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## THE YOULL CUP

WE congratulate our tennis players on winning the Youll Cup for the third year in succession. This competition has been held in its present form since 1947; it is open to all H.M.C. Schools, this year's entry numbering seventy-eight; and Eton is the only other School to have been successful three times. These results can therefore be regarded as a major triumph, although the manner of our success was somewhat unexpected, and ultimately the margin was small.

Favourites from the outset, Stowe had in D. R. Sabberton (T) and R. B. B. Avory (T) a first pair which proved easily the best in the tournament. They never lost a set nor looked like doing so. Moreover, there was a doubt about which was the stronger singles player, and each took his turn as our representative in a singles deciding match. This must be a very unusual situation. A. R. F. Hobson (C) and I. R. D. Andrews (C), our second pair, were unreliable at Wimbledon, which was disappointing as they had been playing well in practice matches at the end of term. Still, they did well enough to keep us out of a decider till the quarter-finals; and in the final itself they took sets off the Eltham first and second pairs, though they lost both matches in the end.

After disposing of Highgate, Clifton and Charterhouse without difficulty, we had our first set-back against Warwick. The second pair were off form against moderate opposition, and a decider was necessary. Avory had beaten Sabberton in the Mornington Competition ten days earlier—a reversal of last year's result—but a cartilage operation in Spring meant that he was less fit. So Sabberton played against R. Barker, and soon confirmed the impression given in the doubles match that he was a more experienced player with a wider range of strokes. But he was out of touch and, as things began to go wrong for him, Barker rose to the occasion and held his own. It was not till the third set that he shot his bolt, and Sabberton ran out an uneasy winner. In the semi-finals our second pair played well, and Repton were quickly beaten.

The final was against Eltham, known to have a strong second pair. The matches went as expected; so everything depended on the Singles. Avory played this time and was soon within a point of a four-love lead.

But then came a striking change. His opponent, R. G. Davies, with more limited talent but with excellent passing shots down the lines and astonishing mobility about the court, steadily overtook him. A tense battle followed in which Avory was just successful in the third set. It was a worthy end to a great occasion.

(*Details of the matches appear on page 278.*)

## STOICA

*School Officials—Summer Term, 1961.*

*Prefects*:—M. J. R. Wightman, Head of the School and Head of Chatham; A. D. Cooper, Second Prefect and Head of Walpole; P. M. Bell, Head of Grafton; R. M. Campbell (C), Prefect of Library; S. P. B. Capel, Head of Bruce; P. M. Henry, Head of Chandos; J. S. Jackson (C), Prefect of Chapel; C. M. St. J. Knight, Head of Grenville; D. H. Penrose, Head of Cobham; D. R. Sabberton (T), Prefect of Gymnasium; T. W. J. Waine (C), Prefect of Hall; S. M. D. Williamson-Noble, Head of Temple.

*Cricket*:—Captain, D. R. Sabberton (T); Secretary, D. P. Bentall (C).

*Lawn Tennis*:—Captain, J. S. Jackson (C); Secretary, I. A. H. Sitwell (B).

*Swimming*:—Captain, A. D. Cooper (W); Secretary, J. N. Sadler (C).

*Sailing*:—Commodore, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T).

*Golf*:—Captain, G. A. MacGregor (C).

The following have preached in Chapel this term:—on May 7th, the Headmaster; on May 14th, the Ven. Ivan Neill, Chaplain General to the Forces; on May 21st, the Chaplain; on May 28th, Col. William Rose, of Dr. Barnardo's Homes; on June 4th, the Rev. E. W. Davies; on June 11th, the Rev. P. E. C. Hayman (C 1933), Chaplain of Marlborough College; on June 18th, the Rev. H. A. Williams, Tutor and Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge; on June 25th, the Rev. Canon H. A. Wittenbach, of the Church Missionary Society; on July 9th, J. T. Christie, Esq., Principal of Jesus College, Oxford; on July 16th, the Rev. E. James, Vicar of St. George's, Camberwell; on July 23rd, the Rev. Simon Barrington Ward, Chaplain of Magdalene College, Cambridge; on July 30th, the Rev. D. J. Challis.

The Collections in Chapel were:—on May 21st, for the Pineapple, £27 13s. od.; on June 6th, for the Epilepsy Association, £35 7s. 11d.; on June 25th, for the Church Missionary Society, £27 4s. 6d.; on July 16th, for Guide Dogs for the Blind, £28 2s. 4d.

### SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held in perfect weather on Friday, June 30th. The Speeches and Prizegiving, at 11.45 a.m., followed the pattern of the last two years in that the visitors were welcomed, the year reviewed and the speakers thanked by four Prefects, M. J. R. Wightman, A. D. Cooper, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble and D. H. Penrose. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. D. J. Robarts, was most unfortunately prevented by illness from attending, and after the Headmaster and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. N. G. Annan, O.B.E. (T 1935), Provost of King's, had voiced our sympathy, the latter introduced Sir Miles Thomas, D.F.C., one of the School Governors, who presented the Prizes.

The day's proceedings included a Cricket Match against the XL Club and the customary Exhibitions, which are reported on other pages. At 3.30 p.m. the Military Band played in the Gothic Library Garden, where the Headmaster and Mrs. Crichton-Miller received guests. Housemasters were 'At Home' at four o'clock and Tutors at half-past five. The Exeat was from June 30th to July 4th.

We offer our sympathy to Dr. E. Zetzl, who has been on the sick list for the whole term; it is hoped that he will be fit again by September. During his absence Mr. A. B. Clifford has returned to help us out. Mr. M. M. Maynard has also returned, after his six months' leave of absence. We say farewell this term to the Hon. S. W. E. Stuart, Mr. B. K. Clark, and Mr. A. B. White.

We announce the birth of a son on May 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bulford, and of a son on July 16th to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson.

**MARRIAGE.**—On Saturday, August 12th, in Stowe Church, Sheila Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Macdonald, of Chatham House, Stowe, to Mr. Richard Moore.

On July 29th, at a service in Stowe Church attended by local clergy, parishioners and members of the School, the Bishop of Oxford licensed the Rev. L. V. Wright as Priest in Charge of the parish of Stowe. Mr. Wright, who is to combine his parochial duties with some teaching at

Stowe, is living in Dadford. We extend a very sincere welcome to him and to Mrs. Wright.

The organ in Stowe Church has been renovated and improved through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, and no longer is it necessary for the organist to rely on the efforts of an assistant on the bellows. It is gratifying that the restoration was completed before the departure of T. W. Dudley (W), who has given such valuable help both in playing the organ and in tending the churchyard. The organ in the Chapel is also undergoing restoration, which it is hoped will be completed by September.

Restoration of the paintings in the State Room, Garter Room and Blue Room has now been completed. The work was done by J. Hargrave (G 1947), one of the restorers to the National Gallery.

On Thursday, June 1st, twenty members of the Chapel Choir sang in a School Choirs Festival in Gloucester Cathedral organised by the Royal School of Church Music. Several schools took part and the aggregate choir of nearly five hundred voices was conducted by Mr. Leonard Blake, Director of Music at Malvern College. The festival took the form of Choral Evensong, with settings of the Canticles (Walmisley in D minor) and two anthems (John Redford's 'Rejoice in the Lord' and John Ireland's 'Greater Love hath No Man'). This was preceded by a rehearsal, held, as was Evensong, in the nave of the Cathedral.

On Monday, July 24th, twelve members of the Music Club attended the second night of the Promenade Concerts in the Royal Albert Hall.

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships:—

- R. A. KREITMAN (St. Anthony's, 90 Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.)  
 A. G. PRYS WILLIAMS (The Dragon School, Oxford).  
 N. B. ALBERY (St. Peter's School, Seaford, Sussex).  
 N. J. FORWOOD (The New Beacon, Sevenoaks, Kent).  
 N. J. G. BEER (Summer Fields, Nr. Oxford).  
 G. BLACK (St. Martin's School, Northwood, Middlesex).  
 T. BASSET (Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berks).  
 R. B. SWANSTON (*Music*) (Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berks).  
 K. D. FRAZER (*Music*) (Heronwater, Coed Coch, Abergele, N. Wales).

## ANNUAL PRIZES

- FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: { A. J. GARDNER (C)  
 P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T)  
 BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING: F. P. G. ALDRICH-BLAKE (C)  
 HARDING PRIZE FOR READING: W. R. B. ALLAN (T)  
 HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING: P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T)  
 BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH:  
 Senior: P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T) Junior: P. A. G. WILLIAMS (W)  
 ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY: Not awarded  
 PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: Not awarded  
 GAVIN MAXWELL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: 1st W. R. B. ALLAN (T)  
 2nd: P. J. WATKINSON (G)  
 J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ENGLISH VERSE:  
 Senior: Not awarded Junior: T. P. M. WALSH (T)  
 J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE: { S. H. SLADEN (G)  
 T. M. STOREY (C)  
 ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART: H. L. COWDY (G)  
 J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS: Not awarded  
 CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK: Not awarded  
 QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN: A. B. SHELLIM (C)  
 ZAFIROPULO PRIZE FOR CLASSICAL VERSE: A. B. SHELLIM (C)  
 ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION: J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)  
 JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH: T. D. B. LEE (G)  
 CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH: T. M. WATSON (C)  
 SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: H. K. FELCE (G)  
 BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR CHURCH HISTORY: D. B. T. AIKMAN (T)  
 WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY: J. S. JACKSON (C)  
 JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS: J. A. LIKIERMAN (C)  
 W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY: M. SPIRA (C)  
 HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY: F. P. G. ALDRICH-BLAKE (C)  
 HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS: S. M. D. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T)  
 STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS: L. J. D. MCINTYRE (G)  
 PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS: A. G. FOORD (G)  
 FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR WOODWORK: M. A. S. G. STEWART (C)  
 JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR METAL WORK: P. E. MARTINO (C)  
 WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES: R. G. D'ERLANGER (C)  
 BASIL WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL PRIZE: { L. M. THOMAS (B)  
 M. J. R. WIGHTMAN (C)  
 SYRETT HISTORY ESSAY PRIZE: Not awarded  
 J. G. REISS PRIZE FOR GERMAN: Not awarded

PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	Not awarded
GILLING-LAX MUSIC PRIZES :	
Two Pianos :	{ T. W. J. WAINE (G)
Piano :	{ C. S. WINTLE (C)
Woodwind :	{ C. S. WINTLE (C)
Violin :	{ A. R. NEGUS (B)
'Cello :	{ M. SPIRA (C)
Organ :	{ T. E. C. BUSHELL (C)
'BENE' PRIZES :	{ T. W. J. WAINE (G)
	W. R. B. ALLAN (T), A. J. BARBER-LOMAX (G)
	A. G. FOORD (G), S. M. D. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T)

## LANDMARKS

### THE LEAVERS' COURSE

This term has seen a rearrangement of some of the accepted summer dates and functions. The Ball is no longer held on the evening before Speech Day but has been moved to the latter part of July; its place was taken this year by the School Orchestra's Summer Concert, a repeat of its performance at Radley the Sunday before.

An important innovation has been the Leavers' Course, which was held in the last week of term and attended by those leaving this term and next. At the outset the Leavers were asked to write an appreciation of what they had gained from Stowe and to offer suggestions and criticisms. The lectures that followed were chiefly by members of the Staff and dealt with a wide variety of topics—Moral Values, Conventions of Society, Conventions of Correspondence, Public Speaking, Finance and the Individual, Heredity and the Physiology of Sex, Hygiene—interspersed with talks by a Member of the Stock Exchange and a Personnel Director of I.C.I., and a most memorable address by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., which is reported on another page.

But the course was not predominantly a passive absorption of other men's ideas; the Leavers were frequently invited to express their own opinions, an invitation which was accepted with alacrity. The general opinion was that the course was very well worth while, especially at the end of the Summer Term, which is for too many a time of intellectual stagnation and inactivity. Mr. Dicks, who was responsible for its organisation and smooth running, is to be congratulated on its success.

### THE BALL

The annual Stowe Ball, held this year on Friday, July 21st, is now firmly back on its feet. This once splendid occasion had in recent years fallen to a rather low ebb and this year, under the organisation of a committee of House representatives (mostly prefects), the Ball was launched on an altogether higher level. A great deal of the credit for its success must go to Mr. Hunt and A. D. Cooper, as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The evening began soon after 8 o'clock when Stoics and their partners were entertained at one of the ten receptions held by Housemasters and other members of the staff in various parts of the School. To make general circulation more possible

programmes had been introduced and were partly filled in at the receptions. Dancing began at 9 o'clock to Eric Whitley's band and it was soon obvious that the Ball was going very well. Stowe looked its 18th-century best in the floodlighting of the South Front and with the innovation of candelabra in the alcoves of Assembly. Flowers, arranged by Miss Johnston and Mrs. Robinson, completed the setting.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the entry of a pipe band for the reels. The 13 pipers and drummers played in the portico for the first Eightsome, silhouetted by the floodlighting against a nearly midnight blue sky, and later in the programme came into Assembly for a display of marching and piping which was most impressive and greatly appreciated. Our thanks are due to M. A. S. G. Stewart, who arranged for the pipers to come.

There were about 250 people present, including parties from Hampden House and Tudor Hall. In the Library the catering staff created an even more magnificent buffet than in past times. At the beginning of the evening tables were filled, and by the time the National Anthem was played at one o'clock little remained.

### THE RUNNING TRACK

The old kitchen garden, the orchard, and the heavily nettled, almost impenetrable mass of saplings and brambles which surrounded them, have given way in the last twelve weeks to a great flat oval of brown earth, banked at the sides, which is gradually becoming an athletics track. This, with its background of trees and central hockey-pitch, should prove false all those dismal prophecies about desecration of landscape—Mr. Mounsey's background planting and thinning out of existing trees and bushes has already transformed what was Stowe's "waste land". Within a month of the beginning of term the area had been cleared by the combined labours of many members of the school, led by Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Mounsey. The surrounding thickets fell first, then the orchard, and finally demolition of the low walls was begun. The opportunity for almost unlimited destruction assured us many volunteers, but special thanks are due to P. M. Bell, who did much of the organising, assisted by A. Mitchell and P. N. T. Phillips, and these together with J. H. Frazer and J. L. Justesen spent the next few weeks helping Mr. Mounsey around the perimeter. All this work would have been in vain but for the generosity of a parent, Mr. R. C. Watson, who lent us the heavy machinery needed to level the area, widen the paths up to it from the school, and lay the bricks from the old walls as the foundation of a spectators' car-park behind the Queen's Temple. The response to requests that the ground should be cleared quickly, in order that the machinery could be set to work in the limited time available, showed a keenness for manual labour which may or may not have had anything to do with a passion for athletics, and the school was rewarded immediately with a satisfyingly loud series of explosions in prep., and more distantly with the tantalising prospect of further opportunities for strenuous exercise.

### S.W.E.S.

It is with deep regret that we say good-bye to Simon Stuart. In so many ways we shall miss him; members of Cobham will miss his generous friendliness, keen swimmers will lose a master willing to take bathing at any time of day or year, those whose love of poetry or of painting or of Stowe flora has been awakened by his infectious enthusiasms will regret his absence, and this magazine will lose a contributor who has at all times been most helpful and whose articles have been so good. We wish him all happiness in his new work at Haberdashers' Aske's School.

## SPEECH DAY EXHIBITIONS

### THE ART EXHIBITION

The Exhibition maintained its usual standard of excellence with undiminished vigour and interest, which is perhaps a little surprising, as it had been murmured that the Art Master was now becoming more interested in growing trees than teaching drawing.

One obvious improvement on foregoing years was that there was a much higher standard of straight drawing. An unusually interesting collection was shown by R. W. Alexander (G) and the 'A' Level candidates H. L. Cowdy (S), N. O. Faure (C), J. H. Frazer (C), J. J. W. Hamilton (C), D. J. L. Howard (C) and S. H. Sladen (S).

There was also a large number of pen and pencil drawings done by boys in the third forms of a standard of draughtsmanship that has for some years been lacking in secondary school art. That the boys should be doing this sort of careful work as well as letting themselves go in large paintings is excellent.

There are obviously some skilled painters in the School. In addition to those already mentioned by name, perhaps one would single out the work of F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C), P. J. August (B), D. A. Phillips (T) and T. S. Taylor (C) as being particularly pleasing.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition was held as usual on Speech Day. There was a smaller entry than usual, with only six exhibitors, but the standard was considerably higher. The pictures were far more interesting and in many cases highly imaginative, and were presented and arranged much more carefully. People, singly and in groups, featured in particular, and B. B. Galyean's (B) pictures of American children, white and negro, revealed his understanding of the photographic medium. The first prize was awarded to the picture of a child playing by the sea by D. A. Wessely (G), and Galyean's picture of a girl with long hair (very obviously American) took second prize. Landscapes, particularly mountain and snow scenes, were good, and the third prize was given to a picture of hills and sea by M. H. Waring (C).

### THE WORKSHOPS

One of the exhibitions on Speech Day which always attracts a large crowd is the annual display in the Workshops. This year as usual exhibits were of work done during the year both by Members and by the Third forms in their weekly periods. Pride of place went to the prizewinners, M. A. S. G. Stewart (C), who won the new Friends of Stowe Prize with his fine gun cabinet, P. E. Martino (C), the winner of the John Holland Prize for metalwork, who had made a Water Tube Boiler and a partially completed Beam engine, and P. McNab (C), whose wide selection of woodwork of exceptionally high standard won the Third Form Prize. The many boats and canoes in various stages of completion again emphasised the Stoic's aquatic tendencies, and another working model to catch the eye was a 5 c.c. petrol engine made by J. K. Walmsley (W). The success of the Exhibition was reflected in the number of visitors who commented on the high standard of workmanship displayed and on the versatility of interest that the exhibits represented.

### THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Science Exhibition was a return in style to those of a number of years ago in that, unlike last year's exhibition, its aim was to amuse rather than to instruct; and in this it definitely succeeded. Unfortunately, however, by the end of the afternoon a few of the exhibits were no longer working, a combination of two hours' solid running and the fiddlings of a large number of Stoics having proved too much for them.

The exhibits were drawn from all the many aspects of Physics, with perhaps a slight emphasis on the electrical. They ranged from a Van de Graaff generator to the effects of the polarisation of light, from Lissajous' figures to discharge tubes, and from a dark-room demonstration of static waves to the boiling of cold water. Thus it can be seen that the exhibition was pretty comprehensive in its range, and was able to produce something to amuse most people. It should be interesting to see how it compares in popularity with the more restricted but more advanced demonstration of Nuclear Physics that is promised for next year.

## OLIM ALUMNI

ALDERMAN R. G. C. KINAHAN (T 1934), lately Lord Mayor of Belfast, was created a Knight Bachelor in the Birthday Honours List, 1961.

J. I. TWEEDIE-SMITH (B 1946) was in April elected to the L.C.C. in the Conservative interest, after a recount.

M. C. SCRUTTON (C 1955), of Balliol College, Oxford, was placed in the First Class of the Final School of Biochemistry.

H. MACLEAN (G 1958), of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, was placed in the First Class of the Historical Tripos Part II.

C. J. A. BINNIE (B 1956), of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, was placed in the First Class of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Part I and was awarded a Caldwell Scholarship by his College.

C. D. E. SPENCE (C 1958), of King's College, Cambridge, was placed in the First Class of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Part I and was awarded a Minor Scholarship by his College.

C. A. S. BOLLAND (T 1957) was placed in the First Class for Engineering at Trinity College, Dublin.

C. J. G. SHILLINGTON (C 1957) won the Mile for Ireland in 4 mins. 5 secs. at the Welsh Games International Match at Cardiff on July 29th.

J. F. CRAMPORN (B 1928) is Joint Master of the Essex Farmers Hunt.

### BIRTHS

To the wife of :

G. S. BAKER (T 1949) a son on March 10th 1961; G. G. CARMICHAEL (T 1948) a son on February 8th 1960; G. S. COLDHAM (W 1951) a son on April 8th 1961; L. G. DARLING (S 1939) a daughter on September 14th 1960; H. W. GRAY (W 1950) a daughter on May 13th 1959 and a son on February 14th 1961; M. J. ST. G. KELTON (W 1951) a son on October 21st 1960; C. J. S. MARLER (S 1950) a son on June 12th 1961; J. R. MELVIN (C 1951) a daughter on December 7th 1960; M. G. D. O'DONOVAN (T 1950) a son on January 7th 1961; P. W. R. PUMFREY (C 1952) a son on April 17th 1961; E. C. SKEPPER (T 1946) a daughter on January 13th 1961; B. E. SMITH (S 1948)

a daughter on June 4th 1958 and a daughter on March 21st 1960; R. W. SPIELMAN (♠ 1946) a daughter on May 24th 1961; J. I. TWEEDIE-SMITH (♠ 1956) a son on October 12th 1960; R. C. WITHINSHAW (♠ 1952) a son on March 16th 1961.

## MARRIAGES

A. J. AINSLEY (C 1942) to Joan Wright on October 8th 1960.  
 J. K. BENEY (♠ 1940) to Sylvia Marjorie Bowles on February 4th 1961.  
 H. A. C. BODDINGTON (W 1952) to Gillian Lesley Redfern on April 4th 1961.  
 W. A. FAIRBAIRN (C 1951) to Elspeth Alison Hally on May 6th 1961.  
 M. J. FENWICK (C 1952) to Sheila Henderson Blair on May 3rd 1958.  
 J. H. FERGUSON (C 1938) to Valerie Campbell on September 16th 1957.  
 A. T. R. FLETCHER (T 1947) to Audrey Hansard on June 24th 1961.  
 J. D. GRANGER (C 1944) to Mary Sylvia Back on March 25th 1961.  
 H. W. GRAY (W 1950) to Jane Southeran on August 24th 1957.  
 J. B. HAMER (G 1955) to Gretha Luttmner on March 25th 1961.  
 N. S. G. HINDE (W 1949) to Rosemary Elisabeth Finlay-Notman on April 15th 1961.  
 C. I. N. KRABBÉ (♠ 1949) to Jeanne Sheila Squires on May 13th 1961.  
 J. R. MELVIN (♠ 1951) to Lesley White on February 25th 1956.  
 E. W. T. MOSSELMANS (♠ 1949) to Helen Stewart Tighe on June 13th 1961.  
 J. R. PERRING (G 1948) to Ella Christine Pelham on July 21st 1961.  
 R. H. PRESTWICH (♠ 1946) to Susan Elizabeth Holliday Morris on June 10th 1961.  
 S. P. REES (G 1952) to Elizabeth Robertson on May 6th 1961.

## DEATH

LORD WESTBURY (C 1931) on June 26th 1961, suddenly, in Geneva.

## MISSING

A. P. G. BROWN (W 1953), The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, on May 9th 1961, missing believed killed in the Congo while attached to the Ghana Regiment.

## OLD STOIC MATCHES

CRICKET.—Stowe v. Stowe Templars. Played at Stowe on Old Stoic Day, June 17th. Templars won by 12 runs. (Templars 207; Stowe 195).

The main features of the Templar innings were a good 65 by Young and a last-wicket stand of 58 by F. N. Rushton and M. C. Scrutton, of which Scrutton, going in at No. 11, made 46.

When Stowe batted wickets were not falling fast enough to make a result at all likely until the Templars' captain helped the School to come within sight of victory by offering them cheap runs, and thus lured them to defeat. Having scored 40 odd in the last 15 minutes against the Free Foresters in the previous match, the School took the bait, and with the last three wickets falling to run-outs, two of them suicidal, the Templars were victorious.

Templars' team:—M. A. Rushton (♠ 1954) (Capt.); M. R. de B. Bate (W 1946); P. M. Young (C 1946); J. H. Harris (♠ 1957); C. H. Lezard (C 1950); I. H. Agnew (W 1959); T. D. Dyke (♠ 1958); A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W 1961); A. R. Bentall (C 1958); F. N. Rushton (♠ 1957); M. C. Scrutton (C 1955).

In the 2nd XI match the School won by 1 wicket: Templars 2nd XI 117 (Barling 48; Campkin 4 for 25); Stowe 2nd XI 121 for 9 wkts. (Edwards 31, Shellim 38; Gauvain 3 for 20, Harwood 2 for 32, Wetton 2 for 29).

Templars' 2nd team:—R. H. G. Carr (C 1929) (Capt.); N. C. S. Barling (♠ 1944); J. N. W. Dudley (T 1932); T. D. Brickhill (G 1956); D. E. D. Johnson (♠ 1956); G. Harwood (♠ 1957); P. N. W. Dudley (W 1958); The Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl (♠ 1937); C. J. W. Gauvain (T 1959); G. D. N. Wetton (♠ 1955); S. J. Sacher (C 1958); B. A. Stewart (C 1938).

GOLF.—Old Stoic Day is the day on which the School golfers take on all-comers round the Stowe course, confident that their local knowledge will be sufficient to outweigh any skill and experience that the Old Stoics may be able to bring to bear. This year their confidence received a jolt when the list of visitors was published—the Secretary and Match Secretary of the Old Stoic Golfing Society, a recent winner of the President's Putter and several past Captains of Stowe Golf being included in a strong team of twelve. The afternoon was fine, Chatham Field was enjoying a respite from the plague of sheep and the teams met on the first tee to pair off into six foursomes. Small Stoics offered their services as caddies, one Old Stoic being able to choose his son as bag-bearer, and soon the first divots were being cut and replaced. As the afternoon wore on, renowned Old Stoics were to be seen in many unlikely and uncomfortable corners renewing their acquaintance with the Stowe rough, but in spite of this everyone remained on speaking terms with his partner and some notable golf was played. When the results had all been collected, it was found that the match had been halved, three wins to each side.

The following Old Stoics played:—J. M. E. Anderson (♠ 1957); D. J. H. Birch (C 1952); A. D. Caird (C 1958); J. P. Hall (♠ 1958); R. M. Hinds (W 1950); A. H. P. Hope (G 1936); M. F. Peaty (C 1960); C. Rook-Blackstone (G 1958); M. H. Spence (C 1952); R. H. Whitaker (♠ 1957); D. N. White (C 1953); R. J. Wreford (C 1955).

TEMPLARS' CRICKET WEEK.—The week at Stowe, August 8th—13th, was a great success in all except weather and results. On slow wickets the Templars batted uncertainly against good seam and wristy bowlers, whose success emphasized our own weakness in attack. We really need a regular pair of seam bowlers, and one or two vicious spinners.

Against this it must be said that our opponents were generally very strong. For Oundle, Minney, a Northamptonshire cricketer, made 100, and most sides played at least one "blue," some more. The Old Alleynians only managed to win off the penultimate ball of the match, and the game against Northants Amateurs would most probably have been won but for the weather's intervening at a vital stage.

Results:—Stowe Templars lost to Oundle Rovers by 170 runs; lost to St. Edward's Martyrs by 8 wickets; drew with Northants Amateurs; and lost to Old Alleynians by 59 runs.

The following played:—H. V. Kemp (C 1931); I. H. Agnew (W 1959); C. J. G. Atkinson (C 1959); N. C. S. Barling (♠ 1944); A. R. Bentall (C 1958); R. Cobham (G 1952); J. F. Conington (♠ 1949); J. H. Harris (♠ 1957); H. R. Herrington (♠ 1950); C. H. Lezard (C 1950); M. D. T. Loup (T 1947); I. A. R. Mackenzie (♠ 1958); F. N. Rushton (♠ 1957); M. A. Rushton (♠ 1954); G. M. Shaw (♠ 1958). We were delighted to see Mr. Gibson and Mr. Deacon as usual so much in evidence.

## MUSIC

After a term of outstandingly varied musical activity it is difficult to think of the City of Birmingham orchestral concert conducted by Sir Adrian Boult as the unique event it seemed earlier in the term.

The concert opened with the *Wasps* overture—a pleasant, tuneful piece, which Sir Adrian invested with much of his own personality. Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll* was played with great restraint and with exquisitely tender atmosphere; curiously, the oboes failed initially to pierce the strong accompaniment, as they failed again when the great ground bass of Brahms' *St. Antony Variations* was flung to them. This work was notable for its sense of form; however far Brahms might deviate from the theme, one remained constantly aware how closely the shape of each variation recalled the chorale. *Introduction and Allegro* (Elgar's masterpiece?) was excellently played with limited resources (when all thirteen voices were playing, two orchestral parts had to be divided between three 'cellos); the generous, sweeping melodies were so rhythmically rendered as to make one want to stand up and fling one's arms around. The rendering of Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony* was as crisp as a cos lettuce, though the last movement failed to hold my full attention.

Although the range of these works was rather limited—all five were composed within about seventy years of one another, and none was scored for trombones—at least three are first-rate. The concert did not provide quite the musical interest nor perfection of execution of two or three other (not always equally well-attended) recent musical events, but it was a thoroughly popular and valuable musical experience.

The Chamber Concerts in the Library provide many of the pleasantest musical evenings at Stowe. This term there were two; outstanding in the first was Mozart's *Piano Quartet in E flat*, the piano part most understandingly interpreted by Mary Verney; an early Beethoven quartet was of lesser interest but the Schubert Quartett-Satz received a startlingly powerful performance. The second concert included a number of Old Stoics; there were spirited performances of a Handel sonata for two violins and continuo and the Brahms *Horn Trio*; the Mozart *Clarinet Quintet* received perhaps too romantic a rendering—it transmits its greatness best when played almost without emphasis. Fitzmaurice performed a Chopin Waltz so fast that he appeared to use up all his concentration on playing without mistakes; he made up for this, however, in a more fluent rendering of the *Ballade in G mi*.

This term Stowe and Radley exchanged concerts, an experiment which was instructive and stimulating. At Radley the Stowe orchestra played an ambitious programme triumphantly and I will not be accused of chauvinism when I say that Stowe would emerge creditably from the comparisons which I do not propose to make. The Hall at Radley was kind to the orchestra, but in the Handel *Fireworks Music* the acoustics were a bit overwhelming and the delicacy of the playing only emerged (particularly in the Siciliana) at the repeat performance in the Roxburgh Hall. The strings were better than I had ever heard them in the Sarabande from Britten's *Simple Symphony*, achieving a true emotional warmth and considerable tautness. Waine conducted his own *Pilgrim Suite*,—well scored, largely successful where it stuck to nineteenth-century precedent, but occasionally dubious where twentieth-century chromatism was attempted—though this was chiefly in the last movement, which the orchestra had to play slower than was the composer's intention. The Glee Club were in excellent form at Radley where they were close to their audience and appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves (this was partly lost in the Roxburgh Hall); particularly notable were the abrupt changes of tempo in *Johnny come down to Hilo* and Bushell's falsetto in the exquisitely sentimental *Goodnight, Beloved*. The Tchaikowsky *Symphony in E mi* was genuinely exciting to listen to and certainly none the worse for being cut; particularly effective were the lush climaxes of the Andante and the shattering of these by the traumatically transformed motto theme. The last five minutes fell to bits slightly, but in a concert where so much had been excellent, the applause was rightly enthusiastic.

Undoubtedly the outstanding achievement of either concert was the playing of the Radley 'cellist, J. B. D. Lawrence, in the first movement of the Elgar *Cello Concerto*. Lawrence played from memory with astonishing power and beauty of tone, and so perfectly in tune as to make the orchestra sound merely approximately correct. But the Radley strings excelled in the Britten *Simple Symphony* (the whole of it), the pizzicato being most perfectly timed; they also gave a good performance of Schubert's *Rosamunde Overture*. Haydn's *Symphony No. 99 in E flat* was less successful and certainly (with the Stowe *Fireworks Music*) demonstrates that eighteenth-century music is by no means so suitable for school orchestras as is sometimes supposed.

Apart from the Music Competition (reported elsewhere) there remained a concert given in Assembly by an ephemeral assembly of Stowe's lesser-known musical luminaries. The Glee Club extended their repertoire with some traditional and student songs; though it was a popular and informal occasion, their technical mastery was as much in evidence as at



Radley. As a performer, I am unqualified to write on the performance of Malcolm Arnold's energetic *Toy Symphony* by the Staff Symphony Orchestra, but the sustained roar with which it was greeted suggests that the masters were musically above—or at least beside—criticism.

S.W.E.S.

### PROGRAMMES OF CONCERTS

#### THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor—SIR ADRIAN BOULT

Leader—MEYER STOLOW

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Overture: "The Wasps" ... .. *Vaughan Williams*  
 Siegfried Idyll ... .. *Wagner*  
 Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56a. ... .. *Brahms*  
 Introduction and Allegro for Strings, Op. 47 ... .. *Elgar*  
 MEYER STOLOW (*Violin*) ROBERT FLEMING (*Violin*)  
 SAMUEL SPINAK (*Viola*) OLIVER VELLA (*Cello*)  
 Symphony No. 4 in A, Op. 90 (The "Italian" Symphony) *Mendelssohn*  
 Allegro vivace; Andante con moto; Con moto moderato;  
 Salterello, Presto.

#### MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

MARY VERNEY (*Piano*)

MR. WATSON (*Violin*) ANNE WOLFE (*Viola*)  
 LESLEY MELVIN (*Violin*) RHUNA MARTIN (*Cello*)

Quartet No. 2 in G ma., Op. 18, No. 2 ... .. *Beethoven*  
 Allegro; Adagio cantabile; Scherzo; Allegro molto quasi presto.  
 Pianoforte Quartet in E flat (K.493) ... .. *Mozart*  
 Allegro; Larghetto; Allegretto.  
 Quartett-Satz in C mi., (Op. posth.) ... .. *Schubert*

#### PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIAL MUSIC

PERFORMED BY THE SCHOOL MILITARY BAND

Conductor—MR. E. J. WEBB

AT THE C.C.F. GENERAL INSPECTION ON THE SOUTH FRONT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST

General Salute: "The Royal Air Force .. .. *A. E. Sims*  
 Parade March in Slow Time ... .. *Beaumont*  
 Troop: "The Colours" ... .. *Stanley*  
 Slow March: "Scipio" ... .. *Handel*  
 "Wings" ... .. *Claribel*  
 March Past—The Royal Air Force ... .. *Walford Davies*

#### SUMMER CONCERT

AT RADLEY COLLEGE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

AT STOWE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Leader—M. SPIRA (C)

Conductor—MR. A. J. WATSON

THE GLEE CLUB

Conductor—MR. R. J. F. PROCTOR

Suite from the Music for the Royal Fireworks ... .. *Handel*  
 Overture; Alla Siciliana; Bourrée; Menuetto  
 Sentimental Sarabande (from The Simple Symphony) ... .. *Britten*

Pilgrim Suite ... .. *T. W. J. Waine (C)*  
 Allegro Moderato; Andantino non troppo; Allegretto  
 (Conducted by the Composer)

#### THE GLEE CLUB:

How merrily we live ... .. *East*  
 To all you ladies now on land ... .. *Dr. Callcott*  
 Goodnight, beloved ... .. *Pinsuti*  
 Johnny come down to Hilo ... .. *arr. George Mitchell*  
 Negro Spirituals: Jerusalem Morning  
 Deep River  
 Ol' Ark's a-moverin'  
 Symphony No. 5 in E mi., Op. 64 ... .. *Tchaikowsky*  
 Andante-allegro con anima; Andante cantabile;  
 Valse (Allegro moderato); Finale (Andante maestoso-Allegro vivace)

#### OLD STOIC MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

JOHN MELVIN (C 1951) (*Clarinet*) MAURICE FITZMAURICE (W 1956) (*Piano*)  
 SIMON WHISTLER (C 1958) (*Violin*) JAMES DIACK (T 1956) (*Horn*)  
 MR. PROCTOR (*Piano*) MR. BURKE (*Piano*)  
 LESLEY MELVIN (*Violin*) MR. WATSON (*Violin*)  
 ANNE WOLFE (*Viola*) RHUNA MARTIN (*Cello*)

Sonata in G minor, Op. 2, No. 8, for two violins and continuo *Handel*  
 Andante; Allegro; Largo; Allegro  
 Trio for Horn, Violin and Piano, Op. 40 ... .. *Brahms*  
 Andante-poco più animato; Scherzo; Adagio mesto; Finale  
 Waltz in A flat, Op. 42 ... .. *Chopin*  
 Ballade in G minor ... .. *Chopin*  
 Clarinet Quintet in A major, K.581 ... .. *Mozart*  
 Allegro; Larghetto; Menuetto and two Trios;  
 Theme and Variations

CONCERT BY THE GLEE CLUB WITH THE STAFF SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
 Conductor—MR. R. J. F. PROCTOR

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND, IN ASSEMBLY

Gaudeamus Igitur ... .. Traditional  
 The Hippopotamus Song ... Donald Swann and Michael Flanders  
 Down Below ... .. Sydney Carter

I. F. BRACEY, D. H. PENROSE

Three Traditional Songs: Men of Harlech  
 Drink to me only  
 The Piper of Dundee

Les Noces D'Argent, fantaisie très facile pour un seul piano  
 à 8 mains ... .. Cbaminade

T. W. J. WAINE, C. S. WINTLE, A. R. NEGUS, A. D. G. SHILLINGTON

Three Songs of Yale: My Evaline

White Shoe Blues

C. A. MCINTYRE, I. A. H. SITWELL, A. A. W. KEMP, P. F. BROWN

Bermuda Buggy Ride

Toy Symphony, Opus 62 (Allegro-Allegretto-Vivace) Malcolm Arnold

Violins, MR. WATSON and MR. MILLWARD; Viola, MR. DEACON;  
 'Cello, MRS. GIBBS; Piano, MR. BURKE; Cuckoo and Guard's Whistle,  
 MR. WALKER; Whistle in C sharp minor and Nightingale, MR. FOX;  
 Trumpet in F, MR. SAUNDERS; Trumpet in C, MR. BAIN; Trumpet in G,  
 DR. DAVID; Dulcimers F and C, MR. MACDONALD; Dulcimers D and A,  
 MR. DAMS; Dulcimers B flat and F, MR. RAWCLIFFE; Triangle,  
 MR. VINEN; Cymbals, MR. OWEN; Drum, MR. STEPHAN; Quail,  
 MR. STUART.

Four Negro Spirituals: I want to be ready  
 Roll, Jordan, Roll  
 Oh, wasn't that a wide River?  
 Steal Away

A Couple of Fine Old Schools

I. F. BRACEY, D. H. PENROSE

Two Sea Shanties: Johnny Come Down to Hilo

A-Roving

Good Night, Good Night, Beloved ... .. *Ciro Pinsuti*

T. E. C. BUSHELL, C. A. MCINTYRE, J. F. R. SAUNDERS, P. F. BROWN

CONCERT BY THE RADLEY COLLEGE ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Conductor—MR. D. W. M. PAINE

First and Third Movements from Symphony No. 99 in E flat *Haydn*  
 Adagio—Vivace assai; Menuetto (Allegretto)

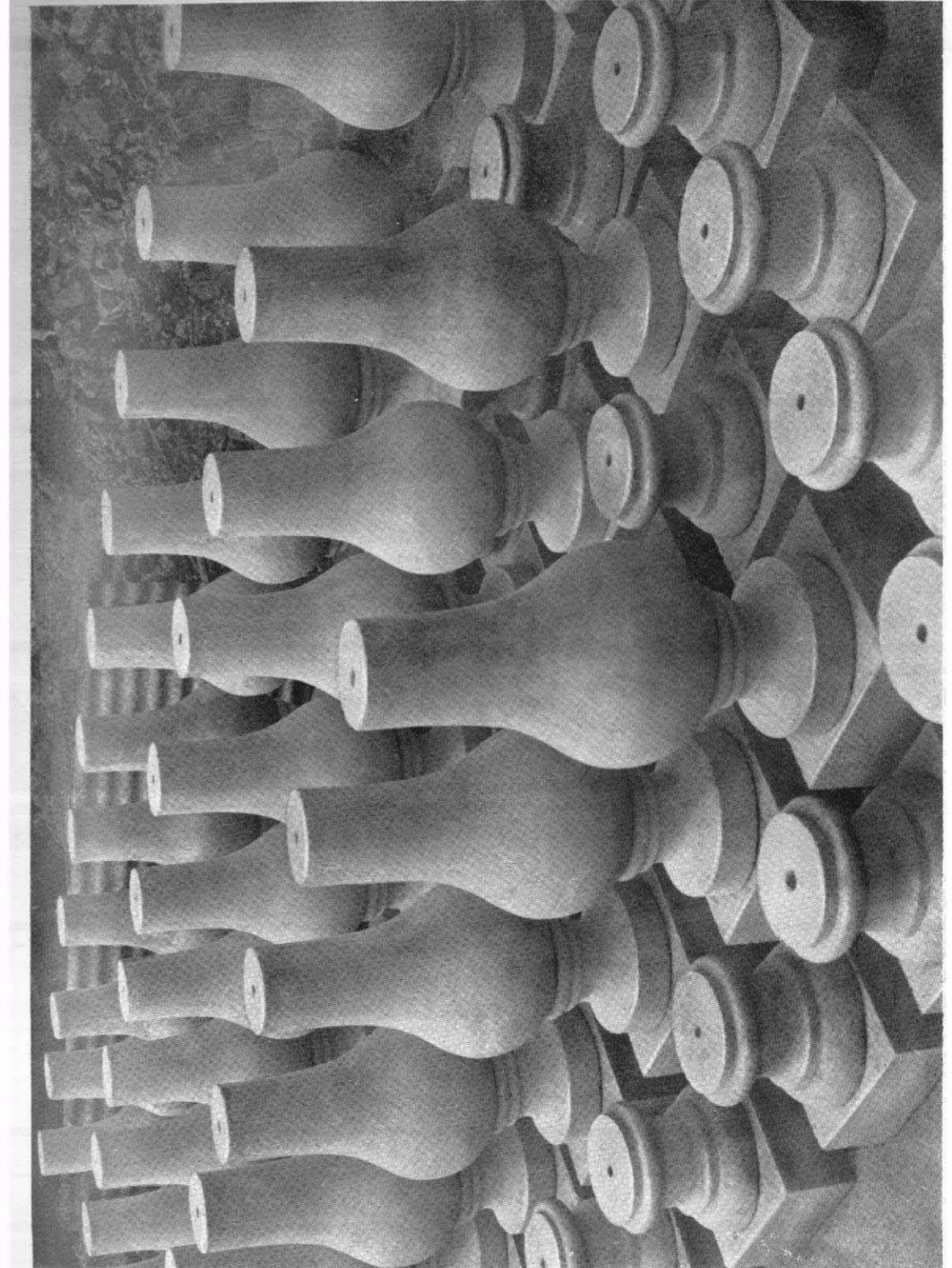
First Movement from 'Cello Concerto in E minor ... .. *Elgar*  
 Adagio—Moderato

Solo 'Cello—J. B. D. LAWRENCE

Simple Symphony for Strings ... .. *Britten*

Bourrée; Pizzicato; Sarabande; Finale

Overture: "Rosamunde" ... .. *Schubert*



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IN THE STONE YARD  
 Balusters for the Corinthian Arch

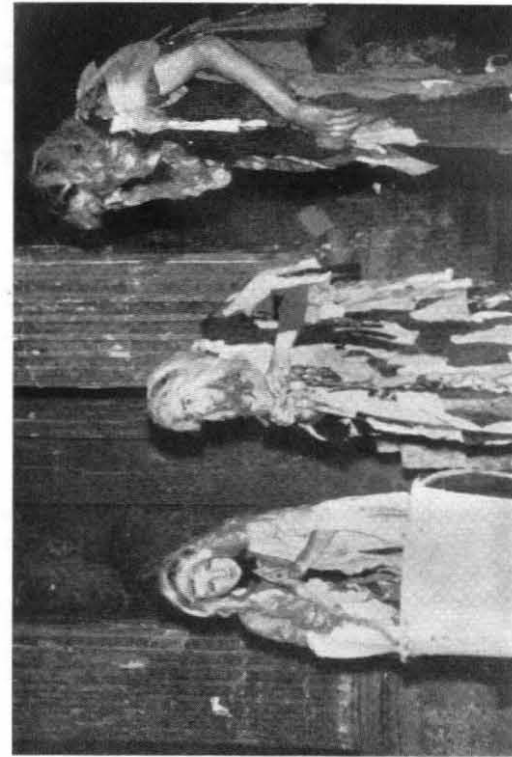
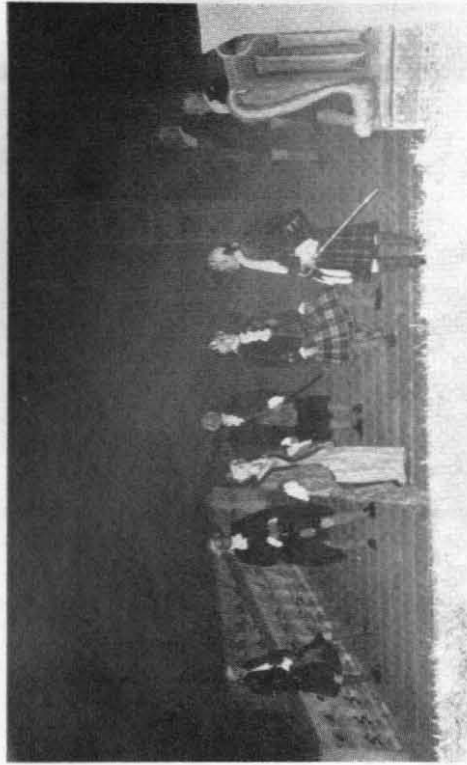


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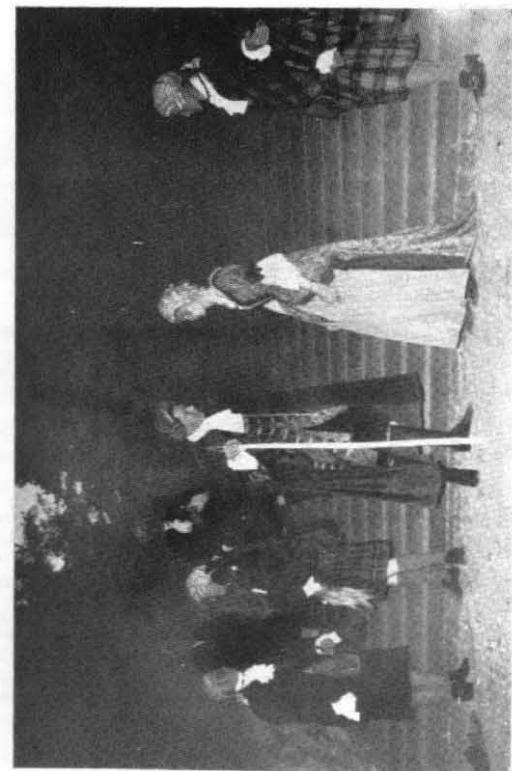
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MACBETH  
Presented by the Historians at the Queen's Temple on July 28th and 29th.



## THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

The Solo Music Competitions took place on the last Sunday of Term (July 30th) in the Foyer of the Roxburgh Hall—as nearly al fresco as was practicable. We returned to the old system of one adjudicator, as opposed to three specialists, and in order not to make it too great a marathon we allowed only the best players to compete. There is much to be said for both systems, but in this case the old arrangement was completely successful, because the adjudicator—Mr. R. B. Ferry, Director of Music at Marlborough—is a musician of the broadest sympathies, very able to cope with the whole field of music.

He first explained his system of marking. An 'A' he awarded only very rarely to outstanding players. 'B' meant 'a very good performance, worthy of a prize'. 'C' was good and 'D' fair. It was a relief at the end of the day, when surveying the triumphs and failures, to find that three 'A's had been awarded—to Wintle, Bushell and Spira—and that no-one had failed so spectacularly as to merit a 'D'. In fact, Mr. Ferry confessed that on several occasions during the afternoon he had forgotten that he was adjudicating a competition, and that this could not entirely be accounted for by the beauty of the surroundings and the relaxed atmosphere.

The results were as follows:—

*Intermediate Piano* : 1, A. R. Negus (B) ; 2, A. D. Miall (B) ; 3, J. Whiteley (C).

*Woodwind* : 1, A. R. Negus (B) ; 2, C. B. Tetlow (T).

*Brass* : 1, J. Whiteley (C) ; 2, D. A. Wessely (G).

*Senior Piano* : 1, C. S. Wintle (C) ; 2, A. A. W. Kemp (G).

*Violin* : 1, M. Spira (C) ; 2, J. F. R. Saunders (C).

*Cello* : 1, T. E. C. Bushell (C) ; 2, P. F. Brown (C).

*Organ* : 1, T. W. J. Waine (G) ; 2, T. W. Dudley (W).

*Two Pianos* : T. W. J. Waine (G) and C. S. Wintle (C).

*Boosey & Hawkes Cup (for the wind player who has made most progress)* : J. R. S. Pringle (B).

*Fanshawe Cup (for the most musical performance of the day)* : C. S. Wintle (C).

## MACBETH

*Presented by the Historians at the Queen's Temple on July 28th and 29th.*

The classical elegance of the Queen's Temple is hardly the obvious setting for the barbaric gloom and bloody inevitability of *Macbeth*. Realizing this, the Historians decided to "cast it into an 18th-century mould." Inevitably this shears the play of some of its traditional atmosphere and, for me, of some of its theatrical impact. This deficiency is peripheral, as the theme of the play is universal and the story of many dictators is much like that of *Macbeth*. A position gained by violence is never secure. Successful murders must be assured by further murders. Mouths must be silenced, or, in Lady *Macbeth's* words, people must be "provided for".

The *Macbeth* of T. W. J. Waine (G) was almost bound for success merely on account of his commanding voice and presence. He ably portrayed *Macbeth's* physical strength and moral weakness, and was particularly good when showing us the man who wants the reward of crime without the unpleasantness of the crime itself. The best moment of the play was *Macbeth's* horror after murdering the king. His anguished cry of "Sleep no more; *Macbeth* hath murdered sleep" must have been clearly audible at the Armoury.

Lady Macbeth is probably Shakespeare's most challenging and rewarding female part. Prince F. N. von Preussen's (W) interpretation of it was the outstanding individual achievement of this production. He succeeded equally as the businesslike hostess upbraiding Macbeth for disturbing the banquet with his Banquo-inspired caperings, and as the resolute ambitious queen twitting him for his scruples.

S. H. Sladen (G) as Malcolm played a straight part with authority though at times he hurried his lines. H. L. Cowdy (G) as Banquo was very much the "good chap". The three witches, C. B. Tetlow (T), A. R. Negus (B) and N. J. C. Davies (C), were appropriately ghoulish. They received high praise when an Old Stoic—a witch in the *Historians'* 1937 production—remarked after the performance: "Much more sinister than in my day".

R. M. Campbell (C) as Macduff showed great ability, moving and speaking well, and P. N. T. Phillips (T) as Lennox was splendidly urbane. He used the stage well and appeared to know a number of the tricks of the actor's trade.

Each *Historians'* play has its "spectacular" and this year it was H. J. C. Morland (B) as Young Siward tumbling twenty feet down the steps in a death-scene worthy of *Vistavision*. The staging of the banquet scene was extremely successful—a table groaning with food and candelabra. But the appearance of Banquo's ghost from behind a curtain was too like a Punch and Judy show to be anything but hilariously funny.

I saw the play on both nights and the difference was considerable. This indicates under-rehearsal, for which the exigencies of the curriculum and "A" levels are presumably responsible.

The pleasant and successful incidental music was composed and conducted by C. S. Wintle (C).

G.D.M.

## THE SILVER LINING

*(The winning entry for the Gavin Maxwell Prize)*

The fitful spring rain ceased as suddenly as it had begun. I turned from the mad, frenzied bustle of the boulevard, and plunged down a maze of narrow, dirty streets, dominated by impassive, shuttered houses. Decay and weariness surrounded me. Hidden away behind the peeling, dusty houses, a synagogue squatted on the cobbles, blank and uncompromising. There were a few Jews, narrow-chested and tubercular, moving jerkily about the narrow, uneven pavements. I paused, relishing my detachment. Across the road, half-hidden by a large sunshade, an antique shop scowled. I crossed over, unable to resist the inviting depth and gloom of the window.

Inside, the shop was like some eastern cave, glittering, and carved into many fantastic shapes by many fantastic objects; brass coal-scuttles, fenders and fire-irons, mirrors, some rectangular and fresh gilded, others round and worn. There were inkstands, heavy, leaden, and with splayed feet. Silhouettes of Victorian gentlemen hung in rows down the side of the door. Candlesticks, tall and short, thin and fat, littered the old tables in disorder and profusion. And there were prints of all shapes and sizes, littering the walls. Military prints, fashion prints, views, engravings, every conceivable form of mural decoration.

The door at the back of the shop opened, and the proprietor shuffled out, heavy and rumbling.

"Yes?" he said shortly.

"May I look round?"

He growled a disapproving assent, as he stared through rimless glasses, inscrutable as the wall of the synagogue. His face was round, impassive and priggish; his nose was low and flat. His body seemed to trail away to the floor. I wandered my eyes over the military prints, but found concentration impossible, so acutely conscious was I of that nagging penetrating stare. Suddenly, I was possessed of an overwhelming desire to turn round and face him. I did turn, slowly at first and, gathering courage, I wheeled abruptly. He was gone—as, indeed, I had half suspected. All my uneasiness—call it what you may—turned to indignation. But, as I attempted to resolve my weird succession of feelings, he returned, carrying a large, dusty, unframed print, which he laid before me. Shelving my anxieties I examined it with interest. It showed, crudely portrayed, Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. A cluster of numbed French infantry, statuesque and in rags, were being hounded down by an unruly mob of Cossacks, while overhead great snow-laden clouds rushed across the sky, darkening abruptly and symbolically over the French Army, whilst the further bank, upturned like a brim of a hat, gleamed in a sheen of frosted silver.

The proprietor noted my approval with a sombre expression.

"You may keep it," he said, grudgingly, with an air of finality, as though we had just concluded a long haggle.

I faced him, wondering.

"Why give it to me?" I asked, not quite sure whether to emphasise "give," or "me." I sounded suspicious, though predominantly I still felt annoyed at his non-presence a few moments before.

"I . . . er, do not like this print." He spoke punctiliously. "Perhaps the customers sense this, for I have never sold it." Here his voice became suddenly urgent, almost aggressive, in its stream of language. "I won't sell, it brings me poor business . . . it . . . it . . . I thought you might be interested." He glanced at me stupidly. I resisted an almost insurmountable temptation to laugh outright, at the obvious inadequacy of his explanation.

"Well . . . thank you," I said still with a trace of doubt, and also of amusement, although I must have shown that I suspected a lurking, deeper motive, for he smirked unattractively.

"Thank you," I said again, rather unconvincingly this time, as I faced him. His face seemed to have changed—it seemed to have lengthened. It was darker, charged with emotion and internality; bitter, intense, very sensitive, touched with cynicism, full of consciousness and contradiction. "I don't like cossacks . . . it . . . they recall a life best forgotten," he said, his eyes glistening behind his spectacles. I looked at him enquiringly.

"I lived in Poland, I and my mother. We were happy in our unassuming way. Then the communists came—the cossacks."

The old man's mouth hardened. "They broke up my belongings, rifled my meagre wardrobe, and beat my poor mother. That night we prayed to God to save us. In the morning we gave the cossacks a little food and drink. Later, a big, bristling lancer strode into our room. 'I must eat!' growled the man. My dear old mother raised her eyes to me as though in supplication, and lowered them again.

"'With all this strife, I have nothing,' she said. But we had a goose, severe and upright, whom we loved greatly, because she was reared by my father. The cossack spied our goose, inoffensively preening its feathers in the yard. He kicked open the door and walked up to it. He overtook it and pressed it to the ground. Its head cracked beneath his boot, cracked and emptied itself. The white neck lay stretched out in the

dung, the wings twitching. 'God save us, dear landlady, go and cook me my goose.' He stalked off, laughing horribly at his joke.

"Her blind eyes glistening, the old woman picked up the slaughtered bird, wrapped it in her apron, and started to bear it off towards the kitchen. I was shocked by her mute acceptance of her misery. She bore that dead bird to the kitchen with such humility that I almost hated her. 'God will save us, dear son,' she said.

"After that, I fled to Germany—to Berlin, where I merged successfully into the crowd of my fellows. I lived there happily—till the Nazis came. I had a small clothes shop in a back-street. The Nazis smeared paint over my shop to proclaim to a disapproving world my origin. They beat me for cleaning it, and then they burned my shop. Still I can see myself running from them, from their cruel, hard mouths and their cruel, hard boots, that stamped and hacked with ruthless severity. I went then to Switzerland, but they did not want me there, for I was neither rich nor clever. So I went to America. There I prospered; I owned a little newspaper shop, and during the war I kept to myself, living quietly and unobtrusively. At the end of the war, I went back to Germany, as an interpreter, with the army. I was badly treated, because I was a Jew. There I saw sights which sickened me—thousands of my fellows butchered to satiate the blood-cult of a frenzied nation. And I was yet alive. I returned to America, but I was a Jew, and they hated me for it. One night, my shop was attacked, rifled, and broken open. My life was broken open, once more. The police laughed. The next night I was torn from my bed, beaten, robbed and kicked out onto the streets, while the police laughed. I fled—anywhere—to Paris. Here I have lived for twelve years."

I looked down at the print, held lifelessly in my hand.

"That print reminds me remorselessly of my life—spent under a cloud, and lined perhaps with a tarnished silver, my faith."

"Your faith in what?" I asked provocatively.

Without answering, he shuffled back into the dark recesses of his shop. Somewhere a door shut, firmly and decisively.

Taking the print, I turned back into the weak sunlight of the street, at the far end of which stood the synagogue, shabby, blank and, suddenly, of profound significance.

W.R.B.A.

## WHITESHOD 1961

*Allied Officers' Course at the Norwegian School of Winter Warfare*

(The writer, R. B. J. Gadney (♁ 1959), is serving with the Coldstream Guards.)

"This course has not been designed as a skiing holiday, nor does it in any sense resemble one; students are advised to toughen themselves up, to bring elastoplast, elastic knee caps, crepe bandages, aspirin, cascara."

These excerpts from the War Office Joining Instructions were forbidding, especially as they arrived during a long spell of Public Duties in London, when it was not necessary to think about the implications of elastic knee caps and crepe bandages and cascara.

Three months later at King's Cross I joined the Boat Train for Oslo and was confronted by a highly coloured display of green and red berets, and the faces underneath them were oppressively strong. In Norway itself the train took us to Elverum, a small railway junction one hundred miles north of Oslo. A bus journey over roads of packed snow enabled us to reach the School of Winter Warfare.

Two Danes, two Pakistanis, an American and Major Charles Wylie, who had been to Everest with Sir John Hunt, all joined us and we began skiing at once. The tempera-

ture had dropped to minus 28 degrees centigrade, which the Norwegians assured us was warm for a Norwegian January. All the aspects of military skiing were taught to us. We learned the theory of living, moving and fighting in the mountains under very hard conditions. Twice a week we had a period of Norwegian P.T., which involved skiing 5 or 10 kilometres across country as fast as we could. We were now fitter than we had ever been before. We had also lost a considerable amount of weight and certainly were not used to breakfasts of cheese and anchovies, caviar from tubes and very black coffee.

At the end of the third week we ski-ed into a nearby forest. Here in the evening we cut down pine trees and built bivouacs. There was room for nine officers in each. As night progressed the cold became excruciating; at half-past five I swung my axe at a tree-stump and missed. The blade cut through snow gaiters, two pairs of trousers, leather boots, two pairs of socks and into a large part of foot. I was removed to hospital in a weasel, my foot having left bloody designs in the snow which would have done credit to many an abstract painter. Blood on snow looks more unpleasant than blood in most other places. Regulations made it imperative that recovery should be made within a week if I was to stay in Norway. Fortunately this was rendered possible by the doctors in the Elverum Sikhous.

The fourth week saw us completing our skiing tests. Ten kilometres had to be covered on skis within sixty-five minutes. In easy snow conditions this is possible for a skier of average ability. Only four of the eight officers on the course failed to do this and win the Norwegian Civilian Ski Badge. Cross-country skiing can be carried out easily once the rhythmical kick forward is mastered. For obvious reasons the Norwegian Military regard skiing as of equal importance in training to marching. A highlight of Whiteshod is the thirty-kilometre race held annually for all-comers from the Army. The British have given a Cup, the Bumps and Dips Cup, to be awarded to the overall winner of the race. Pack and rifle are carried, weighing a total of eleven kilos. Ten shots are fired after fifteen kilometres. Two minutes are deducted from each competitor's finishing time for every hit scored on the small targets placed at a range of two hundred yards. No British officer has ever failed to finish the course. The nearest place we have had to first has been eighth. It takes the average skier three and a half hours to finish the course and the less good some five hours. Half-way round we were given an orange, an ancient bun and the Norwegian equivalent of a mug of warm Ribena.

We were now capable of skiing in nearly all conditions. At least we could be sure of standing up with certainty. The training was getting harder every day. It is interesting that at this stage of the course we never had enough strength to leave our rooms and go out after dinner at five-thirty.

Four days after the thirty-kilometre race we started our 96-mile march through the mountains. This was the climax of our survival. The march was a long-range patrol. I took my diary with me in my sponge-bag.

*Monday, 6th March.*—The purpose of the Exercise Survival is to train us in the organisation of a long-range patrol, bivouacing, and transport of our supplies. We are the transport and leave at dawn. The temperature is 18 deg. C. As the largest, I'm thought to be the most beast-of-burden-like, and am taken to pull the pulk or sledge. The going is all uphill to start with. We ski up for two hours on ice and seem to ski back down just as much. Although we are really fit we all feel the strain. Our packs weigh over 40 lbs. and feel like 40 tons. Darkness falls and we are still two kilometres away from our bivouac area. At last we reach it. Pitching the tent in darkness is embarrassingly unfunny. The sweat freezes on our backs and we put all our clothes into our sleeping bags to prevent them from freezing too.

*Tuesday, 7th March.*—The sun is up and the sky is burning when we wake at 5 a.m. Breakfast is of velling (a porridge-like substance), Nescafé and chocolate. We are now lacking water. I never realised the dry air would make me so thirsty. We cover some ten or fifteen kilometres before lunch. This consists of raisins, biscuits and Nescafé, and we eat on the top of a frozen lake. We dig into the ice, which is two or three feet thick, to get to water. We go on to the snowfields, which are very beautiful in a sinister sort of way. We are 1,800 feet up and there are no trees, only snow and ice. No trees, no insulation between sleeping bags and snow at night. There is a high-powered wind on arrival at bivouac area. We build 6-foot snow walls for protection from the wind. This takes two hours. Thus we're very sheltered and oddly enough all sleep really well.

*Wednesday, 8th March.*—After marching 17 kilometres we bivouac at 2 p.m. and sleep until 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. we go on into the night. My pulk turn comes round every four hours. We ski downhill now for several miles. Darkness is heavy. Skiing in the dark is a somewhat eerie experience. The clouds disperse by 11 p.m. and all one is aware of is continual swishing of skis on snow. Later on we fall often. At 1 a.m. we stop for coffee and chocolate. We are getting nearer to the tree-line now, then quite suddenly the pines are above us once again. There is ice in the forests. Dawn comes at five o'clock. The yellow and red colours in the sky warm us up.

*Thursday, 9th March.*—At 6.30 a.m. we reach our bivouac area. We sleep until 10.30 a.m. The march then continues. Our large blisters make our feet ache a great deal. Our bivouac tonight is on frozen marsh. We have been going 36 hours and the majority of us have succeeded in getting only 4 hours' sleep.

*Friday, 10th March.*—We ski to meet the weasels and get towed behind them for a few kilometres. By now we are tired out and almost asleep on our skis. At 3 p.m. we are back at base. So ended the march. None of us had ever felt so tired. A Pakistani officer said he felt like ten men, one dying and nine dead!

When we reached Elverum we found it was in the middle of its annual fair. This went on for a week. We felt it our duty to see the Biggest Woman in the World. She was vast.

Departure from Norway was hard. Many of the friends we made in Oslo came to see us off at the harbour. As the ship left its moorings we waved goodbye with energy, but the bedroom notice we had taken from our hotel fell into the water and drifted lazily back down the sunset-lit Oslo Fjord. It read: 'Put your shoes outside the door and the maid will come in and clean them'.

R.B.J.G.

## BOOK REVIEW

"COMMAND THE FAR SEAS"

By KEITH MIDDLEMAS (C 1953) (Hutchinson 25/-)

Keith Middlemas, who took a First in History at Cambridge and is now an Assistant Clerk of the House of Commons, has written a naval history of some merit. *Command the Far Seas* is an account of the cruiser warfare of 1914, which culminated in the first British naval battles since the Napoleonic Wars—at Coronel and Falkland—and which for a time posed a very real German threat to vital communications and trade routes across the world.

The author carefully builds up a picture of the overall strategic situation as war became imminent in the high summer of 1914; he conveys effectively the sudden transition from the elaborate formality and snow-white decks of the peacetime fleets to the grim purposeful preparation for war. We were given interesting sketches of those in

control on each side—Von Pohl and Von Tirpitz, Churchill, Battenberg and Fisher, their ideas on strategy and the forces at their disposal.

And so, helped appreciably by pre-war reconnaissance and organisation effected with Teutonic thoroughness, the German cruisers and armed liners went to war like latter-day buccaneers, commanded by enterprising, resourceful men like Von Spee and Von Müller, for whom the author shows abundant understanding and respect, quite justifiably since even the contemporary British public were to regard them as little less than heroes for their daring exploits.

The first months of the war brought striking success—against ships and shore installations—to *Emden* and *Königsberg*, *Karlsruhe* and *Dresden* as they pursued their "guerre de course" across the oceans of the world—so much so that merchant sailings were disrupted and much-needed troop convoys from the Dominions were held up while urgent demands for protection went out to London. Using anchorages hitherto unknown but recently marked out and charted with careful foresight, supplied with indispensable fuel by a train of attendant colliers, and acting on usually accurate information from agents ashore, for a time the raiders called the tune and by the end of October thirty-nine merchantmen had been taken as prizes, their cargoes either requisitioned or destroyed.

But the British Navy always held the trump-cards, slow though the Admiralty might be to realise the need for drastic action. Von Spee always realised that his days of marauding were numbered, yet he was to have his crowning triumph at Coronel when the unlucky *Cradock* was caught unawares in the stormy November twilight, out-gunned and outstripped by the German squadron. In time, as Von Spee had foreseen, coal supplies became difficult to obtain at all, there were no facilities for refitting and the liners converted into armed raiders were especially conspicuous, vulnerable and costly in fuel, even if fast. The drama reached its climax when Von Spee, for once un-informed, moved too slowly to attack the British base on the Falkland Islands and himself was trapped by Sturdee with his two battle-cruisers reluctantly released by Jellicoe and specially sent out to deal with the distant menace.

By April 1915 the last of the privateers had been hunted down and despatched, but it is an enthralling story of these highwaymen of the sea, scrupulously observant of the rules of war, sheltered in swampy East African estuaries, among the remote and exotic South Pacific islands, or in Darwin's "death-like scene of desolation", the barren Chilean coast stretching north from Cape Horn and Magellan's Straits, until they were finally located and destroyed. The German cruisers, the best available, were admirably suited to their rôle; the British ships, often lacking in speed, were quite inadequate for the task and woefully over-extended until Sturdee's arrival.

Middlemas has written a thoroughly enjoyable first book, one which should appeal to anyone with an interest in naval warfare, or even in the sea and ships. Clarity in presenting the sequence of events may have been sacrificed at times, leaving the reader a little confused, but the story is vividly told and there are admirable maps to help. Above all the author is sympathetic to the motives and actions of both sides; the British rôle of policeman in the far seas "was not a job which gained thanks, or, indeed, much publicity; the glory lay, as always, with the skilful highwayman, the poacher. The work had been long and often tedious, balancing out forces to throttle the hydra-like enemy ever endangering those capital ships on whom so much depended, who 'were all we had. On them floated the might of the British Empire. Open the seacocks . . . and that empire would dissolve like a dream'."

B.H.M.

## LECTURES

## AFRICA

By MR. T. STACEY, ON JUNE 12TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Mr. Tom Stacey, an old Etonian who has close connections with Stowe, for his sister was married to an Old Stoic in Chapel, gave an excellent lecture in the Roxburgh Hall on June 12th entitled 'Africa Today'.

Mr. Stacey began by explaining to the mainly Upper-School audience how he had come to be in Africa: as a young journalist he had conversed with Lumumba's fellow-prisoners and disturbed some witch-doctors in the middle of a human dissection session. In a more serious vein he explained his interest in Africa in his semi-official capacity as the Africa correspondent of the *Sunday Times*: he surveyed Africa from the viewpoint of each individual country and from this the next section of the lecture developed. The upsurge of nationalist spirit is the main impetus for the African: but to a great extent he is lost, for Africa has no great national culture to turn to such as that of the Arabs or Indians.

The enlightened British Colonial Government helps the African positively: the Communist movement works against them with Moscow-trained men such as Johnson, Padmore and Kenyatta. The neutralist faction has greater influence than these, with men like Banda and Mboya who are searching after a philosophy for Africa that will adapt existing ethical codes on a principle of eclecticism to select what is best for Africa. Above all they seek for something that will bring them back to their 'intimate communion' with nature and the African Spirits that used to guide them: here they feel a resentment of the white man, for he has split them from this tradition and associated himself with oppression of the black man. This point is rather subtle but it has become a very important influence in Africa and should be considered in conjunction with the rise of Pan-Africanism.

As Africa is very much the key continent and its prolonged political independence is important for maintaining the balance of world power, external forces are at work to ensure that Africa does not go over to the other side. The colonial influence is prominent in Nigeria and Tanganyika; the American influence is anti-colonial and in fact supports financially some of the same causes as the Communists. These constitute another major outside influence; mostly in Guinea and Morocco, who have ambitions against Mauretania. The last major influence is that of the neutrals led by Nehru and their main African follower, Egypt. The interior forces develop from these, notably the Casablanca (pro-East) and Nairobi blocs with the uncommitted nations such as Mozambique and the Rhodesias.

Mr. Stacey said that these influences would affect Africa greatly and that the Negroes at the moment realised their dependence on the White Man. The defeatism of the West was responsible to some extent for the way in which Communists were gaining converts to their cause by bribes of financial and technical aid; all this was demoralising the African. Tribal jealousies would cause further bitterness; yet he thought there was a future in Africa.

This lecture was clearly presented with humorous moments. My main regret is that Mr. Stacey did not spend longer talking on the future of Africa; yet I left thinking how much more I knew about Africa, but with his final sentence ringing in my ears: "If you think you've got it straight, you're wrong".

N.M.

## THE LIFE OF AN OLD STOIC

By GROUP CAPTAIN G. L. CHESHIRE, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C. (C 1935), on  
JULY 26TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire visited Stowe this term for only the second time since leaving in 1935. His talk was essentially part of the Leavers' Course but because of its outstanding nature the whole school attended. After making a brief reference to his previous inglorious visit to Stowe, when he crashed his Alfa-Romeo into a sightscreen on the North Front, he spoke of his work for the disabled, and the famous Cheshire Homes. With typical modesty he glossed quickly over his war record and went on to tell us of the adversities and discouragements that had to be combated before his scheme, which was to bring comfort to so many of the hopeless and helpless, was turned from a dream into a reality. The points which so impressed his audience were the simplicity of the original idea, his unswerving faith in its value, which transcended any apparent lack of accommodation or finance, and the absolute humility which says "Here is a job to be done; I must do it".

Never resorting to rhetoric or excessive playing on the emotions of his audience, Group Captain Cheshire made a truly memorable speech which reached all the further by virtue of his self-effacing and objective delivery of it. He can always be sure of a great welcome at Stowe.

A.D.G.S.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## THE XII CLUB

On account of exam. pressure, the unwillingness of members to write papers, the Historians' Play, and last but by no means least the inefficiency of the Secretary, the Club has met but once this term. This meeting was started as usual with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and then P. N. T. Phillips (T) read us his verse extract, John Donne's poem 'The Flea'. This was followed by C. B. Tetlow (T) reading, in a manner reminiscent of an avuncular arch-devil, one of William Blake's 'Memorable Fancies'.

S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T) then commenced his paper on 'Hypnotism'. He had decided beforehand that it would be wise not to attempt a practical demonstration of his subject, and so confined himself to a verbal description. The speaker began by giving an account of regression, the leading back in time of a subject's mind, and then turned to the history of hypnotism. After briefly tracing its numerous entrances and exits into and out of public favour, he turned to the methods of producing hypnosis and the different depths of trance to which one may sink. He then moved to the nature of hypnosis and, although fairly successful in picking holes in others' theories, was unable to provide a satisfactory one of his own. He finished the paper by giving an account of some of the uses to which hypnosis can be put. After this the members were treated to some well-earned refreshment, during the consumption of which there was much and varied discussion on the world in general and on hypnosis in particular.

S.M.D.W.-N.



## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The 289th meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Sunday, May 14th. The motion was that "The emancipation of Fags is long overdue".

The TREASURER proposed by saying that Stoics should be treated as human beings, not slaves.

The RETIRING LIBRARIAN opposed with a most amusing speech suggesting that slavery is the only possible system at Stowe.

The Seconder, MR. HAMILTON (C), had been a king-size Fag but had wept at the generosity of his tip.

The Fourth Speaker, MR. IRELAND (C), spared us a poem by an Old Stoic.

The motion was lost in the Upper House by the President's casting vote; nine voted on each side. In the Lower House the motion was won by two votes; fifty-two voted.

The 290th meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Sunday, June 18th. The motion before the House was that "There is too much publicity".

The Proposer, MR. H. L. COWDY (S), made a speech that was remarkable for its length and little else.

The Opposer, MR. R. B. B. AVORY (T), was even duller in his exposition of ethics.

The Seconder, MR. J. F. BURNS (S), was wittily articulate if irrelevant. He has a future as a salesman for Brand 'X'.

The Fourth Speaker, MR. A. S. J. M. BURTON (S), was totally irrelevant—the main point of his speech seemed to be that his corps trousers did not fit. Not everything can be tailor-made.

Mr. Magee (C) talked of advertisements for Amplex and Burton's. One day, he reflected, in the near future, we would be beset by advertisements for 'Instant Sludge', gin and flyspray in subliminal advertising.

The Chief Whip expounded the importance of abstract thought in the moral philosophy of the world today.

Of the subsequent speeches, those by Messrs. Aldrich-Blake (C) and Justesen (C) were notable, for they exhibited placards that had been purloined from strange sources. Mr. Levy (T) spoke of the Clapham Communists and Mr. Waine (S) showed how much more interesting untruth was. Mr. Foss (C) said the Transatlantic Doctrine was 'The ethics of man are political publicity'.

The motion was won in the Upper House by six votes: twenty voted. In the Lower House the motion was lost by four votes: eighteen voted.

A Mock Trial was held on Sunday, July 30th, in the Library.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Librarian, F. Q. O'Neill (W); Secretary, N. O. G. Murray (C); Treasurer, P. N. T. Phillips (T); Chief Whip, B. B. Galyean (B).

N.M.

## THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society has held two meetings this term. At the first, J. A. Likierman (C) read a paper on "The Jewish Revolt, 65-70 A.D." which told of the events culminating in the siege and capture of Jerusalem by the Romans. The second paper was more of a discussion than a formal paper, because S. P. H. Barker-Benfield (T) had unfortunately mislaid his carefully prepared discourse on "Brainwashing". However, he gave an impromptu resumé of his subject, which was mainly concerned with the military use of brainwashing by the Communists.

The Society would undoubtedly have had more meetings but for the difficulties of getting members together owing to examination commitments. Nevertheless the two meetings have continued the promise of an interesting society, even though the last meeting was more than somewhat impromptu.

J.A.L.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

It was felt that, it being the Summer term, there would be no real demand for the usual Tuesday evening films, and in consequence the only films that have been shown were a series of four on Atomic Structure. The Society was also treated to an excellent lecture on 'The Eye', for which we are extremely grateful to Mr. Stokoe.

This term the Society ran two major expeditions, and one rather smaller one. The first of these, open to all members of the Society, was to the Wipac works in Buckingham. An expedition that is only going as far as Buckingham always sounds a bit of a come-down, but this was certainly not so in this case. The Wipac factory is now a very large concern, and all those who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The smaller expedition was to the Aeronautical College at Cranfield, and was also a great success. The last expedition, on the last Saturday of term, was to the Atomic Research Establishment at Harwell. Normally when we can visit Harwell it is with only a small party, but this year we were very lucky in being allowed to take a party of thirty. Because of the nature of the work carried out there, preference was given to Senior Members, and to the more intelligent of the Members. As usual this was a very popular expedition, and the enjoyment of those on it was added to by the fact that Ted Parke, who now works at Harwell, was able to accompany the party.

S.M.D.W-N.

## THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

In spite of the fine summer weather, meetings have been well attended, thanks largely to J. V. Doubleday's excellent posters. Most of the motions have been to abolish characteristic parts of the typical Public School Establishment, but not all have been carried.

Members showed a reluctance to be principal speakers, so that often last-minute arrangements had to be made, but nevertheless the standard of speaking has been quite good. P. A. G. Williams (W), W. M. G. Wilberforce (C) and N. St. G. Kirke (W) among others have made good serious speeches, whatever the motion. I. F. MacMaster (T) has spoken with feeling and D. J. Levy (T) has denounced the Reds; D. R. Howard (C), T. C. Whitlock (C) and D. L. F. Wilkie (C) have made humorous speeches or put on comic acts; and there have been some promising maiden speeches. The audience has been high-spirited but not always polite.

Secretary—D. A. Jennings (C). Clerk of the House—I. M. H. Kremer (C)

D.A.J.

## THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

There were no lectures during the Summer term and so the expedition was the only item. On Expedition Day, June 8th, a party consisting of both members and non-members went to the Rollright Stones and Chedworth Roman Villa. Of the two the latter was more interesting, being one of the best preserved villas in this country and having a small but comprehensive museum. The former site, representing an earlier period of history, had less to offer but was however interesting because of the numerous legends attached to the stone circle.

J.M.J.

## THE CULTURE CLUB

The Club met only once this term when a very enlightening and well informed talk was given by M. J. R. Wightman (C) on 'Rhythm and Blues'. He told us about the origin and growth of jazz, and illustrated his talk with music from the last four decades.

In its continued determination not to revert to a geographical label, the Club continues to bear its temporary title and the Committee have plans for ending their year-old quest for a proper title next term.

## THE REEL CLUB

J.M.H.

One fixture had been arranged early in the term but had to be cancelled, and a few reeling sessions were held which also provided cover for instruction in the art of Charleston and Modern Rhythm by members of the Social Committee in preparation for the Ball.

## THE ARCHERY CLUB

J.M.H.

The Club has enjoyed a most successful season. The standard of shooting has improved considerably since the beginning of the term, especially after the introduction of alloy arrows, for which we are indebted to the Bursar.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming, each Monday, Mr. Bilson, Senior Archery Coach of Great Britain, who has taught us all the proper way to use a bow and arrow. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Brown, without whose co-operation Mr. Bilson's visits would not have been possible.

A small Competition was held on the Monday when Mr. Bilson was in Spain, coaching their national side: A. R. Hoar (S) turned out the winner, scoring 174 out of 216, a good performance. In conjunction with Mr. Bilson's visits a ladder has been run, at the top of which is L. E. Silver (C).

## THE FILM SOCIETY

S.B.M.

This term the Film Society had a membership of over 450, and I think we can now claim to be the largest Society in Stowe.

We have shown two films this term: 'They were not Divided' at the beginning of June and 'The Lady Vanishes' on July 9th. Next term we hope to show some films from the National Film Theatre.

## THE I.C.E. CLUB

M.J.F.C.

This has been a very active term, and a tremendous amount of work has been done. At last, through the valiant efforts of F. W. D. Whitelaw (W), "Baby Doll" has started to function properly. A. R. Shackleton (W) in the early part of the term built a trials car but this succumbed to a broken chassis, and has now been completely rebuilt, with a new chassis and gearbox.

Early in the term we showed two films, one on the history of motor-racing and the other on oil. We have been very fortunate in securing the help of Mr. Brian Martin, a skilled mechanic who has been coming up every Monday evening to assist us; our thanks are due to him. The motor bikes have been plagued with mechanical failures and are at the moment being rebuilt.

Unfortunately we had no expedition this term, but we have hopes of going to the Montagu Motor Museum at Beaulieu next term.

M.J.F.C., A.R.S.

## THE GUN CLUB

The Club has flourished this term and we have been able to shoot regularly. Another new trap has been provided by the School Shop, for which we are very grateful.

It is interesting to note that after the first year we now have 28 members and we have fired 9,000 cartridges.

This year Bruce decisively won the team cup for combined scores of two shooters over 10 down-the-line and 20 Skeet. The runners-up were Cobham.

G.J.V.

## THE VITRUVIANS

This term our activities have been confined to an extremely enjoyable and successful expedition to Waddesdon. A very happy afternoon was spent there and much of interest was found in the architecture, furnishings and grounds.

It is with regret that we say farewell to our President, Mr. Stuart, who has done so much for the Society during his term of office and to whom we are deeply grateful.

A.W.V.I.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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July 21st, 1961.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

DEAR SIR,

The Club Year is now coming to an end and terminates with the Annual Club Camp, which this year is going to be held in Cornwall from 29th July to 5th August, mainly for the Senior Boys. Week-end activities have been very popular, and parties of Club Boys have taken part in Canoeing, Rock-Climbing, Sailing and Go-Karting in places ranging from the Pineapple Hut at Stowe to Snowdonia and the Solent.

The Club has had a successful sporting year and has won the Paddington Borough Athletic Sports and 5-a-Side Soccer Competition. Another scalp claimed is the winning of the Hampstead, Paddington and St. Marylebone Swimming Gala where the Club gained the Boys' Cup and Relay Shield for Paddington and also the overall Prize for the best Boys' group in the three Boroughs. Other successes have included a place in the Semi-Final of the Area Basketball Cup Competition, individual successes in local and London Federation Cross-County events by Richard Holland, and the gaining of a place in the Final of the English A.B.A. Championships at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Club has also been successful in other fields and several First-Class Certificates were won at the London Federation Arts Festival for Painting and Woodwork, and also at a local Exhibition where canoes, paintings and lino-cuts were shown. A Heron Class Dinghy, which was the first prize at the last Pineapple Ball, took shape in the Club Workshop, and both Senior and Colts teams did well in their respective sections in the local Quiz Competitions.

The Club Canteen has been re-decorated by the Old Boys' Section of the Club and preparations are under way for the forthcoming winter season, when it is hoped that the reciprocal visits between School and Club will be resumed.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN HARBER, *Club Leader*.

## C.C.F.

This term we have welcomed the appointment of a new R.S.M., Mr. G. McKeown, late of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the R.A.O.C.

A most ambitious camping programme was organised and carried out during the Easter Holidays :—6 cadets sailed round the North of Scotland in H.M.S. *Bossington*, 10 cadets went to H.M.S. *Vincent* for seamanship training, 20 cadets and 2 officers trained with the 15th Bn. Chasseurs Alpins in the French Alps, 12 Cadets and 3 Officers did arduous training in Langdale, 15 cadets and 1 Officer visited the R.A.F. at Coltishall and 23 Cadets and 1 Officer visited the R.A.F. in Gibraltar.

The Annual Inspection was carried out on June 21st by Group Captain G. M. Robinson, D.F.C., R.A.F., H.Q. Tech. Trg., Brampton. His accompanying staff officers were Colonel R. H. A. P. Finney, O.B.E., Lieutenant-Commander T. M. Laing, R.N., and Flight Lieutenant W. D. Brunger, R.A.F.

Four week-end night exercises have been held this term. 30 members of the Army Section had a battle with a similar number of Winchester C.C.F. cadets during the night 27th/28th May, and 20 Cadets and 2 Officers spent the week-end 3rd/4th June with the Inns of Court Regt., T.A.

The R.A.F. Section did a night march to Shelswell Park and the R.N. Section sailed at Marlow 24th/25th June.

One Officer and four Cadets attended exercise "Shop Window".

The Coldstream Cup Drill competition was held on July 12th. The order of Houses was :—1, Bruce ; 2, Temple ; 3, Walpole ; 4 equal, Chandos and Grafton ; 6, Grenville ; 7, Chatham ; 8, Cobham. The competition was judged by Colonel R. J. V. Crichton, M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Coldstream Guards, and Major C. S. Wallis-King (♣ 1944), Regimental Adjutant Coldstream Guards.

The results of the Empire Test, decided on averages, are as follows : 1st, Temple, 51.57 ; 2nd, Chandos, 51.06 ; 3rd, Chatham, 50.33 ; 4th, Grenville, 49.86 ; 5th, Cobham, 49.79 ; 6th, Grafton, 49.50 ; 7th, Bruce, 48.49 ; 8th, Walpole, 46.74.

The following have visited Stowe this term :—Captain P. Langly-Smith, R.N., Director of Officer Recruitment, the Admiralty, with his successor Capt. N. E. F. Dalrymple-Hamilton, M.V.O., M.B.E., D.S.C. ; Wing Commander E. F. Pippet, O.B.E., R.A.F. member of the J.C.E. ; Colonel A. G. Way, M.C., (♣ 1939), Lt.-Colonel Commanding the Grenadier Guards, as President of the Army Proficiency Board ; Lt.-Commander T. M. Laing, R.N., who examined the R.N. Advanced Proficiency candidates ; and Flt.-Lt. J. D. Davis (♣ 1952), who spoke to the R.A.F. Section.

Examination results :—(R.N. Section) Proficiency : 9 passed (1 with credit), 7 failed ; Advanced Proficiency : 2 passed, 1 failed ; (Army Section) Basic Test : 95 passed (11 with credit), 20 failed ; Proficiency : 26 passed, 16 failed ; R.E. Classification : 14 passed, 2 failed ; (R.A.F. Section) Proficiency : 10 passed, nil failed.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term :—

## GENERAL DUTIES.

Appointed *Senior Under-Officer* : U/O. A. D. Cooper (W).

Appointed to *Under-Officer* : Sgts. F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (♣), T. W. J. Waine (♣), C. P. D. Yarwood (♣).

Promoted to *C.S.M.* : Sgt. S. B. Murray (♣).

Promoted to *Sergeant* : Cpls. E. B. Bridgland (B), R. M. Campbell (♣), J. J. Earle (T), R. M. Jefferson (♣), A. W. Moxham (B), A. J. W. Price (W), J. N. Sadler (♣), C. P. Warner (W).

Promoted to *Corporal* : L/Cpls. D. S. Cairns (♣), R. M. Campbell (♣), J. D'A. C. Cartwright (♣), P. R. Corbett (T), C. J. N. Felton (B), B. C. L. Graham (B), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), S. Robertson (B), J. F. R. Saunders (♣), A. B. Shellim (♣), C. P. Warner (W), R. S. Winton (♣).

Appointed to *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. R. W. Bailey-King (♣), G. E. Boden (♣), W. P. Davis (B), I. D. Fenston (W), J. L. Hardy (W), N. G. F. Hesketh (♣), J. A. Maxwell (W), A. C. Nares (♣).

## SPECIALIST DUTIES.

## ROYAL NAVY.

Rated *Under-Officer* : C.P.O. A. C. Grattan-Cooper (W).

Rated *Chief Petty Officer* : P.O. A. C. Grattan-Cooper (W).

Rated *Petty Officer* : A.P.O. M. A. S. G. Stewart (♣).

Rated *Leading Seaman* : A.Bs. R. A. Bishop (♣), P. F. Brown (♣), A. J. Murdoch (T), M. Spira (♣).

Rated *Able-Bodied Seaman* : O.S. J. R. Adam (♣), E. H. Blagg (♣), A. G. V. Double-day (♣), M. Gore Scofield (♣), T. G. E. Kilpatrick (♣), B. A. Marcel (♣), C. H. Mills (B) the Hon. J. D. G. Parker (G), I. Shay (♣), H. B. Taylor (♣).

## P.T.

Promoted to *Corporal* : L/Cpl. R. F. Charnock (G).

## R.E. SECTION.

Appointed to *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. R. M. J. Clarke (T), M. L. Corcoran (B), K. Dabbagh (B), Sir R. F. A. ffolkes (B), A. C. K. Gilbert (B), J. H. Grantham (T), N. A. S. Hughes (B), R. L. Jenkins (G), P. R. N. Lewis (♣), I. Nicholls (W), M. M. Orr (B), N. J. E. Robinson (T), E. J. Sherrard (♣).

Reverted to *Cadet* : A/L/Cpls. A. R. Rowse (T), C. J. Poulson (T).

## ARDUOUS TRAINING

## IN SAVOY

*with the 15th Battalion des Chasseurs Alpins*

We arrived at the Chasseurs Alpins barracks, Modane, at 7 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, April 5th. We were looking forward to steaming mugs of French coffee ; but no—in our honour an urn of tea had been prepared, a liquid which was more like treacle than tea. Nevertheless it was very welcome.

Our first day's training consisted of a *reccé* in trucks of the surrounding countryside and a loosening-up march to the Monolith. This was an isolated column of natural rock, rather akin to Cleopatra's Needle, standing at least 250 feet high. The next day's training was heralded with great joy, for we were taking skis.

We rose at 5 a.m. and were driven to the foot of Mt. Cenis. Our destination was the 6,300-foot-high Col de Mt. Cenis. We marched part of the way and then put on skis. The weather deteriorated into a near blizzard. We sheltered in a chalet on the Col before skiing down. The beginners among us found the ice a trifle hard at times, but fortunately the splints taken by the Chasseurs were returned unused. On the way back we stopped at a small village, which was completely isolated and mediaeval in

character. We were told that they had to wait till the spring to bury their dead as they were completely snow-bound during the winter months.

The following morning we were taken out in trucks up the valley to Termignon and on to Le Villard and La Fontanelle, where we disembarked for our first real climb. After four hours' marching and scrambling on Le Glotte and Pras Varin, we were 7,500 ft. up and some of us were near exhaustion. The view of the valley and the surrounding peaks was superb. In particular the Longue Côte and the Crête du Général Sarret stood out as being particularly spectacular. The feeling of satisfaction which came to us all after a short rest made the climb worth while. The descent took less than an hour and after a late lunch we fired on the miniature range in the barracks.

On Saturday we again went out on skis. After a tortuous journey to Le Planey in trucks (we were the first vehicles along the road since the winter snows) we marched on skis to the slopes on the North side of Mt. Clement. The beginners remained on the lower slopes at Le Planey while the remainder went to ski on some of the higher and more difficult slopes.

On Sunday we went for a picnic on the shores of Lake Annecy. With their customary kindness the Chasseurs gave up their free day to show us the beauty of the Southern Alps. On the way we stopped at an old fort from which we could see Mont Blanc. We were able to see it again on our way back, when we stopped at a small café, which provided a "Panorama des Alpes". The view was magnificent.

For Monday's trek, the climax of our training, we climbed to the Lac de la Partie, which is at a height of 8,050 feet. Much of the march was through soft snow about a metre deep which led to some very comic situations. We were lucky enough to see several chamois on the slopes across the valley. They only appeared singly, which we were told was unusual. The descent proved to be great fun. At one point we slid at least half a mile on our backs.

For our last walk we went up a hill behind the barracks to the Fort du Sapey, which overlooks Modane. Unfortunately dense mist spoilt what must have been a magnificent view. In the afternoon we played volley-ball and basket-ball in anticipation of matches with the Chasseurs on the following day. The matches were rather one-sided as both the Chasseurs' teams were area champions.

An illuminated page from the book presented to Her Majesty the Queen at last year's Centenary Parade of the Cadet Forces was presented to the Commandant. This was followed by a party in the barracks given for us by the Chasseurs. This was a marvellous opportunity for us to swap our badges for theirs. Trade flourished!

The journey back to England was accomplished without incident.

I.A.H.S.

#### IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

The advance party had arrived at Langdale on April 5th to find thick snow and had spent the night in a barn, but by the time the main party arrived a semi-circle of little orange tents and three large green ones had been pitched in the meadow near a fast-flowing stream which was our only water-supply. We settled in and resigned ourselves to a week of drizzle and discomfort; these apprehensions, however, were quite unfounded, for we enjoyed glorious weather almost all the time.

The objects of the camp were to teach us, first, to enjoy living in difficult conditions; secondly, to cultivate mountain-craft (and this included some rock-climbing); also, for good measure, to have some practice in using short-wave wireless sets. A



BRIDGES

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TULIP TREES

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typical day's programme started with a yell from the duty corporal; we then dressed and made our breakfasts squatting over Primus stoves in one of the large tents. Next came the morning parade, after which we would split up into parties for a fell-walk or some rock-climbing, or perhaps a wireless exercise. At any time between 12 and 2 o'clock we would return to concoct lunch out of 'compo' rations and paraffin fumes. At about 6 o'clock we would return and have our evening meal.

For most people Saturday's map-reading exercise was the highlight of the camp. We set out in brilliant sunshine with 88-set and maps and endeavoured to keep in touch over the air with our three officers in the 3-ton truck. Unfortunately the receiver part of the set soon packed up while the transmitter remained only too healthy—the officers could not have helped hearing all our uncensored language and dubious signals procedure. In the end Mr. Gibbs was seen 200 feet below in the middle of a field. The intrepid explorers were soon refreshed in the village nearby, and we finished the exercise in Ambleside in various ways, most of us gravitating to the local cinema. On Sunday morning we went to church in the nearby village, Chapel Stile.

For the Night Exercise we were divided into two parties; the objective was the 3,120-ft. peak of Scafell Pike. The first bivouac party consisted of more experienced climbers and walkers under Mr. Meldrum and Mr. Cryer. We set off at noon and walked steadily upwards for what seemed like several hours. At about 4.30 a halt was called, and as the youngest member of the party was making slow progress it was decided to split into two. Mr. Meldrum took Bell and Aldrich-Blake on ahead to climb Bow Fell Buttress, while Mr. Cryer took Frazer and the food round the head of the cliffs to prospect for a bivouac site. After climbing for three hours with full packs, Mr. Meldrum's party reached the top of the 800-ft. Buttress in failing light and found the bivouac before nightfall. After a hurried breakfast we were off before sunrise to complete the second stage of our journey. This was uneventful and most enjoyable. We reached the peak at 9.0 a.m., and meeting the other party on the return journey reached camp by midday.

The second expedition, under Mr. Gibbs, set off a few minutes after the first, and climbed 600-ft. to Stickle Tarn. It then proceeded on a tour of the peaks at the head of Langdale Valley—Pavey Ark (2,286 ft.), Harrison Stickle (2,403), Pike of Stickle (2,323) and Rosset Crag (2,106)—using maps, compasses, cairns and intuition as guides. At 6.30 we reached Angle Tarn and found nearby a patch of level ground in the lee of the hills which served very adequately as a site for the night. Gladly the heavy packs were doffed and we cooked our supper and were soon asleep at a height of over 1,800 ft. The day dawned rather cold and misty and we rose to an early start to attack Scafell Pike. In visibility reduced by mist to 20 yards at times, we were frequently saved by cairns, and reached the summit most unexpectedly, having passed the first party on their way down. The achievement was duly celebrated, and half-an-hour later we started the descent via Rosset Ghyll to find the camp bathed in sunshine which dried off wet clothes and revived weary spirits.

On Tuesday, when the night-op parties had returned, we struck camp and left only the three large tents to house the officers and ourselves. During the night one of these was nearly rased to the ground in a quick raid by members of another Public School; as torrential rain was falling, however, we did not care to pursue. On Wednesday morning April 12th we headed for home in much the same sort of drizzle as when we had started; but this time the feelings were of regret. Most of us had enjoyed living in adverse conditions; it made a change long overdue.

J.F.R.S., F.P.G.A.-B., T.E.C.B.

## CRICKET

With four losses and one drawn game in the inter-school matches the season has clearly been disappointing, but it has not been without its successes.

This summary of results may be of interest:—*Won*: Buckingham, Free Foresters, XL Club, M.C.C., Dragonflies. *Lost*: Authentics, R.A.F. Abingdon, Bedford, Radley, Stowe Templars, Oundle, St. Edward's, Cryptics. *Drawn*, Bradfield.

It has been very noticeable this year that the side has been far more efficient and confident against club sides. It seems to have suffered from nervous tension in school matches, and has lost to teams which have appeared to be no better in technique.

A weakness in bowling was anticipated, but it proved to be greater than expected as Knight did not meet with anything like last year's success, and none of the other opening bowlers had sufficient control. As a result the attack has rested almost entirely on the shoulders of Bentall and Sabberton, who have also been responsible for a large proportion of the runs. Both have stuck to their task resolutely and have done a creditable job.

The side's batting was expected to be more reliable, as five players had already had a year's experience. These five, Sabberton, Bentall, Allerton, Hobson and de Havilland, scored most of the runs and all played good innings, but they did not make enough to outweigh the shortcomings of the lower half of the batting order.

The limited bowling strength often had too few runs to bowl against, and was also handicapped by some slowness in the field, which resulted in the missing of vital catches. This slowness was not due to lack of effort or enthusiasm, but simply to limited flexibility and poor co-ordination of mind and muscle.

Looking back over the season as a whole there have certainly been moments of gloom and depression, as after the Radley and St. Edward's matches, but there have been exhilarating moments too, and the spirit is good and expectation for the future bright.

The 1st XI:—

Captain, D. R. Sabberton (T); Secretary, D. P. Bentall (C).  
1st XI Colours have been re-awarded to C. M. St. J. Knight (G) and P. G. de Havilland (C), and awarded to A. R. F. Hobson (C) and J. W. O. Allerton (G).

2nd XI old Colours: G. F. Arbib (T) and S. B. Murray (C). 2nd XI Colours have been awarded to A. M. Macoun (S), J. G. Green (W) and D. M. Mash (B).

## STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Bradfield on Saturday, May 27th. Match drawn.

The wicket at Bradfield was true and fast, and both captains wished their side to bat second, but for different reasons. Bradfield with a very strong batting side, containing three players who have taken part in Minor County cricket, wished to know what they had to get, and how long they had to get it. Stowe, with a weak bowling side, and with batting that had not so far succeeded, hoped for a miracle in the shape of bowling Bradfield out for a reasonable score, or failing this of hanging on themselves until time ran out. Stowe won the toss, put Bradfield in, and eventually managed to play out time.

Bradfield lost their first wicket for 8 runs when Bentall took a good catch in the slips off Vapenik's bowling. Stevens then joined Blackham, and they took the score steadily on until Poole, coming on first change, had Blackham caught in the slips with the score at 64. Murphy, a left-hander, and Stevens then remained unparted till lunch was taken at 113 for 2 wickets. Both were missed in the early part of their innings, Stevens at short extra cover and Murphy by the bowler.

Immediately after lunch Murphy struck a full toss straight into the hands of mid-on, without any further score. Stevens, who was batting well below his best, was missed again when he had reached 40, but he and Mence, with the aid of some very untidy bowling by Stowe, pushed the score along at a great pace, and Bradfield eventually declared at 3.40 p.m. at 231 for 3 wickets, leaving Stowe adequate time to get the runs.

Hobson and Murphy scored 37 before tea, but at 46 Murphy was bowled. Sabberton had damaged his ankle in the field, and decided to bat lower in the order. Bentall was soon out, and de Havilland failed to score. Stowe were now well behind the clock and Bradfield offered them all kinds of tempting stuff to lure them out, but they only secured one more wicket, and the match ended in a draw.

BRADFIELD					STOWE				
J. J. Blackham, c Knight, b Poole.....	26				A. R. F. Hobson, c Murphy, b Phillips.....	73			
M. J. Cropp, c Bentall, b Vapenik.....	3				C. P. Murphy, b Tod.....	17			
K. B. H. Stevens, not out.....	79				D. P. Bentall, c Eacersall, b Stevens.....	7			
H. E. M. Murphy, c Arbib, b Vapenik.....	40				J. W. O. Allerton, b Mence.....	23			
M. D. Mence, not out.....	71				P. G. de Havilland, c Murphy, b Phillips.....	0			
D. C. Odhams, W. A. Holder, J. P. Eacersall, K. A. Holman, M. Phillips and D. K. L. Tod did not bat.					D. R. Sabberton, not out.....	7			
					G. F. Arbib, not out.....	20			
					C. M. St. J. Knight, B. M. Allen, J. E. Poole and G. J. Vapenik did not bat.				
Extras.....	12				Extras.....	9			
Total (for 3 wkts. dec.).....	231				Total (for 5 wkts.).....	156			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Knight.....	12	0	44	0	Mence.....	26	15	34	1
Vapenik.....	11	2	40	2	Phillips.....	13	3	51	2
Poole.....	5	0	36	1	Tod.....	12	3	19	1
Sabberton.....	12	5	33	0	Stevens.....	7	3	14	1
Bentall.....	17	4	53	0	Holman.....	7	0	29	0
Allerton.....	1	0	13	0					

## STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 3rd. Bedford won by 4 wickets.

(The following report is reprinted by kind permission of "The Times".)

Bedford visited Stowe on Saturday and, with rather more than half an hour to spare, won by four wickets. Stowe batted first on a hard, true pitch and ran up a total of 174, which was more than at one time seemed likely. In their reply, Bedford, with plenty of time on their hands, seemed to be coasting placidly to victory, with Evans-Jones batting unhurriedly and sensibly. Then they ran into trouble, losing three quick wickets before they got home with 175 for six.

The cricket never reached great heights; in fact not for a long time can so many wickets have been taken with full pitches, nor so much bowling down the leg side been seen in a single day. But it was easy to forget shortcomings on a mainly sunny day in such a picturesque setting, with enough breeze just to ruffle the pavilion flags and the leaves on the ground's noble beeches.

After an hour and a quarter's play in the morning, Stowe had made a steady enough start, with 86 on the board and three wickets down at that point. Both Hobson and his left-handed captain, Sabberton, who is also a fine lawn-tennis player, had occasional trouble from Ramsay, a lively opening bowler, and on one occasion they both found themselves at the same end of the pitch, but an excited field let them off.

When the spinners came on, however, they brought about the downfall of both. In the second over from Gilmour, off breaks, Hobson, playing well forward, was given out leg-before. Like Hobson, Sabberton, hitting loose balls hard, had done a good wearing down job when he was beaten by the leg spinner, Lee. Bentall and Allerton did their best to run each other out, but Bentall had played his part when he moved across a straight full pitch and missed.

On reaching 104 for four half an hour before the interval, Stowe's outlook was comparatively serene, with Allerton dealing comfortably with the bowling, but the next three wickets—one of them Allerton's at midwicket off a full toss from the diminutive slow left-arm bowler, Pearson—fell for 15 runs. This sudden fall from grace was bravely met by a vigorous innings of less than 10 minutes by Allen, his violent blows including an on-drive for six. He forced the spinners off and made it 164 for eight at lunch time. Ten minutes afterwards finished Stowe, another full toss accounting for Knight, and Vapenik being bowled by a ball which sent a bail spinning for 40 yards.

Bedford's captain, Taylor, is a left-hander, strong on the leg side, who has been having a most successful season. Yet when Bedford went in against Knight's quick left-hand bowling and the rather erratic Vapenik, a large weight putter whom circumstance transformed for the occasion, it was Inglis who did most of the early scoring.

When Taylor had lost Inglis he was providentially fed on a spate of bowling down the leg side and made the best of it. With Evans-Jones as his partner, he took the score to 91 for one at tea, and Bedford were sitting pretty.

But a nibble at the first ball afterwards had Taylor caught at the wicket, and, although Evans-Jones was batting competently, it looked as though Stowe had regained the initiative. Bedford left most of the scoring to Evans-Jones—in fact Griffiths took half an hour over a single—and he reached a well-earned 50. Bedford, indeed, were on top again until three wickets fell for 12 runs, and Stowe were well in the game once more. One of these was that of Evans-Jones, stupidly run out.

Certainly Bedford now had an hour for the necessary 16 runs, but in the face of such sudden adversity the responsibility of the tail-enders was daunting. However,

Mellor and Pearson faced the situation unflinchingly. They were attacked by the quicker bowlers, and fielders breathing down their necks, and it was the smallest player on the field who made the winning hit.

STOWE		BEDFORD	
A. R. F. Hobson, lbw, b Gilmour.....	23	A. G. D. Inglis, c and b Bentall.....	20
D. R. Sabberton, b Lee.....	38	P. M. Taylor, c de Havilland, b Knight	42
D. P. Bentall, b Gilmour.....	23	R. M. Evans-Jones, run out.....	62
J. W. O. Allerton, c Inglis, b Pearson....	26	C. D. Gilmour, b Vapenik.....	16
P. G. de Havilland, b Gilmour.....	0	D. P. G. Griffiths, c de Havilland, b	
G. F. Arbib, b Lee.....	1	Bentall.....	3
C. M. St. J. Knight, b Lock.....	15	P. Mellor, not out.....	11
S. B. Murray, c Taylor, b Lee.....	0	R. F. Hewitt, c and b Sabberton.....	1
B. M. Allen, b Lock.....	34	J. Pearson, not out.....	7
J. E. Poole, not out.....	9	R. A. Lee, D. Lock and N. R. Ramsay	
G. J. Vapenik, b Ramsay.....	0	did not bat.	
Extras.....	5	Extras.....	13
Total.....	174	Total (for 6 wkts.).....	175

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lock.....	8	1	26	2	Knight.....	19	6	33	1
Ramsay.....	13	5	34	1	Vapenik.....	8.5	1	26	1
Gilmour.....	13	5	55	3	Bentall.....	20	4	48	2
Lee.....	6	2	38	3	Sabberton.....	13	6	33	1
					Allerton.....	3	1	6	0
					Poole.....	5	0	16	0

## STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Tuesday, June 6th. Radley won by 8 wickets.

Having lost to Radley for a number of years, Stowe hoped to turn the tables on them this year, having seven of last year's side available, whereas Radley had only two, and were reputed to be weak. However, as a result of some very hesitant batting and some very ragged out-cricket, Stowe lost the match by a wide margin.

Radley put Stowe in on a fast true wicket, and took the wicket of Hobson with the fifth ball of the match, before a run had been scored. Bentall joined Sabberton, and they took the score to 26, when Sabberton was caught at short leg off a defensive stroke. At 39 Bentall followed in exactly the same manner. Allerton and de Havilland pushed the score along, with de Havilland making some very streaky shots to begin with. When the score had reached 69, Allerton played over a well-pitched-up ball, and was bowled. Now de Havilland, taking his life in his hands, began to lay about him with a will, and made the bowling look very ordinary for a while, but neither Arbib nor Knight could stay with him. Shortly after lunch Murray was out, and de Havilland, lifting his head considerably in an attempt to hit a long hop over the Pavilion, was bowled for a gallant and vigorous 54. When the Stowe innings ended shortly after 2.30 p.m. with only 115 on the board, barring a miracle, Radley were certain to win.

There was no miracle, and it was emphatically not Stowe's day. The bowling lacked direction and the fielding was erratic, several chances were offered and refused, and the score steadily mounted until at 67 Kenyon, the Radley captain, was clean bowled by Bentall. Comins joined Carless and was content to let him do most of the scoring. When he was caught by Bentall in the slips off Knight, Macdowel and Carless went steadily on till the Stowe total was passed at 5.20 p.m., when the Radley innings had lasted a quarter of an hour less than Stowe's.

STOWE					RADLEY				
A. R. F. Hobson, c James, b Hayes				0	I. R. Carless, not out				65
D. R. Sabberton, c Barmby, b Comins				20	J. D. Kenyon, b Bentall				37
D. P. Bentall, c Barmby, b Comins				8	C. E. Comins, c Bentall, b Knight				2
J. W. O. Allerton, b Hayes				16	T. E. Macdowel, not out				10
P. G. de Havilland, b Comins				54	H. C. S. Falkner, P. J. Allen, A. C. G. Eliot, T. S. D. Sykes, R. J. Barmby, M. E. L. James and P. N. A. Hayes did not bat.				
G. F. Arbib, c James, b Hayes				1					
C. M. St. J. Knight, c and b Hayes				0					
S. B. Murray, c Falkner, b Hayes				6					
S. H. Staden, lbw, b Comins				1					
J. E. Poole, not out				2					
G. J. Vapenik, b Comins				4					
Extras				3	Extras				2
Total				115	Total (for 2 wkts.)				116

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hayes	19	7	36	5	Knight	12.3	3	25	1
Macdowel	7	3	7	0	Vapenik	8	2	25	0
Comins	15	6	39	5	Poole	4	0	21	0
Barmby	7	3	30	0	Sabberton	8	1	33	0
					Bentall	5	1	10	1

## STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 24th. Oundle won by 32 runs.

(The following report, by Mr. Frank Spragg, is reprinted by kind permission of the "Sunday Telegraph".)

Oundle's exciting victory by 32 runs at Stowe seemed quite beyond their reach at lunch, and still highly improbable at tea. They had scarcely time to congratulate themselves on winning the toss before the lively and accurate Stowe attack had them rocking on their heels.

After an hour of painful groping, the score was 39 for three and worse was to follow for at lunch eight wickets were down for 78. Knight, fast-left-hand over the wicket, had a splendid opening spell of 80 minutes and when Bentall, with his off-spinners and highly economical run, was brought on he was able to exploit the rough made by Knight's follow through.

But, in truth, it was a refusal to play him off the front foot that contributed most to Oundle's discomfort.

Bentall came in to lunch with four wickets for 21 but Peck and Pugh, fortified by their repast and the fact that Bentall was not immediately re-employed, set about retrieving the situation. Thirty-five valuable runs were added for the ninth wicket and for the first time the ball was struck firmly off the front foot.

Farming the bowling skilfully, Peck then made all but five of a last wicket stand of 64. He is in fact no ordinary No. 10, as he showed when he raced to his 50 with successive blows for six and four.

Peck's next task was to remove the shine from the ball and hand over to Board, who bowled for the rest of the innings. Hobson, Sabberton and Bentall gave the Stowe innings a confident start, all playing some nice strokes, and when their score passed the hundred for the loss of two wickets it seemed as if they would coast comfortably to their target.

But Board and Pugh now began their counter-attack. Pugh always extracts some life from the wicket and Board is a remarkably accurate legspinner, who has added the googly to his box of tricks. Bentall continued to play admirably, coping with Board and cutting him with the spin. But he ran out of partners and Oundle had won a somewhat breathless victory.

OUNDLE					STOWE				
A. J. A. Lewin, c de Havilland, b Sabberton				18	A. R. F. Hobson, lbw, b Pugh				31
P. H. Mair, c Knight, b Green				7	D. R. Sabberton, c and b Board				16
J. N. Board, lbw, b Knight				8	D. P. Bentall, not out				57
M. R. L. Joyce, c Hobson, b Knight				4	J. W. O. Allerton, lbw, b Pugh				18
J. D. S. Wilson, lbw, b Bentall				8	P. G. de Havilland, b Laird				5
M. S. M. Bell, b Bentall				15	G. F. Arbib, b Board				1
J. G. King, lbw, b Bentall				0	C. M. St. J. Knight, lbw, b Pugh				3
D. B. A. Silk, lbw, b Bentall				5	S. B. Murray, lbw, b Pugh				0
P. J. Pugh, c Arbib, b Sabberton				21	D. M. Mash, lbw, b Board				0
P. G. Le M. Peck, b Green				73	A. M. Macoun, b Board				2
I. D. C. Laird, not out				5	J. G. Green, c Pugh, b Board				0
Extras				7	Extras				6
Total				171	Total				139

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Knight	17	3	41	2	Pugh	19	4	41	4
Green	5	1	16	2	Peck	3	0	10	0
Sabberton	22	6	53	2	Board	23.1	6	55	5
Bentall	15	3	54	4	Laird	8	1	27	1

## STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Oxford on Saturday, July 8th. St. Edward's won by 7 wickets.

Stowe lost the toss and were put in to bat on a wicket made soft by overnight rain, and might well have suffered from the change of pace, but that did not appear to be the trouble. Bishop, who took 8 for 33, bowled at a brisk pace, and the ball seemed to come off the ground quite quickly and at a normal height. As far as Stowe batsmen were concerned there was a definite inability to focus the ball from the end at which Bishop was bowling. Well as he bowled, he was not doing much with the ball, and yet he had Sabberton caught behind the wicket, and then, with a full toss, clean bowled Hobson, who had been badly missed off two consecutive balls. He then bowled Allerton first ball and de Havilland second ball. Arbib struck one majestic four and was promptly snapped up at short leg. Murray was smartly stumped off the leg-break bowling of Best, and Stowe had lost 6 wickets for 33. Only Bentall had offered any resistance so far, and when he was joined by Knight it looked as if the situation might be retrieved. But this hope proved short-lived when Bishop claimed his 7th wicket by bowling Bentall. Knight contributed 16 valuable runs, and the innings closed at 78.

When St. Edward's went in Sabberton gave Green only one over, and switched to Bentall's off-breaks. This seemed to be his best chance, and in fact Bentall was the only bowler to trouble the batsmen, or to take any wickets. Stowe put down some chances which, had they been accepted, might possibly have shaken our opponents, but it was clearly not Stowe's day.



STOWE					ST. EDWARD'S				
A. R. F. Hobson, b Bishop	5				R. G. Hyslop, b Bentall	6			
D. R. Sabberton, c Hudson, b Bishop	10				N. R. Phelps, st de Havilland, b Bentall	28			
D. P. Bentall, b Bishop	20				G. D. Hudson, not out	28			
J. W. O. Allerton, b Bishop	0				R. H. Stanley, lbw, b Bentall	2			
P. G. de Havilland, b Bishop	0				P. C. H. Wood, not out	6			
G. F. Arbib, c Butterworth, b Bishop	4				J. G. MacWhannel, R. L. Best, H. Drake,				
S. B. Murray, st Hudson, b Best	1				C. J. Butterworth, J. E. Bishop and				
C. M. St. J. Knight, b Bishop	16				N. J. Kane did not bat.				
A. M. Macoun, not out	4								
D. M. Mash, b Best	3								
J. G. Green, b Bishop	6								
Extras	9				Extras	1			
Total	78				Total	81			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Bishop	12.2	4	33	8	Knight	7	1	17	0
Kane	4	1	12	0	Green	1	1	0	0
Best	8	3	24	2	Bentall	14.5	3	48	3
					Sabberton	9	3	15	0

## OTHER CLUB MATCHES

- Saturday, May 13th v. BUCKINGHAM CRICKET CLUB. Home. Stowe won by 77 runs.  
Stowe 170 (P. G. de Havilland 20, D. M. Mash 39, M. J. Summerlin 25).  
Buckingham 93 (N. Wilby 27; C. M. St. J. Knight 3 for 21, D. P. Bentall 4 for 19).
- Tuesday, May 16th v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS. Home. Lost by 132 runs.  
O.U. Authentics 233 for 3 dec. (N. Stevens 118, C. J. G. Atkinson 57 not out).  
Stowe 101 (J. W. O. Allerton 47).
- Tuesday, May 23rd v. R.A.F. ABINGDON. Home. Lost by 103 runs.  
R.A.F. Abingdon 164 for 6 dec. (Smith 27, Fenn 75 not out).  
Stowe 71 (D. P. Bentall 31).
- Saturday, June 10th v. FREE FORESTERS. Home. Stowe won by 2 wickets.  
Free Foresters 245 for 5 dec. (Powell-Harper 101 not out, Popplewell 98).  
Stowe 246 for 8 wickets (D. R. Sabberton 95, D. P. Bentall 52, J. W. O. Allerton 22, P. G. de Havilland 24).
- Saturday, June 17th v. STOWE TEMPLARS. Home. Lost by 12 runs.  
Stowe Templars 207 (P. Young 65, M. Scrutton 46, M. A. Rushton 21; D. P. Bentall 6 for 66).  
Stowe 195 (A. R. F. Hobson 28, D. P. Bentall 35, J. W. O. Allerton 86, G. F. Arbib 24; J. H. Harris 2 for 37, C. H. Lezard 3 for 28).
- Friday, June 30th v. XL CLUB. Home (12 a side). Stowe won by 2 wickets.  
XL Club 237 (G. A. Tollhurst 28, P. H. Jaques 30, R. P. Frankinburg 40, G. W. S. Waites 51, J. E. C. Nicholl 50, J. A. Green 4 for 96, D. P. Bentall 4 for 110).  
Stowe 238 for 9 wickets (A. R. F. Hobson 23, D. R. Sabberton 22, J. W. O. Allerton 41, G. F. Arbib 29, C. M. St. J. Knight 20, S. B. Murray 36, A. M. Macoun 21).
- Saturday, July 15th v M.C.C. Home. Won by 44 runs.  
Stowe 151 (D. R. Sabberton 54, P. G. de Havilland 47, J. O. Trumper 10 for 54).  
M.C.C. 107 (G. J. Sharman 28, M. D. Scott 42, D. P. Bentall 8 for 56).
- Saturday, July 22nd v. DRAGONFLIES. Home. Won by 14 runs.  
Stowe 151 (D. P. Bentall 58, C. R. Dixey 26 not out; R. Fitzgerald 6 for 59, J. Coolen 4 for 32).  
Dragonflies 137 (A. Meyer 38, C. T. M. Pugh 64; D. P. Bentall 4 for 65, A. M. Macoun 2 for 12).
- Saturday, July 29th v. CRYPTICS. Home. Lost by 38 runs.  
Cryptics 248 for 4 wks. dec. (J. C. Larking 104 not out, S. Khan 127, Knight 4 for 77).  
Stowe 210 (Allerton 92, M. A. Girling 5 for 68).

## 1ST XI AVERAGES

BATTING					
	Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. W. O. Allerton	14	0	405	92	28.93
D. P. Bentall	14	1	350	58	26.92
D. R. Sabberton	13	1	294	95	24.50
A. R. F. Hobson	13	0	226	73	17.38
P. G. de Havilland	14	0	224	54	16.00
G. F. Arbib	13	1	117	29	9.75
D. M. Mash	10	1	75	39	8.33
C. M. St. J. Knight	10	0	73	17	7.30
S. B. Murray	9	1	54	36	6.74
A. M. Macoun	7	2	30	21	6.00
J. G. Green	6	1	20	10	4.00

BOWLING					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. P. Bentall	192.4	36	670	39	17.36
C. M. St. J. Knight	147.3	26	438	13	33.69
J. G. Green	50	7	205	6	34.17
D. R. Sabberton	179	44	544	15	36.27
A. M. Macoun	17.4	2	78	2	39.00

## 2ND XI

The 2nd XI has enjoyed a very mediocre season, for only one school match was won. Batsmen have rarely been able to strike a happy medium between dogged defence and reckless abandon, with the result that the side only four times totalled a hundred runs. The bowlers, though seldom given a reasonable margin of runs to bowl against and discouraged by missed catches, with very few exceptions failed to realise the prime importance of control over length and direction, and half-volleys were distressingly frequent. Poor fielding, especially dropped catches, helped our opponents to amass far higher totals than they should and the last game showed the value of taking all the chances offered.

However Dixey and Shellim learnt to bat more purposefully and made useful scores, helped on occasion by Edwards and a rather cavalier Sladen, and the last proved an adequate substitute for the injured Grace behind the stumps. There was no lack of pace-bowling in the side, but only Green, who was soon lost to the 1st XI, and McIntyre showed any real penetration until Campkin came late into the side, while Summerlin never had much luck. Macoun provided some variety in the attack and Shellim too was useful as an off-spinner, once he gained some confidence.

Stewart, as captain, was always prepared to learn from his mistakes; his batting improved latterly and it was fitting that he should carry the side to victory in the last match.

*Team*:—M. A. S. G. Stewart (C) (Capt.), C. R. Dixey (C), J. S. Edwards (C), A. B. Shellim (C), S. H. Sladen (C), J. A. Campkin (C), R. J. Box (C), J. E. Poole (C), M. J. Summerlin (C), C. A. McIntyre (G), N. J. Grace (C).

*2nd XI Colours*:—M. A. S. G. Stewart, C. R. Dixey, J. S. Edwards, A. B. Shellim, S. H. Sladen, J. A. Campkin.

*3rd XI Colours*:—R. J. Box, J. E. Poole, M. J. Summerlin, C. A. McIntyre, N. J. Grace.

## Results :—

Saturday, May 13th. v. R.A.F. HALTON. Away. Lost.  
R.A.F. Halton 92 (Green 5 for 29, McIntyre 4 for 14). Stowe 53.  
Tuesday, May 23rd. v. NAUTICAL COLLEGE, PANGBOURNE. Away. Drawn.  
N. C. Pangbourne 175 for 7 wkts dec. (Macoun 4 for 29). Stowe 125 for 8 wkts.  
Saturday, June 3rd. v. BEDFORD. Away. Lost.  
Stowe 86. Bedford 87 for 1 wkt.  
Saturday, June 10th. v. R.A.F. HENLOW. Away. Won.  
R.A.F. Henlow 96 for 8 wkts. dec. Stowe 98 for 6 wkts. (Dixey 34).  
Saturday, June 17th. v. STOWE TEMPLARS. Home. Won.  
Stowe Templars 117 (Campkin 4 for 25). Stowe 121 for 9 wkts. (Shellim 38, Edwards 31).  
Saturday, June 24th. v. OUNDLE. Home. Lost.  
Stowe 111. Oundle 115 for 1 wkt.  
Saturday, July 8th. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost.  
Stowe 64 (Dixey 35). St. Edward's 65 for 3 wkts.  
Saturday, July 15th. v. A.B.E.G.'S XI. Home. Lost.  
A.B.E.G.'s XI, 183 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 93 (J.H.B. 5 for 20).  
Saturday, July 22nd. v. BLOXHAM. Away. Won.  
Bloxham 103 (Campkin 5 for 38). Stowe 104 for 7 wkts. (Stewart 40 not out).

## 3RD XI.

A perfect season climatically but a disastrous one in the results; this is a reflection of the competition afforded to cricket by other sports and has meant that the side has never really settled down and has been in a constant state of flux. Batting has been weak; too great impatience has prevented batsmen who in house matches have made many runs from making reasonable scores. Wilesmith's opening has been consistent, and Grantham, although never scoring many, has been reliable. The bowling was on the whole good. Campkin and Duncan bowled well all the time, but Felton and Orr were too often inaccurate and expensive.

Team :—J. A. Campkin (C) (Capt.), M. G. S. Wilesmith (B), E. D. Hotham (C), J. H. Grantham (T), H. K. Felce (B), E. B. Bridgland (B), P. M. Henry (C), M. M. Orr (T), G. W. Rowe (T), C. J. N. Felton (B), A. B. Duncan (C).

## Results :—

Thursday, June 8th. v. BEDFORD. Away. Lost by 68 runs.  
Bedford 132 (Milton 53 not out). Stowe 64 (Kent-Jones 7 for 30).  
Saturday, June 10th. v. STEEPLE CLAYDON. Won by 6 wkts.  
Steeple Claydon 86 for 7 dec. (Stevens 35 not out; Campkin 6 for 33).  
Stowe 86 for 4 wkts. (Rowe 33).  
Saturday, June 24th. v. PAULERSPURY. Home. Lost by 121 runs.  
Paulerspury 154 (Smart 57; Campkin 5 for 49). Stowe 33 (Elliott 8 for 20).  
Saturday, July 8th. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost by 75 runs.  
St. Edward's 131 for 6 dec. Stowe 56 (Smith 5 for 9, Pickford 4 for 22).  
Saturday, July 22nd. v. STEEPLE CLAYDON. Away. Lost by 103 runs.  
Steeple Claydon 161 for 6 dec. (Stevens 67, Hodges 50 not out). Stowe 58 (Gibbs 4 for 12).

## THE COLTS

The Colts played only five matches this season and their results were not impressive. However, quite a number of them distinguished themselves in Senior House matches and there were some useful performances in Club games. The main weakness at the

beginning of the season was lack of confidence and a timid approach to batting. They seemed to have overcome this by the Oundle match when they made 167 in two hours, but against both St. Edward's and Bloxham the opposition were able to get on top after we had made good starts. At St. Edward's a slow left-hander was allowed to bowl eight overs for one run on a good wicket and the ball was treated as if it might explode on contact. Against Bloxham, after twenty-eight runs had been scored off the first six overs, the same bowlers and one other bowled twenty-seven overs for a mere fifteen runs. It is true they bowled more accurately, but then it is easy to bowl to batsmen who do not make shots.

However, the batting is not without promise for the future if these lessons are learnt. Durlacher and Dawes, the most aggressive, were also the most successful. Murphy was technically sound but is a poor player of the bad ball at present. Duncan, Higham and Garrett all showed admirable powers of concentration and are capable of making plenty of runs if they will let themselves go. Scott-Gall, Johnson and Mellersh hit well but were poor starters.

The bowlers were adequate and generally steady, in particular Fisher, who showed fine control of length and direction. Johnson also had some good spells and Higham bowled off-breaks intelligently. Scott-Gall and Mellersh had few opportunities but both have good actions. Dawes towards the end of the season seemed to be regaining his skill; he also captained the side very capably, never allowing the field to get into a muddle and setting an excellent example. The whole Club, not least those who failed to play in the team, performed with enthusiasm and next Summer there should be more competition for the 1st and 2nd XIs than there has been for some time.

Team :—E. S. Dawes (B), R. S. D. Johnson (C), N. J. Durlacher (W), D. W. Garrett (G), M. W. G. Fisher (G), C. P. Murphy (G), A. A. B. Duncan (C), P. H. L. Higham (T), A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T), M. J. Baker (G), M. F. A. Mellersh (C).

Colts' Caps awarded to :—Dawes, Johnson, Durlacher, Garrett, Fisher, Murphy, Duncan, Scott-Gall, Higham.

## Results :—

Saturday, May 27th. v. BRADFIELD. Away. Lost by 7 wickets.  
Stowe 126 (Durlacher 56). Bradfield 127 for 3 wkts.  
Saturday, June 3rd. v. BEDFORD. Home. Won by 3 wickets.  
Bedford 108 (Fisher 5 for 30, Johnson 3 for 22). Stowe 111 for 7 wkts. (Durlacher 35).  
Saturday, June 24th. v. OUNDLE. Away. Drawn.  
Stowe 167 (Dawes 46, Duncan 25, Garrett 23). Oundle 125 for 8 wkts. (Fisher 4 for 30).  
Saturday, July 8th. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost.  
St. Edward's 180 for 7 declared (Fisher 6 for 61). Stowe 93 (Murphy 36, Durlacher 27).  
Saturday, July 22nd. v. BLOXHAM. Home. Tie.  
Bloxham 66 (Fisher 4 for 38, Johnson 3 for 5, Higham 2 for 1). Stowe 66 (Durlacher 20).

## THE JUNIOR COLTS

Experience has made me cautious about over-optimism for the future, but I feel that it would not be wide of the mark to say that this year's Junior Colts Club contains more likely-looking cricketers than it has had for a long time. There are certainly twelve boys who show considerable promise, and one or two others who should eventually be useful 2nd XI players.

There was more variety in the bowling than usual. Vane, right-arm medium fast, bowls the away-swing and is developing the off-cutter as well. Campbell, slow left-

hand, is reliable, and O'Connor, slow off-breaks, has a good action, but needs more confidence. Wilcox, leg-breaks, would be a great asset if he could gain more control, and the same applies to Bemrose, who bowls the in-swinging at a brisk pace.

Davis and Gronow have made a useful opening pair, and Goodchild, Agnew, Braithwaite, Burton-Carter, Millar and O'Connor all have the ability to become good bats. Millar has kept wicket well, and both Braithwaite and Gronow are useful reserves.

The side has been unbeaten, and had much the better of two drawn games.

Practice, practice and more practice is the secret of success, and if the members of this club put to good use not only official games time but some of their own free time as well they should make a good first XI in a couple of years' time.

A second Junior Colts Club was started this year and has provided club cricket and some matches for more under 15's.

The following have played:—C. J. T. Vane (C), (capt.), R. N. Goodchild (C), N. H. Burton-Carter (C), M. K. Davis (C), P. J. Gronow (G), A. M. T. Millar (B), J. C. Bemrose (W), J. P. Agnew (W), H. M. Braithwaite (C), C. P. Frean (C), L. C. J. Wilcox (B), T. R. O'Connor (G), R. A. Campbell (C), J. R. Hallam (C).

#### Results:—

Tuesday, May 3rd. v. NAUTICAL COLLEGE, PANGBOURNE. Away. Drawn.

Stowe 161 for 5 dec. (Davis 22, Goodchild 45, Burton-Carter 35).  
Nautical College 72 for 7 wkts. (Vane 4 for 32).

Saturday, June 3rd. v. BEDFORD. Home. Won by 7 wickets.

Bedford 73 (Vane 3 for 22, Bemrose 5 for 22, Wilcox 2 for 10).  
Stowe 77 for 3 wickets (Goodchild 34).

Saturday, June 24th. v. OUNDLE. Away. Drawn.

Oundle 149 (O'Connor 2 for 23, Goodchild 2 for 12).  
Stowe 144 for 9 wkts. (Gronow 33, Goodchild 25, Burton-Carter 22, O'Connor 22 not out).

Saturday, July 8th. v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Won by 5 wickets.

St. Edward's 117 for 7 dec. (Vane 2 for 27, Campbell 2 for 17, Wilcox 3 for 27).  
Stowe 118 for 5 wkts. (Davis 23, Gronow 37, Goodchild 29).

2nd Team. Away. Drawn.

St. Edward's 155 for 5 dec.  
Stowe 122 for 9 wkts. (Matthews 23 not out, Jackson 20).

Saturday, July 22nd. v. BLOXHAM. Away. Drawn.

Stowe 157 for 8 dec. (Gronow 28, Agnew 25, Braithwaite 37 not out, Wilcox 23).  
Bloxham 112 for 9 wkts. (Vane 6 for 50, Frean 3 for 39).

#### HOUSE MATCHES

This year house matches were again played on the split league system, but were reduced to one-innings matches to fit in with changes in the coaching arrangements. In the event of a tie in a match or a group the house with the best average of runs per wicket was to be the winner, and this rule had to be enforced in the Senior matches, as Grenville and Temple finished with 20 points each, and Grenville was declared the winner of Division B.

#### SENIOR

##### DIVISION A.

Chatham beat Grafton, Chandos, and Cobham	24 points.
Grafton beat Chandos; drew with Cobham; lost to Chatham.	12 points.
Cobham beat Chandos; drew with Grafton; lost to Chatham	12 points.
Chandos lost all its matches.	0 points.

##### DIVISION B.

Grenville beat Walpole and Bruce; drew with Temple.	20 points.
Temple beat Walpole and Bruce; drew with Grenville.	20 points.
Bruce beat Walpole; lost to Grenville and Temple.	8 points.
Walpole lost all its matches.	0 points.

FINAL:—Chatham beat Grenville by an innings and 24 runs.

Chatham 268 for 7 wkts. dec. (de Havilland 113, Hobson 45).

Grenville 99 (Summerlin 5 for 39, Bentall 5 for 48) and 145 (Allerton 85).

#### JUNIOR—UNDER 16½ YEARS.

##### DIVISION A.

Cobham beat Chatham, Chandos and Grafton.	24 points.
Grafton beat Chatham and Chandos; lost to Cobham.	16 points.
Chandos beat Chatham; lost to Grafton and Cobham.	8 points.
Chatham lost all its matches.	0 points.

##### DIVISION B.

Grenville beat Temple, Walpole and Bruce.	24 points.
Temple beat Walpole and Bruce; lost to Grenville.	16 points.
Walpole beat Bruce; lost to Grenville and Temple.	8 points.
Bruce lost all its matches.	0 points.

FINAL:—Grenville beat Cobham by 7 wickets.

Cobham 59 (Parker mi. 5 for 9) and 138 (Mellersh 56, Fisher 5 for 35).

Grenville 132 (Murphy 59; Mellersh 5 for 59) and 66 for 3 wkts. (O'Connor 27 not out).

#### JUNIOR—UNDER 15 YEARS.

##### DIVISION A.

Chandos beat Chatham, Grafton and Cobham.	24 points.
Chatham beat Grafton and Cobham; lost to Chandos.	16 points.
Cobham beat Grafton; lost to Chatham and Chandos.	8 points.
Grafton lost all its matches.	0 points.

##### DIVISION B.

Bruce beat Grenville, Temple and Walpole.	24 points.
Walpole beat Temple; lost to Grenville and Bruce.	8 points.
Temple beat Grenville; lost to Walpole and Bruce.	8 points.
Grenville beat Walpole; lost to Temple and Bruce.	8 points.

FINAL:—Chandos beat Bruce by an innings and 33 runs.

Bruce 69 (Vane 4 for 37, Hallam 5 for 12) and 119 (Miller 32, Sharples 40; Vance 6 for 47, Hallam 4 for 47).

Chandos 221 (Goodchild 56, Burton-Carter 91; Wilcox 4 for 52).

#### LEAGUE RESULTS

The following are the combined totals of points scored in 'A' and 'B' Leagues:—Bruce, 125; Grenville, 99; Temple, 83; Walpole, 83; Cobham, 77; Chandos, 44; Grafton, 36; Chatham, 15.

## OTHER SPORTS

## LAWN TENNIS

## THE YOULL CUP

A report of the competition appears on our front page. The scores were as follows :—

- 2nd Round.* Stowe beat Highgate, 2—0.  
*3rd Round.* Stowe beat Clifton, 3—0.  
*4th Round.* Stowe beat Charterhouse, 3—0.  
*Quarter-Finals.* Stowe beat Warwick, 3—2.  
*Semi-Finals.* Stowe beat Repton, 3—0.  
*Final.* Stowe beat Eltham, 3—2. STOWE I (D. R. Sabberton and R. B. B. Avory) beat ELTHAM I (R. G. Davies and C. T. Bradnock), 6—3, 6—1; STOWE II (A. R. F. Hobson and I. R. D. Andrews) lost to ELTHAM II (J. Hopkins and K. O. Ajegbo), 6—3, 3—6, 1—6; STOWE I beat ELTHAM II, 6—2, 6—2; STOWE II lost to ELTHAM I, 2—6, 6—4, 1—6; Avory beat Davies, 7—5, 2—6, 6—4.

## OTHER MATCHES

The position has been similar to last year's in that neither D. R. Sabberton (T) nor A. R. F. Hobson (C), both members of last year's winning Youll Cup team, have been available owing to the demands of cricket. We have, however, been able to call upon R. B. B. Avory (T) for some matches and to have J. S. Jackson (C), lost to cricket last year, as Captain. I. A. H. Sitwell (B), the Secretary, I. R. D. Andrews (S) and H. G. Wallace (G) have been the other mainstays of the side, and they have had at different times useful support from R. J. McDonagh (S), a promising junior, N. O. Faure (S), D. S. Beck (W), and R. G. Edwards (W). It was noticeable that some of the team appeared to find it difficult to reproduce their home form in away matches, particularly at the beginning of the term. This failing—together with a pronounced cross-wind—was largely responsible for the loss of the Radley match and for a disappointing performance against Repton. In home fixtures the record was a good one, with praiseworthy victories against Bedford, Rugby and the Old Stoics.

## Results of Matches :—

- Tues., May 16th. v. WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD. Away. Lost 1—5 (2 drawn).  
 Thurs., May 25th. v. RADLEY. Away. Lost 3—5 (1 drawn).  
 Sat., June 4th. v. BEDFORD. Home. Won 9—0.  
 Thurs., June 8th. v. REPTON. Away. Lost 1—6 (2 drawn).  
 Sat., June 10th. v. RUGBY. Home. Won 8—1.  
 Sat., June 17th. v. OLD STOICS. Home. Won 6—2 (1 drawn).  
 Tues., June 27th. v. OAKHAM. Away. Won 7—1 (1 drawn).  
 Thurs., July 20th. v. WELLINGBOROUGH. Away. Won 6—3.  
 Sat., July 22nd. v. MARLBOROUGH. Home. Lost 4—5.  
 Thurs., July 27th. v. MILL HILL Home. Lost 4—5.  
 Sat., July 29th. v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. Lost 4—5.  
 Sun., July 30th. v. INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN. Home. Won 4—3 (2 drawn)

## 2ND VI.

- Sat., May 20th. v. BOHEMIANS L.T.C. Home. Lost 1—8.  
 Sat., June 3rd. v. BEDFORD. Home. Won 8—1.  
 Sat., June 24th. v. J. H. BULFORD'S VI. Lost 3—5 (1 drawn).

## SWIMMING

Although weather conditions at the beginning of term were not very good, swimming got off to an early start. It was not until a week or two later, though, with the approach of warmer weather, that really serious training began.

The senior team had a very successful season, winning seven of their ten matches. A. D. Cooper (W), the captain, swam consistently well throughout the season, and during the course of it broke the records for the 100 and the 50 yards freestyle events, returning the time of 57.8 secs. and 26.3 secs. respectively. J. N. Sadler (S), the secretary, also swam well and had more success with his 50 than his 100 yards freestyle events, but he nevertheless became the second Stoic to swim the 100 yards freestyle in less than a minute. B. M. Allen (W), our third freestyler, put up some good performances and helped considerably to strengthen the team; being a strong and reliable swimmer, L. M. Barnard (B) showed great promise for the future as also did G. E. Rawlings (S), who broke the long-standing 100 yards record. R. M. Jefferson (C) and R. E. Dale (S), our second strings in the breast and back-strokes, ably made up the team and all four received their colours.

In the Public Schools Freestyle Relay, Stowe came equal 9th, breaking our previous record for the event, and in the Medley Relay Race Stowe reached the final and came 6th, also beating our previous record. In both Relays there were 42 other schools competing.

The juniors got off to a rather poor start at the beginning of the season, but improved considerably as the term progressed. C. L. Barnard (B), D. G. Remington (G) and J. V. M. Froggatt (G) swam exceedingly well with D. J. Lamping (C), P. E. Dawson (W), D. A. Sharp (W), R. F. D. Stow (C) and A. E. Dove (W) making up a very well-balanced but not always successful team. All were awarded their Dolphins.

Although the water-polo team found little time to practise, they had several successful games, winning 5 and losing 3 of them.

The school divers, likewise, put up some good performances, in particular D. H. Penrose (C), who was awarded his colours.

The standard of swimming, on the whole, was much higher than in previous years, with 11 School records being broken during the course of the matches. It is hoped that next year's team will be equally successful.

## Results :—

- Tues., June 6th. 'A' team v. WESTMINSTER. Away. Seniors lost.  
 Juniors drew.  
 Tues., June 13th. v. HARROW. Away. Seniors won.  
 Juniors lost.  
 Thurs., June 15th. v. MALVERN. Home. Seniors won.  
 Juniors won.  
 Sat., June 17th. v. OLD STOICS. Home. Seniors won.  
 Thurs., June 22nd. BATH CLUB RELAYS. Away. Stowe came equal 9th.  
 Fri., June 23rd. v. VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY. Home. Seniors won.

Sat., June 24th.	OTTER CLUB RELAYS.	Away.	Stowe came 6th.
Thurs., June 29th.	'A' team v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Away.	Seniors won. Juniors won.
Thurs., July 6th.	v. BERKHAMSTED.	Home.	Seniors won. Juniors lost.
Sat., July 8th.	v. RUGBY.	Away.	Seniors won. Juniors won.
Sun., July 9th.	v. OTTER CLUB.	Home.	Seniors lost. Juniors lost.
Sat., July 15th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN and THE LEYS.	Away.	Seniors 2nd. Juniors 1st.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

The standard of swimming in the open and under-16 events was fairly high but the standard in the under-15 events was lower than it has been in previous years. Walpole again showed their superiority with A. D. Cooper winning all the Freestyle events and the Individual Medley, backed up well in these events by B. M. Allen. G. E. Rawlings and R. E. Dale swam well to come first and second respectively in all the backstroke events. D. G. Remington proved himself to be one of our most promising Juniors and managed to break the 25 yds. Freestyle record and equalled his own 50 yds. Freestyle record.

The diving this year was run on an individual basis and D. H. Penrose was the eventual winner in the seniors and R. F. D. Stow in the juniors.

Walpole and Grafton reached the final of the senior water-polo and Walpole were the eventual winners but only after a hard game, winning 2-0. In the juniors Grenville managed to beat Chandos after extra time.

Results :—

## OPEN EVENTS

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, A. D. Cooper (W) ; 2, J. N. Sadler (G) ; 3, B. M. Allen (W). Time, 26.4 secs.  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Cooper ; 2, Allen ; 3, Sadler. Time, 59.4 secs.  
 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, Cooper ; 2, Allen ; 3, Sadler. Time, 2 mins. 18.8 secs.  
 400 Yards Freestyle.—1, Allen ; 2, Sadler ; 3, G. F. Rawlings (G). Time, 5 mins. 16.1 secs.  
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, L. M. Barnard (B) ; 2, D. H. Penrose (C) ; 3, R. M. Jefferson (C). Time, 32.8 secs.  
 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Barnard ; 2, Jefferson ; 3, Penrose. Time, 77.2 secs.  
 200 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Jefferson ; 2, Penrose ; 3, G. R. Duncanson (W). Time, 2 mins. 57.8 secs.  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Rawlings ; 2, R. E. Dale (G) ; 3, J. P. H. Cecil (C). Time, 33.3 secs.  
 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, Rawlings ; 2, Dale ; 3, Cecil. Time, 78.4 secs.  
 50 Yards Butterfly.—1, Barnard ; 2, Cooper ; 3, A. R. Shackleton (W).  
 Individual Medley.—1, Cooper ; 2, Barnard ; 3, Allen. Time, 70.2 secs.

## UNDER 16 EVENTS

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, equal, D. J. Lamping (C) and D. A. Sharp (W) ; 3, J. V. M. Froggatt (G). Time, 29.4 secs.  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Lamping ; 2, A. J. D. Durie (C) ; 3, P. J. Barclay (C). Time, 70.8 secs.  
 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, Lamping ; 2, Durie ; 3, D. R. Smith (W). Time, 2 mins., 54.5 secs.  
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Froggatt ; 2, Sharp ; 3, Barclay. Time, 35.8 secs.  
 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Froggatt ; 2, Sharp ; 3, Barclay. Time, 79.6 secs.  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, A. E. Dove (W) ; 2, Lamping ; 3, G. T. M. Hayes (G). Time, 36.6 secs.  
 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, Dove ; 2, Hayes ; 3, R. C. N. Gamble (W). Time, 83.4 secs.

## UNDER 15 EVENTS

- 25 Yards Freestyle.—1, D. G. Remington (G) ; 2, C. L. Barnard (B) ; 3, R. F. D. Stow (C). Time, 13.6 secs.  
 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, Remington ; 2, Barnard ; 3, Stow. Time, 30.1 secs.  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Stow ; 2, Barnard ; 3, Remington. Time, 68.6 secs.  
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, R. G. Parkinson (W) ; 2, P. M. G. Collinson (C) ; 3, P. McNab (C). Time, 42.2 secs.  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Stow ; 2, T. Taylor (W) ; 3, N. H. Burton-Carter (C). Time, 37.2 secs.  
 25 Yards Butterfly.—1, Sharp ; 2, Froggatt ; 3, Barnard. Time, 15 secs.  
 Result of the Combined Sports.—1, Walpole, 357½ ; 2, Grafton, 214 ; 3, Chandos, 207 ; 4, Bruce, 80 ; 5, Cobham, 66 ; 6, Chatham, 52 ; 7, Grenville, 45 ; 8, Temple, 27.  
 Result of the Inter-House Relays.—1, Walpole, 9 ; 2, Grafton, 15 ; 3, Chandos, 19 ; 4, Grenville, 32 ; 5, Cobham, 36 ; 6, Bruce, 37 ; 7, Chatham, 39 ; 8, Temple, 43.

## ATHLETICS

This year a slightly larger group of athletes has been in training and has competed in various athletic meetings in the county. In the Bucks A.A. Junior and Intermediate Sports the School won the trophy awarded for the club gaining most points.

Nine Stoics were selected to represent Buckinghamshire in the All England Inter-County Championships at Chesterfield at the end of July. In this meeting, D. E. B. Walker (C) ran consistently well to gain 2nd place in the 15-17 100 yds. Hurdles. C. J. N. Felton (B) and G. J. Vapenik (B) came 4th and 7th in the 17-19 Weight Putt and C. M. St. J. Knight (G) ran well in the Senior 880 yds.

M. J. Summerlin (C) has been awarded his School Colours for Athletics and the following School records have been achieved this term :—Senior 800 yds., C. M. St. J. Knight (G), 1 min. 57.5 secs. ; Senior Shot Putt, C. J. N. Felton (B), 48 ft. 8½ ins. ; Senior 100 yds., T. D. Mustard (B), 10 secs. (wind-assisted) ; Junior 880 yds., R. U. Dawson (C), 2 mins. 12.4 secs.

## GOLF

During April the School competed for the Public Schools' Championship at Woking. The first round was against Bradfield, whom we beat by 4 matches to 1. In the semi-final we were drawn against Eton, who had been the holders for the last two years and who were playing the same team for the fourth year in succession. Eton won 5 matches to 0 ; at first this seems a heavy defeat, but the results of the individual games were very close, and at least three matches were taken to the last hole.

The team was :—G. A. MacGregor (Capt.) (C), P. G. de Havilland (C), L. E. Silver (C), N. W. Hartley (C), M. A. Liverton (G).

Also during April, N. W. Hartley (C), competing in the Carris Trophy at Moor Park, was placed sixth with rounds of 78 and 77, a fine performance.

This term has seen the rise of Golf as a School sport and six matches have been played. Stewart Field has again come over from Dunstable on Mondays and given coaching to twenty-five boys, and a Monday Extra Golf League has produced some good matches. An individual trophy, to be known as the Penfold Cup, has been generously presented to the School by A. E. Penfold Esq., together with a quantity of practice balls. This Cup was competed for on Thursday July 27th at Dunstable Downs and was won by L. E. Silver with a gross score of 76.

Two of the matches, at Dunstable and the South Bedfordshire courses, were against junior sides from these clubs, and the other three away fixtures were against 'B' sides raised by the Clubs from their regular Thursday players. The School started with a good win against Ellesborough, MacGregor and Hartley playing especially well, but put up a disappointing performance against Buckingham and lost again to a strong Dunstable side. The South Beds. G.C. match produced an exciting finish, with several matches ending on the last green, but the wily old campaigners of Kingsthorpe were too good for a weakened Stowe team.

The three regular members of the team have all done well; MacGregor on his day playing fine golf, Hartley steady and dour with good concentration, and Silver improving his match temperament as the term progressed. Liverton has been unable to play very often, but most of the others who have played have been too erratic to be successful. The away matches have been against the hardest of all opponents to beat—middle-handicap men on their home courses; but the Stowe golfers as a whole need more accuracy in their short game and must show more of the 'killer' instinct in their matches.

The following have played in the matches:—G. A. Macgregor (C), N. W. Hartley (C), L. E. Silver (C), L. A. Mather (G), M. A. Liverton (G), G. H. H. Vowles (C), R. I. McLintock (C), A. R. Hoar (G), P. R. A. Finer (G), R. L. H. Denempont (G), D. S. Beck (W).

Results:—

v. ELLESBOROUGH G.S.	Won	3½—2½.
v. BUCKINGHAM G.C.	Lost	2—1.
v. DUNSTABLE DOWNS G.C.	Lost	3½—½.
v. OLD STOICS (on Old Stoic Day).	Halved	3—3.
v. SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE G.C.	Halved	3—3.
v. KINGSTHORPE G.C.	Lost	2½—½.

The Senior House matches were won by Grafton, who beat Cobham by 3 matches to 2. The Junior House matches were won by Grenville.

## SAILING

The main features of the sailing in the Summer term are the School Matches and in these we have not, unfortunately, been as successful as in past years. This is largely explained by the lack of experience of the team. None of last year's helms were left and only a few of the crews even were still here. The regular team consisted of S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T), J. Palethorpe (B), P. H. L. Higham (T) as helms, and T. St. F. Jackson (T), J. K. Hutson (B) and T. D. Taylor-Roberts (T) respectively as their crews. J. G. Prunty (T) also helmed quite frequently, and the following occasionally: C. P. D. Yarwood (G), F. H. S. Gilbert (B), A. J. Murdoch (T), P. E. A. Hope (T).

The House Matches were won by Temple, and both the Helmsman's Tankard and the Individual Trophy were won by J. Palethorpe. P. H. L. Higham and T. D. Taylor-Roberts won the R.N.M.D.S.F. pennant.

Next term the whole organisation of the Sailing Club will be streamlined, and it will to a certain extent be amalgamated with the Naval Section under Mr. Mead. Another alteration that is now almost definite is the change in dinghies from Cadets and Kenns to Graduates. This will make racing much easier and, it is hoped, more interesting.

Results:—

v. I.C.S., BEDFORD.	Lost	37¼ to 40¼.
v. RUGBY.	Lost	34¼ to 43¼.
v. M.C.S., OXFORD.	Lost	34 to 43½.
v. ETON.	Lost	20¼ to 24¼.
v. BEDFORD.	Won	40¼ to 38¼.
v. RADLEY.	Lost	34 to 37½.
v. OUNDLE.	Won	57½ to 47½.
v. HARROW.	Lost	37¼ to 40¼.
v. CHELTENHAM.	Lost	52 to 65¾.
v. M.C.S., OXFORD.	Lost	70 to 78.

## SCULLING

This has been the most active term in the Club's history. Membership stands at over 100, of whom 80 are active. The Club is now affiliated to the Amateur Rowing Association and entries were made for six regattas which provided excellent experience for sculling over long stretches of water. At Birmingham and Bewdley our sculling was undistinguished, but at Reading two scullers reach the second round and semi-final, and at Peterborough W. G. Fletcher (C) carried the honour of the Club far by reaching the final of the Maiden Sculls after five rounds.

School races have been held at Radley, where we won one race and lost two others; and at Stowe against King Edward's, Birmingham, which scullers from our 'B' team won.

Competition within Stowe rose to a higher pitch than ever before, and the first bumping races provided a novel form of entertainment for a hot Speech-Day afternoon. House-matches are being held as last year with three seniors and two juniors competing for the Fletcher cup, at present held by Cobham.

Several members of the Club went to Henley on the second day of the Regatta and came back enthused by high aims.

The following sculled in regattas: F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C), C. P. D. Yarwood (G), W. G. Fletcher (C). The 'B' team consisted of C. L. V. P. Evans (W), J. F. A. Hope (T), E. H. Blagg (C) and I. Shay (G).

## FENCING

The same degree of progress which members of the club have been making throughout the year has continued this term. Most of the credit goes to Professor F. Eveleigh, who made five visits to Stowe during the term; and the results of his efforts have been clearly demonstrated in our match results, losing against Northampton Fencing Club 10—8, but winning against Eton 19—17 and against Douai 21—6.

Both teams showed a great improvement and the efforts of R. S. Winton, who has well earned the re-awarding of his School colours, and M. S. J. Rappolt, who was awarded a blue blazer, are highly commended. M. H. Waring was undefeated in foil.

Late in the term the House Match cup was removed from its shelf in Cobham, where it has been for the last four years, and won by Chandos. Bruce won the 'Runners-up' Cup previously held by Chandos. The standard of fencing throughout the competition was a great deal higher than was at first anticipated.

The following fenced for the Senior team :—M. H. Waring (C), R. G. Winton (G), S. P. B. Magee (C), M. S. T. Rappolt (B).

The following fenced for the second team :—Sir Francis folkes, Bart. (B), C. G. Vacy-Ash (W), P. A. Trainin (C), R. J. Besterman (W), C. Broom-Smith (C).

### BASKET-BALL AND HOCKEY

After the success of last year's experiment, it was decided to run Basket-Ball and Hockey Leagues again for those who were otherwise unemployed during the afternoons. Grafton were again successful in winning the Basket-Ball after a fairly convincing victory over Chandos in the Final. In the Hockey Chatham were the victors, having been unbeaten. Grafton were in second place, with six points less. It is hoped that this means of providing an activity for non-cricketers will, as a result of these first two years, be continued in the future.

### P.T.

The P.T. Competition took place on Monday, July 24th. The combined house placings were as follows :—1, Grenville ; 2, Bruce ; 3, Chatham ; 4, Chandos ; 5, Walpole ; 6, Grafton ; 7, Cobham ; 8, Temple.

THE LAURUS CUP has been won by Chatham.

### 1ST XV FIXTURES 1961-62

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Sat., Oct. 7.—LONDON SCOTTISH.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 14.—OLD STOICS.	Home.
Tues., Oct. 17.—RUGBY.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 21.—BEDFORD.	Home.
Sat., Oct. 28.—ST. EDWARD'S.	Home.
Tues., Oct. 31.—OUNDLE.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 4.—ROSSLYN PARK.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 11.—RADLEY.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 18.—BLACKHEATH.	Home.
Sat., Nov. 25.—CHELTENHAM.	Away.
Sat., Dec. 2.—RICHMOND.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 9.—HARLEQUINS.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 16.—HOUSE MATCH FINALS.	

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Thur., Feb. 8.—ETON.	Away.
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