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EDITORIAL

WITH the publication of its one-hundred-and-eleventh number, *The Stoic* can lay no claim to any special anniversary, unless it be provided by whatever magic resides in the number 111. Looking back through past editions, however, we find that not even the editor of number twenty-one allowed himself any outward signs of celebration: the editorial column came of age very soberly, making use of the occasion only as an excuse for explaining the policy of the magazine. This time there is even less excuse for doing so—except, as we have noted, that this is number 111, and anyway such an explanation seems to be called for in order to dispel the extraordinary theories rife of what *The Stoic* ought to be. The best way of doing this must be to quote what was said by that editor of thirty years ago:

The Stoic appears only three times in the year. The reader of one Number has therefore to wait a long time before the next, and when it comes its accounts of School events seem sometimes rather out of date. But the purpose of the accounts is to provide not information, but a record, and the policy of the editors has been to make *The Stoic* not an ephemeral news-sheet, but a permanent and well-proportioned chronicle of the School's activities. For similar reasons *The Stoic* has always tried to give itself a material form and outward appearance worthy of the official organ of the School. It has tried to look dignified and to conduct itself soberly. At the same time it has tried not to be too dull, and its pictures at any rate have usually saved it from unrelieved solemnity. In general, the intention from the beginning has been to produce a paper worth reading, worth keeping—and worth waiting for.

It is amusing—or perhaps not—to notice the little apology that appeared under *Stoica* in the same edition thirty years ago:

The Stoic has built up a large deficit in the course of its career, but thanks to the generosity of high authorities and individual friends this has now been made good. In order that *The Stoic* shall be able to pay its way in the future, we have decided to increase the price from 2/- to 2/6.

STOICA

School Officials—Easter Term, 1960.

Prefects:—L. A. W. Evans (B), Head of the School; J. A. Jefferson (Q), Second Prefect; A. H. G. Atkinson (Q), Prefect of Chapel; D. H. Bate (G); M. B. M. Canavan (C); R. M. Coulson (S); B. E. Dawson (W); T. A. S. Dufty (B), Prefect of the Gymnasium; R. S. Dunlop (B), Prefect of the Library; T. J. L. Gauvain (T); R. A. C. Thompson (S), Prefect of the Hall; D. S. Watson (C).

Rugby Football:—Captain, G. D. Parkinson (W); Secretary, C. H. Clucas (W).

Hockey:—Captain, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); Secretary, D. R. Sabberton (T).

Cross-Country:—Secretary, D. S. Watson (C).

Athletics:—Captain, P. M. Salamon (S).

Squash:—Secretary, M. C. Sabey (Q).

Fives:—Captain, R. B. B. Ivory (T); Secretary, C. P. Robinson (T).

Fencing:—Captain, M. B. M. Canavan (C); Secretary, E. H. Oakley (C).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term:—Sunday, January 24th, the Headmaster; Sunday, January 31st, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl; Sunday, February 7th, the Rev. J. B. Swinbank, Chaplain of Bradfield College; Sunday, February 14th, the Rev. D. Jenkins, Chaplain of the Queen's College, Oxford; Sunday, February 21st, the Rev. S. Phipps; Sunday, February 28th, the Rev. D. A. Greaves; Sunday, March 6th, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, March 13th, the Rev. Robert Dell, Vice-Principal, Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Sunday, March 20th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl; Sunday, March 27th, the Rev. D. Isitt, Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge; Sunday, April 3rd, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards.

The Rev. C. Windsor Richards gave a series of mid-week addresses during Lent.

The Collections in the Chapel were:—On January 31st, for the Pineapple, £28 16s. 6d.; on February 21st, for the British Epilepsy Association, £28 17s. 6d.; on March 13th, for the Wireless for the Blind Fund, £28 os. od.; on April 3rd, for the National Institute for the Deaf, £25 os. od.

The Rev. C. Windsor Richards is leaving Stowe at the end of this term to become Vicar of Kilpeck in the diocese of Hereford. An appreciation of his work at Stowe appears later in this issue.

Mr. R. G. Gilbert is succeeding him as housemaster of Temple.

Mr. J. H. Bulford has joined the Staff this term, and Mr. J. Bertalot, Organist of St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, and Conductor of the Northampton Symphony Orchestra and Bach Choir, has joined the Music Staff in place of Mr. E. H. Fletcher.

SPEECH DAY.—This will again be held on the Friday before the Exeat, June 24th, and the arrangements will follow the general pattern of last year. The guest of the day is to be Viscount Chandos.

Lord Chandos, formerly the Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton, is a member of the family to whom the title of Cobham passed after the death of Viscount Cobham in 1749; when he was created a Baron in 1954, he chose the appropriate name of Chandos.

OLD STOIC DAY.—This will continue to be separate from Speech Day, and will be held annually on the second Saturday in June, which this year is June 11th. The Templars' matches against the School First and Second XIs and Tennis, Golf, Swimming and Shooting matches will all take place on that day.

The Historians' play, *The Winter's Tale*, will be performed as usual at the Queen's Temple, on July 22nd and 23rd.

The Cambridge University Old Stoics' Dinner was held at St. John's College on February 27th. Twenty-eight members attended, and speeches were made by Mr. P. G. Hunter, deputising for the Headmaster, Mr. A. B. E. Gibson, and M. K. Ridley (C, 1956), Vice-President of the Society.

On Saturday, February 20th, to celebrate the birth of the Royal Prince, the School was given a whole holiday. The Headmaster addressed an open-air meeting in the Market Place at Buckingham and a section of the Military Band, conducted by Mr. Webb, sounded a fanfare.

It is reported that a few days previously, when the Headmaster and Mr. Webb were invited to join the committee which was planning the meeting at Buckingham, the Headmaster was particularly requested not to be late, as Mr. Webb was a very busy man.

The Pineapple Ball was held on January 14th at the Grosvenor House Hotel. The Chairman of the Ball Committee was C. N. H. Hordern (W, 1952). The net profit was approximately £690.

Twenty-five senior Stoics were guests at a dance held at Hampden House Girls' School on February 20th. The visit was returned when some members of Hampden House came to an evening of Scottish dancing, held in the Aurelian Room on February 27th. Dances were also held by Chatham on March 5th and by Grenville on March 26th.

House plays this term have suffered more than usual through illness, and eventually only one was produced. This was Emlyn Williams's *Night Must Fall*, performed by Chandos, on March 18th and 19th. A review appears later in this issue.

On March 26th a party of ten Stoics went to the Savoy Theatre, London, to see Marie Bell's production of *Phèdre*. The same evening another small party went to a concert at St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, given by the Northampton Bach Choir and Orchestra.

The Temple of Concord has been out of action for the last weeks of term, owing to the collapse of a large part of the ceiling.

We announce the birth of a daughter on March 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Deacon, and of a son on March 22nd to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbs.

UNIVERSITY AWARD

D. M. Fingleton (C, 1959) was awarded an Open Exhibition for History at University College, Oxford, in January.

C.W.R.

Mr. Windsor Richards came to Stowe from Glenalmond in September 1944. He had been Chaplain and Assistant Housemaster there, and he was appointed Chaplain here, a post which he was to hold for all his sixteen years at Stowe with a central interregnum when he was Assistant to Mr. James.

From the start Mr. Windsor Richards showed himself to be a most versatile person: he coached the Colts Fifteen for seven years, helped with the swimming, and started life-saving classes. He used his early training as an engineer to start the I.C.E. Section of the C.C.F. And finally he set himself the task of restoring the Oxford Water and

the Paper Mill Lake. In this he was aided by some astonishingly powerful machinery supplied by his friend Mr. Edwin McAlpine, and the final result of their labours made the entry into the grounds by the Oxford Lodge something quite unforgettable.

In September 1951 he was appointed Housemaster of Temple on the retirement of Mr. Capel-Cure, who had made himself a difficult man to follow after twenty most active years there. This challenge Mr. Windsor Richards accepted, and in his nine years with Temple he made his own notable contribution to the House. As was to be expected, he had ideas of his own, and his two Gilbert and Sullivan operas will not be easily forgotten by those who saw and heard them, while his initiative in starting House Dances has found many imitators.

There was a warmth and humanity in Mr. Windsor Richards which made him a most helpful person to anyone in any kind of trouble, and his keen sense of humour made him a very good companion. His appreciation of the brilliance of his unofficial title of 'Windy Dick', which naughtily played up his real eloquence in the pulpit, while it also enabled his fine work of restoration to be christened 'Lake Windymere', was very typical of him.

But of all the many sides to Stowe life he touched and adorned undoubtedly the greatest was his work in the Chapel. He had a real gift for avoiding dullness and for making his services come to life. He could preach memorable and telling sermons which interested the whole of Chapel, including the stalls. He increased the religious instruction throughout the School, had more visiting preachers, and by his own enthusiasm did much to make religion in the School a more vivid and lively thing.

We know that his new parishioners are fortunate in finding a man who will affect their lives, as he did ours, at many points and in many ways. We shall miss him, but he will always be remembered here, not only through the tangible memorial of his rejuvenated waters, but also in the abiding work he did for the Chapel, and particularly for the sixteen hundred Stoics he saw confirmed there. We wish him and Mrs. Windsor Richards the best of good fortune in their new duties in Herefordshire.

OLIM ALUMNI

R. A. PEARSON (B, 1937) was awarded an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1960.

B. R. ARKWRIGHT (B, 1940) was awarded an M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1960.

J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C, 1938) was awarded an M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1959.

F. O. S. DOBELL (G, 1931) has been promoted to Air Commodore and appointed Assistant Commandant at the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.

J. M. E. CLARKSON (G, 1939), who had previously been commanding the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch of Canada, has taken up a planning appointment in N.A.T.O.

G. C. FOWKE (C, 1932) is now Commandant of the Guards Depot.

R. W. B. NEWTON (T, 1929) has been High Sheriff for Leicestershire for 1959-60.

E. E. A. O'FARRELL (C, 1938) is Official Secretary to the Governor of Tasmania.

P. T. HAYMAN (G, 1933) was, in June 1959, appointed Counsellor at the British Embassy, Baghdad.

J. F. TUOHY (T, 1943) is Professor of English Literature at Cracow University.

J. F. NYE (C, 1941) has been the Visiting Professor of Glaciology at the California Institute of Technology.

R. J. DICKSON (T, 1936) is Associate Professor of Radiology at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

M. H. SPENCE (C, 1952) has won three Gray's Inn Awards for 1959: one of three Lord Justice Holker Senior Exhibitions, the James Mould Scholarship, and one of two Lee Prizes.

M. T. D. PATMORE (T, 1926) has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs.

M. J. W. ANSTEY (C, 1951) has been appointed a Governor of the English-Speaking Union.

R. B. SKEPPER (T, 1956) was selected to represent Britain at ski-ing in the Olympic Games.

J. M. E. ANDERSON (C, 1957) won the President's Putter; he and L. G. B. WILLIAMSON (T, 1956) were members of the team which represented Cambridge University against Oxford University at Golf.

C. M. HILL (C, 1956) represented Cambridge University against Oxford University at Boxing.

I. M. HAYNES (C, 1954) played in the final Welsh Hockey Trial.

T. H. BARCLAY (C, 1941) is Master of the West Norfolk Foxhounds.

M. D. GOODWIN (C, 1958), having lost his way in fog, landed his Tiger Moth successfully on an apple tree in the suburbs of Plymouth.

BIRTHS

To the wife of J. M. ASHBY (B, 1931), a son, on December 12th, 1959.

To the wife of A. D'A. BELLAIRS (T, 1935), a daughter, on April 5th, 1959.

To the wife of J. A. VAN BEUGEN BIK (C, 1949), a daughter, on February 2nd, 1960.

To the wife of E. A. BODDINGTON (W, 1944), a daughter, on June 16th, 1956, and a son, on December 12th, 1959.

To the wife of J. D. BOURN (C, 1935), a son, on July 17th, 1959.

To the wife of H. J. BONNING (C, 1951), a daughter, on May 31st, 1959.

To the wife of I. B. CALKIN (W, 1947), a son, on July 15th, 1959.

To the wife of G. L. CHESHIRE, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C. (C, 1935), a son, on January 31st, 1960.

To the wife of I. B. CHURCH (W, 1945), a daughter, on February 6th, 1959.

To the wife of A. P. CLARK (G, 1946), a son, on October 21st, 1958.

To the wife of A. T. CLARKE (C, 1945), a daughter, on May 5th, 1959.

To the wife of J. G. CLIFF-HODGES (G, 1933), a son, on April 18th, 1959.

To the wife of C. A. COOPER (G, 1945), a son, on December 13th, 1958.

To the wife of N. A. C. CROFT (C, 1925), daughters, on May 28th, 1953, March 2nd, 1955, and June 5th, 1957.

To the wife of M. J. A. DAVIES (T, 1945), a daughter, on July 5th, 1959.

To the wife of R. J. DICKSON (T, 1936), a son, on December 15th, 1958 (in Baltimore).

To the wife of D. W. EGERTON (T, 1947), a son, on September 21st, 1959.

To the wife of J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C, 1938), a daughter, on September 1st, 1959.

To the wife of P. M. GIBBS (C, 1948), a son, on October 30th, 1959.

To the wife of D. G. GUYER (G, 1953), a son, on February 23rd, 1960.

To the wife of A. P. HARRIS (G, 1949), a son, on September 14th, 1959.

To the wife of G. C. W. JOYNSON (W, 1945), a son, on June 14th, 1959.

To the wife of J. A. LAKE (C, 1939), a daughter, on August 24th, 1959.

To the wife of STR J. LAWSON, Bart., D.S.O., M.C. (C, 1929), a son, on May 19th, 1959.

To the wife of R. C. LINDSELL (G, 1932), a son, on January 23rd, 1960.

To the wife of D. A. LLOYD (C, 1940), daughters, on June 4th, 1951, August 23rd, 1954, and April 4th, 1956.

To the wife of K. A. LOW (C, 1949), a son, on February 11th, 1960.

To the wife of J. A. MCCONNELL (T, 1952), a son, on November 16th, 1959.

To the wife of W. MILBURN (G, 1944), a son, on July 9th, 1958.

To the wife of C. A. MOODIE (G, 1940), a son, on May 9th, 1959 (at St. Catherine's, Ontario).

MARRIAGES

THE REV. H. B. PLAYFORD to Elizabeth Birks, on December 19th, 1959.

M. J. W. ANSTEY (C, 1951) to Juliet Butler, on October 24th, 1959.

E. A. BODDINGTON (W, 1944) to Anne Clayton Vine, on September 11th, 1954.

F. J. R. BODDY (C, 1953) to Judith Margaret Lee, on February 18th, 1960.

J. D. BOURN (C, 1935) to Pauline Allen, on March 29th, 1956.

J. P. BURMAN (G, 1941) to Eleanor Elisabeth Knox, on January 23rd, 1960.

I. CAMPBELL (C, 1955) to Rosamund Ann Lee, on September 12th, 1959.

J. R. A. CHARD (C, 1948) to Sally Morisse Weeks, on April 11th, 1959.

A. P. CLARK (G, 1946) to Pamela White, on June 2nd, 1956.

G. S. COLDHAM (W, 1951) to Adrienne Grey, on June 24th, 1959.

C. J. DAY (G, 1953) to Jane Felicity Church, on June 13th, 1959.

I. V. DE WESSELOW (C, 1948) to Jennifer Jane Baker, on October 16th, 1959.

N. E. DEWING (C, 1949) to Patricia Jeanne Davies, on October 31st, 1959.

W. J. D. DIXON (G, 1944) to Rosina Elizabeth Lavey, on September 26th, 1959.

S. C. V. DODGSON (W, 1952) to Jane Osborne Clark, on July 23rd, 1959.

D. W. EGERTON (T, 1947) to Patricia Bissill, on September 27th, 1956.

K. EMRYS-ROBERTS (C, 1940) to Jennifer Ann Pettitt, on October 24th, 1959.

P. A. FONTES (C, 1954) to Alix Trotman Woolley, on January 16th, 1960.

M. FRASER-ALLEN (C, 1953) to Susan Churchill Hale, on October 17th, 1959.

A. M. DE M. HARRIS (C, 1954) to Carol Patria Mounter, on August 20th, 1959.

J. M. HARROP (C, 1950) to Susan Jacson, on June 20th, 1959.

DEATH

G. M. BRIERS (G, 1938) in a motoring accident in Canada.

MUSIC

'MUSIC IN CONCORD'

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, IN THE LIBRARY

MR. WATSON (*Violin*) ANN WOLFE (*Viola*)
 LESLEY MELVIN (*Violin*) MISS MARTIN (*Cello*)
 J. R. MELVIN (C, 1951) (*Clarinet*)

To the quality we have come to expect of Mr. Watson's chamber concerts was added the interest of performance in the Library, where the acoustics are such that not only can all parts be followed with ease, but each instrument comes through with its individuality of tone. Here is no rich flattering sonority; the musicians must play well to blend. They succeeded: the sonorous breadth of Bach's two fugues from *The Art of Fugue* set our minds at rest on this point.

The programme had almost the unity of a sonata, with the second work, Gordon Jacob's *Clarinet Quintet*, acting as Scherzo. It is light, easy to listen to without being trivial, and interesting, particularly in the first movement, for the way in which the composer uses contrast of tone and expression in the five instruments—an aspect of it well brought out in the Library. John Melvin combined a light touch with lovely tone and made it all sound very easy.

The mainstay and finale of the programme was Schubert's "*Death and the Maiden*" *Quartet*, surely one of his most moving works. If it is poignant rather than sinister, this is because a strong impression pervades the Quartet that though death may not be terrible, the life so soon to be lost is sweet. The Andante theme, simple, beautiful and pathetic, remains clearly stated throughout the variations which each add something to it, bringing out its potential, so that when in the coda it reappears briefly in its original form, we seem to hear it with sensibilities five times enriched. Throughout the work death is present as an undertone and the disquieting awareness of it emerges in the finale as a hectic struggle to keep down panic—achieved, somehow, in the last chords.

All this and more was brought out in the performance. If I were asked to convert somebody to quartet music, I should choose this one to start with; if there were any waverers in the audience, this intense and moving performance must have converted them.

R.K.T.

RECITAL BY ALFRED LOEWENGUTH (*Violin*)ACCOMPANIED BY FRANCOISE DOREAU (*Pianoforte*)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Mr. Loewenguth is only a soloist for three months of the year at most, the rest of his time being spent in playing in the distinguished French quartet which bears his name, so that we were lucky to get him down here to play for us. His first piece, the Mozart sonata (K. 380), was originally called a piano sonata with violin accompaniment. It is a slighter work than the other two sonatas, but it gave Mr. Loewenguth a chance

to adjust himself to the Hall, and it gave Mlle. Doreau the chance of demonstrating right from the start that she is an extremely accomplished pianist. In the Brahms D minor Sonata and the Franck sonata we heard Mr. Loewenguth's beautifully rich tone to good effect. He was perhaps more at home in the more extrovert Franck (a Frenchman too, though by adoption) than in the Brahms, but the performances of both were most enjoyable. The pity was that so few boys came to listen to such a worthwhile recital.

J.R.W.

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA, STRING ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB
 SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Leader of the Orchestra and Conductor of the String Orchestra—MR. WATSON
 Conductor of the Orchestra and Glee Club—MR. KELYNACK

THE ORCHESTRA
Egmont Overture, Op. 84 *Beethoven*

THE STRING ORCHESTRA
 Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, K. 525 *Mozart*
 Allegro; Romance; Minuet and Trio; Rondo

THE ORCHESTRA
 Suite of Scottish Dances *Alwyn*
The Indian Queen. A Trip to Italy.
Colonel Thornton's Strathspey.
 Reel—*The Perthshire Hunt.*
 Reel—*Loch Earn. Carleton House.*
Miss Ann Carnegie's Hornpipe.

Clarinet Concerto in A, K.622 *Mozart*
 First and Third Movements
 C. B. TETLOW (T), A. C. GEDDES (T), A. R. NEGUS (B)

THE GLEE CLUB
 Cindy (Kentucky mountain song) *arr. Hall*
 Laughing *Abt*
 Marching to Pretoria *Marais*

THE ORCHESTRA
 Marche Caprice *Delius*
 Die Fledermaus Valse *Strauss*

PLUMSTONES

Tinker, tailor, soldier, stenographer,
 Rock-and-roller, royal photographer.

M.A.H.

THE DICKIN MOORE EXHIBITION

On view in the Waiting Room from February 26th to March 27th.

Mr. Dickin Moore's main object in presenting this exhibition is "to stimulate an interest in contemporary painting, if you like pictures; and to create an interest in contemporary painting, if hitherto it has left you cold". I am not an art critic, and so I will devote most of my space to reactions other than my own.

While I was looking at the pictures one afternoon, a group of five lower school boys came in; for the first few minutes I eavesdropped: comments turned almost entirely on the failure of most of the paintings to approximate to coloured photographs and the impudence of the artists in demanding eight or eighty guineas for them. This is as might be expected, and I was well on the way to thinking Mr. Moore's hopes a little naive. At this point the group seemed about to go; so I stepped forward and started to question them; to my surprise a very different picture started to emerge: a boy who had remained silent now claimed to enjoy some of the least representational pictures, and on further enquiry it appeared that he held no preconceptions about what a painting is, or what function a painter ought to perform, and was clearly responding with honesty and directness.

This led me to make investigations in form and elsewhere. I should judge that at the time of writing—the official closing day—about one boy in three has seen the paintings and a slightly lower proportion of my colleagues; about one in five claimed not to know of the exhibition. This was partly because, though everyone passes the Waiting Room, in the normal course of events few people go in; one painting hung outside or even a poster might have tempted more people inside.

Despite the undeniable prejudice against anything but the most slavish naturalism, the painting to create most stir was R. J. Hitchcock's "Miracle on Galilee"; there was a difference of opinion about whether it was entirely abstract, or whether ships, sails, fish in nets, a tree, a lighthouse, the sun, Christ could be discerned; visitors on the spot to whom the title was unknown invariably associated the picture with the sea, but any more precise account lapsed into private association. Some claimed to get pleasure simply from its architecture and arrangement of colour and felt the areas of paint to be more important structurally than for what they might represent. Mr. Hitchcock's "1916" was less observed, for its hanging made it difficult to see; but those who had noted the title felt some aspect of war to be suggested, and some supported my suggestion of soldiers in a trench resolved into simple blocks of colour; some felt such an approach to be misguided.

Many visitors remembered with varying degrees of precision Michael Harvey's "Deserted Garden"; the dustbin, tubs and planks tended to be described as 'rubbish', the wistaria as 'creeper', though what had impressed mostly was 'detail' though not necessarily 'skill'; it was generally agreed to convey 'desertion', 'desolation'; it was also described as 'trite', and one boy liked it because it was clearly representational while admitting this was not the only criterion by which a picture may be appreciated; there was some awareness that this and Harvey's two skyscapes were remote from any main trend in contemporary painting.

Edwin la Del's lithographs of Oxford and Cambridge were considerably appreciated. In "King's Parade" he was felt to have conveyed the vastness of the East Anglian sky

with the pinnacles punily probing it; the economy in colour, if attributed primarily to the technical difficulties, was seen also to be an artistic success; thus the outline of King's screen is picked out in green, the shadow, a purplish wash, whereby a luminous contrast is achieved, suggesting strong sunlight; the ugly features of this view are largely suppressed so that the Waterhouse building of Caius is used to provide an agreeable focus in green and ochre: these observations started a discussion on the relation between painting and the factual truth of a landscape or a human sitter.

It was clear that some people had grasped that the vulgarity of Richard Hore's "Clacton on Sea" was intentional, and some traced it to the loud pinks and brash greens, the grotesque feet and the mastiff. This raised the question of whether vulgar subject-matter could make a good picture and whether response to it can be pleasurable, and thus to the whole relationship of art and pleasure.

Carel Weight's "Fulham Broadway" was very vaguely remembered. The brash, domed cinema in the centre was remembered variously as Kubla Khan's pleasure dome or St. Paul's Cathedral; someone objected to the austere church's being depicted beside so garish a centre, another thought this contrast to be the point; some thought the texture dull.

Ione Heath's private fantasy world did not command much notice; I found it agreeable when she conveys the rhythm of a reindeer herd in motion, merely amateurish in "Beechwoods".

Only a few fully appreciated Julian Trevelyan's "Hammersmith Bridge", which seemed to me the finest exhibit for its composition, economy of colour, evocation of raw cold.

S.W.E.S.



LECTURE

BRITISH CAUCASUS EXPEDITION 1958

This lecture, the first of its kind, was given by Mr. Alan Blackshaw, Secretary of the Climber's Club, in the Roxburgh Hall on March 5th.

Mr. Blackshaw began by outlining the history of the various expeditions to the Caucasus and explained that his party was the first to climb there since the revolution of 1917. Then with the aid of many excellent colour-slides he traced the party's route through Poland and Russia to the lower slopes of the hills. The British expedition's role as ambassadors was enhanced by the Lebanon crisis, which at times threatened to wreck the party's entire plans and to force them to leave Russia without even seeing the mountains.

At length, however, the British climbers reached the Russian Spartak camp, where climbers from all over Russia come to learn their trade. At this point Mr. Blackshaw allowed himself a digression on the Russian ideas of climbing, so different from our own free and easy methods. He said that in Russia no one is allowed on the hills until he has passed certain tests, and that their whole concept of climbing is that of communal enterprise rather than private activity. He then showed some slides of top-rank Russian mountaineers, or Masters of Sport, as they are called, and described the great welcome given to the party, and in particular to its internationally famous leader, Sir John Hunt.

From Spartak camp the expedition did an easy climb to get into training and then set off for Ushba, one of the technically most difficult peaks in the area. Unfortunately, after three days of blizzard, during which the party did little save eat and sleep, the ascent had to be called off. Some recompense was, however, given to the climbers by the superb atmospheric conditions to which Mr. Blackshaw's slides did full credit. After this setback, Sir John Hunt decided to move over to the central Caucasus, an area much wilder and less well known than that around Spartak camp. Several well-known Russian climbers accompanied them and Mr. Blackshaw told of the many amusing situations which arose owing to language difficulties. Here again, the hills were in bad condition, with a lot of loose snow in a state ready to avalanche, but the party accomplished several good climbs and two members made an entirely new route up 3,000 ft. of virgin rock. This was indeed some achievement, for the same face had defeated several strong Russian parties, and George Band, the leader of the climb, called it the most difficult route he has ever tried: some tribute from the conqueror of Kanchenjunga.

After this *tour de force* the party's climbing was finished and they left for this country amidst the acclamations of the Russians, who, Mr. Blackshaw pointed out, were extraordinarily competent, considering their obsolete equipment. As a sign of their gratitude the British party invited their hosts to pay a return visit to this country—an invitation readily accepted.

It is to be hoped that the majority of Stoics will now not be quite so ignorant of climbing affairs and that Mr. Blackshaw's excellent lecture will perhaps have encouraged some to take up that greatest of sports—mountaineering.

R.F.G.W.

GENERAL PAPER

1, Who was made into a roly-poly pudding?

2, Who ate 169 pancakes?

3, Whom did Rabbit and his friends fail to unbounce?

4, Whose house was invaded and occupied by stoats and weasels?

5, Who oiled a watch with the best butter?

What name or term from chess is suggested by the following:—6, A rocket? 7, "Faster! Faster!"? 8, Arthur Bliss? 9, Cheat, steal? 10, Uncle?

What letters and/or numbers represent the following:—11, The London to Birmingham motorway? 12, Watling Street? 13, The new flag of Cyprus?

14, Name the paratroop commander recently dismissed by de Gaulle.

15, What discovery has recently been made at Qumran?

16, What type of R.N. ships is named after cathedrals and cats?

17, Which is the R.N. commando carrier?

18, What does the new postmark of an outstretched hand symbolise?

19 and 20, Who first measured the charge and mass of an electron and in what year?

Give the short Latin names for each of the following parts of the Morning and Evening Service which begin:—21, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel." 22, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." 23, "O all ye Works of the Lord." 24, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands." 25, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord."

26, Who introduced the ha-ha to Stowe?

27, To the nearest 50, how many acres does Stowe Park comprise?

28, Who designed the Chapel?

29, Who designed Chatham?

30, Who designed Walpole?

What was the profession or occupation of:—31, Signor Borra? 32, Roscius? 33, Squeers? 34, Kipps? 35, St. Matthew?

Name:—36, Orestes' mother. 37, Macbeth's father. 38, Julius Caesar's son-in-law. 39, Katherine Swynford's husband. 40, Toby Belch's niece.

41-45, Put into appropriate pairs:—Aphrodite, Artemis, Astarte, Aeolus, Alcides, Diana, Hera, Hercules, Hippotades, Juno.

46, "The Cat, the Rat, and Lovel our Dog,
Rule all England under the Hog."

Who was the Hog?

What is the common link to each of the following groups :—47, Pepys, Pitman, Gregg? 48, Adrian, Hildebrand, John? 49, Frederick the Great, Ptolemy Auletes, Mozart? 50, Grogan, Gingham, Petersham? 51, Camorra, Mafia, Ku-Klux-Klan?

52-55, Name the four Inns of Court.

Fill in the blanks with the name of a food or drink to complete a correct quotation (though not necessarily spelt correctly) :—

56, "the many-knotted water-flags

That whistled stiff and dry about the....."

57, "O what can.....thee, knight-at-arms?"

58, "He must not float upon his watery.....unwept."

59, "O, the moon shines bright on Mrs....."

60, "Now is the woodcock near the....."

61, "Their.....was more than human as they stood."

62, "Tell me where is fancy....."

63, "Thy honesty and love doth.....this matter."

64, "The.....has been outrageous this half-hour."

65, "He would answer to 'Hi!' or to any loud cry,
Such as 'Fry me!' or '.....my wig!'"

In what county is :—66, Compton Wynyates? 67, Jordans? 68, Buckland Abbey? 69, Hatfield House? 70, Syon House? 71, Hawarden? 72, Balmoral Castle?

73 and 74, How many lilies were there in her hand and how many stars in her hair?

75, How many miles of fertile ground were encircled?

76, How many questions did Father William answer?

77, How many Frenchmen can't be wrong?

78, How many hands had the engine at the door?

By giving their official positions or occupations, distinguish between :—79, Henry James; 80, Alex James; 81, Montague James; 82, Lord James.

83 and 84, If argent is silver and azure is blue, what are sable and gules?

With what country do you associate :—85, Baudouin? 86, Bandaranaike? 87, Bourguiba? 88, Grivas? 89, Kassem?

Which painter and which musician from the following list were approximately contemporary with :—90, Dryden? 91, Pope? 92, Wordsworth? 93, Matthew Arnold? 94, T. S. Eliot? (Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Hogarth, Picasso, Prokofiev, Purcell, Turner, Van Gogh, Vermeer.)

Strike out the intruder :—95, And, but, like. 96, Burnley, Bury, Blackpool. 97, Redstart, redwing, redshank. 98, Jeeps, Brace, O'Reilly.

Name the Cup awarded to the winners of :—99, The Public Schools Lawn Tennis Doubles. 100, The Public Schools (Old Boys) Golf Foursomes.

'NIGHT MUST FALL'

Presented by Chandos in the Roxburgh Hall on March 18th and 19th.

The Chandos presentation of Emlyn Williams' play was entirely convincing, and owed its success to the ability of the leading actors and to the attention which had obviously been paid to the details of the production. Thus the few irritations which occurred were of only minor significance.

Through the natural approach of most of the leading actors, the psychological studies of the characters could readily be grasped. Mrs. Bramson, an acutely lonely old woman whose love of attention made her a neurotic, was admirably played by J. A. Likierman in a very well sustained performance of this difficult part. S. C. Williams was suitably cast as her niece-companion, Olivia Grayne, and carried the part with considerable aplomb, his diction being particularly agreeable. Only once did he sit down in an unwomanly manner and seemed in some danger of losing his shoes under the table in Act III; in the closing moments of the play he seemed concerned as to the security of his hair. Olivia's controlled susceptibilities to the charms of Dan were well brought out, as was her coolness for the military boorishness of Hubert Laurie. S. P. B. Magee's portrayal of Hubert was a brave attempt, if somewhat overacted, to put over the typically unintelligent 'army type'.

The thickening of the plot, when it transpires that Dan is probably behind a local murder, brings out interesting reactions from the Forest Corner household. Hubert Laurie is too insensitive to notice anything. Mrs. Bramson, at first looking down her nose at Dan, is soon won over by his plastered attentions without seeing any ulterior motive. Only Olivia sees something of his probable character. Dan, an awkward part to carry with conviction, was ably played by J. L. Hunter-Coddington. His changing moods were remarkably well transmitted, and the scenes involving him with Mrs. Bramson and Olivia were far the most effective in the play.

Throughout the action, C. D. Richardson's interpretation of the outspoken domestic—Mrs. Terence—wove its way through the plot with good humour. Voice and flat feet were perfectly to match. The audience's appreciation of Mrs. Terence was a tribute to the actor's identification of himself with the part.

Among the smaller parts, M. J. Dunlop gave a straightforward and rather stylised rendering of Inspector Belsize; although the casting of the other women had been handicapped by illness, G. D. Gordon-Napier and A. J. D. Durie carried off their parts nobly.

The action was very competently supported by good lighting, except when people sitting at the dining table found themselves in part shadow from the footlights, and the scenery was excellent. The use of sound effects at the end of tense scenes was dramatic.

The production as a whole showed a considerable spirit of teamwork both among the cast, and, importantly, behind the scenes. The play is not an easy choice, and Chandos are to be commended for their production.

J.M.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Stoic*

Sir,

There can be no subject about which Englishmen are more conservative than their school—unless it be their hymns. The revision of a school hymn-book can be guaranteed, therefore, to produce a rush of true-blue blood to the head. In 1953 a new edition of *Cantata Stoica* was produced and the first sight caused nothing but pleasure. The hymns seemed the same—an amalgamation of the old hymn-book and the cantata of the previous edition. Now printed with their musical setting they are a monument to what Dr. Huggins did for music in the Chapel.

Yet, sure enough, I begin to feel my blood pressure rising. In the new edition something valuable has been lost. The old *Cantata Stoica* was a volume of real originality and value, and it formed part of the education that Stowe provided. It was not only a hymn-book, but a collection of Christian poetry—indeed it introduced us to the notion that hymns could be poetry. It introduced us for the first time to George Herbert, Vaughan, Addison and to mediaeval Latin. In the 1953 edition the poetry has suffered: poems by St. Bernard, Nicolai, Herbert, Crashaw, Quarles, Fletcher, Blake, Hugo and Tennyson have disappeared, as has the 17th century poem from the Christ Church MS., presumably because no setting could be found for them. It is no longer a book to read: it is inescapably a book for singing.

And then the arrangement is changed. The new arrangement is alphabetical. Most of us know the alphabet when we come to Stowe, and in any case an index to first lines is provided. The old edition was arranged chronologically, and from it we learnt at least who lived before whom. Why could not the four versions of the twenty-third psalm be grouped together so that one can compare that of the Scottish psalter with those by Herbert, Addison and Baker? And why are there no translations of the Latin hymns—can it be that Stoics can now construe *O quanta qualia* at sight? If there is ever to be a new edition, could the compilers take pity on those who spend some of their time in Chapel browsing?

Yours sincerely,

N. G. ANNAN.

The Provost's Lodge,
King's College,
Cambridge.

March 2nd, 1960.

THE LIBRARY

A most noteworthy acquisition this term has been *The City of Cambridge*, the superb two-volume survey published by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, which was most generously presented by its editor, Mr. A. R. Dufty. Another presentation, by F. Q. O'Neill (W), has been *Safe Conduct* by Boris Pasternak.

L. J. D. McIntyre (G) is the new Senior Librarian and R. S. Dunlop (B) the Library Prefect; new Librarians are B. L. Irving (C), T. E. C. Bushell (C) and R. M. B. Williamson (C).

A GOLFING STORY

It was out in the country, on the tee of the long tenth, that I first noticed it. The ball had grown a face. It had never been a very distinguished ball, an old Dunlop, dirty, scruffy, with a mark where my wedge had cut into it one afternoon. But now the mark had been transformed into a broad grinning mouth, surmounted by a dashing moustache. Thick dark eyebrows and roguish eyes completed a decidedly virile countenance. I gaped.

"Good afternoon," said the ball. "Funny face you're making."

"Yes . . . I suppose it is."

My opponent was still practising his swing. If he turned round, I would never live it down in the clubhouse.

"Infernal mess you're making of your game," continued the ball conversationally. "Your swing's agricultural. Grip more with your left hand, man, and don't swing your hips in that conceited fashion."

I looked down over my waist at the part in question.

"Of course I'm not really cut out for this game."

I added a "don't you think?". One might as well be civil to the thing.

"Quite so. And what on earth's the point of having lessons when you never take in a word the pro. tells you? Waste of money. Guinea an hour, isn't it?"

"Yes, that's right."

Really this was too much. Extremely bad taste to discuss a fellow's financial affairs.

"Well, if you can't help yourself, I shall just have to try and do my best."

The significance of this remark was lost on me, for I had no time to ask the ball what in the deuce it meant. My opponent had just driven.

"Your turn now, old man. Mine's two hundred yards down, straight."

I thought for a moment of putting the ball in my pocket and using another, but considered a good slice would kill it. I teed up, drove. Just what I wanted, a slice of the first water. But suddenly the ball swerved sharply in mid-air, veered towards the fairway, landed just in front of my opponent's shot.

"Rum flight that."

"Yes, rather . . ."

I approached the ball in a fury.

"Look here, this just isn't sporting. My name'll be mud at the clubhouse."

The ball maintained a cynical expression, said nothing.

"Right! I'm going to hook you now."

No reply. I did. The ball shied in mid-air, as if hitting a brick wall, changed course, and landed on the green. My opponent was yards behind. The nightmare continued. He pitched up. I putted purposely in the wrong direction. The ball executed a little jig and swooped into the hole. My opponent conceded the hole grimly.

We walked in silence to the eleventh. My honour. I swung resignedly, topped it. It trickled along the ground for six inches, suddenly took off, soared into the blue. An agonized howl came from the foursome ahead of us. Evidently it had hit someone. We hurried forward, were met by a nervous young man rubbing his head. He proffered the thing. It was dead.

"Extraordinary howl you made," observed my opponent, trying to laugh the incident off. "Could have heard it at the clubhouse."

"But I never uttered a sound."

They turned towards me, and I glanced at the ball, which was lying quite passively in the palm of my hand.

M.A.H.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL PAPER

1, Tom Kitten. 2, Little Black Sambo. 3, Tigger. 4, Toad's. 5, March Hare. 6, Black Knight. 7, Red Queen. 8, Checkmate. 9, Rook. 10, Pawn. 11, M.I. 12, A.S. 13, K. 14, Massu. 15, Dead Sea Scrolls. 16, Frigates. 17, Bulwark. 18, World Refugee Year. 19-20, J. J. Thomson in 1897. 21, Benedictus. 22, Nunc Dimittis. 23, Benedicite. 24, Jubilate. 25, Venite. 26, Bridgeman. 27, 750. 28, Lorimer. 29, (Clough) Williams-Ellis. 30, (Fielding) Dodd. 31, Architect. 32, Actor. 33, Schoolmaster. 34, Draper (Shop Assistant). 35, Tax-collector (Publican). 36, Clytemnestra. 37, Sinel. 38, Pompey. 39, John of Gaunt. 40, Olivia. 41-45, Aphrodite and Astarte; Artemis and Diana; Aeolus and Hippotades; Alcides and Hercules; Hera and Juno. 46, Richard III. 47, Shorthand. 48, Popes. 49, Flute. 50, Materials. 51, Secret Societies. 52-55, Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple, Middle Temple. 56, Marge (Tennyson—*Morte d'Arthur*). 57, Ail (Keats—*La Belle Dame*). 58, Bier (Milton—*Lycidas*). 59, Porter (Eliot—*The Waste Land*). 60, Gin (Shakespeare—*Twelfth Night*). 61, Port (Milton—*Comus*). 62, Bred (Shakespeare—*The Merchant of Venice*). 63, Mince (Shakespeare—*Othello*). 64, Lamb (Goldsmith—*She Stoops to Conquer*). 65, Fritter (Carroll—*The Hunting of the Snark*). 66, Warwickshire. 67, Buckinghamshire. 68, Devonshire. 69, Hertfordshire. 70, Middlesex. 71, Flintshire. 72, Aberdeenshire. 73 and 74, Three, Seven (Rosetti—*The Blessed Damsel*). 75, 10 (Coleridge—*Kubla Khan*). 76, 3 (Carroll—*Alice in Wonderland*). 77, 50 million (Texas Guinan, 21st March, 1931). 77, Two (Milton—*Lycidas*). 79, Henry James—Novelist. 80, Alex James—Association Footballer. 81, Montague James—Ex-Provost of Eton, or Mediaevalist, or Ghost-story writer. 82, Lord James—High Master, Manchester Grammar School. 83-84, Black and red. 85, Belgium. 86, Ceylon. 87, Tunisia. 88, Cyprus. 89, Iraq. 90, Dryden, Vermeer, Purcell. 91, Pope, Hogarth, Bach. 92, Wordsworth, Turner, Beethoven. 93, Arnold, Van Gogh, Brahms. 94, Eliot, Picasso, Prokofiev. 95, Like (not a conjunction). 96, Bury (in the Third Division). 97, Redshank (not a migrant). 98, O'Reilly (not a scrum-half). 99, Youll. 100, Halford Hewitt.

The English have their merits, too. They are tolerant, patient and loyal, and allow themselves to be governed by the Scots.

Mr. Harold Macmillan.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

Last term's report in *The Stoic* of the Club's activities did not include mention of a most significant event, the 200th meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 15th, 1959, at Vancouver Lodge. On this historic occasion we were honoured by the presence of a distinguished guest, Mr. A. M. Quinton (T, 1942), who talked to us on "The point of Philosophy". He indicated that, called upon at short notice to read a paper, he had decided to rely on his own knowledge of the subject instead of limiting himself by committing his thoughts to paper. The result was a talk the clarity and comprehensiveness of which were startling and instructive. There is no room for any attempt at criticism of his subject matter—if any such criticism could be credited—but his grasp of the subject in its development, mainly over the last century, was outstanding and greatly appreciated by an audience which, if it did not take all of it to heart, at least understood what he was explaining. That is praise of the highest quality; praise which it undoubtedly deserved.

This term the Club has met three times and has suffered a loss in L. A. W. Evans (B), the Secretary, which means that the numbers are not complete at present.

On February 7th the Club gathered to hear a paper on "Dr. Burney" by the present Secretary, which was virtually one large digression, since the acquaintances of Dr. Burney are considerably more interesting than that gentleman himself. J. V. M. Bryans (T) read a paper on "Lorca" on February 26th in which he tried to impart his own admiration for Lorca to a somewhat dubious audience; and on March 11th we listened to L. J. D. McIntyre's (G) informative but highly technical paper on "The Scientific Revolution" which dealt mainly with astronomy and mechanics. Next term we shall look forward to a paper by B. L. Irving (C).

New members of the Club are B. L. Irving, B. K. Huffman (C), A. P. Rosner (C), T. W. J. Waine (G), J. V. M. Bryans, C. B. Tetlow (T) and M. P. Woosman-Mills (C).

T. J. L. G.

THE "59" CLUB

The 59 Club has now proved that it can survive in 1960, thus defeating the pessimists who said that it would be "like a fish out of water". As an illustration, two inspired and interesting papers have been read to us this term. The first was given by C. B. Tetlow (T) on "Advertising", and the second by T. A. Galyean (B) on "The higher productivity per man-hour in the U.S.A. as compared with that of Great Britain". Both meetings were held in the Waiting Room, which has proved very suitable for these meetings, particularly as it has a fire. We are again much indebted to our President, Mr. Donaldson, for his help.

T. A. S. D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium has unfortunately been somewhat dormant this term, mainly owing to the members' reluctance to read a paper. However, on Monday, March 21st, T. E. C. Bushell (C) read a paper on "The America's Cup" with accompanying

pictures on an epidiroscope. Bushell had obviously devoted a lot of time to the preparation of this very informative and rather lengthy paper, but the presentation lacked form and variation and tended to be dull. By the end, the members had certainly learned a great deal about the America's Cup, but whether what they had learned was worth knowing in such detail is doubtful.

M.S.

THE TUESDAY LECTURES

We have again been given a varied and interesting series of lectures and films in the Roxburgh Hall on Tuesday evenings.

- January 26th. Film :— "Week-end at Le Mans", with an introductory talk by Dr. Zettl.
- February 2nd. Film :— "On Such a Night".
- February 9th. Lecture :— "In Northern Waters" by F. R. Newens, Esq., F.R.P.S., F.I.B.P.
- February 16th. Film :— "Chaucer's England".
- February 23rd. Lecture :— "Holland" by J. T. Ducker, Esq.
- March 1st. Lecture :— "Stage Lighting" by Mr. Mounsey and Mr. Cryer.
- March 8th. Films :— "The Road to Canterbury" and "Cathedral City".
- March 22nd. Lecture :— "American Football" by B. K. Huffman (C) and T. A. Galyean (B).
- March 29th. Lecture :— "Road Safety" by Superintendent Bright, Head of Traffic Department, Bucks. County Constabulary.

R.A.C.T.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

A visitors' debate, the downfall of the Concord ceiling, and the reshuffle caused by the Secretary's flight to the backwoods of Canada, have all contributed to make this term far from ordinary.

The first debate of term was held in "Concord" on January 31st. The motion was that "This House is fed up with Christmas." THE TREASURER and MR. P. M. WHITFIELD (T) proposed the motion, and MESSRS. T. A. S. DUFTY (B) and B. K. HUFFMAN (C) opposed. There ensued a battle of cynicism versus the typical bulldog attitude, and although the members of the Upper House showed themselves rationalistic to a point, many were surprised to see the Lower House voting decidedly for convention.

The next debate of term, on Sunday, February 28th, was a fitting fulfilment of the planning and scheming of the President and Secretary. SIR ISAIAH BERLIN, MR. A. M. QUINTON (T, 1942), THE HON. GEOFFREY CUNLIFFE and MR. OSCAR HAHN came to Stowe to debate a motion which it was hoped directly concerned them all: that "In the opinion of this House the best brains in a modern world should be found in the boardroom rather than the common-room." It had been arranged that the two dons, Sir Isaiah Berlin and Mr. Quinton, should speak against the interests of education, leaving their defence to Mr. Cunliffe and Mr. Hahn. Having wined and dined in excellent style, the committee and its guests moved to the Library, the scene of all pre-war debates. The House was very full and showed great appreciation of the excellent speaking which the motion drew from the visitors. Happily, the Stowe debaters rose bravely to the occasion, and the pace was not allowed to slacken for a moment

after the initial four speeches. Arguments varied from amusing anecdotes about eccentric schoolmasters to philosophical disquisitions concerning the real meaning of "brains".

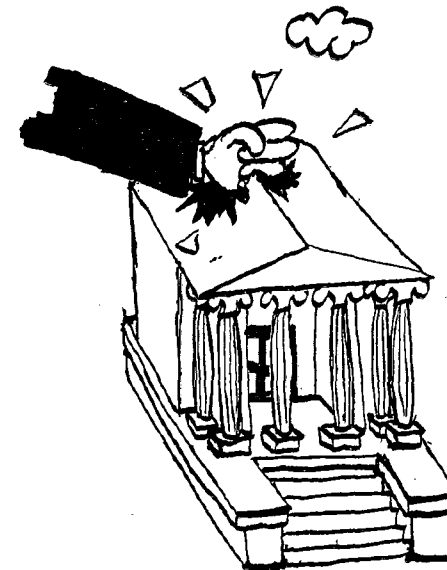
Judging from the enthusiastic applause which punctuated the whole proceedings, interest and enjoyment never flagged. On a division being taken it was found that the industrialists had managed very successfully to prove that the common-room is the rightful home of all self-respecting brains. Everyone concerned was pleased with the result of this venture and it is to be hoped that another such debate can be arranged some time in the future.

The third and last debate of term was held in the Library, Concord having collapsed, on March 27th. The overall impression of this debate was an unfortunate feeling of anti-climax, which, coupled with the fact that the Secretary of only a few weeks' standing had in a moment of misguided genius arranged an undebatable motion, did not help matters. However, on the motion of "This House considers that Might is Right", MR. T. A. GALYEAN (B) and MR. L. M. THOMAS (B), opposed by THE TREASURER and MR. J. V. M. BRYANS (T), tried, if ineffectually, to do the impossible. The House eventually and apparently by intuition arrived at the conclusion that Might was Right and thus ended the term's debating.

Messrs. T. A. Galyean (B), I. D. Fenston (W), A. R. Negus (B) and L. M. Thomas (B) have been elected to the Society this term.

Officers of the Society until February 28th were :—Secretary, L. A. W. Evans (B); Treasurer, B. L. Irving (C); Librarian, M. A. Harris (G); Co-opted Member, J. N. Wates (B). After this date : Secretary, B. L. Irving (C); Treasurer, M. A. Harris (G); Librarian, J. N. Wates (B); Co-opted Member, P. M. Whitfield (T).

B.L.I.



THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was held on Thursday, February 11th, when we saw two film-strips. The first was on Greek architecture, with a commentary by J. M. Jocelyn (B). It showed us the evolution of the Greek style with some very good diagrams of temples and theatres. Mr. Mounsey followed with a film-strip on Roman architecture. He gave a most interesting commentary, pointing out that Roman architecture was too easily discarded as frivolous. Much of the work, especially the aqueducts and bridges, is exceedingly beautiful.

On February 18th R. W. Alexander (G), following on from the previous meeting, commented on two film-strips of early Christian and Romanesque architecture. We were taken from the earliest churches in Italy to the great Romanesque cathedrals of Germany and France.

On expedition day the Society visited Cambridge. We saw King's College Chapel, Trinity College Library and many interesting halls and courts of other colleges. We ended a most successful day with tea at Trinity Hall.

On Thursday, March 24th, J. J. W. Hamilton (C) commented on a film-strip of Gothic architecture and R. C. Jenks (W) gave a short talk on Lichfield Cathedral.

The film-strips have made this term an extremely enjoyable one for the Society, and lectures and expeditions have covered a wide variety of architectural styles.

S.R.H.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of this newly-formed Society was held on January 31st. This was only a preliminary meeting in order to enrol members and discuss further meetings. During the second meeting of the Society, which was held on Monday, February 29th, the Secretary gave a talk on the prehistoric temples of Malta. During his talk the Secretary, with the aid of photographs, traced the evolution and final phase of temple building in Malta.

The last meeting was held on Sunday, April 3rd. In the course of this meeting, members studied maps of the nearby Roman road in preparation for next term, when it is hoped that certain unmapped sections of the road will be traced and some field-work in the form of trial trenches and cross-sections can be carried out.

Small parties of boys went with Dr. David to a meeting of the Buckingham Archaeological Society, and with Mr. Clarke to the Ashmolean Museum.

There was no expedition this term, but it is hoped that there will be one in the Summer.

J.M.J.

THE BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This term has seen the rebirth of this once very popular Society. As yet, however, few people have taken an active interest in our biological work and it is hoped that next term more positive results will be reached. Good progress has already been made in the mounting of the skeleton of a frog by A. N. Ventris (T), and A. J. Barber-Lomax (G) has been preparing slides. I. R. Ferrier (T) has started controlled experiments on mice and hopes to have some interesting results available by the beginning of next term. He has also made some progress this term in the mounting of a pigeon skeleton.

I.R.F.

THE CONGREVE CLUB

The Club, which usually rescinds its activities during the season of House plays, has this year carried on a fairly extensive programme. Early in the term a meeting of the Club arranged drama classes, which were taken by Mr. Bain and Mr. Kellie. These have attracted mainly the younger members. For the more senior members there was a play-reading of *Blithe Spirit*, which was extremely successful, A. W. V. Ireland (C) turning Miss Prism into Madame Arcati with admirable results.

There has been serious discussion about the forming of a group, inside the Club, of senior members with a view to either reading or producing more intellectual or avant-garde plays which would only appeal to a limited audience. Names have been taken and we hope that next term this idea will become reality with a small production played to a small invited audience.

B.L.I.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We have had two meetings during the term at which films on the technique of photography were shown. The Society has undertaken to give an exhibition of portraits of Stowe "Worthies" on Old Stoic Day next term.

M.W.W.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This has been a term of films and lectures, with only one expedition. The expedition, to the Science Museum, South Kensington, was notable for being more highly organised and educative than previous visits. A most worthwhile lecture on "The Electron Microscope and the Cell" was delivered by Dr. G. A. Meek, of the Biochemistry Department at Oxford, and films on a variety of more or less scientific topics have been shown at intervals. One formal business meeting was held early in the term, at which it was learnt that the Society is solvent.

T.C.J.M.

THE RADIO CLUB

The Radio Club got off to a bright start this term despite the fact that many of the more experienced members left at the end of the Winter term.

To make use of the equipment donated last term, a new class for beginners, under the supervision of Mr. Gibbs, has been organised and is now in full swing; the equipment enables beginners to build a three-valve receiver.

At a meeting held on February 4th, thirteen members attended and the following were elected to the Committee: G. F. Arbib (T), President; W. R. Luke (T), Secretary; C. C. Parker (W), Treasurer.

W.R.L.

THE SHORT-WAVE LISTENING CLUB

This Club, founded last term, has flourished under the able Presidency of Mr. Fox. This term, the 'shack' has been fully wired and painted by the club members—numbering three.

Next term we hope to produce a bulletin on our activities for those interested.

W.M.H.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This term a new turntable has been set up in the Gramophone Room, and several new records have been added, including Verdi's Requiem Mass and Mozart's Clarinet Quintet. Some records have been transferred from Section A to Section B, and it is hoped to set in order and catalogue the old 78 r.p.m. recordings by the end of term.

J.F.R.S.

THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB

This term the Society has advanced in great strides. The highlight of its activities was the dance held on February 27th. Twelve members took part, and our guests were members of Hampden House. The evening was a great success, and we hope we shall be able to have more like it in the near future.

It was found necessary to place the Society on a more official footing. This was done by introducing membership cards and subscriptions, which should in time enable the Society to be independent in its activities. At present we rely on Mr. Hunt and Mr. Gibbs for records, books and equipment.

At the beginning of term many of the younger members of the School lent their support but enthusiasm has wavered. Although we still have a hard core of keen members, new members will be welcome. There has been little interruption due to illness.

Next term we hope to begin Highland dancing.

M.L.A.H.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

There has been one meeting so far this term, on February 7th, when several new members joined the Society. On March 3rd a party of 30 visited the Severn Wildfowl Trust grounds at Slimbridge, the finest collection of waterfowl in the world. Species of interest which had been added to the collection since our last visit included Hooded Merganser, Steller's Eider and Harlequin duck. Other rare species, notably the King Eiders, had increased considerably in numbers. The expedition was greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

F.P.G.A-B.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

Very few records of interest have been made this term. On February 14th a group of Widgeon, duck which are seldom seen at Stowe, was observed circling the lakes by several people. During the snowy weather in early February, a young swan crash-landed outside the Biology Labs., and as it showed no inclination to move, had eventually to be driven back to the lakes. The grebes arrived unusually early; one pair appeared on February 4th and on the 8th was joined by a second pair. The latter subsequently disappeared. Tufted Duck have been numerous throughout the term. At the time of writing (March 19th) they are tending to occur as definite pairs rather than the tight flocks which are characteristic of the first few weeks of term, and so with any luck they may breed here this year. Last spring they almost did so, but eventually departed in mid-April.

F.P.G.A-B.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

At a meeting held early this term W. R. E. Redfern (G) was elected Chairman of the Club, and A. J. Morison (G), Secretary. Mr. Bulford has become Club Leader in place of Mr. Pinchbeck, who is now joint Vice-President with Mr. Barr. The only other event this term was a film on *Abortion and Sterility in Cattle*, which was shown on March 14th.

W.R.E.R.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This Society has been revived after about a year's gap since the last meeting. After a slow start, the numbers and enthusiasm have risen considerably. Starting in the rather humble Room 10, the Society has staked a claim to a fortnightly session in the Aurelian Room.

On January 27th the first meeting was held and the Committee was elected. The members are:—President and Chairman, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl; Vice-Chairman, G. T. M. Hayes (G); Clerk of the House, R. Pasley-Tyler (G); Secretary, P. T. Hirst (G).

The first motion debated was "In the opinion of this House film-stars are the aristocrats of to-day." Hayes, proposing, made an extremely good speech, and the motion was won by 7 votes to 6. The next motion, "A good dance is preferable to a good book", was proposed by Pasley-Tyler and Hirst, and opposed by Hayes and the Hon. N. V. B. Wallop (G). It was won by 9 votes to 4. "This House believes in ghosts" was well debated on March 10th. It seemed that this House did not believe in ghosts, for the motion was lost by 13 votes to 22. Then came "It is better to be a historian than a scientist", on March 17th. This was also lost, by 12 votes to 18. And to round up the term there was a Boomerang session on March 24th.

P.T.H.

THE ARCHERY CLUB

Shooting this term has been limited owing to the weather, but nevertheless the number of members has increased.

Next term it is hoped to invite the Stoke Mandeville coach to Stowe, to give our archers a little helpful advice. If our standard improves, a match against Stoke Mandeville may be arranged.

S.B.M.

THE LATRUNCULARIANS

The Society has been meeting each week this term, and the Vice-President has usually given some quick tuition to members before play. No member left last term but this term G. N. Rodan (W), M. P. Dixey (B), M. A. Harris (G), B. D. Schottlander (G) and C. M. St. J. Knight (G) were elected to the Society. Our annual match was, as usual, lost, Rugby beating us 5—1, but the Bedford match, a new fixture, was won by 4½ to 1½.

R.F.G.W.

THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

It is hoped to re-form the Stowe Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, which flourished in the years immediately before the War. Several sites for the shooting ground are under consideration, and a complete new set of equipment is required, but shooting should start next term.

A.M.V.

THE JAZZ CLUB

At the end of last term the Dixieland Jazz Band performed before the School in the Roxburgh Hall. This was our second public performance, and, I think, more successful than the first. Once again the session was recorded and we have found the tape-recordings invaluable.

This term, however, we have had few sessions for two main reasons. The first is that we have suffered the loss of our very fine clarinettist, Both, and also our tuba-player, Whiteley. The second, and perhaps the more important reason, is that most of us are tied up with forthcoming exams.

In the few sessions that we have had this term, we have tried out a new clarinet player to play with M. J. R. Wightman (C) (trumpet) and J. Curwin (G) (trombone) in the front-line, and have also used a string-bass in preference to a tuba to play in the rhythm-section with R. A. M. Birchenough (G) (banjo), T. D. A. Cecil (C) (piano) and C. D. Richardson (C) (drums). We have also been aiming at increasing our repertoire, and, although we have been unable to give a concert this term, we are planning to put one on next term.

J.C.

ESTATE WORK

Efforts have been largely confined to Monday Extras, during which A. J. Morison (G) and P. N. T. Phillips (T) have helped in removing a large beech tree which inconsiderately blew down into the Eleven Acre Lake during an autumn gale. The Sailing and Venus Clubs will be glad when it no longer presents an added hazard to navigation.

R. W. Alexander (G) and others have been active in the clearing of some elder from the Japanese Garden, a part of the grounds which has become increasingly obscured in recent years by jungle-like growth. P. M. Bell (G) has been seen on occasions armed with tree-felling equipment, and in due course it is expected that a clearer view of the Palladian Bridge from the Doric Arch will be the result.

Much professional work is being done. In the Buckingham Avenue felling has begun in preparation for re-planting. It is expected that by the end of September various sections of the avenue, amounting in all to about one third of its total length, will have been cleared and that by Christmas these will all be re-planted, with Elm from Buckingham to Chackmore corner and with Beech from there to the Corinthian Arch. This will involve the planting this year of about four hundred trees. A further third should be planted in seven to ten years' time and the final third in fifteen to twenty years. The avenue along the Queen's Drive has been treated differently, and nearly two hundred trees have been planted in spaces caused by felling and natural decay.

Horse Chestnuts have been planted between the Silver Spruces along Nelson's Walk in the hope that they will do better than the conifers. The Buchanan Avenue of Limes (*Tilia Cordata*) has been doubled with outer lines of *Tilia Tormentosa*. A line of Cornish Elms has been planted along the North West boundary fence here. The grass along this straight piece will in future be mowed instead of being grown for hay, which will greatly improve its appearance. A great deal of planting has been done to hide from the Buchanan Avenue the unfortunate appearance of some of the School buildings.

C.C.F.

During the Christmas holidays Capt. B. J. Cryer and five cadets spent a week walking in the Welsh mountains.

Field Day, February 24th, was spent in a variety of activities. The R.N. Section visited Portsmouth and went to sea in H.M.S. Laleston, the Proficiency Company (1) visited the 17 Bn. R.A.O.C., Bicester, and the R.A.F. Section went to R.A.F., Gaydon, but could not fly because of the weather conditions. The Civil Defence Section spent the day fire-fighting at Bletchley. The Proficiency Company (2) practised for its examination and did some unarmed combat with Capt. D. S. Duckworth (G, 1950), Inns of Court Regt., T.A., while the Basic Platoons did initiative and map-reading exercises locally.

At the request of the 3/4 County of London Yeomanry, 'Sharpshooters', T.A., the Corps organized an infantry training week-end for them on March 12th and 13th. It took the form of a night patrolling exercise, and 3 officers and 40 cadets took part with 'C' Squadron Sharpshooters.

Examination results :—(R.N. Section) Naval Proficiency—8 passed (2 with credit), 1 failed; (Army Section) Basic Test—12 passed; Proficiency—53 passed (3 with credit); Signals Classification—5 passed; R.E. Classification—15 passed; (R.A.F. Section) Advanced Proficiency—4 passed; R.A.F. Proficiency—22 passed, 2 failed.

Sgt. M. B. M. Canavan (C) and P.O. the Hon. T. A. Jocelyn (B) are to be congratulated on passing the Civil Service Examination for entry into Cranwell and Dartmouth respectively. Cpl. E. K. Hyslop (T) has been awarded a Flying Scholarship. Cpl./Tech. M. N. B. Druce (G) and Cdt. J. A. M. Gifford (C) have been awarded Continuous Gliding Courses.

The following officers have visited Stowe this term :—Col. Hinton, R.E., the Chief Engineer, Salisbury Plain District, and Major A. S. G. Dymond, R.E., Garrison Engineer, Bicester, on February 26th; Capt. G. L. Duckworth, Royal Tank Regt., (C, 1949), who gave an account of his trip with two Sandhurst cadets to Timbuctoo; W/Cdr. W. M. Collins, D.F.C., C.C.F.2/H.Q. and F/Lt. W. A. Bayer, Schools Liaison Officer from the same unit, and S/Ldr. D. Blucke from the Air Ministry; Major E. Ellis, R.A.O.C., who was President of the Proficiency Board, and Major W. T. Sharp, R.E., from the Royal Military College of Science, who classified the R.E. candidates.

The Annual Inspection will be carried out on June 15th, 1960, by Lieut.-General Sir Harold Pyman, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

The Army Training camp this year will be held at the R.M.A., Sandhurst, from July 26th to August 3rd. The R.N. Section is going to the R.N.C., Dartmouth, and H.M.S. Vernon in mid-August, and in April the R.A.F. Section will be flying at R.A.F., Coltishall.

The following promotions and appointments have been made this term :—

Appointed to *Senior Under-Officer* : Under-Officer L. M. Thomas (B).

Appointed to *Under-Officer* : Sgts. T. A. S. Dufty (B), P. L. Duncan (B), D. S. Watson (C).

Promoted to *Sergeant* : Cpls. S. Lloyd (C), D. E. A. Marrow (W), D. Moyle (W), A. R. Woodbridge (G).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. A. D. Cooper (W), B. E. Dawson (W), A. R. Shackleton (W), P. M. Whitfield (T), T. A. A. St. Johnston (C), G. M. Yannaghas (W).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. R. W. Alexander (G), D. P. Bentall (C), A. M. Brown (T), C. H. Cator (C), P. G. Farquhar (W), I. R. Ferrier (T), J. D. Lerner (C), S. B. Murray (C), C. P. Robinson (T), J. N. Sadler (C), D. B. H. Scott (C), H. P. Taylor (C), G. T. Todd (C), M. J. R. Wightman (C), C. D. Winchester (C), M. P. Woosnam-Mills (C), R. B. B. Ivory (T).

The following specialist promotions and appointments have been made this term:—

R.N. SECTION.

Rated *P.O.*: L.S the Hon. T. A. Jocelyn (B).

Rated *L.S.*: A.B. L. J. D. McIntyre (G).

Rated *A.B.*: Cdts. A. M. C. Batten (T), R. R. Blagg (C), R. T. W. Noton (C).

SIGNALS SECTION.

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpl. M. C. Sabey (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. J. J. Earle (T), T. A. Hankey (C), P. M. Henry (C), M. L. A. Hope (T), R. L. McKenzie (G).

R.E. TROOP.

Appointed to *Under-Officer*: Sgt. R. S. Dunlop (B).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpl. T. V. Partridge (C).

Appointed to *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. J. E. Crowther (C), M. P. Dixey (B), G. E. W. Morse (C), J. R. Wingad (C), R. F. G. Wrottesley (G).

R.A.F. SECTION.

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. M. B. M. Canavan (C), T. J. L. Gauvain (T).

Promoted to *Corporal*: S/Cdts. P. M. Bell (C), P. C. L. Haussauer (G), E. K. Hyslop (T), D. R. Loxton (C).

THE PINEAPPLE

As reported elsewhere, the Chairman of the London Pineapple Committee, M. T. D. Patmore, has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. He has been associated with the Pineapple Club ever since its very beginning. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

The Warden, Mr. W. Peckham, has had to resign at short notice for family business reasons. For the whole of this term the Club has been maintained by Mr. A. Harris, a Club Old Boy, and a group of Old Stoics, who have given a lot of time to keep things going.

A new Warden, Mr. A. Harber, has now been appointed; and it is hoped that he will be taking over after the Easter week-end.

A further step towards the building of the new Club has developed as a result of the publication of the Albermarle Report. The Ministry of Education is now prepared to give a 50% grant towards any approved capital expenditure. There are still several difficulties to be overcome, but the future is far more optimistic.

The Club is open every evening during the week, Wednesdays being reserved for Old Boys, and always welcomes visits from Old Stoics.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE SCHOOL v. ETON

Played at Stowe on Thursday, February 4th. Won 13—3.

The match was by no means as uneven as the score might suggest. It certainly looked as though it might be a walk-over when Knight opened the scoring after a good break from the base of the scrum by Hamp-Ferguson. Hamp-Ferguson converted this try. But Eton fought back with some very fierce rushes by their forwards, who surprised a nonchalant Stowe pack. D. R. Digger kicked a good penalty for Eton. With the half-time score at 5—3 it looked very much as though the superiority of the Stowe backs would be unavailing against the heavy, dominating Eton pack.

Stowe, however, were fortunate to score twice in the second half. On the first occasion Parkinson followed up rapidly after the Eton full-back had failed to touch down. On the second, Salamon found himself clear after some quick passing which followed a well-taken short penalty. His speed was sufficient to take him behind the posts for a try, which Hamp-Ferguson converted.

Team:—J. A. Jefferson (C); M. J. Summerlin (C), P. M. Salamon (C), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), R. J. Preston (B); G. D. Parkinson (W), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); R. S. Dunlop (B), M. J. R. Wightman (C), T. A. S. Dufty (B), R. A. C. Thompson (C), L. A. W. Evans (B), A. C. Booth (C), C. H. Clucas (W), R. M. Coulson (C).

The Colts beat Eton Colts 13—0.

HOUSE MATCHES

The re-organisation of House matches into three separate competitions produced many critics (and not many of them of the armchair variety), but the usual keen rivalry. The Under-16½ teams were called the Colts, and the Under-15 teams were Juniors, who fought with an enthusiasm which belied their knowledge that no cup had been presented.

SENIORS

The first round provided one walk-over and the only extra time of the competition. Temple, with a strong pack and an agile D. R. Sabberton at fly-half, were clearly strong contenders. Below them Chatham had too strong a three-quarter line for Chandos. Thus the first semi-final was a gruelling match in which play swung from one end of the field to the other, and the only score, not against the second-half run of play (but certainly against the first), came from a dribble by the Temple scrum-half and a try near the posts.

In the lower half of the draw Walpole were clearly better than Grafton, especially behind the scrum, where A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson and G. D. Parkinson controlled the attack and organised the defence. At the same time the Bruce forwards had the better of Cobham, but the five Under-Officers in their pack were insufficient to compensate for the lack of generalship outside it. Bruce scored their solitary try only after seven minutes of the second period of extra time. In this second semi-final

it was clearly a question whether this pack would gain possession often enough to nullify the power of the Walpole backs. In this they did not quite succeed, for a Walpole forward broke away to score an unconverted try near the corner.

In the final, after the ground had suffered from repeated soakings and appeared to be nearly water-logged, the play was much more open than might have been expected. The Temple pack gained the advantage insufficiently in the first half. A beautiful break-through and run down the left wing for a try by Parkinson was perhaps the finest seen in the competition. But it was too far out to give Hamp-Ferguson any chance to convert it. A push-over try by Temple near the posts should have given them the lead, but the kick failed. Another fine try by Parkinson and a penalty by Hamp-Ferguson brought the half-time score to 9-3 in favour of Walpole.

The second half saw the breakdown of many Temple movements engineered by Sabberton and R. B. B. Avory, and there seemed no likelihood of a try. Hamp-Ferguson failed with three attempted drops at goal (two by very narrow margins), but Walpole were still able to keep play in the Temple half until the closing moments, when the Walpole forwards, despite the efforts of C. H. Clucas, started to flag. R. D. de B. Bingham kicked a penalty, but it was too late. The whistle which signalled this success signalled also the end of the game.

Temple	}	Temple (33-0)	}	Temple (5-0)	}	Walpole (9-6)
Grenville						
Chatham	}	Chatham (9-0)				
Chandos						
Walpole	}	Walpole (10-0)				
Grafton						
Bruce	}	Bruce (3-0)				
Cobham						

COLTS

The Colts' matches were less evenly fought out. No match was won by less than 11 points. This did not mean that the teams with one or two strong players dominated the play. The strong Colts' team of last term was fairly evenly distributed, but Grenville's powerful backs (C. M. St. J. Knight, J. W. O. Allerton and C. A. McIntyre) were more than a counterbalance to their somewhat lighter pack, which was led by A. J. Morison and contained a very promising performer in J. V. M. Froggatt.

The runaway victory of Temple in the first round was countered by a good all-round Grafton side in which J. F. Burns, D. H. Temple and T. D. B. Lee were prominent. Grenville in the other half of the draw had easy victories, in part if not wholly because their opponents had strengthened their senior side with Colts.

On scoring power alone there seemed to be the prospect of a good final. The great surprise was the early score by Grafton, deserved, however, on the run of the play. But then the Grenville superiority showed itself, and though Grafton never gave up, the strong running of Knight and Allerton, and a prodigious number of dummies sold and bought, were too much for them.

Temple	}	Temple (52-0)	}	Grafton (28-0)	}	Grenville (14-3)
Chandos						
Grafton	}	Grafton (12-0)				
Walpole						
Chatham	}	Chatham (20-0)				
Cobham						
Grenville	}	Grenville (34-0)				
Bruce						

JUNIORS

The Junior teams were for the most part evenly matched. There were no outstanding backs and the results were usually achieved by powerful forwards. This was especially true of Chandos, for whom R. W. Bailey-King and N. G. F. Hesketh used their weight well, while R. U. Dawson and C. J. de Mowbray showed up well in the loose. Bruce, who played them in the semi-final, relied on M. P. Llewellyn in the pack and D. M. Mash and S. H. Arnold outside, but were outplayed.

Temple had a strong pair of halves in P. H. L. Higham and A. R. G. Scott-Gall, who were able to subdue the Grenville forwards.

The final provided a dull spectacle. Chandos had such a heavy scrum and such a monopoly of the ball that Temple did well to run them so close. After J. M. D. Powell had kicked a penalty for Chandos, Temple went ahead with an interception by M. R. Leon and a conversion and penalty by A. P. B. Sutton. But Chandos decided their backs were not to be trusted and in the mauls which followed scored two unconverted tries.

Chandos	}	Chandos (29-0)	}	Chandos (29-0)	}	Chandos (9-8)
Walpole						
Bruce	}	Bruce (11-0)				
Chatham						
Temple	}	Temple (8-0)				
Cobham						
Grenville	}	Grenville (24-0)				
Grafton						

JUNIOR RUGGER

In last term's report on the Under-14 Rugger the names mentioned should have been C. C. Parker (W) and R. U. Dawson (C). When this team took on Eton this term, Stowe won 40-0, bringing the season's total up to 231 against 46.

The Easter Juniors won two matches by narrow margins against Swanbourne, but lost against Akeley Wood. Those available for this team had lots of ability but little determination and no leadership.

ATHLETICS

This has been the most successful season the School has had for some years. The senior team has won all its matches convincingly, and the juniors have only lost one match, and that narrowly. We have been fortunate in that illness and weather have not seriously affected the teams or their performances. The secret of the success has been in the all-round strength of the teams, in which there have been no gaps and everyone has performed creditably and consistently. However, some have been pillars of strength and deserve special mention: Jones has won all but one of his twelve races and must be one of the best sprinters that the School has produced; Vapenik, who trained hard and conscientiously, has been very successful in the Discus and Shot Putt; Salamon, the captain, has hurdled consistently well; Knight has run some very good middle-distance races, but has yet to realize his full potential; Thompson and Parkinson have jumped to very good effect; Baird and Hamp-Ferguson have both produced some good javelin throws. Among the juniors, I. A. H. Sitwell (B), M. J. Summerlin (C), J. Curwin (G), C. J. N. Felton (B), A. J. Morison (G) and C. A. McIntyre (G) have all performed consistently well, and their performances point to another good season next year.

Results:—

- Thurs., March 17th. *v.* OUNDLE (at Stowe).
Seniors: Stowe 73½, Oundle 44½.
Juniors: Stowe 63; Oundle 43.
- Sat., March 19th. *v.* RADLEY AND CHELTENHAM (at Radley).
Seniors: Stowe 90, Cheltenham 68, Radley 66.
Juniors: Radley 83½, Stowe 70, Cheltenham 53½.
- Thurs., March 24th. *v.* BEDFORD (at Stowe).
Seniors: Stowe 71, Bedford 47.
- Sat., March 26th. *v.* BERKHAMSTED (at Berkhamsted).
Seniors: Stowe 68, Berkhamsted 41.
Juniors: Stowe 57, Berkhamsted 38.

Colours were awarded to the following:—P. M. Salamon (S), B. B. Jones (B), G. J. Vapenik (B), G. D. Parkinson (W), R. A. C. Thompson (S), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), A. A. J. Baird (T), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. R. Loxton (S).

THE MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight competitors from Stowe went to Birmingham on March 29th to take part in these championships, in which nineteen schools were represented. In very cold and tempestuous weather the following results were achieved: Salamon, 1st in the 200 Yards Hurdles and 2nd in the 120 Yards Hurdles; Knight, 1st in the Half-Mile; Jones, 2nd in the 220 Yards; Parkinson, 2nd in the Pole Vault and 3rd in the Long Jump; Thompson, 2nd in the High Jump; Vapenik, 3rd in the Shot Putt and 3rd in the Discus; Baird, 3rd in the Javelin; Summerlin, 4th in the Long Jump.

In view of the competition and the prevailing conditions, all the performances reflected great credit on the competitors.

ATHLETICS

KNIGHT WINNING THE HALF-MILE
 AT RADLEY

JONES TAKING OVER FROM SALAMON IN THE
 4 × 110 YARDS RELAY AGAINST OUNDLE

Photographs by R.F.C. and J.M.P.P.



THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The School Sports were held on April 1st and 2nd. Both days were free from rain, but the weather was cool and it was very blustery on the second day. Bruce won the House Cup, and several individual performances were worthy of mention. Among the Seniors, Jones' 440 Yards in 52.4 secs., Knight's 880 Yards in 2 mins. 1.1 secs., Salamon's Hurdles in 16.5 secs. and Parkinson's Long Jump of 20 ft. 10 ins. were very praiseworthy performances. In the Under-16 events, Sitwell, Summerlin, McIntyre, Box and Walker distinguished themselves, and Kilpatrick, Williamson-Noble, Arnold, Dawson and Dawes showed themselves to be promising Juniors.

Results:—

OPEN EVENTS

- 100 Yards.—1, B. B. Jones (B); 2, P. M. Salamon (S); 3, G. D. Parkinson (W); 4, T. D. Mustard (B); 5, M. Ramsden (C); 6, A. J. Murdoch (T). Time, 11.1 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1, B. B. Jones; 2, P. M. Salamon; 3, T. D. Mustard; 4, M. Ramsden; 5, A. J. Murdoch; 6, C. D. Winchester (C). Time, 23.9 secs.
- 440 Yards.—1, B. B. Jones; 2, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); 3, G. D. Parkinson; 4, D. R. Loxton (S); 5, J. A. Booth (S); 6, J. Curwin (G). Time, 52.4 secs.
- 880 Yards.—1, C. M. St. J. Knight; 2, D. R. Loxton; 3, P. L. Duncan (B); 4, J. Curwin; 5, J. A. Booth; 6, A. D. G. Shillington (C). Time, 2 mins. 1.1 secs.
- Mile.—1, C. M. St. J. Knight; 2, P. L. Duncan; 3, J. A. Booth; 4, D. R. Loxton; 5, A. C. Booth (S); 6, J. Curwin. Time, 4 mins. 59.4 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.—1, P. M. Salamon; 2, D. R. Loxton; 3, R. C. Osner (C); 4, A. A. J. Baird (T); 5, R. M. Jefferson (C); 6, S. P. B. Capel (B). Time, 16.5 secs.
- High Jump.—1, R. A. C. Thompson (S); 2, P. M. Salamon; 3, B. G. S. Macoun (S); 4, R. S. Dunlop (B); 5, R. R. Blagg (C); 6, C. C. Bell (C). Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.
- Long Jump.—1, G. D. Parkinson; 2, R. C. Osner; 3, R. A. C. Thompson; 4, J. A. Booth; 5, M. J. Summerlin (C); 6, A. C. Booth. Distance, 20 ft. 10 ins.
- Pole Vault.—1, G. D. Parkinson; 2, R. St. C. Strange (S); 3, equal, J. M. Mahon (B) and R. F. G. Wrottesley (G); 5, C. P. R. Dubois (C). Height, 8 ft. 9 ins.
- Weight.—1, G. J. Vapenik (B); 2, R. A. C. Thompson; 3, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W); 4, A. D. Cooper (W); 5, A. J. Morison (G); 6, J. R. Wingad (C). Distance, 39 ft. 10½ ins.
- Discus.—1, G. J. Vapenik; 2, A. J. Morison; 3, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson; 4, H. H. Marshall (T); 5, J. A. Jefferson (C); 6, C. C. Bell. Distance, 123 ft. 2½ ins.
- Javelin.—1, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson; 2, A. A. J. Baird; 3, D. H. Temple (S); 4, M. J. S. Freeland (C); 5, equal, J. H. E. Pasmore (C) and D. S. Watson (C). Distance, 162 ft. 5 ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

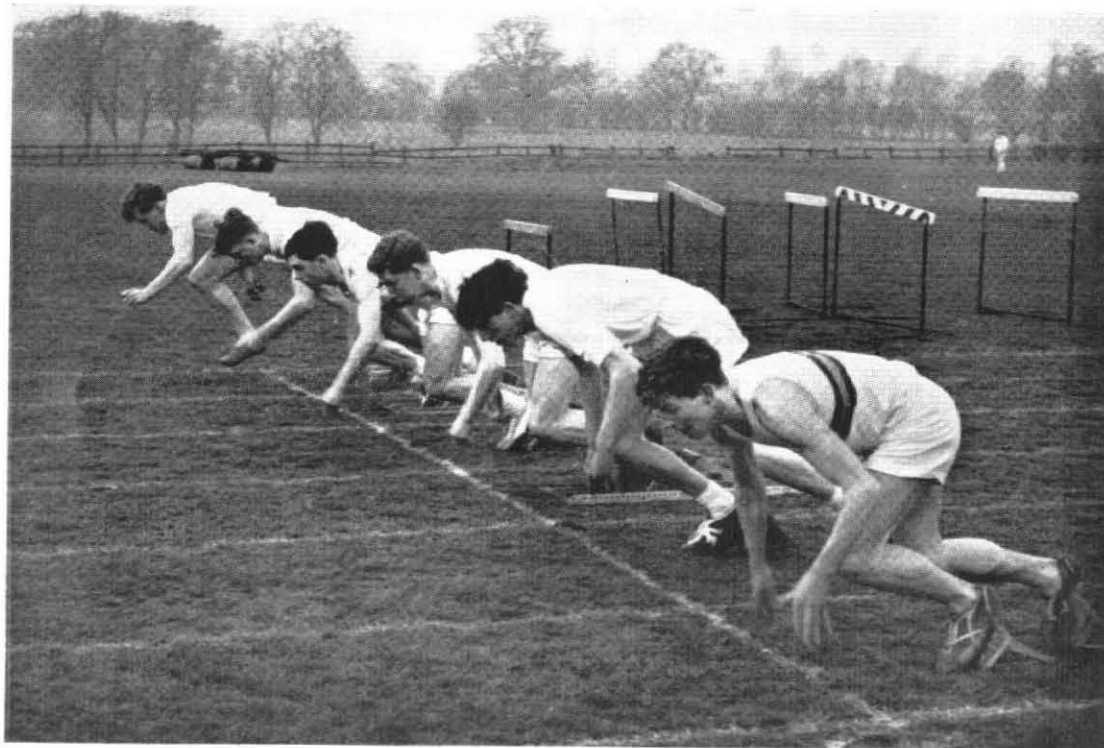
- 100 Yards.—1, I. A. H. Sitwell (B); 2, M. J. Summerlin (C); 3, D. E. B. Walker (C); 4, M. Spira (C); 5, C. P. R. Dubois (C). Time, 11.4 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1, I. A. H. Sitwell; 2, D. E. B. Walker; 3, D. B. T. Aikman (T); 4, W. P. C. Stern (C); 5, C. P. R. Dubois. Time, 25.9 secs.
- 440 Yards.—1, I. A. H. Sitwell; 2, C. A. McIntyre (G); 3, W. P. C. Stern; 4, R. J. Box (C); 5, P. R. J. Elliott (T). Time, 57.1 secs.



G. D. PARKINSON



R. A. C. THOMPSON



THE START OF THE HUNDRED YARDS AT RADLEY

880 Yards.—1, C. A. McIntyre; 2, W. P. C. Stern; 3, R. J. Box; 4, D. B. T. Aikman; 5, P. F. Brown (C). Time, 2 mins. 14 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, R. J. Box; 2, C. A. McIntyre; 3, D. B. T. Aikman; 4, N. J. Grace (C); 5, P. F. Brown. Time, 3 mins. 39.4 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.—1, D. E. B. Walker; 2, W. P. Davis (B); 3, N. O. G. Murray (C); 4, J. M. Blayney (C); 5, N. J. Grace. Time, 16.8 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. F. Burns (C); 2, W. P. Davis; 3, equal, G. E. Rawlings (C) and R. A. Bishop (C); 5, J. M. Blayney. Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump.—1, I. A. H. Sitwell; 2, C. A. McIntyre; 3, D. B. T. Aikman; 4, D. H. Temple (C). Distance 18 ft. 5 ins.

Weight.—1, M. J. Summerlin; 2, G. E. Rawlings; 3, M. S. J. Rappolt (B); 4, M. M. Orr (T); 5, C. C. F. Bouchier (C). Distance, 39 ft. 3 ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—T. G. E. Kilpatrick (C); 2, D. Hadfield (W); 3, S. H. Arnold (B); 4, N. K. Rice (C); 5, M. S. J. Rappolt (B). Time, 11.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 2, D. Hadfield; 3, S. H. Arnold; 4, N. K. Rice; 5, S. A. Bishop (C). Time, 26.9 secs.

440 Yards.—1, S. H. Arnold; 2, M. A. Williamson-Noble (T); 3, M. R. Leon (T); 4, E. S. Dawes (B); 5, R. R. Willis (B). Time, 59.1 secs.

880 Yards.—1, M. A. Williamson-Noble; 2, E. S. Dawes; 3, R. U. Dawson (C); 4, R. R. Willis; 5, J. V. M. Froggart (G). Time, 2 mins. 20.7 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles.—1, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 2, C. D. W. Holness (G); 3, M. J. Dunlop (C); 4, L. M. Barnard (B); 5, N. K. Rice. Time, 11.7 secs.

High Jump.—1, M. J. Dunlop; 2, M. A. L. Ashcroft (C); 3, J. E. Poole (C); 4, M. P. Llewellyn (B); 5, L. M. Barnard. Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump.—1, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 2, A. P. B. Sutton (T); 3, N. K. Rice; 4, equal, D. G. Godfrey (G) and N. E. Gardner (B). Distance, 15 ft. 6 ins.

HOUSE CUP

1, Bruce, 170½; 2, Grafton, 135½; 3, Grenville, 83½; 4, Cobham, 74; 5, Walpole, 72; 6, Chatham, 60; 7, Temple, 52; 8, Chandos, 39½.

INTER-HOUSE RELAYS

1, Chatham; 2, Bruce; 3, Grafton; 4, Cobham; 5, Grenville; 6, Walpole; 7, equal, Temple and Chandos.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The wood-engraving on page 59 is by S. H. Sladen (C); the drawings on pages 69 and 89 are by E. G. M. Reay-Smith (C).

CROSS-COUNTRY

The season began with two of last year's colours available: D. S. Watson (C), Captain, and C. M. St. J. Knight (G). The latter enjoyed a particularly successful season, being the individual winner of all matches except those against R.A.F., Henlow, (in which he was unable to run) and Cheltenham. All the matches against other schools were run at home and the teams were greatly encouraged by the support they received from members of the School who turned out to watch and cheer. Unfortunately, insufficient Old Stoics offered to run against the School, so that the match arranged for February 20th never took place. This was regrettable, the more especially since it has always been a very social fixture; much enjoyed by the School, even if agony for the Old Stoics!

The first VIII were not an outstanding team as judged by previous years, but they trained with keenness and enthusiasm and there was an excellent spirit amongst them. They were defeated by Cheltenham and Uppingham, but beat both Haileybury and Rugby quite comfortably. By the end of the season sickness had begun to take its toll, and a very depleted team were beaten by R.A.F., Henlow; R.A.F., Halton, unfortunately, failing to provide a team. Until he too fell victim to 'the bug', Todd ran very well to finish second for Stowe in most of the matches. He returned to school fit at the beginning of term and retained the advantage from this throughout the season. It would be nice to see greater numbers following this example in future—very beneficial to all concerned! The second VIII beat Cheltenham and Rugby decisively, but were defeated by Uppingham.

Colours were awarded to T. J. L. Gauvain (T), G. T. Todd (C), A. C. Booth (C), P. L. Duncan (B), R. A. M. Birchenough (G) and J. A. Booth (C).

Results:—

1ST VIII.

Feb. 6th. Cheltenham 29; Stowe 49.
Feb. 27th. Uppingham 39; Stowe 57; Rugby 80.
March 5th. Stowe 32; Haileybury 48.
March 12th. R.A.F., Henlow 28; Stowe 50.

2ND VIII.

Feb. 6th. Stowe 97; Cheltenham 171.
Feb. 27th. Uppingham 34; Stowe 54; Rugby 92.

The inter-house races were run on Tuesday, February 9th. Conditions were very favourable, for a change, with Black Pit in excellent shape. Knight was the individual winner of the senior event in the very good time of 23 mins. 40 secs. C. R. Dixey (C) was the junior winner in 18 mins. 35 secs.

SENIORS				JUNIORS			
1.	Grafton	...	66	1.	Chatham	...	31
2.	Chatham	...	86	2.	Cobham	...	45
3.	Bruce	...	116	3.	Temple	...	47
4.	Grenville	...	134	4.	Walpole	...	61
5.	Walpole	...	165	5.	Bruce	...	81
6.	Temple	...	180	6.	Chandos	...	94
7.	Cobham	...	233	7.	Grafton	...	99
8.	Chandos	...	292	8.	Grenville	...	100

HOCKEY

The results make depressing reading, but they give a somewhat misleading picture of the season. With only two of last year's successful XI remaining and with the previous 2nd and Colts XIs being very weak ones, it was important to have plenty of time to sort out an XI. The weather could not have been more unfavourable; while all our opponents apparently had a surfeit of hockey, we had to play our first match, against Henlow, without any practice whatsoever. Apart from matches there were only five days on which there could be practices. Before the first school match against Bradfield, it was only possible to have two practices and one match against a fairly strong scratch side, and we might well have beaten Bradfield later in the season. Worcester College showed up the weakness of the defence, and it was almost completely reorganized for the next game, against the Buckinghamshire Wanderers. This was a much stronger side than Worcester and the defence did much better. The team showed in this match that with time they might have developed into quite a good side. Radley had an unbeaten record and had scored a lot of goals (later they were to score eleven against the Hockey Association). The Radley ground was like a billiard table, in marked contrast to the Stowe grounds, and surprisingly Stowe adapted themselves better to the conditions during the first half and played with plenty of dash. Radley were more dominant in the second half and it was largely due to some excellent goalkeeping by Strange that the final score was so close, but on the whole it was a good performance by the XI.

Unfortunately the St. Edward's match was cancelled and the last match was against Pangbourne, who had an even more impressive reputation than Radley, having scored nine goals against Bradfield and also having beaten a strong Hockey Association side. They were probably somewhat below form, but if Strange had not had a comparatively off day Stowe might well have won. The XI played their best hockey of the season at the outset and scored first. Pangbourne then had more of the attack, but Stowe made a great effort in the last five minutes and nearly saved the game.

Strange was kept very busy in goal. His judgment in coming out was generally very good and he made many excellent saves. The backs, Bell and Luard, and wing halves, Murray and MacGregor, only played together in the last three matches and did quite well. They worked very hard, although their passing was not sufficiently constructive to give the forwards many opportunities. Sabberton was outstanding at centre-half. He made up for lack of speed by a fine positional sense, some of his stopping was brilliant, and, in spite of being so hard-worked in defence, he was able to give plenty of support to the attack. Bentall, who improved with each match, and Hamp-Ferguson combined well at inside-forward, making plenty of openings for the centre-forward, but here was the team's greatest weakness, for we could not find anyone who combined dash, positional sense and shooting power. Parkinson also improved very much on the left wing and made good use of his speed. On the right wing, Irving was erratic but had his moments. Hamp-Ferguson captained the side well; his dribbling was exceptionally good and he got through an immense amount of work.

With Hamp-Ferguson and Sabberton here next year and a large proportion of the 2nd XI returning, there should be the basis of a useful side for next season—if the weather is a little kinder.

1ST XI.

Wed., Feb. 17th.	v. R.A.F., HENLOW (Away).	Lost 1—2.
Sat., Feb. 27th.	v. C.F.D.'s XI (Home).	Lost 2—3.
Tues., March 1st.	v. BRADFIELD (Away).	Lost 1—2.
Sat., March 5th.	v. WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD (Home).	Lost 3—6.
Sun., March 6th.	v. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WANDERERS (Home).	Lost 2—3.
Tues., March 8th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost 1—2.
Sat., March 12th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Home).	Lost 2—3.

2ND XI.

Tues., March 8th.	v. RADLEY (Away).	Lost 0—6.
Sat., March 12th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Home).	Won 6—2.

Team:—A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. R. Sabberton (T), R. St. C. Strange (G), G. D. Parkinson (W), D. P. Bentall (C), B. L. Irving (C), C. C. Bell (C), P. N. E. Luard (G), S. B. Murray (C), G. A. MacGregor (C), T. D. B. Lee (G).

Colours were awarded to Strange, Parkinson and Bentall.

Hamp-Ferguson and Sabberton were selected to play for the Buckinghamshire Colts in the Inter-County Hockey Festival at Seaford College in April.

THE COLTS

The record looks reasonable enough, though we might well have lost all four matches but for very sound goalkeeping by Sherrard. He made remarkably few mistakes in spite of his lack of experience. Warner, the captain, Hobson and Burns all worked hard and Crosbie and Bullick looked promising, but the forwards failed to combine effectively and there was too much clumsy and awkward play, which will only be rectified by hard practice and determination to improve.

There had been so little time for practice that one felt more relief than disappointment when the first match, against M.C.S., Oxford, had to be scratched. At Bradfield, on a wettish afternoon, we managed to score the only goal of a very even game. Radley could count themselves unlucky to lose; they had much the better of the game territorially, but their finishing was weak. Both forward lines finished weakly at St. Edward's, and at Pangbourne we seemed unable to grasp the initiative and were lucky only to lose by the odd goal.

Tues., March 1st.	v. BRADFIELD (Away).	Won 1—0.
Tues., March 8th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Won 1—0.
Thur., March 10th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Drawn 0—0.
Sat., March 12th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Away).	Lost 1—2.

Team:—E. J. Sherrard (C); M. J. L. McEwen (C), C. P. Warner (W); J. R. Bullick (G), A. R. F. Hobson (C), D. S. Beck (W); A. W. B. Duncan (C), J. F. Burns (G), L. A. Mather (G), R. G. Edwards (W), T. J. Crosbie (G). Also played: N. W. Hartley (C), N. O. Faure (C).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

Compared with other schools the team clearly lacked experience and time for training. The forwards showed some thrust but a lack of finish in the circle, and the backs, though full of determination, were slow and clumsy. The main strength of the team lay at half, where Poole and Higham got through a lot of work. All the players stuck to it well against Radley and St. Edward's, but a faster, bigger side at Pangbourne, playing on a muddy ground, overwhelmed them.

Results :—

Tues., March 1st.	'A' XI v. THE KNOLL (Home).	Won 4—0.
Tues., March 8th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Drawn 1—1.
Thur., March 10th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost 1—2.
Sat., March 12th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Away).	Lost 0—10.
Thur., March 24th.	'A' XI v. THE KNOLL (Away).	Drawn 4—4.

Team :—M. A. A. Lawford (B), C. D. W. Holness (G), R. W. Bailey-King (C), A. J. D. Durie (C), J. E. Poole (C), P. H. L. Higham (T), C. P. Murphy (G), B. L. Perryman (B), S. C. Williams (C), H. G. Wallace (G), G. H. Burrows (C).

HOUSE MATCHES AND LEAGUES

The Finals of the House Matches turned out to be a local affair between Temple and Chatham, Temple winning the Senior, and Chatham the Junior. Temple also did very well in the League Competition, coming top of both 'A' and 'B' Leagues. Walpole came second on combined placings, and Cobham third.

CRICKET FIXTURES 1960

1st XI.

Sat., May 14.	—BUCKINGHAM.	Home.
Tues., May 17.	—O.U. AUTHENTICS.	Home.
Sat., May 21.	—BRADFIELD.	Home.
Sat., May 28.	—BEDFORD.	Away.
Tues., May 31.	—RADLEY.	Away.
Sat., June 4.	—FREE FORESTERS.	Home.
Sat., June 11.	—STOWE TEMPLARS.	Home.
Sat., June 18.	—OUNDLE.	Away.
Sat., July 2.	—ST. EDWARD'S.	Home.
Sat., July 9.	—M.C.C.	Home.
Sat., July 16.	—DRAGONFLIES.	Home.
Sat., July 23.	—CRYPTICS.	Home.

OTHER SPORTS

SQUASH

Although this has not been a very successful year, there are prospects of a good team next season with four of the team still here. The season started with a good win against Wimbledon, but after this in the Christmas term success just did not seem to come our way, owing partly to superior teams and partly to lack of practice. There were two school matches this term, against Eton and Mill Hill. At Eton, a vastly superior team was encountered, and, although everyone played well, the match was lost 5—0. At Mill Hill there was a very close game that ended in a defeat 3—2.

At the beginning of the Easter term Allerton was lost, a victim of rugger, with a broken arm. The only school match was against Bradfield, and if we had been playing at full strength this might well have been a victory for Stowe, but, as it was, it was lost 2—3. M. J. Macoun (G, 1933) brought down a team of Uganda Polite and a most enjoyable match ended in a draw 2—2.

Both Senior and Junior House-matches were won by Chatham. In the Senior Singles, Sabey beat Knight 3—1. In the Junior Singles, Sabberton beat A. M. Macoun (G) 3—0.

Results :—

v. WIMBLEDON.	Won 3—2.
v. ETON.	Lost 0—5.
v. WORCESTER COLLEGE.	Lost 2—3.
v. MILL HILL.	Lost 2—3.
v. TRING.	Lost 1—4.
v. VAGABONDS.	Lost 1—4.
v. OLD STOICS.	Lost 2—3.
v. ESCORTS.	Lost 1—4.
v. JESTERS.	Lost 1—4.
v. BRADFIELD.	Lost 2—3.
v. CAMBRIDGE OLD STOICS.	Won 3—2.
v. UGANDA POLICE.	Drawn 2—2.

The team was :—M. C. Sabey (C), J. W. O. Allerton (G), D. R. Sabberton (T), G. A. MacGregor (C), J. S. Jackson (C); (also played) C. M. St. J. Knight (G), G. P. Courtenay Evans (B), A. D. G. Shillington (C).

Colours were awarded to Allerton, Sabberton, MacGregor and Jackson.

SAILING

Little actual sailing can be attempted in January and February, but much has been done by the Club in preparation for the coming season. We have built two dinghies of the Kenn Eleven Class (Nos. 171 and 172), and repaired and refitted two of our fleet of four Cadets, as well as a rowing dinghy. Useful work has also been done on the Sailing Club Island. Altogether, this has been a most encouraging show of growing enthusiasm among members of the Club.

We have eight school matches fixed for next term.

SCULLING

Several encouraging developments have taken place this term, and sculling is becoming increasingly popular. A brick structure behind the Temple of Venus has been slightly adapted to provide an admirable boathouse with room for two whiffs and other equipment; this is a great advance on the bathing-hut, which has no security and would not in any case be available in the summer term. In honour of the architectural associations of the new boathouse, the whiff has now been named *Venus*. A sister craft is on order and should be here next term if the boatbuilders can dispense their work for the Olympic Games in time. To carry Roman allusions further, the new whiff will be named *Diana*.

A landing stage has been built by the sculling fraternity at the bottom end of the Eleven Acre in front of the Venus greensward, so that, in future, sculling will be independent of bathing-pool staging.

With this material progress the opportunity has been taken to put sculling on a club basis, and membership of the Venus Club is the result. Unlike most Stowe societies this club is an autocracy in view of the rules governing the use of boats.

There have been two shipwrecks this term. The first occurred in January and was happily recorded by a colour photographer who chanced to be passing at the right moment. The subject was almost entirely blue. The second was a more interesting spectacle in that it was the first occasion when anyone has capsized in mid-ocean and the struggle to get ashore made an unusual diversion for a chilly afternoon in March.

Races were held during the last two weeks of term to test the prowess of bolder volunteers, and were won by W. G. Fletcher (C). As a first attempt these were in the nature of an experiment but will probably set a pattern for future races. It is hoped to arrange at least one outside fixture next term, and with *Diana* added to the fleet it will be possible to have longer outings.

FENCING

At the beginning of this term a new floor was laid in the gym. This long-awaited event greatly improved fencing conditions, and now practices can be held in good light, and one is not always breathing dust. As is usual in the Easter term there were many people starting fencing, and Mr. Owen always had a large class to take.

There was so much illness and hockey-playing among the seniors that practically all of them fought in the team at one time or another. Owing to the continual absence of Canavan, Batten and Irving the results of the matches were most unsatisfactory, but many people who would not probably have reached team standard until next year got valuable match practice. The most outstanding of these was Winton. Although we lost every match, this season was not without its excitement and the matches against R.A.F., Halton, and Radley were very keenly contested. Oakley fought very well throughout the term.

The following fought for the senior team this term:—M. B. M. Canavan (C), E. H. Oakley (C), A. S. M. Batten (C), M. H. Waring (C), B. L. Irving (C), R. S. Winton (C), G. M. Yannaghas (W).

BEAGLING

A Meet of the Sandhurst Beagles arranged for the first Saturday of term had to be cancelled owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the Camberley area; and a Meet of the Radley College Beagles arranged for February 13th was also cancelled because four inches of snow fell that morning.



“GETTING THIN ON TOP?”

SHOOTING

The standard of this term's shooting has perhaps not been so high as that of a year or two ago. Nevertheless the 1st VIII produced a reasonably good score in the Country Life competition, the results of which will not be known until mid-April, but it is hoped that we have attained a fairly high position.

The following have shot for the first VIII:—D. R. Loxton (C), E. K. Hyslop (T), J. J. Earle (T), C. C. Bell (C), P. M. Salamon (C), G. D. Parkinson (W), A. C. Grattan-Cooper (W), B. G. S. Macoun (C), G. J. Vapenik (B).

FIVES

It was hoped that the term would be more than successful, for not only was the fixture list enlarged but also the number of players had increased throughout the School. It was an over-optimistic hope. But if the term has not been a successful one it has been enjoyable, and no doubt the experience gained by the young team will stand them in good stead for next year.

Because of hockey matches—causing the absence of A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W) and D. R. Sabberton (T)—the team was irreparably depleted for the matches with the Old Westminster, the Old Edwardians and the Old Berkhamstedians, and, as the results showed, our reserves were not yet good enough to tackle good club pairs with much chance of success. Otherwise, with a full team, the games with the Old Citizens and Mr. Loup's IV have been evenly contested, with both sides achieving fair reward for their efforts.

The Captain paired with Hamp-Ferguson, the quickest player in the School, who has infinitely more talent to be exploited than the other players, temperament and hockey allowing, and then with C. P. Robinson (T), when the hockey players were required elsewhere. A dour trier who seems to make the most of his limited resources, Robinson suffers, as does the Captain, from overconfidence when finding himself leading. The team was completed by Sabberton, a slow mover, ambidextrous, with uncanny reflexes, who every now and again rose to heights that more practice would make everyday events.

M. M. Orr (T) and J. H. Grantham (T) are the best juniors and combine well: the former, tall, left-handed and powerful; the latter, comparatively slight, quick and a retriever. H. H. Marshall (T) has helped the team from time to time, as has W. R. Luke (T), while A. C. Geddes (T) has been unfortunately unable to play owing to a fractured finger.

The only School game, with Berkhamsted, was disastrous for Stowe. We were shown clearly how a good coach and every-day practice can change the face of any team.

At the end of last term R. B. B. Ivory (T) and Robinson beat Hamp-Ferguson and Geddes in the final of the School Senior Pairs competition.

Colours were awarded to Robinson.

GOLF

When eventually the weather permitted, the prospective team, together with several ardent reserves for the Woking match on April 20th, got down to serious practice. There have been three matches this term, which is more than we usually play in the course of a whole year. The first two were against strong Old Stoic sides. We played the Cambridge Old Stoics at Buckingham; these included J. M. E. Anderson (C, 1957) and L. G. B. Williamson (T, 1956), our two Cambridge Blues. Needless to say, we did not manage to win, but claimed two singles matches out of the six.

The Old Stoic Golfing Society provided even tougher opposition at Dunstable, their highest handicap player being 10 and their lowest 2. Irving and de Havilland were the only successful pair in the five four-ball matches played, but all the final results were very close. The School played the Masters at Tadmarton Heath for the last

match and even with a team depleted by exams. achieved a conclusive win of five matches to one. MacGregor, M. Freeland and N. Freeland returned very promising scores, and the captain could only try to forget about his catastrophic putting, which gave the Masters their only victory.

The School team plays Rugby, our old rivals, in the first round of the Public Schools' invitation match at Woking.

The following have played as the first V:—B. L. Irving (C), P. G. de Havilland (C), G. A. MacGregor (C), N. H. Pollitzer (T), L. E. Silver (C). Reserves: N. S. Freeland (C), M. J. S. Freeland (C), G. H. H. Vowles (C).

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BRUCE.—(*Easter*) L. M. Barnard, A. L. Howard-Jones, C. H. Mills, S. L. Robinson; (*Summer*) E. S. Dawes, M. A. A. Lawford, B. L. Perryman; (*Christmas*) S. H. Arnold, K. G. Castle, T. A. Galyean, F. H. S. Gilbert, P. W. Hinwood, C. I. Hutchinson, M. P. Llewellyn, A. R. Negus, R. I. B. Price, W. G. S. Robertson, G. D. Swanston.

TEMPLE.—(*Easter*) W. R. B. Allan, R. E. M. Everett, S. I. Searle; (*Summer*) N. G. Haines, R. E. Lyle-Meller, A. P. B. Sutton; (*Christmas*) J. V. Bloomfield, C. J. Buchanan-Jardine, P. H. L. Higham, D. A. Phillips, A. R. G. Scott-Gall, T. D. Taylor-Roberts. NUGENT.—J. M. T. Bray, G. L. J. Forwood, N. Hoskins, A. V. Kemp-Jones, N. R. A. Large, M. C. A. Wyvill.

GRENVILLE.—(*Easter*) M. W. G. Fisher, D. G. Godfrey, P. J. Holder, C. P. Murphy, H. G. Wallace, D. A. Wessely; (*Summer*) D. D. Boardman, J. V. M. Froggatt; (*Christmas*) M. J. Baker, S. S. Faraday, A. G. Foord, D. W. J. Garrett, C. J. F. Gethin, C. D. W. Holness, R. G. Minter, A. L. Parkinson, J. W. Watson, I. White-Smith, G. H. G. Wood. NUGENT—N. M. P. MacKenzie-Charrington, D. R. Moores.

CHANDOS.—(*Easter*) R. J. Atherton, C. I. Brinker, R. G. Crosthwaite, C. J. de Mowbray, J. M. Timbrook, P. A. Trainin; (*Summer*) M. E. Chisholm, W. R. O. McEwen, J. M. D. Powell, D. H. Priestley, S. C. Williams; (*Christmas*) N. C. D'Arcy, R. U. Dawson, A. J. D. Durie, P. S. Faure, C. J. Harding, D. A. Howie, B. K. Huffman, R. J. I. Mais, B. P. Maisel, P. B. Sanderson, H. M. E. D. Sword, T. M. Watson. NUGENT—K. Hamlyn.

COBHAM.—(*Easter*) E. H. Blagg, P. D. Campkin, D. H. Edwards, A. E. R. Garai, R. S. D. Johnson; (*Summer*) M. J. Bray, I. D. Miller; (*Christmas*) J. Q. C. Ashton, C. Broom Smith, A. A. B. Duncan, H. D. Godfrey, R. J. Hanhart, M. F. A. Mellersh, J. F. M. Monkhouse, E. G. M. Reay-Smith. NUGENT—J. M. Partridge, M. F. Waller.

CHATHAM.—(*Easter*) S. A. Bishop, B. A. Marcel, P. M. Stratton; (*Summer*) J. G. Charlton, C. P. Dubois, A. M. Morley, R. A. Payne, J. Whiteley; (*Christmas*) G. H. Burrows, J. N. Graham-Brown, The Hon. J. J. Guest, A. Mackenzie, B. Parkinson, N. K. Rice, P. A. D. Scouller, B. E. West. NUGENT—S. Buckingham, P. E. Martino.

GRAFTON.—(*Easter*) T. R. Berger, J. R. Kavanagh, R. Pasley-Tyler, N. D. Raw, I. Shay; (*Summer*) I. D. Drysdale, G. T. M. Hayes, P. T. Hirst, P. J. Watkinson; (*Christmas*) M. T. Brown, R. C. Clifford, A. G. Fyfe, C. R. W. Kayser, M. A. Liverton, I. J. Macdonald, A. D. Napier, T. D. Seal.

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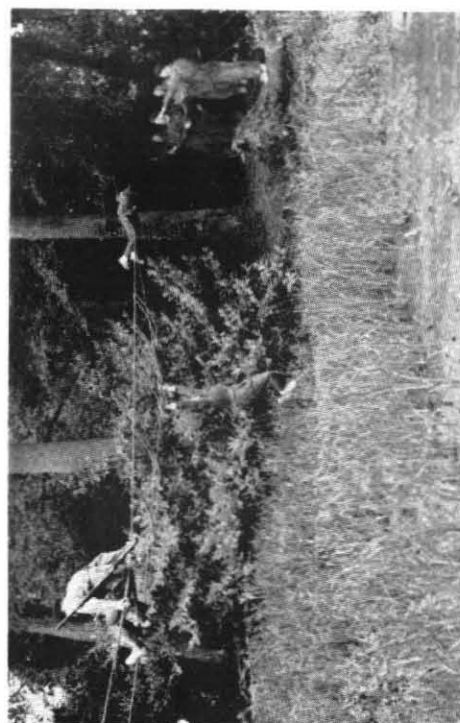
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