just outside York looked after by batmen. Everyone had reached the camp by 11.20 a.m. the next morning. In fact, most people had arrived in the area by nine, but we were not allowed to go into the camp before eleven; so the time was spent finishing unused rations.

For lunch that day we were treated for the first time to the inexpressible delight of Lt. (now Capt.) Cryer's cuisine. He gave to 'Meat and Vegetables' a flavour which no one else could, or even wanted to, give it. After that we cooked for ourselves. That afternoon we did an exercise in the making of range-cards, which were put to practical use in the Night Patrol Operation that was held that evening. This was most successful, and as a result both sections were awarded a prize. Saturday was a day of rest after the previous sleepless night, but most people went out that evening. On Sunday each section marched about eleven miles on map references, returned to base camp by lorry and marched back to the same spot in the night. On Monday morning both sections had to march back to base camp with a full load of over 60 pounds. This was quite a proposition, and one Army driver could not believe we were cadets, but nevertheless everyone arrived and after a rest enjoyed the evening out. On the final morning Major Pinchbeck's face when his tent was let down on top of him before he was fully awake was a sight which made every minute of the past five days worth while.

Altogether the camp was a most successful venture and completely justified all the immense organisation the C.O. had devoted to it. Here we can only recommend it and hope that many more Stoics will enjoy it as much as we did.

D.J.E.

The Coldstream Cup Drill Competition was held on July 22nd. The order of Houses was:—1, Bruce; 2, Walpole; 3, Temple; 4, Grafton; 5, Grenville; 6, equal, Chandos and Chatham; 8, Cobham. The Competition was judged by Col. R. J. V. Crichton, M.C., Lt.-Colonel Commanding Coldstream Guards, and R.S.M. R. Smith, M.B.E., D.C.M., Coldstream Guards.

Major B. D. Henry (C, 1937), T.D., gave an interesting talk on the Security Branch of the Territorial Forces on Tuesday, June 2nd.

The following promotions were made this term:—

Promoted to *Under-Officers*: Sgts. Holt, P. A. L. (G), Stone, A. F. (T), Coulson, R. M. (G).

Promoted to *Company Sergeant Major*: Sgt. Gadney, R. B. J. (G).

Promoted to *Sergeants*: Cpls. Gadney, R. B. J. (G), Turner, S. M. (G), Booth, A. C. (G), Bucknall, P. C. (C), Barratt, R. S. (C), Thomas, L. M. (B), Wiley, R. L. (G), Mungall, J. C. H. (T).

Promoted to *Leading Seamen*: A.B.'s Griffiths, R. M. H. (G), Jocelyn, T. A. (B).

Promoted to *Corporals*: L/Cpls. Preston, R. J. (B), Dufty, T. A. S. (B), McCrea, P. R. (W), Atkinson, A. H. G. (C), Duncan, P. L. (B), Strange, R. St. C. (G), Osner, R. C. (C), Watson, D. S. (C), Ridley, D. (C), Jefferson, J. A. (C), Canavan, M. B. M. (C), Gauvain, T. J. L. (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: Cdts. Hay, R. J. (W), Macoun, B. G. S. (G), Yannaghas, G. M. (W), Werner, E. J. (W), Waine, T. W. J. (G), Behar, R. V. M. E. (G), Barton, C. S. (G), Baird, A. A. J. (T), Birchenough, R. A. M. (G), Krohn, P. A. L. (W), Cowper, D. S. (G), Montgomery, D. H. (G), Moyle, D. (W), Mayland, J. B. (W), Gibson, P. N. (G), Friedberger, M. W. (W), Whitelaw, F. W. D. (W), Dawson, B. E. (W), Woodbridge, A. R. (G), Dunlop, R. S. (B), Elias, R. J. R. (C), Grattan-Cooper, A. C. (W), Price, A. J. W. (W).

## THE PINEAPPLE CLUB

Canoeing has now become popular, and under the Warden's guidance three canoes have been made, of which two took part in the Canoe Review by the Duke of Edinburgh on the Serpentine. Parties of boys also hold canoeing weekends on the Thames. Several Adventure Weekends have been organised by Capt. Coke, a Royal Marine Officer, and have been most successful. The Club camp is taking place at Brockenhurst from July 25th to August 3rd.

Recently James Douglas, a fifteen-year-old member of the Club, saved a woman and child from a burning building, and his action was specially commended by the police.

The Club continues to do well in sport. Junior teams won the Paddington League Football Cup and came third in the London Federation League, and the Club won the Paddington five-a-side competition last season. P. Holland won the London Federation Cross-Country Race and represented the Federation in the N.A.B.C. race. The Club came second in the Paddington Borough Sports.

Some gymnasium equipment and a grant has been obtained by the Warden from the L.C.C. The Club is always grateful for gifts of books, sports equipment and so on, for which the Warden will always be pleased to arrange collection in the London area. The Club's telephone number is PADddington 5452.

## CRICKET

This can undoubtedly be classed as a successful and most happy season. Of the 12 matches played, 4 have been won, 6 drawn and 2 lost. There has been a very marked improvement in efficiency and confidence, particularly in the fielding and throwing, which was brilliant against Oundle, and has been kept at a high standard ever since.

The opening pair, Bate and Sabberton, have twice put 100 runs on the board and were well on the way to doing so against the Free Foresters when rain stopped play. Atkinson has been an excellent captain, and it has been mainly due to him and the sound coaching of Charles Oakes that everything has gone so well. Costain has, of course, been a tower of strength (though 'tower' is perhaps not quite the word to describe his stocky figure). He is certainly the best batsman Stowe has had since the war, he is no mean bowler, as St. Edward's will testify, and his enthusiasm is boundless and infectious. Every member of the side has contributed to the general well-being and enjoyment of the game. Hamp-Ferguson has greatly improved as a bowler, Sabberton, Barton and McCrea have taken wickets, and added variety to the attack. Turner and Gauvain have supplied some big hitting, and Agnew has used those large hands of his to good purpose in the deep. There has only been one change in the side. Pasley-Tyler was unable to play against Oundle as the result of vaccination, and Bentall took his chance so well that he has remained ever since.

Atkinson has been invited to captain the Young Amateurs of Buckinghamshire, and Costain has been invited to play in the Public Schools match at Lord's.

Passing mention should perhaps be made of the new split-league system of House matches. The eight houses have been divided into two groups of four, in which all play all, and the winner of each group plays in a final match. House matches have also been played this year at three levels in place of two: Senior, Under 16½ and Under 15. It is thought that this system has two advantages: more people get an opportunity of playing under match conditions; and the number available for coaching at one time is reduced to proportions more suitable to the limited number of coaches available.

1st XI Colours have been awarded to A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. R. Sabberton (T), and D. H. Bate (G).

## STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Bradfield on May 23rd. Match drawn.

Bradfield won the toss, and put Stowe in to bat on a good easy-paced wicket, and 75 minutes later the board read 100 for 0. After surviving some anxious moments in the first few overs, Sabberton and Bate settled down to play the Bradfield attack without much trouble and Sabberton was particularly severe on anything loose on the leg side. But the running between wickets of this pair was frequently hair-raising, and only some very clumsy work by Bradfield saved them from disaster.

When the score was exactly 100 Bate was bowled, and Sabberton followed shortly afterwards. Both Colts last year, these two had put up a most creditable performance in their first inter-school match.

Costain and Atkinson seemed to be well on the way to consolidating this excellent start, but Costain failed to get hold of a ball he tried to hook, and was caught close in on the leg side. Turner was lbw, and lunch was taken with the score at 147 for 4.

After lunch the Bradfield attack was a good deal more accurate, and with Stevens bowling particularly steadily, runs were hard to get. Hamp-Ferguson was out playing a shot more commonly seen in Leagues, and Robinson failed to score. Eventually Atkinson, after contributing a valuable 37, fell to a catch behind the wicket, and it looked as if the Stowe total was not going to be very formidable after all. When the last pair came together, it read 189 for 9. Gauvain and McCrea, however, set about their task in a most efficient manner, and did not look like getting out. When the score had reached 211 Atkinson gave the signal to hit out, to which Gauvain replied with such vigour that the total had reached 230 when he skied a ball to the wicket-keeper, and was caught.

Bradfield had 2½ hours in which to make 231 to win, and on such a fast ground with their strong batting it was quite a possibility. The early dismissal of Stevens was a blow to their chances, but Reid and Davison took the score along at a brisk rate, until Davison was very well held by Turner at cover-point. Atkinson found his bowling very limited, as Sabberton had strained his back and could not bowl his slow off-breaks, but when 47 minutes remained in which to get 104 runs the batsmen decided that it was 'not on', and were content to play out time.

STOWE				BRADFIELD			
D. H. Bate, b Davis	28			H. A. S. Reid, c H.-Ferguson, b Costain	58		
D. R. Sabberton, b Davis	72			K. B. H. Stevens, c Atkinson, b Costain	4		
D. E. Costain, c Duvivier, b Davis	22			J. L. Davison, c Turner, b Costain	27		
C. J. G. Atkinson, c Murphy, b Banks	37			J. H. George, b Hamp-Ferguson	33		
S. M. Turner (G), lbw, b Davis	8			T. J. T. Marrack, b Hamp-Ferguson	0		
A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, lbw, b Stevens	7			H. E. M. Murphy, c Pasley-Tyler, b Hamp-Ferguson	31		
C. P. Robinson (T), c Murphy, b Stevens	0			N. S. Duvivier, not out	22		
F. S. W. Dudley (W), b Banks	9			M. D. Seymour, not out	3		
I. Pasley-Tyler (G), b Stevens	1			R. L. Banks, J. D. Blackham and C. J. D. Davis did not bat.			
C. J. W. Gauvain (T), c Murphy, b Banks	26			Extras	7		
P. R. McCrea (W), not out	15						
Extras	5						
Total	230			Total (for 6 wks.)	185		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davis	27	7	75	4
Banks	17.3	3	48	3
Stevens	26	8	68	3
Blackham	6	0	28	0
Seymour	1	0	6	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Costain	25	9	70	3
Hamp-Ferguson	15	2	46	3
McCrea	15	3	52	0
Robinson	3	1	10	0

## STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on May 30th. Match drawn.

On winning the toss the Bedford captain decided to bat on a fast plumb wicket. Costain and Pasley-Tyler opened the bowling, and Costain soon bowled Cheesman. After this early success Stowe had to wait an hour before the next wicket fell. During this period the play was dull in the extreme as Taylor, who had gone in first, was content to remain at the wicket without attempting any scoring shots, and Stowe's bowling lacked both variety and penetration. Added to this, the fielding was moderate and the throwing, at times, extremely inaccurate.

A run-out next enlivened the proceedings, and the Bedford total was then 58 for 2 wickets after 70 minutes' play. With Taylor remaining more or less passive the scoring had to be chiefly done at the other end, and in the remaining 50 minutes before lunch a further 30 odd runs only were added.

In the first hour after lunch Bedford scored at the rate of a run a minute, and when Taylor was eventually stumped for a patient 45 scored in 185 minutes, the Bedford total had reached 154 for 5. The next batsman, Bevan, now put on the pressure and some of the Stowe bowlers came in for some rough treatment. Pasley-Tyler suffered the indignity of being struck for 24 runs in two overs. When eventually Bedford declared at 214 for 5 wickets, Stowe were left with 2¼ hours to get the runs.

Stowe made a slow start and the situation did not look promising when both Sabberton and Bate were out with only 17 runs scored. However, with 2 hours' play left, a good-looking partnership developed between Costain and Atkinson which took the score to 97 before Costain was bowled. His 55 was a competent innings and pleasant to watch. With something like 35 minutes left for play, Stowe appeared to be in no danger of defeat, until some accurate fast medium bowling by Bensley worked a rapid change in the situation. Turner was dismissed for 3, and Hamp-Ferguson and Robinson for 0. Atkinson, however, was still in and had 40 runs to his credit, and with three more batsmen to come things looked safe enough until he chased a ball wide of his off stump and was snapped up by the wicket-keeper with an excellent catch. Things were somewhat tense when Pasley-Tyler went to the crease, but he and Agnew kept their heads and played out time safely.

BEDFORD				STOWE			
T. R. C. Cheesman, b Costain	5			D. H. Bate, c Cheesman, b Frogley	6		
P. M. Taylor, st Atkinson, b Sabberton	45			D. R. Sabberton, b Bensley	2		
R. J. Wolverson, run out	34			D. E. Costain, b Bensley	55		
A. J. Renwick, c Atkinson, b Hamp-Ferguson	25			C. J. G. Atkinson, c Cheesman, b Bensley	40		
B. J. Mitchell, b Costain	10			S. M. Turner, b Bensley	3		
S. V. Bevan, not out	67			A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, b Bensley	0		
M. E. D. de Morgan, not out	18			I. H. Agnew (W), not out	6		
J. W. E. Rumboll, M. J. Allen, B. E. Bensley and R. W. Frogley did not bat.				C. P. Robinson, c Cheesman, b Bensley	0		
Extras	10			I. Pasley-Tyler, not out	7		
				C. J. W. Gauvain and P. R. McCrea did not bat.			
(Total for 5 wks. dec.)	214			Extras	3		
				Total (for 7 wks.)	122		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Costain	31	10	54	2
Pasley-Tyler	7	1	37	0
Hamp-Ferguson	23	6	51	1
McCrea	9	2	30	0
Sabberton	9	3	32	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bensley	15	2	39	6
Frogley	12	1	40	1
Bevan	5	1	17	0
Mitchell	9	4	12	0
Renwick	1	0	11	0



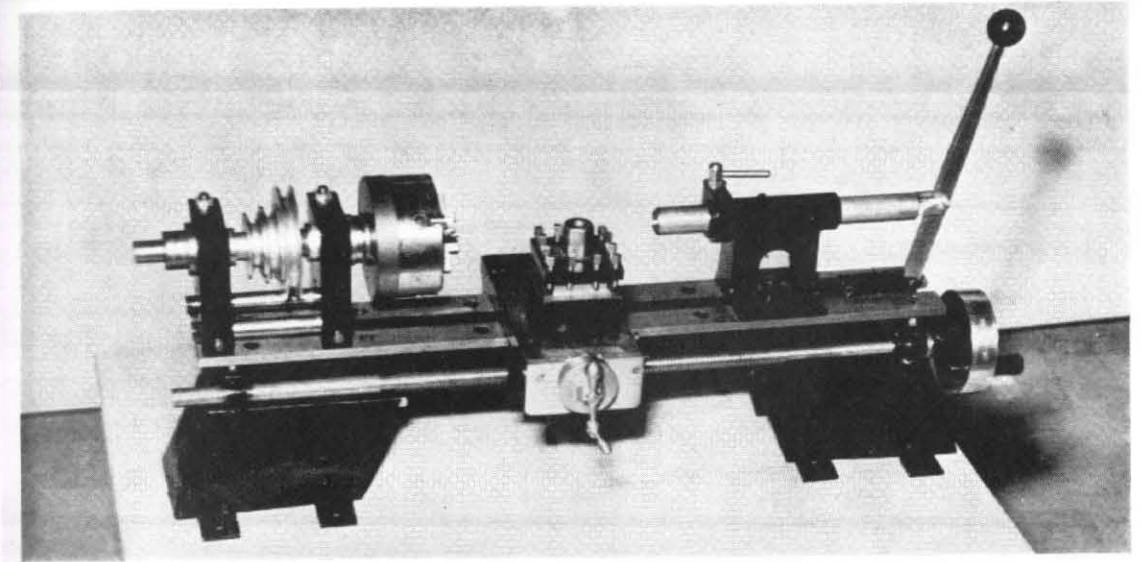
## STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on June 2nd. Radley won by 8 wickets.

Stowe won the toss and decided to bat on a fast true wicket, but soon lost Sabberton as a result of indecisive calling. Costain joined Bate and this pair took the score quite comfortably to 51, when Costain, presumably deceived by the pace, played the ball gently into the hands of short extra-cover. Atkinson then had the misfortune to be brilliantly caught close in and low down off a full-blooded shot from the middle of the bat, and trouble had started. The Radley fielding was very good, and their bowling was both accurate and varied. Stevens turned his leg-breaks a remarkable way on such a hard wicket, and he accounted for Agnew and Pasley-Tyler, who had not come across anything like it so far this year. When Gauvain came in he showed every intention of hitting his way out of trouble, which was probably the best answer, but he had the bad luck to hit outside a ball wide of his off stump, and dragged it into the wicket. The last pair offered some resistance, and Barton, despite his lack of inches, was not overawed by the situation, and showed quite aggressive intentions. Radley's fielding momentarily descended from its high pinnacle, but McCrea got in front of a straight one, and the side was out just before lunch, for a total of 98 runs.

With the whole afternoon before them, the Radley opening pair took their time, but did not seem to be in any difficulty with the Stowe bowling, which was, however, steady and accurate. After eight overs Costain was relieved by Barton, slow left-arm, playing in his first school match, but his first over cost 10 runs, and he was taken off. He was given another spell at a later stage, and striking a length, bowled well. McCrea was brought on to relieve Hamp-Ferguson, and clean bowled Sheffield with the third ball of his second over. With the score still at 48 Goodrich took a run rather too easily, and was run out as a result of a smart piece of fielding by Agnew at cover-point. This was the end of Stowe's success, and Radley reached the necessary meagre total without further loss.

STOWE					RADLEY				
D. H. Bate, c Sheffield, b Stokes				31	R. M. Goodrich, run out				27
D. R. Sabberton, run out				4	D. A. Sheffield, b McCrea				21
D. E. Costain, c Stewart-Morgan, b Stokes				23	I. L. J. Stevens, not out				25
C. J. G. Atkinson, c Thomas, b Eliot				0	J. G. Aspinall, not out				27
S. M. Turner, b Eliot				8	C. P. Stewart-Morgan, R. J. A. Thomas,				
I. H. Agnew, c Goodrich, b Stevens				0	J. D. Kenyon, M. H. Morland, O. H.				
A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, c Stewart-				0	Russell, R. F. Eliot and I. H. P.				
Morgan, b Stokes				0	Stokes did not bat.				
I. Pasley-Tyler, st Aspinall, b Stevens				4					
C. J. W. Gauvain, b Stokes				10					
P. R. McCrea, lbw, b Eliot				6					
C. S. Barton, not out				7					
Extras				5					
Total				98	Extras				0
					Total (for 2 wkts.)				100
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Eliot	13.2	6	22	3	Costain	14	3	29	0
Russell	6	0	33	0	Hamp-Ferguson	13	4	24	0
Stokes	15	4	25	4	Barton	5	2	18	0
Stevens	8	1	13	2	McCrea	3	0	17	1
					Sabberton	2	0	12	0



THE LATHE WAS BUILT BY P. M. BELL (♻), AND THE CADET DINGHY BY M. A. S. G. STEWART (♻). THESE WERE THE JOHN HOLLAND PRIZEWINNERS FOR 1958 AND 1959.

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STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Stowe (for the second successive year, at Oundle's request) on June 18th. Stowe won by 3 wickets.

Oundle arrived with a frightening reputation and three batsmen with averages of over 50, and Atkinson made a brave decision on winning the toss to put them in. The wicket had a little life in it, and when Oundle had lost Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for 11 runs the plan was amply justified. This early success was due to some first class catching and steady accurate bowling, and must have given Oundle a severe shock. King and Wates began to stage a recovery, and took the score to 55 before King was bowled by Sabberton. Wates soon followed, and wickets continued to fall fairly rapidly until the side was out shortly after lunch for exactly 100 runs. Stowe's out-cricket was excellent, and the pressure was maintained right up to the end, all four bowlers keeping the batsmen pegged down.

100 is not a big score to beat, but in a school match it can take some getting if things go wrong in the early stages, and they did. Bate was out l.b.w. with the total at 3, and then, when Costain and Sabberton seemed to be going along quite smoothly, Sabberton was surprisingly bowled when playing a purely defensive stroke. Atkinson joined Costain and took the score to 53, when he called for a very risky run, which Costain wisely refused, and could not get back in time. Board, a slow leg-break bowler, was on at this point, and looked like causing trouble. He had Turner stumped immediately for 0, and Appleyard, medium pace, had the next three wickets in quick succession. Thus from 52 for 2 the score slumped to 64 for 7. Costain all this time had been batting beautifully, and with the utmost confidence. It only required someone to keep an end going, and he could clearly get the runs himself. This need was supplied by Bentall, who came in next and played a most level-headed knock in his first school match. Costain's 78 not out in a total of 103 was a most creditable performance.

OUNDLE

A. J. King, b Sabberton	19
N. M. Stephens, c Atkinson, b Costain	0
S. B. Cartledge, c Gauvain, b Hamp-Ferguson	0
P. R. Appleyard, c Bate, b Hamp-Ferguson	3
A. T. A. Wates, c Bate, b Costain	34
N. H. Wilson, lbw, b Sabberton	2
J. D. S. Wilson, c Atkinson, b Barton	12
A. J. A. Lewin, lbw, b Hamp-Ferguson	7
J. C. Smith, b Costain	1
N. R. M. Hollebhone, not out	12
J. N. Board, c Bentall, b Hamp-Ferguson	4
Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Costain	19	4	44	3
Hamp-Ferguson	14	4	32	4
Sabberton	9	5	10	2
Barton	4	1	8	1

STOWE

D. H. Bate, lbw, b Smith	1
D. R. Sabberton, b Appleyard	8
D. E. Costain, not out	78
C. J. G. Atkinson, run out	2
S. M. Turner, st Wates, b Board	0
I. H. Agnew, b Appleyard	5
A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, lbw, b Appleyard	0
C. J. W. Gauvain, lbw, b Appleyard	0
D. P. Bentall, not out	8
P. R. McCrea and C. S. Barton did not bat.	

Extras	1
<b>Total (for 7 wkts.)</b>	<b>103</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Appleyard	16	7	34	4
Smith	4	0	18	1
N. Wilson	3	0	18	0
Board	7	1	22	1
Hollebhone	2	1	10	0



THE SEVEN-A-SIDES TEAM  
 J. A. JEFFERSON (Reserve), J. B. MAYLAND, J. H. TEMPLE, G. D. PARKINSON, D. J. EASTON  
 C. J. G. ATKINSON, P. R. MCCREA, E. S. KENNEDY  
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## STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Oxford on July 4th. Stowe won by 7 wickets.

This might well be known as Costain's and Bentall's match. Between them they took all the wickets and made all but 12 of the runs.

Atkinson put St. Edward's in on a good batting wicket, and from a modest 31 for 2 wickets the home side's score slumped to 45 for 8 and finally, as a result of a gallant 22 by No. 10, reached 71. Costain had the magnificent bowling figures of 9 wickets for 17 runs, and made the catch which dismissed the remaining batsman. Atkinson caught a brilliant catch wide and low on the off-side, and the general standard of the side's fielding was high.

Ten minutes before lunch Bate was bowled off his pads with the score at 4, and Bentall replaced Costain, the usual No. 3. He played confidently up to lunch, and quickly settled down after the interval. Sabberton was caught at the wicket with the total at 13, and then Costain joined Bentall. These two played with great restraint and skill, and mastered Best, the St. Edward's leg-break bowler, who was undoubtedly the danger. Bentall had his share of luck with one or two edgy shots, but on the whole he kept his head well down and played some beautiful strokes. Costain was quieter than usual, perhaps, but there was heaps of time, and he was looking as solid as a rock when he was out l.b.w. Two further blows from Bentall then settled the issue.

ST. EDWARD'S					STOWE				
R. W. O. Howell, lbw, b Costain	11				D. H. Bate, b Maclachan	4			
D. G. Davis, c Agnew, b Costain	13				D. R. Sabberton, c Blair, b Bishop	7			
A. Maclachan, c Atkinson, b Costain	10				D. P. Bentall, not out	40			
C. N. Schnadhorst, b Costain	0				D. E. Costain, lbw, b Best	21			
Phelps, b Costain	0				C. J. G. Atkinson, not out	0			
S. D. Rutherford, c Costain, b Bentall	7				S. M. Turner, I. H. Agnew, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, C. J. W. Gauvain, P. R. McCrea and C. S. Barton did not bat.				
D. I. R. Davies, b Costain	1								
R. L. Best, not out	5								
Blair, b Costain	0								
R. L. White, b Costain	22								
J. E. Bishop, c Hamp-Ferguson, b Costain	0								
Extras	2				Extras	1			
Total	71				Total (for 3 wkts.)	73			

ST. EDWARD'S					STOWE					
O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.		
Costain	18.4	10	17	9	Maclachan	3	0	12	1	
Hamp-Ferguson	4	0	22	0	Bishop	8	5	10	1	
Sabberton	9	3	11	0	Best	12.1	4	32	1	
Bentall	5	2	19	1	White	6	1	18	0	

## OTHER CLUB MATCHES

Saturday, May 16th. v. BUCKINGHAM CRICKET CLUB. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

Buckingham 76 (D. E. Costain 5 for 31, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson 4 for 26).

Stowe 77 for 4 wickets (S. M. Turner 44).

Tuesday, May 19th. v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS. Home. Lost by 129 runs.

O.U. Authentics 232 for 6 declared (F. Neate 74).

Stowe 103 (S. M. Turner 25, C. J. W. Gauvain 24).

Saturday, June 6th. v. FREE FORESTERS. Home. Drawn.

Free Foresters 181 (D. M. Savile 49, D. E. Costain 5 for 61, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson 4 for 56).  
Stowe 82 for no wicket. Rain. (D. H. Bate 38 not out, D. R. Sabberton 38 not out).

Saturday, June 13th. v. W.H.B.'s XI. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

W.H.B.'s XI 149 (J. Larkin 44, R. S. Tompkins 41, C. Oakes 24; D. E. Costain 5 for 54, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson 3 for 22).  
Stowe 150 for 4 wickets (D. H. Bate 67 not out).

Saturday, June 27th. v. M.C.C. Home. Drawn.

Stowe 234 for 7 wickets (D. H. Bate 55, D. R. Sabberton 55, D. E. Costain 51 not out, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson 39).  
M.C.C. 183 for 6 wickets (D. W. S. Lane 44, G. D. Roynon 68, C. S. Barton 3 for 22).

Saturday, July 11th. v. CRYPTICS. Home. Abandoned owing to rain.

Saturday, July 18th. v. DRAGONFLIES. Home. Drawn.

Dragonflies 232 for 8 wickets declared.  
Stowe 223 for 5 wickets (D. H. Bate 55, D. E. Costain 63, C. J. G. Atkinson 48).

Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th. v. STOWE TEMPLARS. Home. Drawn.

Stowe Templars 255 for 8 wickets declared (C. F. Deacon 106 not out, M. D. T. Loup 52, Costain 6 for 75) and 174 for 9 wickets declared (G. Harwood 47 not out, J. H. Harris 42, Hamp-Ferguson 5 for 48).  
Stowe 319 for 3 wickets declared (Atkinson 161, Costain 77 not out) and 88 for 4 wickets (Hamp-Ferguson 47 not out).

## 1ST XI AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Highest Score	Average
	Innings	Not Out			
D. E. Costain	11	4	440	78*	62.86
C. J. G. Atkinson	11	1	312	161	31.20
D. H. Bate	12	2	301	67*	30.10
D. R. Sabberton	13	1	268	72	22.33
A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson	10	3	130	47*	18.57
S. M. Turner	10	0	124	44	12.40
C. J. W. Gauvain	6	1	60	26	12.00
I. H. Agnew	5	2	17	6*	5.67
Also batted:					
D. P. Bentall	3	2	83	40*	83.00
P. R. McCrea	3	1	21	15*	7.50
C. S. Barton	1	1	7	7*	—

## BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. E. Costain	290.3	71	697	46	15.15
C. S. Barton	28	4	98	5	19.60
A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson	201.1	43	533	26	20.50
D. R. Sabberton	97	19	346	13	26.61
D. P. Bentall	33	6	143	2	71.50
P. R. McCrea	59	15	192	2	96.00

## 2ND XI

The Second Eleven began the season dismally with three losses and one draw from the first four matches, and although the team has not yet won a match, there has quite obviously been a significant improvement throughout the term. The batting in general has become less tentative, though still surprisingly unreliable; but the main responsibility for making runs has far too often fallen upon three boys, Dudley, Avory and Ramsden.

The two opening bowlers, Avory and Loxton, have done well and shown an improvement in direction and length; their determination and endurance have never been in doubt. The team has lacked a good slow bowler, and the bowling attack has been without sufficient variety. Robinson, Ramsden and, lately, Jackson have tried to fill this gap and have sometimes succeeded.

The bowlers have been quite well supported in the field, and a high standard of fielding has been set by Jackson, Avory, Ramsden, Pasmore and Dawson. Irving, as wicket-keeper, has been generally alert and efficient. The importance of holding catches has probably at last been understood by all, and there were signs during the match against St. Edward's that the Second XI had learnt how to field as a team, with a captain, Robinson, who handled the bowlers and field-placing with intelligence and confidence.

*Team*:—C. P. Robinson (T), R. B. B. Avory (T), B. E. Dawson (W), F. S. W. Dudley (W), D. J. Easton (W), B. L. Irving (C), J. S. Jackson (C), D. R. Loxton (C), J. H. E. Pasmore (C), J. R. Ramsden (C), D. S. Watson (C).

*2nd XI Colours*:—D. P. Bentall (C), C. S. Barton (C), C. P. Robinson (T), R. B. B. Avory (T), D. R. Loxton (C), B. L. Irving (C), J. S. Jackson (C), D. S. Watson (C), J. H. E. Pasmore (C).

## Results:—

Sat., May 23.	v. R.A.F., HALTON. Away. Lost. Stowe 78. R.A.F., Halton 80 for 3 wkts.
Sat., May 30.	v. BEDFORD. Away. Drawn. Bedford 137 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 96 for 8 wkts. (Ramsden 47, Dudley 22).
Tues., June 2.	v. RADLEY. Away. Lost. Stowe 154 for 2 wkts. dec. (Bentall 64, Ramsden 58). Radley 156 for 2 wkts.
Tues., June 9.	v. R.N.C.; PANGBOURNE. Home. Lost. R.N.C. 132 for 5 wkts. dec. Stowe 84 (Avory 28).
Sat., June 13.	v. 7TH QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS. Home. Drawn. Hussars 199 for 6 wkts. dec. Stowe 181 for 5 wkts. (Dudley 51 not out, Avory 47).
Thur., June 18.	v. OUNDLE. Home. Drawn. Stowe 161 for 9 wkts. dec. (Dudley 53, Ramsden 28). Oundle 131 for 4 wkts.
Sat., July 4.	v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Drawn. St. Edward's 113 (Jackson 5 for 41). Stowe 86 for 7 wkts.

## 3RD XI

The 3rd XI this year, drawn from Leagues for each match, has had a more than usually amateur appearance, in spite of Evans' authoritative leadership. It dealt successfully with the Stowe Colts, and the villages of Steeple Claydon and Paulerspury, but found the 3rd XIs of Radley, Bedford and St. Edward's too strong. McConnel, Courtenay Evans and Freeland bore the brunt of the bowling. Namouk, Martin, Seddon and Pasmore made useful scores.

*Team*:—L. A. W. Evans (B), O. A. Namouk (G), R. E. C. Marton (C), R. St. C. Strange (C), D. I. McConnel (B), C. J. Seddon (C), G. P. Courtenay Evans (B), M. J. S. Freeland (C), P. N. E. Luard (C), D. K. Birley (C), M. J. Jones (C).

*3rd XI Colours*:—L. A. W. Evans (B), D. I. McConnel (B), C. J. Seddon (C), G. P. Courtenay Evans (B).

## Results:—

Sat., May 16.	v. STEEPLE CLAYDON. Home. Won. Stowe 96. Steeple Claydon 55.
Sat., May 30.	v. BEDFORD. Away. Lost. Stowe 84. Bedford 85 for 4 wkts.
Tues., June 2.	v. RADLEY. Away. Lost. Radley 197 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 103.
Sat., June 13.	v. COLTS. Home. Won. 3rd XI 144 for 9 wkts. dec. Colts 119.
Sat., June 27.	v. PAULERSPURY. Home. Won. Paulerspury 95. Stowe 96 for 5 wkts.
Sat., July 4.	v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost. Stowe 59. St. Edward's 61 for 4 wkts.

## THE COLTS XI

Although the Colts had a fairly successful season, they were rather a disappointing side. Bedford were unusually weak, and against Bradfield and St. Edward's they won after generous declarations and with considerable assistance from their opponents. Radley and Oundle showed up a lack of determination and purpose in the batting.

The bowling lacked penetration on the very good wickets, although it was reasonably accurate. If the bowlers and captain had had more idea of field placing the attack would have looked far more dangerous, as most of the fielding was extremely good, with Hobson, Summerlin, Allerton, Knight and Murray outstanding. Unfortunately they did not learn from experience and in the last match on the small St. Edward's ground, 60 runs could have been saved by sensible field placing—on the other hand St. Edward's might have saved even more!

In batting only Hobson, de Havilland and Allerton ever gave the impression of permanence at the wicket. Hobson was the most improved player and began to hit the ball much harder. de Havilland played some useful innings but was liable to get



himself out when set. Allerton, although not very successful, looked sounder than last year and should eventually make plenty of runs. Dixey often helped to give the side a good start but is lacking in power at present. Knight hit the ball very hard and might be useful in the future if he realizes that not every opposing captain will allow him to score all his runs to an unguarded mid-wicket boundary.

The side was very keen and most of the members of it improved their technique during the season. There is some potential for the future if they will learn more about the game from experience. It is only fair to add that with the new house match system they had very few games together, apart from matches, which partly but not wholly explains the main criticism.

*Team* :—P. G. de Havilland (C), A. R. F. Hobson (C), J. W. O. Allerton (G), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), M. J. Summerlin (C), A. C. Geddes (T), C. R. Dixey (C), P. G. Costain (W), S. B. Murray (C), A. M. Macoun (G), G. F. Arbib (T).

*Also played* :—R. J. Box (C), B. M. Allen (W), T. D. B. Lee (G).

*Colts Caps* :—de Havilland (re-awarded); Hobson, Allerton, Knight, Summerlin, Geddes.

#### Results :—

- Sat., May 23. v. BRADFIELD. Away. Won by 4 wkts.  
Bradfield 165 for 6 wkts. dec.  
Stowe 167 for 6 wkts. (Knight 64, de Havilland 32, Dixey 26 not, Allerton 24).
- Sat., May 30. v. BEDFORD. Home. Won by 9 wkts.  
Bedford 83 (Knight 4 for 22, Geddes 4 for 27).  
Stowe 86 for 1 wkt. (Hobson 50 not, Dixey 18, de Havilland 15 not).
- Tues., June 2. v. RADLEY. Home. Drawn.  
Radley 159 for 7 wkts. dec. (Knight 4 for 35).  
Stowe 57 for 7 wkts. (de Havilland 20).
- Sat., June 27. v. OUNDLE. Home. Lost by 76 runs.  
Oundle 148 for 7 wkts. dec. (Geddes 4 for 52).  
Stowe 72 (de Havilland 33, Hobson 17).
- Sat., July 4. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Won by 3 wkts.  
St. Edward's 180 for 8 wkts. dec. (Summerlin 3 for 24).  
Stowe 183 for 7 wkts. (Hobson 52, Knight 34, Arbib 22 not).

#### THE JUNIOR COLTS

A season in which four out of six matches were lost can only be called disappointing. There has been no lack of keenness, but really talented cricketers have been all too few. Murphy, however, shows great promise as an opening bat and Grace and Dawes have played forcefully. Dawes, Hailey and Johnson bowled well enough to deserve more faith than was placed in them. Too often Poole, hostile but somewhat wild, was bowled too long. Fielding frequently seemed a chancy business and crucial catches went to ground, but Edwards and Brown were good to watch. The middle-of-the-order batting varied between pusillanimous poking and casual suicide.

Eton's steady but not unfriendly bowling fascinated our batsmen into error, while theirs made short work of our bowling. Bedford, too, were allowed to bat as they liked, and for a second time only Murphy and Dawes reached double figures, but dash and spirit took the place of dejection in response to Radley's generous declaration. A better all-round performance followed against Pangbourne in a match which we were unlucky to draw. Plodding batting returned against Oundle, and against St. Edward's Grace was for a second time in the forties, when he ran out of partners. Thereafter, fielding lapses cost the match.

Despite this rather gloomy report, there are players of promise in this side, but it is disturbing to see little real competition from below.

The following have played :—C. P. Murphy (G), D. H. Temple (G), E. S. Dawes (B), R. S. D. Johnson (C), N. J. Grace (C), J. E. Poole (C), J. S. Edwards (C), M. R. Hailey (W), N. O. Faure (C), N. Honeyman Brown (G), P. F. Brown (C), D. M. Mash (B), R. Pasley-Tyler (G), J. F. Burns (G), R. L. Jenkins (G), A. S. J. M. Burton (G).

#### Results :—

- Sat., May 23. v. ETON. Lost by 8 wkts.  
Stowe 57. Eton 58 for 2 wkts.
- Sat., May 30. v. BEDFORD. Lost by 84 runs.  
Bedford 164 for 2 wkts. Stowe 80.
- Tues., June 2. v. RADLEY. Won by 5 wkts.  
Radley 151 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 153 for 5 wkts.
- Tues., June 9. v. R.N.C., PANGBOURNE. Drawn.  
Stowe 119. Pangbourne 79 for 8 wkts.
- Sat., June 27. v. OUNDLE. Lost by 4 wkts.  
Stowe 93. Oundle 94 for 6 wkts.
- Sat., July 4. v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD. Lost by 5 wkts.  
Stowe 122. St. Edward's 123 for 5 wkts.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

##### SENIOR

##### DIVISION A.

*1st Round* :—Walpole (143 for 7 dec. and 26 for 3) beat Grenville (58 and 104); Grafton (274 for 8 dec.) beat Chandos (104 and 69). *2nd Round* :—Walpole (175 for 4 dec.) beat Chandos (38 and 55); Grafton (88 and 117 for 3 dec.) lost on 1st innings to Grenville (118 for 8 dec. and 35 for 5). *3rd Round* :—Walpole (165 for 9 dec.) beat Grafton (36 and 64); Grenville (84 and 21 for 1) beat Chandos (51 and 51).

##### DIVISION B.

*1st Round* :—Temple (282 for 6 dec.) beat Chatham (50 and 129); Cobham (216) beat Bruce (81 and 32). *2nd Round* :—Temple (117 for 7 dec. and 99 for 2) beat Bruce (85 and 54); Cobham (105 and 102 for 4 dec.) lost on 1st innings to Chatham (111 for 2 dec. and 76 for 4). *3rd Round* :—Cobham (118 for 9 dec. and 139 for 5 dec.) lost on 1st innings to Temple (149 for 9 dec. and 89 for 4); Bruce (86 and 39 for 2) lost on 1st innings to Chatham (95 for 3 dec.).

*Final* :—Walpole beat Temple on the 1st innings. Walpole 41 (Geddes 7 for 6) and 170 for 7 dec. (Costain 106); Temple 27 (Costain 7 for 8) and 112 for 5.



## UNDER 16½

## DIVISION A.

*1st Round* :—Grenville (108 and 94 for 3 dec.) beat Walpole (51 and 37); Grafton (195 and 38 for 3) beat Chandos (40 and 195 for 7) on 1st innings. *2nd Round* :—Walpole (194 for 7 dec.) beat Chandos (86 and 68); Grafton (89 and 80) lost to Grenville (209 for 3). *3rd Round* :—Walpole (94 and 56) lost to Grafton (101 and 52 for 8); Grenville (80 for 2) beat Chandos (9 and 36).

## DIVISION B.

*1st Round* :—Temple (5 and 21) lost to Chatham (180 for 5); Cobham (113 and 82) beat Bruce (135 and 31). *2nd Round* :—Temple (90 and 29 for 7) lost to Bruce (128 for 9 dec.); Chatham (95 and 54 for 3) beat Cobham (35 and 57). *3rd Round* :—Cobham (79 and 56 for 5) beat Temple (75 and 55); Bruce (23 and 10) lost to Chatham (208 for 4 dec.).

*Final* :—Chatham beat Grenville on the 1st innings. Chatham 161 (Knight 4 for 24) and 51 for 1; Grenville 90 (Murphy 41, Summerlin 7 for 18).

## UNDER 15

## DIVISION A.

*1st Round* :—Walpole (98 and 36 for 2) beat Grenville (97) on 1st innings; Chandos (78 and 50) lost to Grafton (110 and 12 for 1). *2nd Round* :—Walpole (111 and 31 for 4) beat Chandos (71) on 1st innings; Grafton (67 and 63 for 4 dec.) lost on 1st innings to Grenville (85 for 6 dec. and 32 for 5). *3rd Round* :—Grafton (88 and 63) lost to Walpole (126 and 32 for 4); Grenville (116 for 4) beat Chandos (60 and 51).

## DIVISION B.

*1st Round* :—Temple (52 and 8 for 0) beat Chatham (30 and 29); Cobham (57 and 160 for 6) lost on 1st innings to Bruce (132 for 9 dec. and 29 for 7). *2nd Round* :—Bruce (32 and 82 for 6) lost on 1st innings to Temple (67 and 26 for 6); Cobham (91 and 82 for 5 dec.) beat Chatham (59 and 58). *3rd Round* :—Cobham (168 for 9 dec.) beat Temple (50 and 76); Chatham (69 and 46) lost to Bruce (79 and 53 for 2).

*Final* :—Cobham beat Walpole on the 1st innings. Cobham 143 (Johnson 77, Green 9 for 47) and 26 for 6 dec.; Walpole 57 (Johnson 5 for 12) and 49 for 4.

## CRICKET LEAGUES

The adoption of a League principle for House Matches has necessitated certain changes in the usual League programme. A split-League has been operated, employing four Houses, whilst the other four have been playing House Matches. The ordinary League programme has meanwhile been cut to a one-day contest between each House and every other House. The same age limits have applied in all three contests: Over 16½, Under 16½ and Under 15.

There has been no League Hockey this year and cricket has undoubtedly benefited from the change. In part, however, the improved standard has been due to the keen support of housemasters and others who have encouraged and offered advice. The matches have been taken very seriously and the cricket, if not of the highest quality, has been challenging to the good cricketer. As the season wore on, there has been a tendency for the better bowlers and batsmen to emerge and the standard of fielding to improve. The weaker teams, instead of wearing their weakness as a badge of intellectual superiority, have endeavoured to conceal their incompetent members or drill them into some co-ordination of hand and eye. Indeed, there has been a kind of renaissance of cricket at Stowe and the successes of the First Eleven have played a big part in the change.

The Ordinary League was won by Temple. In the split-League Final Cobham beat Grenville in the A League, tied in the B and lost the C; Cobham therefore won on points.

## LAWN TENNIS

As three of the four best tennis players in the School are in this year's Oligoi, and have been unable to play in a single tennis match, it is perhaps not surprising that on Stowe standard the VI has been rather weak. Nevertheless, we have won six of the nine matches played against other Schools, which must be regarded as encouraging when it is remembered that we expect to be able to play a very much stronger team in the Youll Cup Competition at the end of term.

As only E. J. Avory (T) and J. B. Mayland (W) of last year's VI were still here, we began the season needing new Second and Third Pairs. Neither the winter practices nor the usual trials revealed much hidden talent, but J. R. A. Nottingham (C), C. R. Morland (B), S. S. Barling (G) and I. A. H. Sitwell (B) soon showed themselves to be the four most likely to improve with match experience; and except when Barling was away for a few days, which gave J. H. Temple (T) and J. Q. H. Hippisley (C) the opportunity of playing once each, these four have been in the VI throughout the term. Colours were awarded to Nottingham.

Mayland has been the back-bone of the First Pair, and has supported his Captain so effectively that he and Avory did not lose a match until July 4th. Avory has not improved as much as was hoped, and, although he has served very well at times, he has had some bad patches. He has nevertheless done much to encourage the other members of his team, and we are greatly indebted to him for the hard work he has carried out behind the scenes in organizing School matches, the Mornington Competitions and other things which fall upon the Captain of Tennis.

About the other members of the VI it can certainly be said that they have played with great keenness, and each has had some good matches and some less good ones. Unfortunately, they have not yet acquired reasonably sound ground-strokes and are without the eye which enables some players to turn even a badly-produced drive into an effective one by accurate timing.

Temple won the House matches, the Avory brothers playing as 1st pair, and D. R. Sabberton and J. H. Temple as 2nd. Chatham won the Leagues.

It is hoped that some of the Stoics who live near London will be able to come and support the School during the Youll Cup Competitions at Wimbledon. There is no charge for admission.

## Summary of results of matches :—

May 16th.	v. BEDFORD.	Won, 9—0.
May 23rd.	v. RUGBY.	Won, 6—3.
June 4th.	v. DALLINGTON L.T.C.	Lost, 4—5.
June 6th.	v. OLD STOICS.	Drawn, 2—2.
June 9th.	v. ETON.	Lost, 2½—6½.
June 13th.	v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A.	Lost, 3—6.
June 25th.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Won, 6—3.
June 27th.	v. LEIGHTON PARK.	Won, 6½—2½.
July 4th.	v. MARLBOROUGH.	Lost, 1—8.
July 11th.	v. INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF G.B.	Lost, 2—7.
July 18th.	v. REPTON.	Won, 6—3.
July 23rd.	v. MILL HILL.	Won, 5—4.
July 25th.	v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON.	Lost, 5—4.

## ATHLETICS

The standard of Athletics showed an all round improvement this year despite more virulent 'flu' germs than usual. P. J. Black (G), the Captain, was unfortunately prevented from competing at all, but J. R. Kerr Muir (C) proved an able substitute and performed excellently throughout the season. E. S. Kennedy (C), who broke the Shot and Discus records, P. C. Oakley (C), and C. J. Ferrier (G) deserve mention among the Seniors. C. M. St. J. Knight (G) was outstanding in the Under-16 group, but T. D. Mustard (B) and D. R. Loxton (G) also ran very well. Among the Juniors C. A. McIntyre (G) and M. J. Dunlop (C) show promise for the future.

Our two Triangular Matches were very closely contested and in both of them the final result was entirely dependent on the last event.

Results :—

## OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, C. J. Ferrier (G); 2, B. B. Jones (B); 3, P. M. Salamon (G); 4, J. H. Temple (T); 5, J. R. Kerr Muir (C); 6, P. A. L. Holt (G). Time, 10.7 secs.

220 Yards.—1, C. J. Ferrier; 2, B. B. Jones; 3, J. B. Mayland (W); 4, equal, P. M. Salamon and D. Ridley (C); 6, G. E. W. Morse (C). Time, 23.6 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, M. S. Lane (G); 2, B. B. Jones; 3, A. C. W. Bone (B); 4, P. C. Oakley (C); 5, P. M. Salamon; 6, J. R. Wingad (C). Time, 57 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, P. C. Oakley; 2, M. S. Lane; 3, E. S. Kennedy (C); 4, D. Ridley; 5, G. D. Parkinson (W); 6, A. C. W. Bone. Time, 2 mins. 9.7 secs.

One Mile.—1, P. C. Oakley; 2, E. S. Kennedy; 3, M. S. Lane; 4, D. Ridley; 5, R. D. Macleod (C); 6, D. I. McConnel (B). Time, 4 mins. 50.3 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, P. M. Salamon; 2, J. Kerr Muir; 3, A. J. Beatty (C); 4, B. B. Jones; 5, D. J. Easton (W); 6, A. C. W. Bone. Time, 17.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. R. Kerr Muir; 2, R. A. C. Thompson (G); 3, P. D. Norman (C); 4, R. S. Dunlop (B); 5, D. J. Rimmer (C); 5, R. R. Blagg (C). Height, 5 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump.—1, J. R. Kerr Muir; 2, R. C. Osner (C); 3, J. C. Galbraith (G); 4, G. D. Parkinson; 5, R. A. C. Thompson; 6, P. D. Norman. Distance, 20 ft. 6½ ins.

Pole Vault.—1, H. F. Ramsay (G); 2, G. D. Parkinson; 3, R. St. C. Strange (G); 4, equal, J. G. Finlay (C) and R. E. Thomas (B); 6, B. G. S. Macoun (G). Height, 9 ft. 0 ins.

Discus.—1, E. S. Kennedy; 2, T. C. Robinson (G); 3, L. A. W. Evans (B); 4, C. J. G. Atkinson (C); 5, C. H. Clucas (W); 6, J. A. Jefferson (C). Distance, 128 ft.

Javelin.—1, R. F. Charnock (G); 2, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 3, T. C. Robinson; 4, A. A. J. Baird (T); 5, J. A. Jefferson; 6, J. M. E. Pasmore (C). Distance, 133 ft. 7 ins.

Weight.—1, E. S. Kennedy; 2, L. A. W. Evans; 3, R. A. C. Thompson; 4, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson; 5, R. B. J. Gadney (G); 6, C. J. G. Atkinson. Distance, 38 ft.

## UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, T. D. Mustard (B); 2, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); 3, M. Ramsden (C); 4, C. T. Preston (B); 5, T. W. J. Waine (G). Time, 11.2 secs.

220 Yards.—1, C. M. St. J. Knight; 2, T. D. Mustard; 3, A. J. Morison (G); 4, A. J. Murdoch (T); 5, A. Likierman (C). Time, 26.0 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, M. Ramsden; 2, J. Curwin (G); 3, A. D. G. Shillington (C); 4, G. T. Todd (C); 5, C. M. S. Anderson (C). Time, 58.3 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, C. M. St. J. Knight; 2, D. R. Loxton (G); 3, G. T. Todd; 4, R. M. Jefferson (C); 5, M. Ramsden. Time, 2 mins. 15 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, D. R. Loxton; 2, A. D. G. Shillington; 3, G. T. Todd; 4, J. Curwin; 5, R. M. Jefferson. Time, 3 mins. 38.9 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.—1, C. M. S. Anderson; 2, D. R. Loxton; 3, T. D. Mustard; 4, equal, R. M. Jefferson and R. F. Charnock (G). Time, 17 secs.

High Jump.—1, T. W. J. Waine; 2, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T); 3, D. R. Loxton; 4, R. F. Charnock; 5, C. M. S. Anderson. Height, 5 ft. 0 in.

Long Jump.—1, R. F. Charnock; 2, C. M. S. Anderson; 3, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble; 4, T. B. D. Lee (G); 5, A. D. G. Shillington. Distance, 17 ft. 7 ins.

Weight.—1, C. M. St. J. Knight; 2, P. M. Henry (C); 3, C. J. N. Felton (B); 4, M. M. Orr (T); 5, A. J. Morison. Distance, 37 ft. 6 ins.

## UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, A. S. M. Batten (C); 2, D. E. B. Walker (C); 3, M. J. Summerlin (C); 4, M. Spira (C); 5, N. O. G. Murray (C). Time, 12.1 secs.

220 Yards.—1, D. E. B. Walker; 2, P. F. Brown (C); 3, N. O. G. Murray; 4, J. Cunningham-Reid (C); 5, M. J. L. McEwen (C). Time, 28.7 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, C. A. McIntyre (G); 2, M. A. Warman (C); 3, W. P. C. Stern (C); 4, R. A. Bishop (C); 5, J. Cunningham-Reid. Time, 60.7 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, C. A. McIntyre; 2, M. A. Warman; 3, R. J. Box (C); 4, P. F. Brown; 5, R. A. Bishop. Time, 2 mins. 23.5 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles.—1, C. A. McIntyre; 2, D. E. B. Walker; 3, W. P. Davis (B); 4, A. S. M. Batten; 5, J. D. Carslaw (G). Time, 11.5 secs.

High Jump.—1, M. J. Dunlop (C); 2, J. F. Burns (G); 3, R. A. Bishop; 4, J. D. Carslaw; 5, J. E. Poole (C). Height, 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump.—1, C. A. McIntyre; 2, A. S. M. Batten; 3, J. W. O. Allerton (G); 4, J. F. Burns; 5, C. J. N. Felton (B). Distance, 16 ft. 6 ins.

## HOUSE CUP

1, Grenville, 159½; 2, Chandos, 134; 3, Grafton, 111½; 4, Chatham, 93; 5, Bruce, 78½; 6, Cobham, 60½; 7, Walpole, 33; 8, Temple, 18.

## BEDFORD v. OUNDLE v. STOWE

This Triangular Match was held this year at Bedford, and was a very closely contested fixture. There was a cold cross-wind which affected the competitors and the standard of performance. Kerr Muir was a double winner in the Long Jump and Hurdles, and Kennedy, Ferrier and Knight—a Junior running in the Senior Mile—all distinguished themselves.

Result :—Oundle, 60½; Bedford, 54½; Stowe, 54.

## STOWE v. CHELTENHAM v. RADLEY

This match was held at Stowe in warm spring weather and the track was in good condition. The standard of performance was high. Nineteen match records were bettered, eight of them by the Stowe competitors. Lloyd, of Cheltenham, was the outstanding Senior but Oakley, Ferrier, Kerr Muir, Kennedy and Bone all did well. In the Junior match Knight was outstanding, and Jones and Hamp-Ferguson performed creditably.

Results.—*Seniors*: Cheltenham, 83½; Radley, 75½; Stowe, 65.

*Juniors*: Stowe, 97; Cheltenham, 91; Radley, 54.

## OTHER SPORTS

## SWIMMING

This year, the weather rather forgetting itself, we were able to start serious training earlier than ever before. Thus, when, after the first week, our traditional climate tried to re-assert itself, some benefit still remained, and we have had a remarkably successful season. Out of the four First Team matches, we have lost only to our greatest rivals, City of London School, who enjoy the benefits of all-year-round swimming in a heated pool, and who had the additional advantage of swimming on home water. The Old Stoic match was won, the 50 yards freestyle and breaststroke records being broken by A. D. Cooper (W) and A. P. Rosner (C) respectively, the Otter Club team was just beaten, and the 2nd team, under the captaincy of our Secretary, P. R. Vester (C), were unbeaten. In the Otter Relays, our team (E. S. Kennedy (C), Perriss, Rosner and Cooper) swam below their best and came 11th out of an entry of 49.

Our Captain, J. R. Perriss (C), and Cooper spent most of the term battling out which should be the first string in the freestyle, and we are still not quite sure which of them it is, although they both seemed to arrive pretty soon after starting. The breaststroke has been one of this year's strong points, and after the first match Rosner and A. H. Matusch (G) came first and second in every match. H. R. Kay (G) has been swimming well throughout the season and is one of the best backstrokers we have had. He was ably supported by C. H. Clucas (W), who never quite succeeded in beating him.

The Juniors this year have been rather disappointing and have met with little success. However, B. M. Allen (W) has shown himself to be a good freestyle swimmer of great spirit; C. A. McIntyre (G) is promising in the freestyle, and R. M. Jefferson (C) and J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C) in the breaststroke.

In the water-polo we lost two of our three matches. Kennedy, the captain, has proved to be a very able player, and led the team well, but the two matches we lost were against very strong teams with indoor baths, and it was here that we felt our lack of facilities most.

Colours have been awarded to:—H. R. Kay (G), C. H. Clucas (W), A. D. Cooper (W).

Dolphins have been awarded to:—M. A. Harris (G), D. H. Penrose (C), B. M. Allen (W).

A.P.R.

## RESULTS

1ST TEAM.			
v. HARROW.	Away.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 31; Harrow 27. <i>Junior</i> : Stowe 20; Harrow 32.	
v. OLD STOICS.	Home.	Stowe 32; Old Stoics 20.	
v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Away.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 27; Bedford Modern 25. <i>Junior</i> : Stowe 16; Bedford Modern 36.	
v. CITY OF LONDON.	Away.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 27; City of London 41. <i>Junior</i> : Stowe 20; City of London 36.	
v. RUGBY.	Away.	Stowe 37; Rugby 17.	
v. OTTER CLUB.	Home.	Stowe 27; Otter 25.	
2ND TEAM.			
v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Away.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 25; Wellingborough 25. <i>Junior</i> : Stowe 16; Wellingborough 24.	
v. NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR.	Home.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 24½; Northampton Grammar 13½. <i>Junior</i> : Stowe 29; Northampton Grammar 13.	
v. KINGHAM HILL.	Home.	<i>Senior</i> : Stowe 39; Kingham Hill 23.	

Otter Relays:—Stowe 11th out of 49.

## WATER POLO.

v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Away.	Lost, 2—12.
v. RUGBY.	Away.	Won, 7—2.
v. OTTER CLUB.	Home.	Lost, 0—10.

## SEVEN-A-SIDES

This year the Stowe team reached the last eight of the Public Schools Sevens for the first time since entering the competition.

On the first day Stowe surprised everyone except themselves in beating George Heriot's 11—8 (winners of three recent tournaments in Scotland) with more ease than the extra time needed would suggest. However, the game against Christ's Hospital was notable for its excitement and reversal of fortune, in that having been 8—3 down at half-time Stowe won 11—8. The next morning the team was confronted by Solihull, who had beaten us 15—3 in the first round of the 1958 tournament. Revenge came with an 11—3 win.

Finally in the Quarter-Finals Stowe, never showing their previous form, lost 0—9 to an efficient Downside team. Individual mention here would be superfluous, since this of all games demands a team effort. It was a fine climax to Mr. Brown's last season with the 1st XV. The team thanks him and all those who practised against it for making possible this unprecedented success.

*Team*:—P. R. McCrea (W) (Capt.), D. J. Easton (W), E. S. Kennedy (C); C. J. G. Atkinson (C), G. D. Parkinson (W), J. B. Mayland (W), J. H. Temple (T).  
1st XV Colours were awarded to J. B. Mayland and J. H. Temple.

## SAILING

This year Stowe has had a fuller programme of matches than in previous years. Seven school matches were sailed, of which we won no less than six. The R.N.M.D.F. Pennant Races outstanding from last winter were finished on Sunday, June 28th. In a light fluky wind, Bradford won by a clear margin from Holt. The House matches are to be sailed later on in the term, while the Individual Club Trophy started on July 11th.

This year the School is entering a team for the Public Schools Invitation Firefly Championship. This meeting is held at the Itchenor Sailing Club on September 3rd and 4th, and the first prize is a new National Firefly Class dinghy.

Our first match, against Cheltenham on the Avon at Tewkesbury, resulted in a clear win for Stowe by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points. In a moderate wind our most successful helmsman was Crowther, who came 1st and 2nd in the two races.

The match at Thrapston gravel pit against Oundle and the Middle Nene Cruising Club was marked by high winds and choppy conditions. Exciting planing occurred on the reaching legs of the course and Bradford came 1st and 2nd in the two races.

In our match with Eton at Bourne End, Fireflies were sailed instead of Cadets, and in the light winds Bradford again won both the races, giving Stowe a winning lead. The Upper Thames Sailing Club very kindly loaned us boats for this match.

Stowe found the restricted space of the river Ouse difficult to manage at first in their match with Bedford. However, after a chaotic first race Stowe settled down to the light and difficult conditions to win by a margin of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  points.

In our home matches we were fortunate in having enough wind to have three races in every match. Our only defeat, against Radley, occurred despite great efforts by Jocelyn and Birchenough. The margin of our defeat over four races was only 3 points. The other matches, against Rugby and M.C.S., Oxford, were won comfortably by Stowe.

Results :—

May 17th.	v. CHELTENHAM.	Away.	Won	$36\frac{1}{2}$ —27.	
May 23rd.	v. OUNDLE.	}	Away.	Won	$53\frac{1}{4}$ — $47\frac{1}{4}$ —38.
	M.N.C.R.C.				
May 28th.	v. ETON.	Away.	Won	$42\frac{1}{2}$ —36.	
May 30th.	v. BEDFORD.	Away.	Won	$43\frac{1}{2}$ —35.	
June 6th.	v. RUGBY.	Home.	Won	$35\frac{1}{2}$ — $32\frac{1}{2}$ .	
June 17th.	v. RADLEY.	Home.	Lost	$42\frac{1}{2}$ — $45\frac{1}{2}$ .	
June 27th.	v. M.C.S., OXFORD.	Home.	Won	$34\frac{1}{2}$ — $31\frac{1}{2}$ .	

The team was :—R. A. M. Birchenough (G), A. J. Bradford (C), J. E. Crowther (C), P. A. L. Holt (S), T. A. Jocelyn (B), R. A. L. R. Smith (C). Also sailed: R. Luddington (C) and J. N. Sadler (S).

P.A.L.H.

## P.T.

The P.T. Competition took place on Friday, June 26th. The combined placings were as follows :—1, Temple; 2, Chatham; 3, Grenville; 4, Chandos; 5, Cobham; 6, Bruce; 7, Grafton; 8, Walpole.

## GOLF

This term the golf course has been in the best condition for years. The greens are mowed, twice a week if necessary, by members of Grafton, Cobham and Walpole. More improvements are on the way, such as levelling of the tees and some grass bunkers.

On Old Stoic Day, June 6th, the School team played the Old Stoics on the School course. This is a new fixture, and it is hoped that it will be repeated next year. The Old Stoics brought down a strong team, including two of this year's victorious Cambridge team, and defeated the School by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  matches to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . The results were as follows :—

- C. J. Seddon (S) lost to W. P. Cooper (C, 1954) by  $3/2$ .
- B. L. Irving (C) lost to J. M. E. Anderson (C, 1957) by  $4/3$ .
- A. J. Parkinson (C) lost to J. P. Hall (B, 1958) by  $4/3$ .
- P. G. de Havilland (C) beat R. J. Wrexford (C, 1955) by  $3/2$ .
- G. A. MacGregor (C) lost to R. O. Booth (C, 1934) by 1 hole.
- N. H. Pollitzer (T) was all square with P. E. Stevens (W, 1953).
- D. J. Buxton (C) lost to P. J. V. Hunt (W, 1953) by  $3/2$ .
- P. N. E. Luard (S) beat A. M. Vinen (W, 1951) by  $4/2$ .

On the Sunday the School team played the Old Stoics at their Summer meeting at Dunstable. De Havilland won the handicap prize for Stoics with a round of 89. Seddon and Irving also went round in 89.

On Thursday, June 11th, a party of keen golfers went down to Wentworth to watch the "DAKS" professional golf tournament. Afterwards the whole party was entertained to supper by Mrs. Parkinson.

At Woking during the Easter holidays the School team played in an Invitation Tournament organised by Gerald Micklem, the Walker Cup Captain. In the first round we lost to Harrow by 4 matches to 1. Seddon lost by  $3/2$ ; C. J. G. Atkinson (C) won by  $3/2$ ; Irving lost by  $3/2$ ; Parkinson lost by  $9/7$ ; de Havilland lost by  $3/2$ .

In the competition for first round losers which followed we defeated Rugby by 4 matches to 1, and then narrowly lost to Bradfield in the final for the "Plate" by 3 matches to 2. Three of this year's team will be available for next year's match.

Later this term the School team is playing the Masters at Dunstable, and we hope that in future years it may be possible to arrange a match against the parents.

The results of the Senior and Junior House Matches and the School golf competitions will be given in next term's *Stoic*.

C.J.S.

## SHOOTING

In the Country Life Landscape Competition the 1st VIII came 16th and the 2nd VIII 71st out of a total entry of 147.

The shooting this term has been up to last term's standard. As usual there have been no matches, since all other schools use .303 rifles in the summer. We hope to convert our own range for use with .303, and we also hope that in time we shall have an indoor .22 range. There was a record entry of about 100 for Monday Extra Shooting.

Colours for Shooting were awarded to :—R. N. Cory (T), J. J. Earle (T), C. C. Bell (C).

R.E.C.M.



## THE STOIC

## FENCING

We suffered our first defeat of last term against Wellington ; the fighting was extremely close, and the match was lost by only one fight. In the last match, against Harrow, the seniors drew and the juniors won, which gave us the match. The team was weakened by the loss of MacGregor, who was taken ill at the last moment.

The only match this term was a second team match against Pangbourne, which we lost.

The individual épée was won by MacGregor, and the individual sabre by Canavan.

The teams were :—

*Senior* : A. T. MacGregor (C), M. P. Hotham (C), M. B. M. Canavan (C).

*Second* : D. J. Rimmer (C), E. H. Oakley (C), M. Waring (C).

*Junior* : E. H. Oakley, M. Waring, A. S. M. Batten (T).

A.T.M.

## 1ST XV FIXTURES 1959

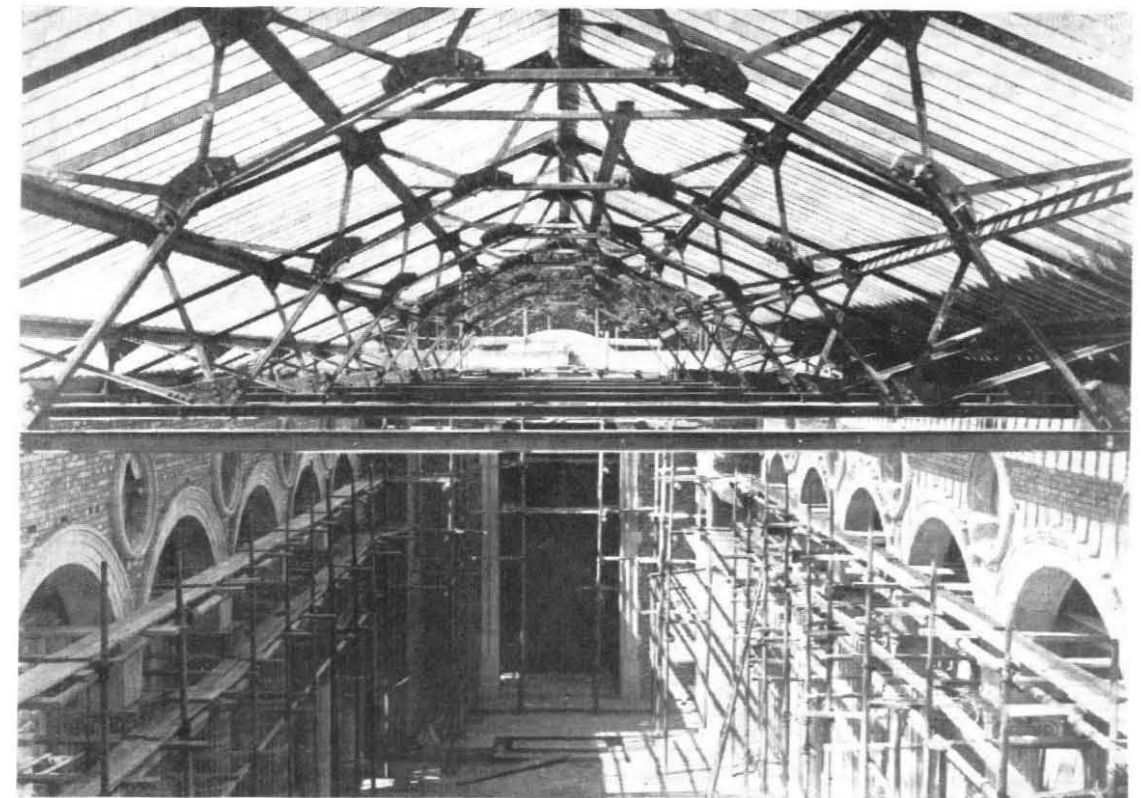
Sat., Oct. 3.—	WASPS	Home.
Sat., Oct. 10.—	OLD STOICS	Home.
Sat., Oct. 17.—	BEDFORD	Home.
Sat., Oct. 24.—	ST. EDWARD'S	Home.
Sat., Nov. 7.—	RUGBY	Home.
Tues., Nov. 10.—	OUNDLE	Away.
Sat., Nov. 14.—	RADLEY	Away.
Sat., Nov. 21.—	BLACKHEATH	Home.
Sat., Nov. 28.—	CHELTENHAM	Home.
Tues., Dec. 1.—	ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL	Home.
Sat., Dec. 5.—	RICHMOND	Home.
Wed., Dec. 9.—	R.A.F., HALTON	Home.
Sat., Dec. 12.—	HARLEQUINS	Home.

## THE LAURUS CUP 1959

The Cup was won by Walpole. The final order was :—1, Walpole 50 ; 2, Chatham 39 ; 3, Temple 32 ; 4, Cobham 24 ; 5, Grenville 19 ; 6, Chandos 16 ; 7, Bruce 6 ; 8, Grafton 3.

## ILLUSTRATIONS

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