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## EDITORIAL

"... that most infamous, most vile, most sickening of rags—the EPICUREAN."—(*The Epicurean*)

MISSING All Fools' Day by a mere 36 hours, another *Epicurean* has come and gone. It was well up to the average and gave us some good laughs, though one article, an ill-natured affair on a topic that is surely very old hat by now, might well have been spared.

Those who now labour to produce a single number may be astonished to learn that for its first six years *The Epicurean* appeared every term. It was born in December 1928 with the familiar cover design by Rex Whistler, whose brother Laurence was then in Grenville. After favouring an orange exterior for four years it began to experiment with other colours and had reached yellow by Speech Day 1934 when it was suppressed,—but not for that reason. It did not reappear for fifteen years, though a paper called *Ephemeris* was current in the late 'thirties. *The Epicurean* has been published six times since 1949, or whenever a sufficient number of bright spirits are on speaking terms with each other.

It is in every sense ephemeral ; one seldom comes across back numbers and, although a pious Old Stoic has presented a complete set to the British Museum, the Stowe Library lacks three (Vol. I No. 8, Vol. II No. 4, and Vol. III No. 3). Yet, transitory as it is, certain predictable themes recur,—the Corps, food, masters, historians, change and decay, the General Paper, masters, games, food, Bursars, notice-boards, dress and masters. There was an issue in 1954 almost wholly devoted to the Corps, but perhaps that was because other contributions were unprintable.

Its relations with *The Stoic* are amicable if patronising on both sides. It included two whole pages as if by us in 1949—a brilliant little skit—and this term's *Epicurean* makes use of two drawings that first appeared in *The Stoic* ; but we bear it no ill will and are sincerely flattered. It is perhaps significant that former *Stoic* editors tend to become *Epicurean*

censors. We cannot claim that *The Epicurean* is a nursery for *Stoic* writers; indeed, the converse may be true. Much as we would welcome articles with the gusto of "Art, Man?—Trash!" we feel that writers tend to graduate away from us. Perhaps they feel that a lifetime of respectability deserves a last irresponsible fling.

May we end as we began, with a quotation?

"Black would mean nothing if there wasn't any White. Right would mean nothing if there wasn't any Wrong. Epicurean would mean nothing if there wasn't any Stoic.

"All Ancient Philosophers talked nonsense, but they talked nonsense of different kinds. The Stoic was dreadfully serious; the Epicurean said pleasure was all that mattered. The Stoic worried about his duty; the Epicurean avoided worry of any sort. The Stoic had a great respect for the Prefects and Monitors of the Universe; the Epicurean thought that the Gods simply did not count . . . .

"But each needed the other. The Stoic without the Epicurean would have had no one to be serious over. The Epicurean without the Stoic would have had no worries to avoid. The two were complementary.

"They are complementary still. Where there is a Stoic, there should be an Epicurean".

The origin of the quotation? It is from the editorial of the first *Epicurean*.

### HOUSE SYMBOLS

Bruce	B	Gill Sans Type.
Temple	T	Gill Sans Type.
Grenville	G	Gill Sans Type.
Chandos	C	Gill Sans Type.
Cobham	Ⓒ	Old English Text Type.
Chatham	Ⓔ	Lombardic Type.
Grafton	Ⓖ	Old English Text Type.
Walpole	W	Gill Sans Type.
Nugent	N	Gill Sans Type.

(Members of Nugent are normally indicated by the symbols of their future Houses)

## STOICA

*School Officials—Spring Term, 1962.*

*Prefects*:—T. W. J. Waine, Head of the School and Head of Grafton; C. M. St. J. Knight, Second Prefect and Head of Grenville; G. F. Arbib, Head of Temple; R. J. Box, Head of Chatham; A. R. F. Hobson (C), Prefect of Chapel; A. Horrocks, Head of Chandos; J. A. Likierman (C), Prefect of Library; N. O. G. Murray, Head of Cobham; T. D. Mustard (B), Prefect of Hall; M. V. Rymer, Head of Walpole; D. R. Sabberton (T), Prefect of Gymnasium; I. A. H. Sitwell, Head of Bruce.

*Hockey*:—Captain, D. R. Sabberton (T); Secretary, A. R. F. Hobson (C).

*Cross-Country*:—Captain, C. M. St. J. Knight (G); Secretary, C. A. McIntyre (G).

*Squash Rackets*:—Captain and Secretary, J. W. O. Allerton (G).

*Fives*:—Captain and Secretary, J. H. Grantham (T).

*Fencing*:—Captain and Secretary, R. S. Winton (Ⓖ).

The following have preached in Chapel this term:—on January 21st, the Headmaster; on January 28th, the Rev. Arnold Bellwood, Minister of Buckingham Methodist Church; on February 4th, the Rev. Martin Parsons, Vicar of Emmanuel, Northwood; on February 11th, the Rev. L. V. Wright; on February 18th, the Rev. Geoffrey Rogers, Warden of Lee Abbey; on February 25th, the Chaplain; on March 4th, the Bishop of Buckingham; on March 11th, the Rev. D. J. Challis; on March 18th, the Rev. Dr. O. Chadwick, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge; on March 25th, the Rev. D. Nicholson, Vice-Principal of Edinburgh Theological College.

The Rev. O. K. de Berry, Rector of St. Aldate's, Oxford, gave a series of pre-Lenten Addresses in Chapel at 9.0 p.m. on February 7th, 14th and 21st.

The film *God of the Atom* was shown on January 21st, the film *Flying Angels* on February 25th, and the film *Martin Luther* on March 11th.

The collections in the Chapel were as follows:—on February 4th, for the Pineapple, £23 5s. 6d.; on March 4th, for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, £36 1s. 7d. In addition, a donation of £10 was made from the Chapel Fund for the Missions to Seamen.

We welcome Lt.-Col. E. G. W. T. Walsh (T 1935), who has been appointed Estate Bursar.

We say farewell with great regret to Miss Rhuna Martin, who has been teaching the 'cello at Stowe since 1958.

On December 29th 1961 Mr. B. J. Cryer was married to Miss Eva Pizzarello, and on January 2nd 1962 Mr. R. J. F. Proctor was married to Miss Gillian Roy.

The Pineapple Ball was held on February 8th.

The Cambridge University Old Stoic Society held its annual Dinner on February 10th in St. John's College. Speeches were made by the Headmaster, N. K. W. Williamson (C 1957) and Dr. D. M. Baker, O.B.E. (G 1933). There were 42 present, including 6 masters and 3 guests from Oxford.

House Dances have been held by Chatham and Grenville. A party from Stowe attended a dance at Hampden House.

MR. J. T. HANKINSON

As we go to press we learn with deep regret of the death on March 31st of Mr. J. T. Hankinson, of Canford School, formerly housemaster of Cobham. A fuller notice will appear in our next issue.

## LANDMARKS

### DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STOWE LANDSCAPE

The Running Track, now almost complete, lies over the old Kitchen Garden between the Grecian Valley and the avenue from the Queen's Temple to the Cobham Pillar. In this setting it is attractive to look at and interferes in no way with the landscape; in fact it might be said to have improved it, for it gave us an excuse to tidy up the ground immediately behind the Queen's Temple and to replant the avenue up to the Cobham Pillar.

The siting of a hideous group of new garages (funds would not run to anything aesthetically harmless) was a difficult business, but in the situation chosen behind the Gym they are visible to only a small extent and the necessary screen planting has already been carried out. This new set of buildings, which might at first sight seem merely a blot on the landscape, has been carried out intentionally, so that all the shoddy, ugly wooden shacks around the Temple of Concord can be taken down. When that has been done, some improvement of that area will be possible.

At last the long overdue clearing up of the Stone Yard is under way. A block of six formrooms is being erected there and all the maintenance huts will go, as also at long last will the 'Rabbit Hutches'. The block to be built will be a simple building of good manners neither vying with nor imitating the surrounding architecture. The archway, which has no name yet, had been opened and will eventually lead into an open courtyard. Those who regret the passing of 'Weavies', 'The Vicarage' and 'The Kremlin' will, it is hoped, be comforted by the improvement. The builders, painters and carpenters will move into more dignified and more satisfactory quarters in the Power House Yard, which already looks less appalling. Another maintenance depot is being created in the pit behind the Northern Boycott Pavilion, whither the sawmill and the coal dumps, which at present consort with the other Boycott Pavilion, will shortly be removed.

Occasional felling and replanting goes on to ensure the continuance of the Stowe landscape. Four small areas in the Elysian Fields have been done this year, only one of which is at all noticeable. This will have to continue, but it is hoped that it will soon be possible to slow down the pace, as the worst areas will then have been dealt with.

### CONSOLIDATED EXTRAS

At a time when the Great British Public is regularly informed of the fees at Stowe, it may be of some interest to those more directly affected to know to what use the £10 per term recently added to the bill in place of subscriptions for Games, C.C.F., and other regular charges such as hair-cutting and laundry, has been put. £18,000 a year seems wealth beyond the dreams of avarice to those who attempt to scrape through a term on a small allowance of pocket money; those who administer this Consolidated Extras Fund wish that it appeared equally munificent to them. By the time that the routine obligations have been met—games equipment, transport to matches, and the upkeep of the grounds alone consume a third of the sum—there is not a vast amount of largesse available for distribution to deserving causes, but this year the Consolidated Extras Committee hopes to provide electrical equipment for judging fencing contests, two 'Cadets' for the Sailing Club, tentage for Scouts, equipment for the new running track, and a larger grant for music; house funds have been more heavily subsidised,

and there is no longer a charge for dramatic performances, nor, for members of the School, for *The Stoic*, their cost being borne by the Fund. It is not difficult to spend the money, but the problem is to distribute it so that, where all contribute equally, all should obtain an equal benefit.

#### THE SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

The Stowe Scout Troop has been revived, after a lapse of nearly twenty years, as an alternative to the C.C.F. throughout the School. The Troop was started in a small way in the Autumn Term, with A. M. Macoun (♣) as Troop Leader, and there was a further small intake in January. Most of the recruits were newcomers to Scouting, and training has therefore been on a fairly elementary level, but the Field Days were spent energetically on the Berkshire Downs and in the hills on the Welsh Border—in the latter case in near-arctic conditions.

The Troop is handicapped by having no suitable Headquarters, but the weather has been dry enough to permit almost all afternoon meetings to be held out of doors. It is intended to hold week-end camps during the Summer Term, as well as a week's camp at the beginning of the Summer holidays. With most Scouts now up to or beyond Second Class standard, the Troop is ready to assimilate further limited intakes in the coming terms.

Dr. D. L. Farmer and the Rev. D. J. Challis have been warranted as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster respectively.

#### CARS OF THE 'THIRTIES

The following reminiscence of the good old times is reprinted with permission from *Motor Sport* of February 1962:

"Sir,

I was most interested to read your notes on T. H. White's 'Cars in Books' because I was at Stowe 1931-35 and was an undistinguished moron in his English class. His 3-litre was, alas, rather a peculiar one with an odd round tail, as I remember it, quite overshadowed by a nice 3-litre V.D.P. 4-seater and a magnificent 4½ belonging to other masters. The 4½ was one of the fine H. M. Bentley & Partners rebuilds of the mid 'thirties. Members of the staff had, at various times, a 100-m.p.h. 3-litre (with the tapered radiator shell), 14/40 and 18/80 M.G.'s, an open Speed Twenty Alvis, an Aero Minx, a horrible Standard Swallow and two Lancia Lambdas. The Bursar had a brand-new J2 Midget, and even our beloved Headmaster, the late J. F. Roxburgh, drove his Humber Snipe in a more-or-less continuous four-wheel drift.

"My mates and I used to read Birkin's 'Full Throttle' and S. C. H. Davies' 'Motor Racing' over and over again, and I still have my copies, bought thirty years ago when Silverstone wasn't even a gleam in the Air Ministry's eye. On Sundays we used to bicycle to a pub in Brackley where there were always old motor bikes to be seen (and tried!) in the barn at the back. Two of us bought a 1923 2-speed Scott Squirrel, thirty bob each, and rebuilt it in the metal workshop one happy term. The metal instructor had a superb Norton, and one very wet Sunday he let me do my first 85 m.p.h. on it a few miles from the school, blue Sunday suit, stiff collar and all—how I remember squelching my way up the chapel aisle that evening.

"Incidentally, when I was seven years old we had a 1921 Scripps Booth, rather a classy Detroit product with a radiator like a Unic taxi. I learnt to drive on this, well propped up with cushions, and recall its details very well. There were three or four of them in Norwich at that time, about 1925."

Norwich.

RICHARD MASON (♣ 1935).

## OLIM ALUMNI

H. D. BINYON (♣ 1938) was awarded an M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1962.

W. J. G. BROWN (W 1948) is A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Barbados.

J. R. F. CROMBIE (♣ 1953) is A.D.C. to the Commissioner General of S.E. Asia and United Kingdom Commissioner for Singapore.

R. J. DICKSON (T 1936) is Director of the Radiotherapy Department of the London Clinic.

P. T. HAYMAN (♣ 1933) is Director General, British Information Services, New York.

R. G. L. McCRONE (♣ 1952) is Lecturer in Applied Economics at the University of Glasgow.

E. D. TAYLOR (T 1932) is Curator of Minerals in the National Museum of Canada.

W. C. O. MUNKS (♣ 1947), Captain of Richmond Rugby Football Club, played for the Barbarians against the East Midlands in the Mobbs Memorial Match at Northampton on March 1st.

A. CAMERON (B 1957) came in 4th at 100 to 1 on Gay Navarree in the Grand National on March 31st, after leading by five lengths during the second circuit until the last fence but one.

#### BIRTHS

To the wife of:

E. H. H. ALLAN (G 1947) a daughter on October 6th 1959 and a son on May 22nd 1961; D. W. ARCHIBALD (♣ 1947) sons on August 25th 1955 and April 28th 1958 and a daughter on November 15th 1961; M. C. ASHWORTH (W 1941) a daughter on October 13th 1950 and a son on March 1st 1954; J. R. BANKS (♣ 1950) a daughter on February 11th 1957, a son on April 5th 1960, and twin sons on December 29th 1961; H. R. M. BEDDALL (♣ 1938) a son on January 27th 1962; J. C. BROOM SMITH (♣ 1950) a son on August 23rd 1961; J. G. V. BURNS (G 1942) a son on February 19th 1961; M. J. CROSBY (♣ 1954) a son on May 25th 1961; D. A. O. DAVIES (T 1941) a daughter on November 23rd 1954 and a son on September 21st 1957; W. T. D. DIXON (G 1944) a son on October 21st 1961; D. S. DUCKWORTH (♣ 1950) a daughter on December 13th 1961; P. A. FONTES (C 1954) a daughter on January 16th 1962; K. H. R. FORD (G 1952) a son on January 8th 1962; R. W. S. GENTLE (B 1949) a daughter on April 29th 1961; SIR FRANCIS GRANT Bt. (C 1932) a daughter on September 19th 1961; D. H. HART (C 1954) a daughter on July 11th 1961; N. R. T. HAYB (B 1939) a son on May 14th 1961; D. I. HIRD (♣ 1946) a daughter on October 13th 1961; S. S. F. HORNOR (♣ 1939) a daughter on March 8th 1962; D. T. JAMES (♣ 1946)

a son on March 29th 1960; D. C. F. KIMBER (B 1951) a son on December 8th 1961; P. A. T. LOUP (T 1953) a daughter on November 1st 1961; A. A. McALISTER (C 1943) a daughter on March 28th 1957, a son on March 1st 1960, and a daughter on September 6th 1961; N. C. McCLINTOCK (G 1935) a son on February 10th 1959 and a son on October 19th 1960; J. A. McCONNELL (T 1951) a son on September 9th 1961; R. G. L. McCrone (G 1952) a son on June 27th 1960; D. C. MACKENZIE (C 1947) a daughter on January 31st 1958 and a son on November 27th 1961; A. M. MITCHELL (C 1940) a son on June 20th 1961; J. W. PEPLOE (C 1948) a daughter on September 16th 1961; J. P. DE R. RICHARDSON (T 1949) a son on May 26th 1961; J. M. SHINNER (B 1948) a son on March 16th 1961; C. G. SLOSS (C 1949) a son on September 18th 1958 and a daughter on October 30th 1959; B. E. SMITH (G 1948) a son on October 5th 1961; M. B. SNOW (C 1954) a daughter on January 7th 1962; J. F. WHEELER (C 1937) a son on December 6th 1961, in New Zealand.

## MARRIAGES

E. H. H. ALLAN (G 1947) to Jennifer Blackford-Hickman on January 18th 1958.  
 M. C. ASHWORTH (W 1941) to Sheila Anne Prior in February 1949.  
 J. R. BANKS (G 1950) to Shirley Mary Dickinson on May 19th 1956.  
 B. P. BROOKE (C 1927) to Hilda Mabel Hayburn on July 18th 1960.  
 J. G. V. BURNS (G 1942) to Angela Frances Corcoran on September 19th 1959.  
 J. R. F. CROMBIE (C 1953) to Lee Adrienne Chavet on April 1st 1961.  
 K. H. R. FORD (G 1952) to Margaret Elizabeth Campbell on October 22nd 1960.  
 J. M. HANCOX (G 1951) to Marguerite Ann Scott on April 22nd 1961.  
 D. H. HART (C 1954) to Julie Elisabeth Gledhill on April 9th 1960.  
 N. R. T. HAY (B 1939) to Anne Charlotte Prpich on February 14th 1959.  
 M. D. A. HIELD (W 1947) to Unity Sylvia Thornton-Berry on August 30th 1958.  
 D. T. JAMES (C 1946) to Jane Stimson on March 22nd 1958.  
 P. JORGENSEN (T 1953) to Margaret Clare Lacroze on July 27th 1961.  
 A. L. KING-CLINE (C 1954) to Jacqueline Rappaport on May 25th 1961.  
 W. R. N. LADDS (G 1955) to Patricia Madeline D'Aeth on August 26th 1961.  
 C. P. MACDONALD (C 1954) to Frances Gillian Digges la Touche on August 12th 1961.  
 A. A. McALISTER (C 1943) to Dr. Alison Drimmie on October 1st 1953.  
 I. G. NORTON (C 1949) to Eileen Hughes on April 4th 1961.  
 C. G. SLOSS (C 1949) to Marion Crighton Davies on January 11th 1958.  
 M. B. SNOW (C 1954) to Susan Scott Gillis on June 18th 1960.  
 S. J. L. SPICER (B 1941) to Joan Marion Spencer on February 4th 1961.

## DEATHS

A. DE B. BLOCKEY (G 1925) in Australia in April 1961.  
 J. M. HUTTON SQUIRE (T 1935) on February 17th 1962, in Brussels after an operation.  
 A. C. STEWART (formerly T. S. Law) (B 1938) on May 29th 1961.

## MUSIC

Apart from the Music Competitions (reported elsewhere) there have been four musical events this term, each of an entirely different type; a Celebrity Recital, a Chamber Music Concert, an Opera and a Requiem—what greater variety could be desired?

The series opened on February 11th with a Library Concert in which members of the Music Staff had a larger share in the proceedings than has been usual recently. The first work was Mozart's *Sonata in F for Piano Duet* (K. 497), which was given a robust performance by Mr. Leach and Mr. Proctor. Particularly noticeable were several accented discords and rhythms which, though clichés today, must have been very daring when the piece was first performed. This was followed by a single-movement *Sonata for Violin and Piano* by Delius, gracefully played by Mr. Watson and Mr. Burke. The final work in the programme was the *Piano Quintet in A* by Dvorak, played with obvious enjoyment by all concerned. This piece admirably demonstrates a notable feature of much of Dvorak's music, that is his fondness for writing beautiful melodies for the lower strings—in the first movement the theme appears first on the 'cello, and the first theme of the second movement is introduced by the viola.

On March 4th Fou Ts'ong gave a recital in the Roxburgh Hall, a concert arranged by the generosity of a parent, to whom we owe a great debt. The programme was a varied one, ranging from Sonatas by Scarlatti to Preludes by Debussy. The Scarlatti *Sonatas* which opened the programme gave us an idea of the pianist's superb technique, and we were able just to sit back and enjoy the impeccable performance of the *Fantasy Sonata* by Schubert which constituted the main work. After the interval the mood was completely changed by the Debussy Preludes, varying in style from the mysterious and evocative *Brouillards* to the amusing *Homage à S. Pickwick Esq., P.P.M.P.C.* with its quotations from the National Anthem. Finally there were the (almost inevitable) Chopin fireworks, but even here there was no sense of virtuoso playing for its own sake; always the attention was directed to the music and not to its performance. As encores Fou Ts'ong played two quite unexpected and quite delightful pieces—Chopin's *Berceuse* and a *Chaconne* by Handel.

On March 10th the 'Opera for All' group paid a second visit to Stowe with a delightful performance of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Performed with the minimum of equipment this amusing story was perhaps more easily put across than last year's *Marriage of Figaro*, but certainly those who took the trouble to go to the Roxburgh Hall that evening had a very enjoyable time. The singing was of a very high standard apart from one or two lapses in diction, and although the movements were not always smooth and well-timed—possibly owing to the size of the stage—they never seriously distracted the attention. It is difficult to pick out any member of the team for a special mention, but for me at least the most amusing performance was that of Despina by Judith Stubbs, who indulged in some very entertaining 'business' in the course of her various disguises.

The last musical event of the term was perhaps the most rewarding, being a performance in the Chapel of the *Requiem* by Mozart, given by the School Choral Society and Orchestra and four soloists, Jeanette Hill and Lesley Wood, both singing at Stowe for the first time, and Bryan Corrie and Ben Luxon, both of whom are well known here. The upper voices of the Choral Society were strengthened by several masters' wives and by contingents from Charmandean and Brackley High School (an expansion of last term's successful experiment) and all four parts with the occasional exception of the altos were always audible, while maintaining a good balance. The orchestra, with its usual stiffening of friends, and with the help for the first time of the new small organ, provided an excellent accompaniment ranging from the floating syncopation of the *Hostias* to the brassiness of the *Dies Irae*, without ever becoming too obtrusive. Of the movements written for the solo voices the most moving was the *Recordare*, sung by the quartet accompanied only by the clarinets, solo 'cello and organ. From the quiet opening to the final fugue the orchestra, chorus and soloists performed magnificently, and it is to be hoped that some at least of the members of the School who went with a slight feeling of resentment that attendance was compulsory left feeling that perhaps it had been worth it after all.

Finally a word of thanks to M. Spira (C), who has led the orchestra for the past five terms and is now leaving. Perhaps if reading medicine leaves him the time, he will join the ranks of the Old Stoics who can be called upon to join the orchestra for special occasions.

P.M.

## PROGRAMMES OF CONCERTS

### MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

MR. WATSON ( <i>Violin</i> )	ELIZABETH WATSON ( <i>Viola</i> )
LESLEY MELVIN ( <i>Violin</i> )	DAPHNE WEBB ( <i>Cello</i> )
MR. BURKE ( <i>Piano</i> )	MR. LEACH ( <i>Piano</i> )
MR. PROCTOR ( <i>Piano</i> )	
Sonata in F ma, K.497, for Piano Duet ... ..	Mozart
Adagio-Allegro di molto; Andante; Allegro	
Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano ... ..	Delius
(in one movement)	
Pianoforte Quintet in A ma, Op. 81 ... ..	Dvorak
Allegro, ma non tanto; Dumka; Scherzo; Finale.	

### FOU TS'ONG

PIANO RECITAL ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Four Sonatas ... ..	D. Scarlatti
C ma., C mi., A ma., E ma.	
Fantasy Sonata, Op. 78 in G ... ..	Schubert
Four Preludes ... ..	Debussy
'Brouillards', 'Bruyères', 'Les Fées sont d'Exquises Danseuses';	
'Hommage à S. Pickwick, Esq.'	
Scherzo in C sharp mi., Op. 39 ... ..	} Chopin
Three Mazurkas ... ..	
A mi. (Op. 17), C ma. (Op. 24), F mi. (Op. 68)	
Three Etudes ... ..	
C ma. (Op. 10, No 1), C ma. (Op. 10, No. 7), C mi. (Op. 10, No. 12).	

### 'OPERA FOR ALL'

(The Arts Council Opera Group)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

"COSÌ FAN TUTTE" (Mozart)

Don Alfonso, an elderly philosopher ... ..	David Hartley
Ferrando, an officer in love with Dorabella ... ..	David Hillman
Guglielmo, an officer in love with Fiordiligi ... ..	Russell Cooper
Fiordiligi ... ..	Margaret Kingsley
Dorabella, Fiordiligi's sister ... ..	Gloria Jennings
Despina, maid to the ladies ... ..	Judith Stubbs

Pianist—Robert Jones

## IN THE CHAPEL

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

REQUIEM (K.626) ... .. Mozart

JEANETTE HILL (*Soprano*)      BRYAN CORRIE (*Tenor*)  
 LESLEY WOOD (*Contralto*)      BEN LUXON (*Bass*)

## THE CHORAL SOCIETY

(including members from Charmandean and Brackley High School)

## THE ORCHESTRA

Conductor—MR. WATSON

Leader of the Orchestra—M. SPIRA (C)

Organist—MR. PROCTOR

<i>Chorus with Soprano Solo</i>	Requiem and Kyrie
<i>Chorus</i>	Dies irae
<i>Quartet</i>	Tuba mirum
<i>Chorus</i>	Rex tremendae majestatis
<i>Quartet</i>	Recordare
<i>Chorus</i>	Confutatis maledictis
<i>Chorus</i>	Lacrymosa dies illa
<i>Chorus with Quartet</i>	Domine Jesu
<i>Chorus</i>	Hostias
<i>Chorus</i>	Sanctus and Hosanna
<i>Quartet</i>	Benedictus
<i>Chorus with Soprano Solo</i>	Agnus Dei and Lux aeterna

## THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

*Adjudicator*: MR. D. W. M. PAINE, M.A., Mus.B., F.R.C.O., Precentor of Radley.

The Library was full this year for both the House Singing and Instrumental Competitions. Both were hotly contested; four Houses at least could have won. In the event Grenville again won the Singing Competitions with Chatham a close second. Both performances were highly polished, but Grenville's large and well-balanced Choir was a little more impressive than Chatham's excellent but small group. The Instrumental Competition this year was divided into two parts—one for House Groups, and one for inter-House ensembles. No-one could play more than twice. A good deal of ingenuity was used by House music organizers to make the most of their material and in spite of a number of absences because of the current 'flu epidemic, the standard was in general high, in some cases exceptional. Mr. Paine was most impressed by the Bruce group and, in the ensemble competition, by the Brahms Trio, which he described as 'a remarkably good performance of this difficult movement'. Bruce were awarded the Instrumental Cup.

*Singing*:—1st, Grenville; 2nd, Chatham; 3rd, Grafton.*Instrumental*:—1st, Bruce; 2nd, Grenville; 3rd, Chatham.

## HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION

Grenville	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waltzing Matilda (4-part).
Bruce	...	...	...	...	...	...	Linden Lea
Walpole	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waltzing Matilda (2-part)
Chatham	...	...	...	...	...	...	De battle ob Jericho
Temple	...	...	...	...	...	...	Linden Lea
Cobham	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waltzing Matilda (2-part)
Chandos	...	...	...	...	...	...	De battle ob Jericho
Grafton	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waltzing Matilda (2-part).

## HOUSE INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION

- Chatham*. Fantasia on 'Greensleeves' ... .. *Vaughan Williams*  
J. F. R. Saunders (Violin); G. N. Crass (Violin); P. F. Brown ('cello); R. A. Payne (Clarinet); N. A. Alington (Horn); C. S. Wintle (Piano).
- Bruce*. March of the Priests from 'The Magic Flute' ... .. *Mozart*  
M. H. Shearing (Flute); A. R. Negus (Clarinet); A. D. Miall (Clarinet); M. S. J. Rappolt (Clarinet); P. W. Hinwood (Clarinet); M. L. Corcoran (Horn); I. A. H. Sitwell (Trombone); C. N. Hershman (Tenor Tuba); J. R. S. Pringle (4-valve Tenor Tuba).
- Grenville*. Air and Trumpet Tune ... .. *Purcell*  
I. W. McDowell (Flute); C. J. F. Gethin (Oboe); C. A. H. Sharpe (Clarinet); D. R. Lees-Jones (Clarinet); D. A. Wessely (Trumpet); A. P. Hope (Trumpet); C. M. B. Charles (Trombone); F. J. Gibbon ('cello for Bassoon); M. J. Baker (Bass Trombone)
- Temple*. Tempo di Ballo ... .. *Scarlatti arr. J.M.L.*  
A. J. Murdoch (Clarinet); D. J. Levy (Treble Viol); R. E. Lloyd Morgan (Viola); K. D. Frazer ('cello); R. M. Batten (Piano).
- Cobham*. The Holy City ... .. *Stephen Adams*  
E. G. M. Reay-Smith (Trombone); T. C. Whitlock, J. V. Doubleday (1st Violins); H. D. Breese, J. G. G. Hanley (2nd Violins); D. R. Howard (Piano).
- Chandos*. (a) Minuet and Trio from Symphony No. 35 in D (The Haffner) ... .. *Mozart*  
H. B. Taylor (Flute); D. T. Carlisle (Oboe); P. M. G. Collinson (Clarinet); H. Northey (Clarinet); K. Hamlyn (Horn); A. J. Atherton (Horn); R. E. M. Cook (Trumpet); J. R. Greenhill (Trombone); D. J. Lamping (Tuba); M. Spira (Leader), M. J. Dunlop, R. J. Atherton, G. D. Gordon-Napier, W. M. G. Wilberforce, J. E. Trainin (Violins); L. A. Pilkington ('cello); T. M. Watson (Piano); J. A. Likierman (Timpani); C. D. Richardson (Conductor).  
(b) March in G Minor ... .. *Handel*  
H. B. Taylor (Flute); R. J. Atherton (Violin); T. M. Watson (Piano).

## INTER-HOUSE GROUPS

- Andante from Sonata for Flutes ... .. *James Hook*  
A. R. Negus (B) (Clarinet); A. D. Miall (B) (Clarinet); M. S. J. Rappolt (B) (Clarinet); P. W. Hinwood (B) (Clarinet).
- Gavotte from the 5th French Suite ... .. *J. S. Bach*  
I. W. McDowell (G) (Flute); C. J. F. Gethin (G) (Oboe); C. A. H. Sharpe (G) (Clarinet); J. R. S. Pringle (B) (Tenor Tuba for Bassoon).
- Two Equals for 4 Trombones ... .. *Beethoven*  
I. A. H. Sitwell (B), E. M. G. Reay-Smith (C), M. J. Baker (G), C. M. B. Charles (G).
- Andante con moto from Piano Trio in C, Op. 87 ... .. *Brahms*  
M. Spira (C) (Violin); T. E. C. Bushell (C) ('cello); C. S. Wintle (C) (piano).
- Fantasia No. 2 for String Trio ... .. *Purcell*  
J. F. R. Saunders (C) (Violin); T. E. C. Bushell (C) ('cello); P. F. Brown (C) ('cello).



## BOOK REVIEWS

## HONEY STILL FOR TEA

(The following appeared as a leading article in 'The Times' of February 24th and refers to 'Georgian Poetry' (Penguin Poets, 3/6), selected and introduced by James Reeves (C 1927), who writes to the Editor as follows: "I was the first sub-editor of 'The Stoic', under I. M. Cross, and this was my first editorial and journalistic job. It was in Stowe Library that I first read E.M.'s collections of Georgian Poetry".)

Fashion in criticism is as fickle as are the moods of the muse of poetry herself. For a brief span before and after the First War EDWARD MARSH reigned, a benevolent, bachelor monarch and then, decisively and it seemed irretrievably, he was driven into exile and his loyal subjects "bumped off" (no softer phrase does justice to the brutality of the operation) by the new school of critics. Now MR. JAMES REEVES, who remarks that he was an undergraduate when the Georgian image of modern poetry was being replaced, has been given the freedom of the Penguin Poets series to allow new readers to decide for themselves whether the Georgians were as bad artists as they have for so long been painted. MR. REEVES is no uncritical admirer of his clients. He convicts Georgian poetry of sometimes being guilty of technical slackness—the use of imprecise diction and facile rhythm, sentimentality of outlook, trivial, and even downright commonplace themes.

Having made this handsome present to the prosecution he goes on to maintain that the Georgians are worthy of contemporary attention because they can offer virtues which have deserted the moderns and which might be regained if we wanted to see poetry once more in its wholeness. These qualities are natural simplicity, emotional warmth, and moral innocence. Lack of sophistication, he suggests, is the principal barrier between the audience of today and the Georgians. To read almost any poetry since 1935 which is currently considered significant is to be aware of this sophistication. It reveals itself in a mistrust of direct emotion, of a simple response to primary experience, and of direct passionate utterance. Anxiety, self-doubt, and self-hate, a sense of knowing too much, fear of being caught with a heart exposed are characteristics of writers who are obliged to be tortured, for if they are not they are suspect.

Here a gap of, perhaps, increasing width has been revealed between what the critics praise and what the public will stand for. The sales of every volume of Georgian poetry were, MR. REEVES insists, by present day standards immense. The modernists who reacted against the movement thus had a public to capture. They failed—"with the Georgians poetry became popular in order to secure a hearing; with the post-Georgians it became esoteric and sacrificed its public". The idea that a poem may be easy to understand is something that was killed—at any rate for the inner circle of critics—along with the Georgian movement. How far the young will be tempted by this anthology remains to be seen. The old guard which never deserted MARSH will find it at once rewarding and surprising. W. H. DAVIES, DE LA MARE, EDWARD THOMAS and WILFRID OWEN (to name only the dead) are done proud, but no room is found for LASCELLES ABERCROMBIE and not everyone will agree with the choice made from FLECKER and BROOKE. But the anthologist who came off scot-free from reproach has yet to be born. MR. REEVES's Penguin is timely in its reminder that no fashion in

poetry can hope for immunity from revolutions and none, if there is any real good in it, need despair of being rescued from eclipse. MR. REEVES has shown that some pilgrims, parched by the monotonous depression of the waste land, may be cheered up to find themselves in Grantchester in time for tea—even though the church clock tells them that they are too early.

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## "WILKES AND LIBERTY"

By GEORGE RUDE (Oxford University Press 30/-)

Whatever the cause, since teaching at Stowe Mr. Rudé has become well known for his researches into the conduct of the masses. Having written a most successful story of the part played by the mob in the French Revolution, he now turns his attention much nearer home, for John Wilkes, M.P. for Aylesbury (at a cost of £7,000), was at one time a frequent visitor to Stowe. From what one knows of his character and fellow-revellers at Medmenham Abbey, one may imagine that he found Temple and Chatham censorious companions, and that the ingenious butler who constructed the now vanished Witch House may have been more to his taste. However, Mr. Rudé is not concerned with Wilkes himself but with the *causes célèbres* of which he was the occasion, and with the analysis of the crowds to whom he appealed. Wilkes posed as the spokesman of "the middling and inferior set of people" and Mr. Rudé analyses with care the composition of the mob which supported him in the riots over the *North Briton*, the voters who elected him time and again for Middlesex, the members who successfully kept him out of Parliament, and the petitioners throughout the country who saw in Luttrell's nomination a threat to their fundamental liberties.

Much of this is new and fascinating, and Mr. Rudé has avoided the reiteration of personal anecdotes about Wilkes himself, which would have made the book more popular, to place the cause of "Wilkes and Liberty", which echoed to the backwoods of America, in its disorderly setting of gin-sodden heartless London and the provinces seething with discontent at the introduction of the Cider Tax. Wilkes was a man of much smaller stature than the causes for which he stood, and the reader of this book may well sympathise with the grim jest of the builders of Stowe who built as a sham ruin the Temple of Modern Virtue.

H.F.G.C.

## THE LIBRARY

The Librarians for the Spring Term were:—Prefect of Library, J. A. Likierman (C); Assistant Librarians, W. R. B. Allan (T), E. S. Dawes (B), J. D. Goodwin (C), M. J. Krohn (W), A. M. Macoun (G), W. J. N. Moore (C), C. S. Wintle (C).

The following books have been presented to the Library:—  
*The Temple Memoirs*, by J. A. and H. M. Temple (presented by J. S. W. Gibson (W 1952)).  
*Laurels and Rosemary*, by Amice Lee (presented by the Author).  
*Collier's Encyclopaedia* (presented by W. L. Smith (C)).

## THE GENERAL PAPER

Give the meanings, in English, of the following abbreviations: 1, r.s.v.p. 2, i.e. 3, s.a.c. 4, q.v.

Complete the names of the following well-known foods: 5, Chelsea..... 6, Melton Mowbray..... 7, York..... 8, Caerphilly.....

Complete the names of the following well-known firms: 9, Bourne and..... 10, Bryant and..... 11, .....and Pollock. 12, .....and Spencer.

What types of product do these creatures help to advertise? 13, A toucan. 14, A tiger. 15, A polar bear. 16, A parrot.

Which artists do you associate with: 17, A painting recently stolen from the National Gallery? 18, A drawing which may be sold for £1,000,000? 19, Christ in Majesty at Llandaff Cathedral? 20, The Portrait of Mr. Roxburgh in the Roxburgh Hall?

Complete the names of the following flowers: 21, ..... William. 2, ..... Robert. 23, ..... Robin. 24, Jack.....

Name: 25, The legendary three-headed beast which guarded Hades. 26, The crew which sought the Golden Fleece. 27, The straits of Gibraltar in antiquity. 28, The father of Ulysses.

Who wrote the following symphonies? 29, The Unfinished. 30, The Jupiter. 31, The Pathétique. 32, The Battle.

What words, beginning with "Sh", are used in the Old Testament to denote: 33, One of the children cast into the fiery furnace? 34, A unit of weight or a coin? 35, A pass-word used by the Gileadites? 36, "The Glory of the Temple"?

In which Shakespearean plays do scenes occur: 37, In Denmark? 38, In Illyria? 39, In Fife? 40, On the cliffs near Dover?

41, Name the first American "astronaut" to go into orbit.

42, Name the new French transatlantic liner.

43, Who holds the Calcutta Cup?

44, With which organisation is General Salan at present connected?

Which fictional detectives were assisted by: 45, Sergeant Lucas? 46, Mervyn Bunter? 47, John Watson, M.D.? 48, Magersfontein Lugg?

Give the present-day names for the buildings at Stowe which now stand on the sites of: 49, The Temple of Bacchus. 50, The Orangery. 51, The Museum. 52, The Stables.

How many: 53, Muses? 54, Deadly Sins? 55, Blackbirds in a pie? 56, Trombones in the Big Parade?

Translate into English the titles of these operas: 57, "La Bohème." 58, "Die Fledermaus." 59, "Il Trovatore." 60, "El Amor Brujo."



SIR FRANCIS BACON



SIR THOMAS GRESHAM

Photographs by J.P.H.C.

TWO BRITISH WORTHIES



WALPOLE HOUSE PLAY—*Androcles and the Lion*  
(Houseroom)



CHANDOS HOUSE PLAY—*My Three Angels* Photographs by M.J.M.  
(Roxburgh Hall)

## THE STOIC

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Complete the names of the following rulers: 61,.....the Conqueror.  
62, .....the Unready. 63, .....the Silent. 64,.....the  
Terrible.

Who wrote: 65, "Blow, blow . . ." ? 66, "Tyger, Tyger . . ." ? 67, "Water,  
water . . ." ? 68, "Faster! Faster!" ?

Give the more formal names of these musical instruments: 69, Slush pump. 70,  
Licorice stick. 71, Fiddle. 72, Joanna.

With which species of animal are the following books chiefly concerned? 73,  
"Ring of Bright Water." 74, "Moby Dick." 75, "Born Free." 76, "Death in  
the Afternoon."

What sort of thing is: 77, Eau-de-vie? 78, Eau-de-nil? 79, Eau-de-Cologne?  
80, Aqua fortis?

With which card games do you associate these terms? 81, "Full House." 82,  
"Fifteen-two." 83, "100 Honours." 84, "Meld."

Which Saint: 85, Was burned in Rouen? 86, Was murdered in Canterbury Cathed-  
ral? 87, Wrote "Utopia"? 88, Lived most of his life on a pillar?

At which sports or games must one be proficient to be a member of the following  
clubs? 89, Achilles. 90, Leander. 91, Pegasus. 92, I Zingari.

Complete these regional names ("County" or "Diocese" will not be accepted):  
93,.....of Ely. 94,.....of Cornwall. 95, .....of Fife.  
96, .....of Peterborough.

Name: 97, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. 98, The Rhodesian  
Federal Prime Minister. 99, The Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia. 100, The  
Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(The Friends of Stowe Prize was awarded equally to Sir Robert folkes, Bart. (B),  
H. J. C. Morland (B) and J. F. R. Saunders (C) with 70 marks each.)

(The Answers to the General Paper are printed on page 92.)

## HOUSE PLAYS

WALPOLE: *Androcles and the Lion*, by George Bernard Shaw.  
*Persto et Praesto*.

CHANDOS: *My Three Angels*, by Sam and Bella Spewack.

The attraction of house plays is their spontaneity; in the truest sense they are  
entertainment, for actors and audience obviously, and equally—though less obviously—  
for stage-managers, carpenters, and property men. The ideal house play draws within  
its orbit numbers of performers, on the stage or behind the scenes; Doctor Arnold,  
reincarnate, though he might find the themes irreverent or frivolous, would be hard

put to it to avoid a cliché about teamwork. Nevertheless, to produce a whole evening's entertainment with the resources of a single house is a challenge; one must laugh at actors who are trying to be funny, not at those who are succeeding unintentionally.

Both these two productions surmounted the difficulties most agreeably. *Androcles* may not be caviare to the Shavian general, but it depends less on argument and is more immediately enjoyable than Shaw's longer plays. In Mr. Dams's skilful production—not less skilful for being unobtrusive—there may have been moments when verbal subtleties eluded actors and audience, but there was ample compensation in the speed and robustness of the action, the delightful grouping of soldiers, slaves, and Christians, who appeared to take a much more intelligent part than most “rhubarb” and “tomato” merchants, and in the economic yet effective costumes and set. *Androcles* is a good house play because there are several character parts which invite caricature that does not have to be too long sustained; of these D. Hadfield's Emperor and P. T. P. Warrick's Lentulus had most authority, and P. E. Dawson's *Androcles* was fresh and appealing, as it should be. Evangelical Christianity took its punishment with admirable good humour.

The reviewer of *Persto et Praesto* is at a disadvantage, for it is surprising how difficult it is to see others as others see them. Warrick and B. M. Allen made admirable compères of the Stowe scene, revolting as recruits for the scholarship examination, complacently self-important as monitors, and suave as Old Stoics. The whole company entered into the spirit of inoffensive burlesque, aided by a topical song both audible and witty, a notable example of brinkmanship as a fine art.

From Walpole Houseroom to the Roxburgh Hall is in every sense a far cry, and the demands of a large stage and a full-length play are different, though not necessarily more severe. The Chandos play appeared to lean more upon a few actors, but the anonymous producer of *My Three Angels* was fortunate in having J. H. Frazer to assist him as stage-designer, and every detail of the set, from the coconut palm to the bead-screen and the ‘nature morte’ hanging on the wall, had been contrived with an ingenuity and care that made the long list of credit titles much more than an empty formality.

The play itself is a farce, sometimes subtle, often simple, but always requiring a performance as idiosyncratic as Madame Parole's hat, and Chandos rarely flagged. R. W. Bailey-King, as M. Dulay, was ponderously skilful at labouring the obvious; his daughter's sentimental impulsiveness and his wife's practical good sense were well portrayed by J. E. Trainin and W. M. G. Wilberforce, who had a particularly well-handled ‘moment of truth’ in the Third Act. The three convicts oscillated between knock-about and humour with disarming expertise: C. D. Richardson gave an impression of assurance in a part which he endowed at moments with near-pathos; J. A. Likierman, wonderfully French at his first appearance, became less French but throughout was loquacious and inventive; and M. J. Dunlop, though occasionally straining a little for effect, backed them up competently. Adolphe too played his part with deadly skill, and if his victims were tiresome at times . . . well, they were meant to be, and the two hours' traffic of the stage went with a smoothness that would excite professional envy.

H.F.G.C.

## ‘STOIC’ PRIZES

This term we offered three prizes of One Guinea each:

- (a) for an original poem,
- (b) for a report on the new Bookshop,
- (c) for the best photograph or pair of photographs in this and the last two numbers of *The Stoic*.

*Poem Prize.* This is awarded to P. N. T. Phillips (T) for the first poem printed below; honourable mention must be made also of the poem ‘Winter’ by D. B. T. Aikman (T), which contains much that is excellent but lacks the finality of the winning poem. A selection of other entries is also printed; each of these in its own way is commendable, and the last two, by the youngest entrants, show much promise, not least for the fact that they are about people rather than things.

*Report on the Bookshop.* The prize is awarded to D. S. Cairns (S).

*Photographs.* The prize is awarded to L. C. J. Wilcox (B) for his photograph of the North Hall Ceiling in No. 116. Honourable mention is also made of the photographs of J. P. M. Cecil (C).

### POEMS

Tall trees seeming still  
Rustle.  
Still dark forms hover in still water.  
Leaves flutter: tiny ripples spread  
Fade  
    stilled.  
Soft half-light darkness  
Careses with mild breeze.  
Twigs scratch face, tug hair,  
Suddenly; shapeful evening flowing  
In no movement, and all shapes plastic.  
Feet slip-sliding in mud that  
Yields.  
Trees frame grey-blue sky depths,  
Grey-black water deeps hold trees.  
Waterfowl call: wings flurry  
Beat  
    Rise  
    Fade  
Silence with many rustlings,  
Stillness with much moving.  
Night or evening or mere out-of-time.  
And the moon not seen but felt.  
Much life in even winter-time  
And Man's stones, grown mossy to nature  
Accept and ignore him.

P.N.T.P.

## WINTER

When the frost sparkles on the stark trees,  
And the earth glitters white under a snow-like carpet,  
Beneath iron-shod boots, plain witness to the freeze,  
The ice crunches and the crisp earth echoes its complaint.

Clear and concise, hails the sun through a haze of mist  
The lonely wanderer breathing the very soul of winter;  
A hot breath through brittle air, like the steam hissed  
From the tired boiler of an angry French train.

Ice-sharp mud lies stretched in a well-trod path  
That curves its way along the shoulder of the hill,  
Offering a vista of incomparable symmetry, lounging in a bath  
Of weak sunlight and the strong-willed blue of the sky.

Like Christmas decorations, on the mild slope of a wood-side field,  
Bleached hawthorn bushes crouch in a flurry of white,  
And a discouraged cow contemplates, her pain concealed,  
A vast expanse of ground that shows no colour.

On a peaceful pond, not yet suffering from the weight of ice,  
Trees and sky mingle in placid reflection,  
While business-like and solitary on the bank, some field-mice  
Search, pitifully, for a lost hope of nourishment.

D.B.T.A.

## ON WATCHING TROUT

The lichen's shadow stains the cracks of ore  
Where swirling water blurs their rusty blood,  
Where silver shadows smash the pulsing roar  
Twining like reeds into the clear-green flood.  
Thin flickering forms dissolve inside the weeds  
Tearing all chiselled clear-cut light-carved shape  
Expanding vibrant strands of sucking greens  
Which writhe and stream in whirling drunken spate.

Then dark translucent droplets fuse and draw  
Aside the veils of deeply hidden depth  
Where blood-red swilling streamers swirl and soar  
And dancing airfalls strain to check the breath  
In pulsing whirls on green-lit crystal plains;  
—When throbbing water courses through the veins . . .

C.P.R.D.

## THE AGING OF A MAN

Laughter, joy, and youth  
Is gone from my soul,  
And I am left, but to gaze  
At it, partitioned like a kitchen  
In a one-roomed flat,  
Partitioned from the gay simplicity of the young.

Such endless energy brings a strain  
On my, already weakening, heart,  
And in a while it loses  
All its former will,  
And lies immovable  
In a peaceful somnolence.

Sometimes I dream I hear and see  
It coming back to me  
Yet I, by now grown old,  
And far from youth,  
Having but a faint memory, shun it,  
And once again am left alone.

D.H.R.

## THE DEATH OF SOCRATES

Now fall my feet to death I fear,  
And 'tis their will, now end draws near,  
That I should weep, but shall I cry  
To Zeus whose will it is I die?  
Now Time so precious ne'er has been,  
And half the world I have not seen,  
Is it right that I should weep,  
Now on the verge of endless sleep?

Athens, justice favoured thee,  
And yet my life so carelessly  
Is sacrificed to lust and greed,  
By people who too late will heed  
My words, and those of others who  
Have taught you what is fine and true.

D.J.L.

## THE BOOKSHOP

The introduction of the new bookshop was welcomed on two accounts; firstly because the old bookshop was inadequate, and secondly because it presented a remarkable opportunity for ascertaining the soundness of Mr. Chapman's economic principles.

It is situated in the old "Plug Street", having its entrance looking into Walpole Court. This may be inconvenient for Chatham and Nugent, but it is psychologically sound in that members of Walpole, Grafton and Cobham on their way to the Shop (as opposed to the bookshop) will often drop in.

The lay-out of the shop has obviously been well thought out, and it has managed to capture an atmosphere well suited to browsing. The books and magazines are all displayed in an attractive manner, and also with a certain degree of tact. Such novels as *The Otter Man* are only to be found concealed behind a large shelf of respectable Penguins.

The works of a wide variety of authors are to be found, ranging from Aristotle to Ian Fleming, and there is an equally embracing range of magazines from *The Spectator* to *The Lion*. Other literature of interesting but doubtful nature has been noticed behind the counter, which presumably can only be bought at black-market prices, together with a suitably suggestive wink.

The service is also good—there are usually three people behind the counter, including Mrs. Edmonds, familiar from the days of Smith's, as well as Mr. Chapman himself and various members of his family. Possibly he is in agreement with world leaders that governments and businesses should be family concerns.

One of the great advantages of the new bookshop over the old is that it is possible and encouraged to sell books back to the shop, and to buy second-hand books originally. The most profitable idea was to send forms to parents urging them to furnish their sons with a book allowance. This has proved extremely popular with many, since it allows them to buy a certain number of books without impeding them from their customary feeding at the Shop.

The popularity of the bookshop was probably greatest at the beginning of term, when a wide variety of magazines was on display in the hope that Stoics might possibly see some periodical for which they would like to put in a permanent order. The two most popular were *Woman's Own* and *Beano*, a reliable indication of Stoic tastes in worthwhile reading matter. However, even towards the end of term, the bookshop always had a reasonably large number of people in it, looking round, speculating or buying. It is generally agreed that it has been a success, and it is only hoped that it has also been, and will continue to be, a success from Mr. Chapman's point of view.

D.S.C.

## LECTURES

## ATHLETICS, GOLF AND RUGBY FOOTBALL

LECTURE-DEMONSTRATIONS BY MR. GEOFFREY DYSON, MR. DAI REES AND  
MR. BERNARD GADNEY (© 1928)

There was a good attendance for Mr. Geoffrey Dyson's lecture with films on Athletics given in the Roxburgh Hall on January 23rd. He reminded us of the truly international interest in Athletics, as was illustrated by the fact that 86 nations took part in in the Track and Field events at the 1960 Olympic Games held in Rome.

Mr. Dyson had, before the lecture, set up a collection of gadgets to stress the greatness of some of the world's athletic feats; in particular, in the high jump and long jump. He then continued to explain that gone were the days of sheer natural ability, and now not only training but explosiveness, strength, physique and endurance were all basic requirements for the successful athlete.

Public schools, we were told, have been the birth-place of athletics in this country, although it is as well to remember that nowadays many of the country's finest athletes come from schools other than public schools. It was the Greeks who invented athletics as we know them, for they set the pattern for the distances we now know, such as the 200 metres, and the discus in the field events.

Following the lecture, Mr. Dyson turned to his loop films, showing various champions in their particular events demonstrating the art of athletics. Throughout these, 'intestinal fortitude' was emphasised as being a basic necessity. The lecture was concluded with a film of the famous Bannister-Landy clash at the Empire Games in Vancouver.

We were also most fortunate in having Mr. Dai Rees come down to Stowe on February 8th to give a lecture and demonstration. There was a small but enthusiastic crowd to watch Mr. Rees' out-of-doors demonstration in Chatham Field. He explained the underlying principles of the game and went on to show how and how not to play, depending upon the conditions. The demonstration was followed by a film in the Roxburgh Hall. It showed some of the highlights in the Ryder Cup match between Britain and America held at Royal Lytham St. Annes last year.

Besides Mr. Rees' visit, we also had the return of Mr. Bernard Gadney to give an afternoon's talk and demonstration. He started by addressing members of the Rugger '50' and some masters in the Pavilion. He emphasized the task of teaching younger people from the start how to play rugger, a task which rested not only with the masters but with older boys. He explained some of the fundamental principles of the game, as well as offering some very useful suggestions for practising.

He afterwards had members of the Colts to demonstrate some of the methods of practice he had put forward. The afternoon was so bitterly cold that Mr. Gadney

dismissed the remaining onlookers, and ended with a quick session of coaching the various club scrum halves, giving individual tips to each as he practised.

C.M.St.J.K.

#### AFRICAN JOURNEY

BY MR. R. BRADSHAW ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Mr. R. Bradshaw gave a somewhat ill-timed lecture entitled African Journey early this term; I say ill-timed for he was forced to end just after the Equator and we never reached Cape Town. It is impossible to deny that he had some attractive slides, which he interspersed with anecdotes that were sometimes amusing but more often pedestrian, in spite of the fact that his tour was on a motor-scooter.

Mr. Bradshaw had decided to waste a year on leaving Oxford before returning like an errant insect to the wasps' nest of the City, and made use of the time by going round Africa on an overloaded motorised mule. He advised us not to attempt the same thing. He had taken his camera with him and succeeded in collecting a large number of highly-coloured travel-brochure photographs.

My criticism has been solely destructive so far but now I wish to offer something constructive; Mr. Tom Stacey's lecture given in the summer term must inevitably be compared with this one to the former's advantage; but some objectors may complain that their aims are entirely different. Granted that this is so, which is the worthier? Indubitably Mr. Stacey's; for he sought to educate as well as amuse and anyway his jokes were funnier. But even if a lecture of this type is accepted as valid (but I very much doubt this is so, or am I alone in objecting to travelogue-drama?), Mr. Bradshaw's lecture was unsatisfactory for his failure to make his journey seem a coherent whole.

N.O.G.M.

#### NORWAY 1961

BY F. P. G. ALDRICH-BLAKE (C 1961), ON MARCH 6th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

On March 6th, a lecture was given by F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake on the British Schools' Exploration Society's Expedition to Norway in the summer of 1961. The lecturer began by briefly outlining on a map the journey to the area to be explored. There followed a very impressive series of slides taken by Mr. Aldrich-Blake during the six weeks of the expedition. The members of the expedition were divided up into various specialist groups, which carried on their own activities and research for most of the time; Mr. Aldrich-Blake was in the Natural History group. He mentioned, in his talk, the two large ice-fields of the area, Blammamsisen and Sulitjelma, and also a 6,000 ft. mountain which they climbed, Mt. Storvtoppen. It was indeed a very interesting and amusing lecture and was much enjoyed by all who attended.

T.P.M.W.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The 295th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Sunday, February 18th; the motion was "The Sooner the British Commonwealth is Dissolved the Better". For this debate we were visited by a party of Reptonians, one of whom, Mr. RAYNSFORD, proposed the motion in a long and well integrated speech in which he staggered the House by not being facetious once and proved conclusively why the Commonwealth must go. Another Reptonian, Mr. FRAYLING, made an inspiring patriotic oration as opposer, which he summed up in his final sentence by quoting Dr. Nkrumah 'We believe that the Commonwealth can work for peace and international co-operation'. The Seconder, THE SECRETARY, spoke avidly as a fan for Lord Russell's World Government, and the Fourth Speaker, THE TREASURER, was his amusing self but on a lower plane than usual, as the contents of his speech had a surprising similarity to that morning's *Sunday Pictorial*. Among those who spoke from the Floor the following are worthy of mention: Mr. A. Rudolf (C 1955), a former secretary, who is now a master at Repton, and who spoke lucidly on Westminster-type democracy; Mr. Oram, the other visitor from Repton, who talked of the prestige of the Commonwealth; and the Vice-President, who became another Aesop. Upon a vote being taken, the motion was lost in both Houses, in the Upper House by four votes and in the Lower House by fifteen votes. Sixty-one attended the debate.

The 296th meeting took place in the Library on Sunday April 1st; the Vice-President took the Chair. The motion "This House does it for Fun" was proposed by Mr. TEMPLE dressed as a missionary. He transformed the inevitable 'Beyond the Fringe' of all debates from a *sine qua non* to a case of *reductio ad absurdum*. The opposer, MR. WINTLE, was graphic in his description of a Stowe day and especially on the uses of bread in Stowe tea; most memorable, however, was his call for anonymous assistance to provide a shower of Activity logs from the Gallery. The Seconder, MR. BAILEY-KING, spoke, surprisingly, to the point. The fourth speaker, MR. AIKMAN, reminisced on the fun he had had at Stowe; his visit to the Swimming Pool will remain memorable. Of the speeches from the floor those of the Treasurer, on Civil Defence, and of Mr. Jones, of Nugent, on the Bookshop, are worthy of mention. The motion was won in the Upper House by three votes and in the Lower by forty-five. Sixty-eight attended the debate.

The Officers of the Society were:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Secretary, N. O. G. Murray (C); Treasurer, P. N. T. Phillips (T); Chief Whip, J. F. Burns (G); Librarian, H. L. Cowdy (G).

The following was elected to the Society in the course of the term:—the Hon. N. V. B. Wallop (G).

N.O.G.M.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The emphasis this term has been on promoting activity at the top of the Society. Mr. Stokoe has been running the Nucleus and five meetings have been held during the course of the term. On February 9th, the Secretary stood in at short notice for an absent member and read some correlated extracts on wave mechanics and indeterminacy. At the second meeting G. F. Arbib (T) read a paper on 'The early history of the Gramophone'. On March 9th, J. H. B. Sargeant (C) talked about electronic rev. counters—in particular one that he had fitted to his mother's car. The next meeting took the form of a lecture (with numerous interruptions) by M. Spira (C) on the Fourth Dimension. At the last meeting P. J. August (B) read a paper on "The Probability of Life on other Planets".

The first meeting of the senior members was held on January 30th when Sir William Penney came down to talk about atomic physics and some of its applications. On February 16th, Mr. Robinson gave a lecture on Astronomy. At the third meeting, the President talked about transistors; he showed us a Mullard film on the subject and then demonstrated on a C.R.O. the effect of passing a.c. through a resistor, a diode, and a transistor in turn. At the last meeting two films of an advanced nature were shown, one on glassmaking and another on hydraulic systems.

At the same time the ordinary members have not been neglected; there have been six Tuesday evening film shows—on such widely differing topics as the internal combustion engine and the scientific aspects of hop-growing—at which the attendance has been so high that some members had, unfortunately, to be turned away to avoid overcrowding the lecture room.

On Expedition Day, despite the toll of the 'flu virus ravaging the School, full parties went on trips to de Havilland's, the Science Museum, and Goldington Generating Station.

T.E.C.B.

## THE GUN CLUB

The Club's activities have been considerably impaired this term, owing to the fact that one of the towers (the higher) was blown over by a perverse gust of wind during the holidays, and spent three-quarters of the term lying on its side. Furthermore, these activities were brought to a grinding halt for about a month of the term by the vagaries and vicissitudes of the weather.

However, the tower has now been repaired, set up on its feet once again by the efforts of organised gangs of junior men, and securely pegged down again, and the Club can look forward without misgiving to a Summer term of great activity.

R.M.B.W.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Last term the Society remained inactive on account of the threat of ever-approaching examinations. This term, however, it at last managed to raise itself from this prolonged state of lethargy when Mr. D. B. T. Aikman delivered a paper on "The Persecution of, and Heresy in, the Early Christian Church", in which he traced in some detail the growth, persecution, and subsequent internal discord of the Early Church up to

the time of Constantine. As a further proof of the feverish activity that has been going on inside the Society, by reason of the zeal of Mr. Rawcliffe and the diligence of the Secretary, the Minutes Book, covered with cobwebs, coffee-stains, and other débris of an affluent society, has been exhumed from its last resting-place in the Temple Prefectory.

At a later meeting the Secretary read a paper on "The Birds and Beasts of Virgil's Georgics".

R.M.B.W.

## THE VITRUVIANS

N. J. Roddick (W) and A. R. Negus (B) opened the term with two short talks illustrating the Society's proposed expedition to Warwick, Kenilworth and Wroxton Abbey; both talks were succinct and helpful. The expedition itself was very successful, partly owing to the clemency of the weather. The diversity of the architecture seen heightened the interest of the day, which must rank as one of the most profitable in the recent history of the Society.

The most signal event of the term, however, was Mr. D. G. C. Allan's lecture on the Royal Society of Arts. Mr. Allan, who is himself Curator-Librarian of the Society, traced the growth of the Society as an institution both of great interest historically and of importance in the history and development of architecture. Mr. Allan lectured with a degree of polish and scholarship which those present found both stimulating and rewarding.

W.R.B.A.

## THE MUSIC CLUB

Although the Club has not met officially this term, it has sponsored two restricted expeditions. On February 13th a few members went to the Banbury Technical College where Harry Blech and the London Mozart players gave a remarkable performance of works by Purcell, Haydn, Mozart and Tchaikowsky. The second took place on March 18th in the music-room at Claydon House where Mr. Watson had assembled a chamber orchestra. The programme included works by Handel, Samuel Barber, Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Mozart and Elgar. This was certainly one of the most outstanding concerts that have been given in the district for a long time.

P.F.B.

## THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society's activities this term took the form of two meetings, there being no expedition. The first meeting was held on Saturday, February 3rd, and was merely a business meeting. During the meeting the question of local excavation was raised and it was decided that members should take part in a project scheduled for this season.

The second meeting was held on Monday, March 26th, in the Art School lecture room. During the meeting Dr. David read a paper on the well-known Piltdown Man. As well as outlining the history of this remarkable hoax and its eventual disclosure, Dr. David stressed the obvious connection between Archaeology and Science, which



is so often overlooked. For this reason and for the way in which he imparted his knowledge, this talk was perhaps the most notable in the history of the Society and certainly one of the most enjoyable.

J.M.J.

#### THE SEDIMENTARIANS

Only twice this term was the Society stirred for a brief flutter through the troubled waters of life. Who better could have given impetus to this entirely unprovoked ripple than Mr. Nigel Hesketh? He enlightened the Sedimentarians on the history of Spartacus, a slave at the time of Crassus. Spartacus, aided by his wife, managed to lead a rabble of slaves against Rome and Sir Laurence Olivier, but like all revolts in those days it was quelled by Pompey.

The second talk, entitled 'The Knights of Malta', was delivered very confidently by the Hon. J. M. Jocelyn. He gave a brief history of Malta from the time when the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem came to the island to avoid the Turks, to the time when the English came to possess it. He also described in vivid detail how the Turks led by Mustapha in 1556 attacked Malta. The highlight of this was when the Turks started floating crucified Knights into the harbour only to find that the Knights retaliated by firing Turkish heads back.

After this he showed us some truly wonderful slides of Malta illustrating its history.

D.H.T.

#### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Natural History Society was re-established this term after a lapse of several terms. Mr. Blackmore is the new President and J. M. D. Powell (C) Secretary. The practical activities of the Society were greatly restricted this term owing to bad weather.

Meetings have been held every Wednesday of the term. Lectures at these meetings included Mr. Meldrum, on the Fossils of Stowe; J. M. D. Powell (C), on Migration; R. T. Scholes (C), on How to Build a Formicarium; A. E. R. Garai (C), on the Colour-Forms of Butterflies and Moths; H. D. Godfrey (C), on Wildfowl; and M. C. A. Wyvill (T), on Squirrels.

J.M.D.P.

#### FISHING REPORT

During this last term fishing has been limited to a few weeks because of ice. However, there have been some good catches of Pike, and two of these are worth mentioning—an eight-pound fish caught in the Octagon by a visiting angler and a nineteen-pound fish caught by I. D. Miller (C), using a herring as a bait.

There have been some surprising catches of other fish including two very fine late winter Tench weighing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb. and  $4\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

The Oxford Water has been restocked with fish and will be open for fishing next term. The Water holds some very fine Rudd and Carp and we are looking forward to some good sport.

#### THE RADIO SOCIETY

This term the Radio Society has been undergoing re-organisation, notably providing more modern and better facilities for members' equipment. Because of this re-organisation membership has had to be restricted to the more enthusiastic. Next term it is hoped that these better facilities will attract both the experienced and beginners, whose instruction will continue weekly as before.

R.R.F.G.H.G.

#### THE LATRUNCULARIANS

Membership has risen to over thirty this term although not all members are regular chess players; an individual school competition was started towards the end of term.

In a home match against Radley, Stowe lost by three boards to two; B. E. Lewis (C) lost, R. A. Kreitman (C) won, R. M. Batten (T) won, R. C. Waterbury (C) lost and G. D. Swanston (B) lost.

The final of the inter-house chess competition resulted in a win by Temple over Chandos by 3 boards to 1.

J.H.B.S.

#### THE CLIMBING CLUB

This term we have had two meetings. At the first, F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C) 1961 gave an illustrated talk on the British Schools' Expedition to Norway last year. A report will be found on this elsewhere.

The second was a film on an ascent of the Mittelegi Ridge of the Eiger. This showed some of the rock pitches encountered on this route and there were several shots of the long abseils off this 14,000-foot Bernese Oberland peak.

R.L.J.

#### THE TAPE AND HI-FI CLUB

This new club, started this term, has had three meetings. The idea of the club is to improve recording standards, to make available recordings for those needing them and to build up a tape library for the use of the school. Recordings of the Head of the School playing the piano and of the Jazz Band have been played before Saturday films. The main difficulty to be overcome is finding a permanent home for the club which is the reason for its seeming inactivity.

K.D.

#### THE ARCHERY CLUB

This term we were lucky with the weather and shooting had to be cancelled only once. A fair amount of new equipment was bought including three sets of arrows and a new target face. An archery ladder was formed in the latter half of the term but there was not enough time to put it into operation.

Next term we hope to form a team to compete with other schools. The members will be equipped with tournament bows as distinct from those which we use when practising. Mr. Bilson will also be coaching on Mondays as he did last year.

R.J.H.

## THE SYMPOSIUM

Unfortunately the Society was unable to meet at all last term and only two of this year's eight members have read papers this term: R. W. Bailey-King (C) on "Byzantium" and D. A. Phillips (T) on "Surrealism".

Mr. Bailey-King impressed the Society with having attempted to talk about too vast a subject, and by dealing at some length with the early Church and the decline of the Roman Empire left many matters Byzantine untouched. Mr. Phillips, however, managed to deal with Surrealism and what the surrealists are, or have been for the past forty years, in a more comprehensive manner, but spoilt an otherwise excellent paper by too fast a delivery and by a lack of illustrations.

R.W.B-K.

## C.C.F.

Field Day was held on February 28th and an Army Proficiency Examination took place the same day. The Board was provided by the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards under the presidency of Major G. Ellerington. This was the Regiment that looked after us in Germany last year and we were able to return a little of the hospitality that we owed them.

Other activities consisted of part of the R.N. Section going to sea from Portland in H.M.S. *Rocket* and the rest pulling and sailing at Ravens Ait. The N.C.O. Cadre and Demonstration Platoon climbed in Derbyshire. Other Sections visited R.A.O.C. Bicester, the Imperial War Museum, R.A.F. Henlow, R.A.F. Little Rissington, and the Civil Defence H.Q. Datchet. The Basic Platoons did an involved map reading exercise and the pre-Corps, amongst other training, cooked their own lunch.

Arduous Training parties are going to the Pennines and the French Alps during the Easter Holidays. In order to condition them to the severe Alpine training there have been three week-end exercises. These involved marching before breakfast, sleeping out at Bradfield, and scrambling and climbing on Cleeve Hill, near Cheltenham. Dehydrated rations were tried on the Cleeve Hill expedition and were a great success.

The R.A.F. Camp is to be held at R.A.F. South Cerney during April, where adequate flying facilities in Chipmunks are expected. The R.N. Section are sending a party to H.M.S. *Collingwood* and another is manning a Motor Fishing Vessel in the Firth of Clyde.

A new officer, Lieutenant D. B. McMurray, has joined the Corps this term. He did his military service in the Royal Scots; we had hoped for a kilt, but his old regiment wears trews, so Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. McElwee, M.C., who retired in 1951, remains the last kilted Stowe C.C.F. officer.

Next term it is proposed to revive an M.T. Section at Stowe. The aim of this will be to develop the boys' sense of road safety. In the first instance they will be taught the fundamentals of the internal combustion engine, motor vehicle maintenance

and how to carry out minor repairs. This successfully completed, instruction in driving and riding will follow, with a series of lectures from the Road Safety and Traffic Dept. of the Buckinghamshire Police. A termly visit to the skid pan at Aylesbury has also been promised.

Visitors to Stowe have been Lieut.-Colonel D. L. C. Reynolds, O.B.E., Major G. Ellerington, Lieutenant E. H. Hoggar, R.N., and Flt. Lieut. W. A. Gayet, R.A.F.

Examination results:—(R.N. Section) Advanced Proficiency: 4 passed, 0 failed; Proficiency: 12 passed, (1 with credit), 6 failed. (Army Section): Proficiency: 37 passed (2 with credit), 8 failed; Basic Test: 11 passed (2 with credit), 1 failed; Civil Defence: 12 passed (3 with credit), 0 failed. (R.A.F. Section) Advanced Proficiency: 10 passed (one with distinction, 2 with credit), 6 failed.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term:—

Appointed *Under-Officers*: Sgts. A. W. B. Duncan (C), I. A. H. Sitwell (B) R. P. Pearce (G), R. S. Winton (G).

Promoted *C.S.M.*: Sgt. E. B. Bridgland (B).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. D. S. Cairns (G), J. F. R. Saunders (C), G. R. Duncanson (W), I. A. H. Sitwell (B), R. J. Box (C), C. R. Dixey (C), M. J. Summerlin (C), M. V. Rymer (W), J. F. A. Hope (T), P. R. Corbett (T), D. R. Sabberton (T).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. P. T. P. Warrick (W), R. G. Edwards (W), T. E. C. Bushell (C), P. J. August (B), T. D. B. Lee (G), A. R. F. Hobson (C), P. D. Abrahams (G), C. E. Bull (B), N. Honeyman Brown (G), M. R. Leon (T), G. E. Boden (G), M. J. F. Chapman (W), I. D. Fenston (W), J. G. Green (W), N. G. F. Hesketh (C), A. C. Nares (C), C. S. Wintle (C), P. T. Hirst (G).

## R.N. SECTION.

Rated *A.P.O.*: L/S the Hon. J. M. Jocelyn (B), A. J. Murdoch (T).

Rated *Leading Seaman*: C. A. McIntyre (G).

The following specialist promotions were made:—

## R.E. SECTION.

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. A. C. K. Gilbert (B), M. M. Orr (T).

## R. SIGNALS.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpl. W. M. Harris (C).

Promoted to *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. N. O. Faure (C), J. H. Frazer (C), W. M. Harris (C), C. A. H. Sharpe (G).

## R.A.F. SECTION.

Appointed *Under-Officer*: Sergt. D. B. T. Aikman (B).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpl. J. R. Bullick (G).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L.A.C.s A. M. Crosthwaite (C), C. J. de Mowbray (C), S. G. Jones (C), M. J. Krohn (W), P. A. Saunders (G).

## CROSS-COUNTRY

For the first time in recent years the various bugs rampaging through the school in the Easter Term have taken their toll of the runners in the club to such an extent that we have never had our strongest VIIIs in the field. C. M. St. J. Knight (G), the Captain, and R. M. Jefferson (C), an old colour, ran in one match when they were both far from fit and their absence from the other races placed a great responsibility on the other members of the 1st VIII. C. A. McIntyre (G) has run consistently well and has been splendidly backed up by M. A. Williamson-Noble (T) and P. F. Brown (C) and by all the other members of the 1st VIII on their day.

The 1st VIII suffered one convincing defeat at the hands of a very good St. Edward's team and two narrow defeats, one by Haileybury and I.S.C. on our course, and the other at Roehampton when with nine points covering the first three teams in a quadrangular contest we came 3rd to St. Alban's School and Thames Hare and Hounds. On the other hand we had good victories against Radley and Cheltenham and against Uppingham and Rugby.

The 2nd VIII had only one outing but that was successful, against Uppingham and Rugby, but great credit is due to them for the way in which they have trained conscientiously and in particular to those members who performed creditably while running for the 1st VIII.

The Junior VIII have had a very satisfying season, drawing one match and winning the remainder. They have trained hard and run well and much will be looked for in the future years from R.U. Dawson (C), I. J. Macdonald (G) and R. H. M. Shaw (G), who all ran consistently well.

Colours were rewarded to: C. A. McIntyre; P. F. Brown.

Colours were awarded: M. A. Williamson-Noble; N. J. Grace (C); J. D. Martin (G); J. Cunningham-Reid (C); J. W. A. S. Law (B).

Blue Blazers to: R. U. Dawson; I. J. Macdonald; R. H. M. Shaw.

The following represented the 1st VIII: Knight; McIntyre; Brown; Jefferson; Williamson-Noble; Grace; Martin; Cunningham-Reid; Law; Dawson; J. G. Green (W); W. P. Davis (B); R. J. Box (C).

2nd VIII: Box; Green; Davis; A. McF. Kennedy (W); R. P. Pearce (G); C. R. Dixey (C); S. A. Bishop (C); A. C. Nares (C).

Junior VIII: Dawson; Macdonald; Shaw; R. C. Clifford (G); A. M. M. Elliott (W); J. V. Doubleday (C); A. W. Kennedy (C); G. J. B. Burdon (C); M. P. J. Fielding (G); P. H. Browning (C); R. F. D. Stow (C).

### Results:—

#### 1st VIII:

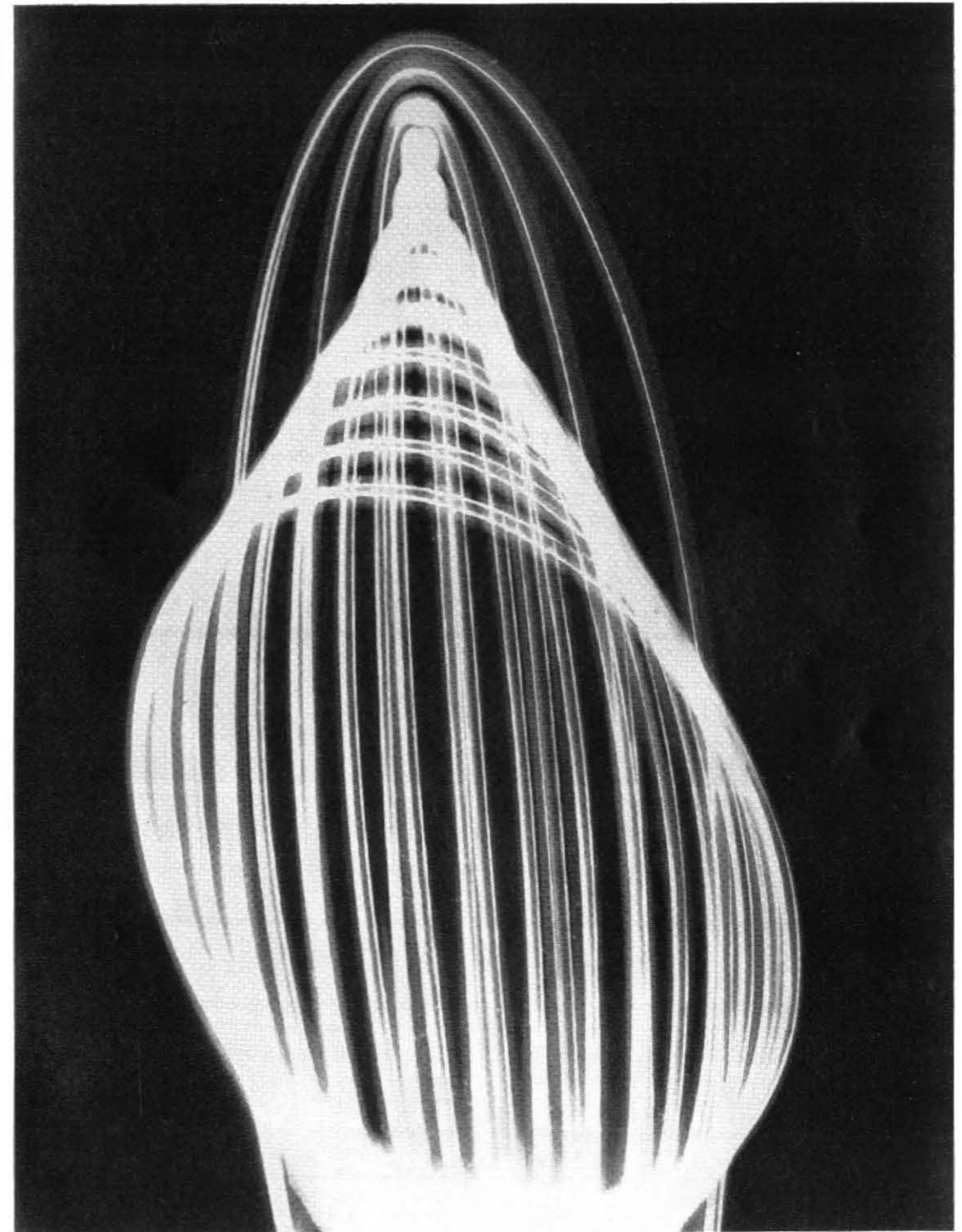
Haileybury 38; Stowe 41.	At Stowe.
Stowe 34; Uppingham 50; Rugby 80.	At Uppingham.
St. Edward's 33; Stowe 48.	At Stowe.
St. Alban's 60; Thames 63; Stowe 69; Marlborough 121.	At Roehampton.
Stowe 42; Radley 51; Cheltenham 89.	At Stowe.

#### 2nd VIII:—

Stowe 40; Uppingham 59; Rugby 67.	At Stowe.
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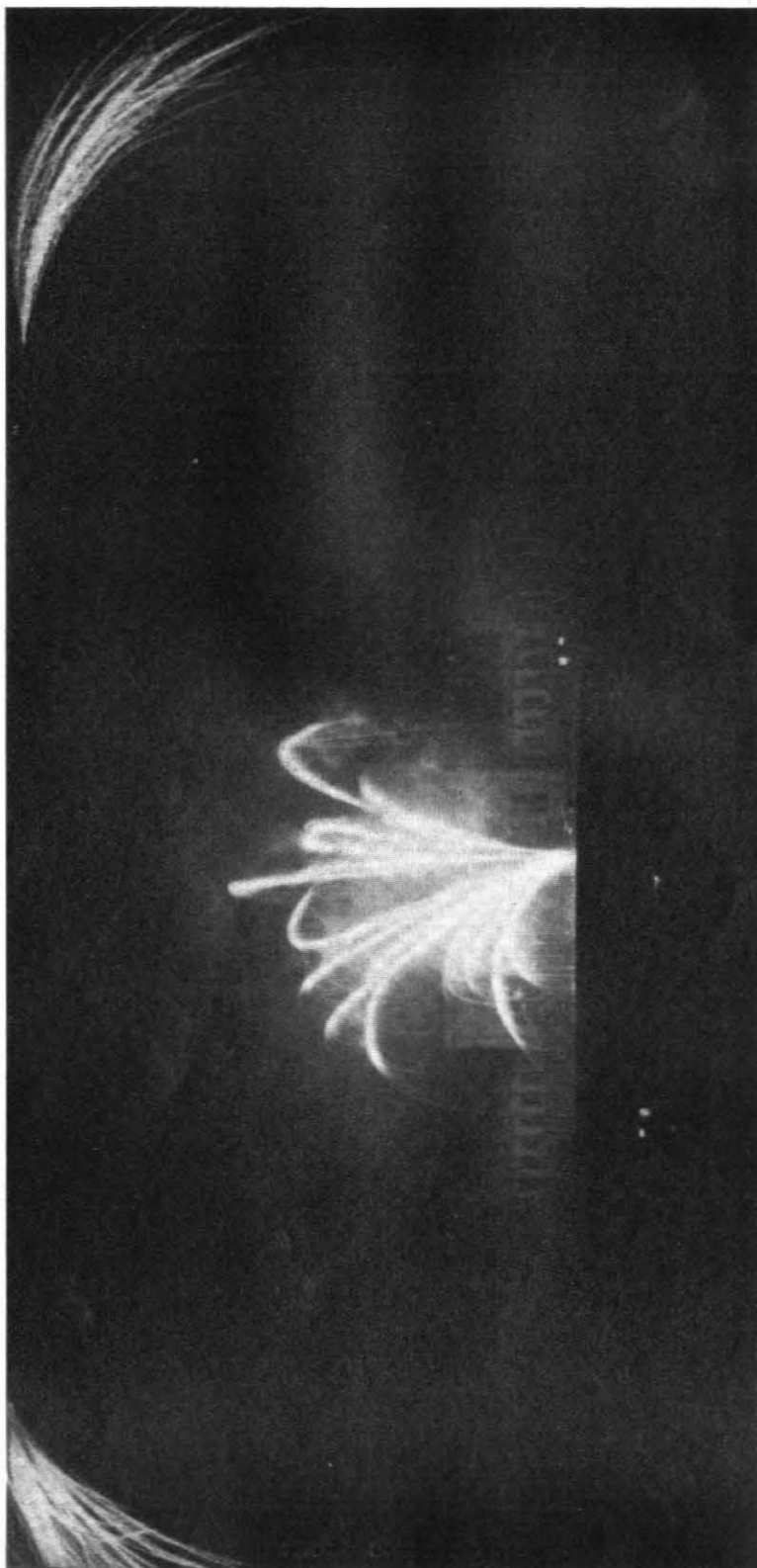
#### Junior VIII:—

Stowe 27; Haileybury 55.	At Stowe.
Stowe 37½; Uppingham 50½; Rugby 93.	At Uppingham.
Stowe 40; St. Edward's 40.	At Stowe.



'SWINGING LIGHT

Photograph by L.C.J.W.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: CORONATION FIREWORKS AT STOWE, MAY 12th, 1937

*Composite photograph by W. L. C. C.*

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

The Inter-House Cross-Country Race was held on March 8th this term on the Inter-School Match Course, with twelve runners representing each House. The Individual title went to the School 1st String C. A. McIntyre, who set a very fast pace, but M. A. Williamson-Noble and N. J. Grace, who finished 2nd and 3rd, were narrowing the gap in the latter stages of the race.

The Inter-House contest resolved into a battle between Chatham, the pre-race favourites, and Cobham, who packed splendidly and had their 8th man in before Chatham, but the latter's first runners, well shepherded by P. F. Brown, had scored too well to be overtaken.

Result:—

1.	Chatham	...	...	110	points.
2.	Cobham	...	...	158	„
3.	Temple	...	...	290	„
4.	Grafton	...	...	304	„
5.	Grenville	...	...	310	„
6.	Walpole	...	...	333	„
7.	Chandos	...	...	346	„
8.	Bruce	...	...	377	„

Individual Winner:—C. A. McIntyre (G). Time: 24 mins. 37 secs.

HOCKEY

It has been possible to play more hockey than usual this year owing to the exceptionally dry weather. Only occasionally have partially thawed grounds made play impossible, and the match against Worcester College had to be scratched for this reason. Against this background of ample opportunity for practice and improvement, the record is undeniably disappointing.

On February 24th, a morning match against Kingston Grammar School was followed by a visit to Hurlingham for the University match. A good away win against Bradfield was encouraging, but the following week Radley exploited the gaps in our defence to the full. We were unlucky to lose to Pangbourne on a heavy pitch as it was 3—3 at half-time and we had slightly the better of the second half, but lost through conceding a "soft" goal. To lose 2—4 to a strong C.U. Wanderers' XI reflected little discredit, but considerably more attached to further losses against the Old Stoics and St. Edward's. This last was in many ways similar to the Radley match, and we lost for basically the same reasons, though Sabberton's absence made the margin more decisive.

It was the team's failure to profit from experience which was partly responsible for this disappointing finish. As the grounds grew faster the speed of our play failed to accelerate to match them. Sluggish footwork was often responsible, particularly when passing to the right; and most of the team did not cover enough ground quickly enough to maintain their positions properly, and those that did roamed about too much. Passing from the defence was sometimes well directed, though seldom quick enough, and the squarer passes were insufficiently exploited. While our opponents scored a

number of goals which only needed pushing past the goalkeeper after effective combination from the inside forwards, our own efforts tended to break down near the circle and our goals came either from individual efforts or from centres from the wings.

At inside-left Sabberton worked tirelessly and his admirable ball control often enabled him to launch dangerous attacks. The other forwards showed dash and determination, but this was not matched by good stickwork (though Lee's improved appreciably) or the ability to combine effectively. At centre-half, Hobson distributed well, but was too slow to dominate the mid-field exchanges. Channing Williams developed into a good attacking left-half. Beck worked hard but was often clumsy, and failed to develop a pass to his wing. At back Orr's tackling improved, but both he and Arbib were too vulnerable against fast-moving attacks down the centre, and too slow in recovery. Sherrard's form was variable—on off days he inspired little confidence.

*Team* :—E. J. Sherrard† (C); G. F. Arbib† (T), M. M. Orr† (T); D. S. Beck† (W), A. R. F. Hobson\* (C), S. Channing Williams\* (C); B. M. Allen† (W), T. D. B. Lee\* (G), R. G. Edwards\* (W), D. R. Sabberton\* (T) (Capt.), C. M. St. J. Knight† (G).

\* 1st XI Colours. † 2nd XI Colours.

Also played: E. B. Bridgland (B), J. F. Burns (G), M. A. Liverton (G), J. W. O. Allerton (G).

*Results* :—

Feb. 16th.	v. A SCRATCH XI (Home).	Won	3—2.
Feb. 24th.	v. KINGSTON G.S. (Away).	Lost	1—5.
March 1st.	v. BRADFIELD (Away).	Won	3—1.
March 6th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Lost	2—5.
March 10th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Home).	Lost	3—4.
March 13th.	v. C.U. WANDERERS (Home).	Lost	2—4.
March 17th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Lost	1—2.
March 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Lost	1—5.

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI had a successful season. The basis of this was a sound half-back line and a forward line which did not lack energy and some thrust. Bushell played well at back. Allerton dribbled fast, Poole showed a good tactical sense but must learn to pass more quickly, and Wallace positioned himself and passed well. Froggatt's stickwork was weak, as was Parkinson's. Burns was clumsy, but he worked hard, and Perryman improved steadily. Bridgland missed too many passes but centred well, and Burrows did good work on the left.

*Team* :—N. G. F. Hesketh (C); B. Parkinson (C), T. E. C. Bushell (C); J. V. M. Froggatt (G), J. E. Poole† (C) (Capt.), H. G. Wallace† (G); E. B. Bridgland† (B), J. F. Burns (G), B. L. Perryman (B), J. W. O. Allerton† (G), G. H. Burrows (C).

† 2nd XI Colours.

Also played: N. O. Faure (C), N. W. Hartley (C).

*Results* :—

Feb. 17th.	v. M.C.S., OXFORD (Away).	Won	5—1.
Feb. 23rd.	v. MR. J. H. BULFORD'S XI.	Lost	0—1.
March 1st.	v. BRADFIELD (Away).	Won	5—0.
March 10th.	v. PANGBOURNE (Home).	Won	3—2.
March 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Drawn	2—2.

THE COLTS

With the talent available the record of the Colts is slightly disappointing. The ability was there, but not always the will to use it. Most of the side worked hard and tried the whole time, but were let down by the few who did not. Hockey is essentially a team game, and a match cannot be won by an individual alone.

The matches started with a good win against M.C.S. Oxford on their ground against a big but clumsy side. Our winning goal was scored by Barnard with a good shot from the edge of the circle after the score had stood at 1—1 for most of the second half. The Bradfield game was not nearly so encouraging. Having been two up at half-time we allowed an inferior side to draw level in the second half. The 'killer' instinct was sadly lacking.

At Pangbourne the side did not emerge with credit. It rained for most of the game, and conditions were as unpleasant as they could be. Some of the side consequently took the field wearing jerseys! At half-time we were four down, and had hardly tried to play hockey suited to the conditions. In the second half greater efforts were made, and we at least made a game of it. It was a pity we did not start from the first whistle.

At St. Edward's, on a much faster ground, we were one down after 20 seconds, but then fought back quite well, and equalised through Goodchild early in the second half. We were generally the better side, but did not deserve to win, as we failed to score from five short corners.

Sperling and Silver always played well together at back, and Durie was a competent centre-half in defence; in attack his distribution was weak. Higham and Braithwaite in the wing-half positions improved positionally as the season went on, but were generally too slow in getting rid of the ball. Duncan and Davis on the wings often looked dangerous, but the three inside forwards lacked the hostility to make use of their centres. The ball sense and ideas were not lacking, but the hard work often was. Liverton in goal, when not playing for the first eleven, did many good things and positioned himself well, but Gibbon, his deputy, was by no means outclassed. His great moment came in the last five minutes in the mud at Pangbourne.

Next year the Colts must make more use of their ability if they are to compete successfully for the many probable vacancies in the first eleven.

*Team* :—M. A. Liverton (G); C. J. Silver (C), M. E. Sperling (G); P. H. L. Higham (T) (Capt.), A. J. D. Durie (C), H. M. Braithwaite (C); A. A. B. Duncan (C), R. N. Goodchild (C), C. L. Barnard (B), R. J. McDonagh (G), M. K. Davis (G).

Also played:—F. J. Gibbon (G), A. M. T. Millar (B), T. St. F. Jackson (T), D. G. Remington (G), P. H. B. Sumner (B).

*Results* :—

v. M.C.S., OXFORD.	Won	2—1.
v. BRADFIELD.	Drawn	2—2.
v. PANGBOURNE.	Lost	2—5.
v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Drawn	1—1.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The poor results this season have been the outcome not of a lack of individual talent but more the absence of team co-ordination. The defence withstood the constant attack with determination, particularly the halves, who were always capable of initiating attacks from adverse situations. Of these Cowdy was probably the most persistent in defence. The forwards seemed neither forceful nor fast enough to offer a significant

threat. The combination at the end of the season of Vane at inside forward and Todd at centre-forward was the most promising link in this attack.

*Team* :—I. F. Buchanan (W); A. C. Box (G), G. D. Seal (G); A. N. Cowdy (G), N. H. Burton-Carter (C), I. V. Golding (C); D. R. Rubin (C), C. J. T. Vane (C), I. T. Todd (C), E. S. Abelson (B), R. A. Weston (C).

*Results* :—

March 1st.	v. BRADFIELD (Home).	Lost	5—0.
March 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost	2—0.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

In the Senior competition the three best houses were probably Chatham, Grafton and Walpole and it was unfortunate that they were all in the same half of the draw. Chatham's hardest match was against Grafton in the semi-final, after which they went on to beat Chandos 5—1 in the Final. Their success was due to a good defence more than any other factor, with Hobson, Sherrard, Bushell and Parkinson always prominent.

Grafton beat Grenville 1—0 in the final of the Junior House Matches after nearly half-an-hour of extra time.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

*Oxford, April 3rd—4th*

For the second year Stowe took part in this well organised and enjoyable festival, with more success this time, as we won two and lost one of the three matches played. We were fortunate in that by playing the first match on the last day of term we were able to complete our programme before heavy rain caused most of the last day's games to be cancelled.

Against Worksop we started badly and only poor finishing prevented them from scoring in the first ten minutes. After scoring a lucky goal through Perryman we improved and with the team playing better together further goals came from Duncan and Edwards. The following morning we were beaten by King's School, Canterbury. Again we were sluggish at the start, and they scored after five minutes' play. Once we had settled down we had almost as many scoring chances as our opponents, but poor shooting was largely responsible for our failure to score. During the first half against Strathallan we combined better than on any previous occasion. Duncan scored the only goal. After half-time, with the soft pitch showing signs of wear and Strathallan trying hard to equalise, play became more scrappy but we had slightly the better of the exchanges and were unlucky not to score again.

Five second XI players and one Colt took the places of six of the first XI, most of whom were playing in the "Sevens". All of these played their parts in achieving a satisfactory all-round performance, and the standard of play emphasized how small was the difference between the two teams. At least four of these have gained valuable experience for next year.

The team against Worksop was :—E. J. Sherrard (C); G. F. Arbib (T), T. E. C. Bushell (C); D. S. Beck (W), J. E. Poole (C), S. Channing Williams (C); E. B. Bridgland (B), J. F. Burns (G), B. L. Perryman (B), R. G. Edwards (W) (Capt.), A. A. B. Duncan (C).

For the other two matches M. A. Liverton (G) took Sherrard's place in goal, Bushell replaced Beck at wing-half and B. Parkinson (C) came in at back.

## OTHER SPORTS

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

#### THE ETON MATCHES

##### 1ST XV

Played at Eton on Tuesday, February 13th. Stowe 10 points; Eton 5 points.

This was an almost exceptionally hearty game played in a bitterly cold wind, though on a reasonably dry ground. In the first half, against the wind, Sitwell was able to break away for an excellent try, which Knight converted. In the second half, Eton fought back fiercely, with some particularly heavy forwards, and forced a try which was converted. Fortunately Allen was able, with the aid of Hobson, to deceive the Eton defence and to dive over without any opposition. Knight again converted the try.

*Team* :—N. W. Hartley (C); I. A. H. Sitwell (B), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), T. D. B. Lee (G), J. E. Poole (C); J. W. O. Allerton (G), B. M. Allen (W); P. R. Corbett (T), J. G. Green (W), R. J. Box (C), M. M. Orr (T), H. L. Cowdy (G), D. E. B. Walker (C), A. R. F. Hobson (C), M. A. Williamson-Noble (T).

##### 2ND XV (at Eton). Stowe 17 points; Eton 16 points.

The weather conditions demanded that an adequate score should be piled up when playing with the wind. After some very weak handling and tackling by both sides, strong running by Aikman and August led to tries. Yet the score looked barely sufficient at half-time, and the start of the second was unpromising. Both sides scored break-away tries—the Eton full-back ran from the halfway line, without being troubled, to score in the corner. However, with Eton really piling on the pressure, and only one point separating the sides, the final whistle came as a considerable relief.

*Team* :—J. D'A Cartwright (C); C. A. McIntyre (G), G. H. Burrows (C), J. F. Burns (G), D. B. T. Aikman (T); P. J. August (B), E. B. Bridgland (B); R. P. Pearce (G), N. Honeyman Brown (G), P. T. P. Warrick (W), N. G. F. Hesketh (C), R. W. Bailey-King (C), N. J. Grace (C), R. Pasley-Tyler (G), J. D. Martin (G).

##### COLTS (at Stowe). Stowe 17 points; Eton nil.

*Team* :—J. C. Bemrose (W); A. P. Dukes (W), C. Day (W), H. G. B. Roberts (W), B. A. Marcel (C); A. P. B. Sutton (T), A. A. B. Duncan (C); M. P. Llewellyn (B), D. W. J. Garrett (G), C. N. Hershman (B), C. C. Parker (W), N. D. Raw (G), R. U. Dawson (C), R. D. Post (W), J. V. M. Froggatt (G).

##### UNDER 14½ (at Stowe). Stowe 20 points; Eton 5 points.

*Team* :—P. L. Mackintosh (C); N. J. Parsons (W), G. J. B. Burdon (C), J. N. Dixey (B), J. P. Agnew (W); S. A. Stock (W), S. R. Edwards (W); P. B. Fisher (G), P. N. J. Durey (C), C. Honeyman Brown (G), M. J. Avory (C), T. Basset (G), W. P. Durlacher (W), A. E. Maynard-Taylor (C), R. A. Durrant (W).

## HOUSE MATCHES

COLTS.—The competition was played on a split-League basis this year. This allowed for a less cut-throat competition, but could not cope with illnesses and inoculations. In the first round three sides (Chatham, Walpole and Grenville) put up big scores. In the next round it was Grenville and Bruce, with Chatham being rather surprisingly beaten by Cobham. So, in the third round, both Cobham and Temple stood a chance of entering the Final; but, as both were defeated, Chatham challenged the redoubtable Grenville.

The Grenville pack was a formidable one, with the very prominent Froggatt and Garrett, and Honeyman Brown as hooker. Outside, Murphy had shown himself to be in a different class from his opponents. His kicking had been somewhat overdone in the past, but now he showed that he also had a good outside break, and could give an excellent pass. Against this array, Chatham could put the power of Marcel and the thrust of Burrows.

The scoring opened with a Chatham penalty by West, which was answered by one from Murphy before half-time. Then Godfrey scored a good try, and White-Smith was outside Froggatt to score, after Froggatt had made a fine run. This was converted by Murphy, to make the final score Grenville 11 points, Chatham 3.

JUNIORS.—The matches in the first round promised a keen competition, but the toll of casualties was felt in the second round when Walpole completely swamped Temple, scoring more than a point a minute. By the third round Chatham were reduced to eleven effectives, and Walpole and Chandos (against the unfortunately minute Temple) registered large scores.

The Final was robbed of any absorbing interest by the fact that it had to be played with 13 a side. It was dominated by the powerful Parkinson, who scored both tries, and the place-kicking of Mayland. Without Dixey the Bruce side held their own forward, but found the diminutive Edwards too much for a re-adjusted three-quarter line. Walpole 10 points, Bruce nil.

## SEVEN-A-SIDE

After a very moderate performance at Oxford on Saturday March 24th, the side went to Roehampton on April 6th without great hopes, but did much better than anyone had expected. In the first round we beat Beaumont; Allen scored two tries. In the next round against Prior Park the mud was even thicker and we won 9—0. This meant that we were in the last sixteen. Another tussle in the mud on April 5th and a well-deserved victory over Bancroft's by 11—0 gave hopes of further success, but on the unaccustomed grass of Pitch II ten minutes later we were obviously tired and lost 3—8 to Bristol Grammar School.

Results:—

1st Round	v. BEAUMONT.	Won 6—0.
2nd Round	v. PRIOR PARK.	Won 8—0.
3rd Round	v. BANCROFT'S.	Won 11—0.
Quarter-Finals	v. BRISTOL G.S.	Lost 3—8.

Team:—I. A. H. Sitwell (B), C. M. St. J. Knight (G); J. W. O. Allerton (G), B. M. Allen (W); A. R. F. Hobson (C), R. J. Box (C), M. M. Orr (T).

## ATHLETICS

## STANDARDS

The Standards Competition was held during March for the first time for several years and although the response varied amongst the Houses much useful competition was had by many competitors.

Result:—1, Bruce 375 pts.; 2, Walpole 347 pts.; 3, Cobham 304 pts.; 4, Grenville 293 pts.; 5, Chatham 250 pts.; 6, Chandos 232 pts.; 7, Temple 217 pts.; 8, Grafton 197 pts.

## RELAYS

The Inter-House Relays were held as usual on the last Monday of term. Once again there was a keen tussle between Bruce and Chatham before the latter squeezed home by one point.

Result:—4 × 100 yds. : Cobham.	4 × 440 yds. : Grenville.
4 × 90 yds. Hurdles : Bruce.	4 × 880 yds. : Cobham.
4 × 220 yds. : Chatham.	Composite : Temple.

Overall Result:—1, Chatham 15 pts.; 2, Bruce 16 pts.; 3, Cobham 22 pts.; 4, Grenville 27 pts.; 5, Walpole 29 pts.; 6, Temple 32 pts.; 7, Grafton 35 pts.; 8, Chandos 40 pts.

## MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS MEETING

Athletes from twenty-four schools met on April 3rd to compete on the Birmingham University track on a cold rainy day. Stowe sent a small but highly successful team which gained six first places from fifteen events.

Results:—

100 yds., 1st, T. D. Mustard (B), 10.7 secs.  
 220 yds., 1st T. D. Mustard, 23.5 secs.  
 120 yds. Hurdles, 1st D. E. B. Walker (C), 16.4 secs.  
 200 yds. Low Hurdles, 1st, D. E. B. Walker, 24.8 secs.  
 440 yds., 1st, C. M. St. J. Knight (G), 52.2 secs.  
 1,500 metres Steeplechase, 1st, M. A. Williamson-Noble (T), 4 mins. 45.3 secs.  
 Shot, 4th, M. S. J. Rappolt (B), 36 ft. 9½ ins.  
 Discus, 3rd, D. H. Temple (G), 119 ft. 1½ ins.

## GOLF

With the coming of March Stowe golfers end their winter's hibernation and may be seen on any of the links within a twenty-five mile radius. The team for the Public Schools Invitation Tournament at Woking in April has to be chosen, and, with the prospect of Golf as a full-time sport next term, the search for golfing talent has been intense. After a trial at Frilford Heath on Expedition Day, on a day which must surely have been the coldest of the year, five matches have been played in conditions of un-

varying cold laced with snow flurries, hail or rain. The top four or five players have all played well on occasion, but the lower performers have proved to be much too inconsistent and erratic, and it has been hard to field a team of eight or ten players of sufficient calibre. Certainly the general standard will have to improve if the School is to win against the Masters in the future.

The following have played:—N. W. Hartley (C), M. A. Liverton (G), P. R. A. Finer (G), A. R. Hoar (G), D. Hadfield (W), B. A. Marcel (C), R. L. H. Denempont (G), L. C. J. Wilcox (B), J. M. Sharples (B), M. R. Hailey (W), C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B), D. S. Beck (W), B. Parkinson (C), E. B. Bridgland (B).

*Results:—*

v. DUNSTABLE DOWNS JUNIORS.	Lost	2½—5½.
v. W.H.B.'s TEAM, at Buckingham.	Lost	1½—3½
v. THE MASTERS, at Tadmarton.	Lost	1—4.
v. THE OLD STOIC GOLFING SOCIETY, at Tadmarton.	Drawn	4—4.
v. ELLESBOROUGH.	Drawn	3—3.

## FENCING

Quite a successful term with three matches won and three lost. M. S. J. Rappolt (B), Sir Robert folkes (B) and R. S. Winton (G) all did well in the Bucks, Berks and Oxon County Championships. P. A. Trainin (C) has fenced well for the Seniors and was awarded his colours. Others who have fenced for the Seniors are C. G. Vacy-Ash (W), H. S. Besterman (W), W. M. G. Wilberforce (C), P. A. Saunders (G), and R. N. Kent (C).

Our Juniors are a strong team and have produced a high standard of fencing throughout the term. The team has been H. S. Besterman (Capt.), C. G. Vacy-Ash and W. M. G. Wilberforce. C. Broom-Smith (C) also fenced. The Junior Foil competition was won by H. S. Besterman.

The Senior Foil was won by R. S. Winton.

*Results:—*

v. BEDFORD MODERN (Home).	Lost,	11 fights to 7.
v. RADLEY (Home).	Won,	24 fights to 11.
v. M.C.S., OXFORD (Away).	Lost,	26 fights to 19.
v. ETON (Away).	Won,	20 fights to 16.
v. R.A.F. HALTON (Home).	Won,	14 fights to 13.
v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost,	10 fights to 8.

## SQUASH RACKETS

It has been an averagely successful term. Of seven matches played, four were won. The team improved and matured their games during the term, as was clearly shown when we reversed a 4—1 defeat by Tring last October to gain a 4—1 win against the same side in March. In school matches we had a good win against a promising young Bradfield side and beat St. Edward's comfortably. The claims of hockey probably

accounted for the loss against King's School, Canterbury, for Bradfield had beaten them the previous week. The Marlborough match was cancelled because of illness.

Colours were awarded to P. F. Brown (C), N. O. Faure (C) and T. D. B. Lee (G).

There is a big gap in standard between the present first team and the players who are one year younger. We have tried to remedy this with coaching, in which most of the first team and C. R. Dixey (C) have helped Mr. Owen and Mr. Robinson. Much remains to be done, however; there will be plenty of room in next year's first team for players who improve between now and September.

There was a large entry for both the Senior and Junior knock-out tournaments, though far too many boys failed to play their matches and were scratched. The Senior House League, played for the first time this term, produced some keen matches and was won by Chatham, who were unbeaten. The courts continue to be booked up within a few minutes of the list going up each day; indeed, the popularity of the game is still growing.

*Results:—*

Sun., Feb. 18th.	v. JESTERS.	Lost	1—3.
Sun., Feb. 25th.	v. WIMBLEDON VAGABONDS.	Won	3—2.
Sun., March 4th.	v. KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.	Lost	1—4.
Thur., March 8th.	v. BRADFIELD.	Won	4—1.
Sat., March 10th.	v. KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY.	Lost	1—4.
Sun., March 11th.	v. TRING.	Won	4—1.
Sun., March 18th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD.	Won	4—1.

## FIVES

For the first time in ten years Stowe has won more matches than it has lost. This success can be attributed to an enthusiastic team and to Mr. Penney, who has played with the team regularly. By emphasising the necessity of attack and by adding a sense of urgency which was previously lacking, he has greatly improved the standard of play. We were beaten by Old Citizens, King Edward's, Birmingham, Mr. Loup's VI and Old Berkhamstedians, but had victories over Oakham, Old Olavians, Old Westminster, Old Templars, Marlborough and Mill Hill. This gave us the record of six matches won to four lost.

J. H. Grantham (T), the captain, and A. M. Macoun (G) have had ample opportunity for practice and have played first pair throughout the term. Once they have got going they have kept doggedly to their task and won half their matches. D. R. Sabberton (T), M. M. Orr (T), J. W. O. Allerton (G) and A. R. F. Hobson (C) have all had hockey or squash commitments and have thus not had time to practise for, or play in, many matches. This is a pity, as all have considerable potential. Whilst D. R. Sabberton played only once, M. M. Orr and J. W. O. Allerton struck up a useful partnership towards the end of term and had a convincing victory over Mill Hill in the last match. P. E. A. Hope (T) and M. R. Leon (T) have always been available and have combined well; next year they should make a useful first pair. A. R. F. Hobson, N.G.F. Hesketh (C) and R. N. Goodchild (C) have also played for the team on occasions. The latter has also been a member of the Colts pair, partnered by A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T) or N. H. Burton-Carter (C), and although their results have been disappointing, all three should



make useful members of the team during the next two years. B. S. Davies (6) played with N. H. Burton-Carter in an under-15 match, and is one of several promising juniors.

It has been gratifying to see that the game has been spreading to other houses. Chandos, Bruce and Grafton have all made good use of Monday Extra fives. Chandos should provide very strong opposition to Temple next year, especially in the juniors. If the Junior Fives League functions next season as successfully as this, much of the potential which has been lost in the past should be saved. Thus the standard of fives should continue to improve.

School colours were awarded to J. W. O. Allerton and P. E. A. Hope.

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\* Prefect † Son of Old Stoic

BRUCE.—(*Spring*) D. W. Morgan, C. T. Preston †, L. M. Thomas \* (*Head of the School*); (*Summer*) S. P. B. Capel \*, S. V. Castle, C. J. N. Felton, B. B. Galyean, B. C. L. Graham, P. M. Mahon, N. H. T. Martin, A. W. Moxham; (*Autumn*) G. J. Vapenik.

TEMPLE.—(*Spring*) A. M. Brown, J. V. M. Bryans, A. C. Geddes \*†, C. P. Robinson †, P. M. Whitfield; (*Summer*) C. D. G. Cossart, J. J. Earle, J. D. Leak, W. R. Luke, C. J. Poulson, N. J. E. Robinson †, A. R. Rowse †, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble \*†; (*Autumn*) R. B. B. Avory †, R. M. J. Clarke, C. B. Tetlow \*, A. N. Ventris †.

GRENVILLE.—(*Spring*) M. A. Harris; (*Summer*) R. W. Alexander, S. G. F. W. Bowles, M. R. Lawson, L. A. Mather, A. L. Parkinson, J. M. P. Perry, B. D. Schottlander, N. G. M. Thomas; (*Autumn*) J. D. Carslaw, R. F. Charnock †, The Hon. R. T. G. M. Parker †.

CHANDOS.—(*Summer*) J. M. Blayney †, R. G. d'Erlanger, J. J. W. Hamilton, W. R. O. McEwen, S. J. Pumfrey, M. A. S. G. Stewart †, T. M. Storey †, H. P. Taylor, M. H. Waring †, M. A. Warman; (*Autumn*) R. G. Crosthwaite, P. M. Henry \*, D. J. M. Lemonius, S. P. B. Magee, R. Mash, A. B. Shellim, E. T. J. Wain.

COBHAM.—(*Spring*) M. J. S. Freeland; (*Summer*) N. G. N. Ashford, J. A. Campkin †, A. G. V. Doubleday, C. M. Firth, W. P. Foss, A. J. Gardner, T. A. Hankey, E. D. Hotham, D. J. L. Howard, G. A. MacGregor, M. G. Mainwaring, J. R. Osner, D. H. Penrose \*†, D. H. B. Scott, L. E. Silver, H. W. van Poortvliet, G. H. H. Vowles; (*Autumn*) N. R. Arden, R. A. Brown, S. B. Murray \*.

CHATHAM.—(*Spring*) C. W. G. B. Clark; (*Summer*) F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake, D. P. Bentall, C. C. F. Bouchier, I. F. Bracey, P. G. de Havilland †, M. W. Devitt, M. E. W. Harland †, A. W. V. Ireland, J. S. Jackson \*, S. A. L. Macdonald, R. I. McLintock, A. D. G. Shillington, J. Whiteley, M. J. R. Wightman \* (*Head of the School*); (*Autumn*) R. M. Campbell \*, A. R. Genth †, C. R. W. Wilson.

GRAFTON.—(*Spring*) J. A. Booth; (*Summer*) P. M. Bell \*, A. S. J. M. Burton, A. A. W. Kemp, P. R. N. Lewis, A. Mitchell, R. W. Rhode, J. N. Sadler, S. H. Sladen †, C. P. D. Yarwood; (*Autumn*) R. W. Allen, T. R. Berger, R. E. Dale \*, H. K. Felce †, J. S. Lisle, D. G. Sutcliffe.

WALPOLE.—(*Spring*) A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson; (*Summer*) A. D. Cooper \*, T. W. Dudley †, A. C. Grattan-Cooper, F. Q. O'Neill, P. B. Paterson, J. A. Stevens, C. P. Warner †, E. J. Werner, F. W. D. Whitelaw; (*Autumn*) E. H. Bacon, J. A. Maxwell, A. J. W. Price, A. R. Shackleton \*, R. M. E. West.

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BRUCE.—(*Spring*) NUGENT—C. V. P. Lawford, J. P. Rayner; (*Summer*) G. E. Laird Craig, I. C. Naylor, NUGENT—P. S. Miall †; (*Autumn*) M. W. Brocklehurst, R. G. Burwood-Taylor, J. N. Dixey †, D. F. Hill, R. B. Swanston, J. P. N. Sykes, R. A. Syms.

TEMPLE.—(*Spring*) M. I. Henderson, H. P. Lloyd Morgan, C. P. Murdoch, F. N. Stewart-Wood, NUGENT—N. A. F. Owston, H. P. Raymond-Barker †; (*Summer*) M. C. Farquharson, R. S. Fox, D. J. Levy, J. M. H. Rubin; (*Autumn*) G. F. Collard, K. D. Frazer †, R. J. Grantham, R. E. Lloyd Morgan, A. P. Sainer, S. C. Wills.

GRENVILLE.—(*Spring*) R. Horrell, D. R. Lees-Jones, P. Masters, T. R. O'Connor, D. H. Reid; (*Summer*) NUGENT—P. E. Williams; (*Autumn*) P. G. Austin, A. R. M. Baker †, T. Basset †, T. D. Everett, N. J. Forwood, N. S. J. Frye, P. J. H. McCarthy †, NUGENT—J. R. S. Greenstreet, C. Honeyman Brown, A. C. Knott.

CHANDOS.—(*Spring*) J. L. H. Cheyne †, L. A. Pilkington, T. B. V. Stockdale, C. C. Whinney, NUGENT—J. R. Hallam, J. W. Matthews, D. R. Rubin; (*Summer*) NUGENT—A. E. Maynard-Taylor; (*Autumn*) N. J. G. Beer, P. N. J. Durey, R. G. Nash †, A. G. Prys Williams, J. E. Trainin, NUGENT—A. J. Atherton, D. Channing Williams, R. A. Kreitman, B. R. Lawrence, R. L. Rome †.

COBHAM.—(*Spring*) N. I. A. Bartholomew †, I. V. Golding, D. R. Howard, N. S. Lewin, B. G. de J. Thynne †, T. C. Whitlock †, D. L. F. Wilkie, NUGENT—J. M. G. Heynes, J. R. Osner; (*Summer*) NUGENT—J. V. Doubleday, R. L. B. Marcus, R. G. Leon; (*Autumn*) G. Black, H. D. Breese †, G. J. B. Burdon, P. R. Dick-Lauder †, A. J. Downing, J. G. G. Hanley, J. Luddington, P. L. Mackintosh, A. R. Mellersh, N. G. Rossi, J. L. R. M. Shipley.

CHATHAM.—(*Spring*) N. J. R. Holloway, D. Parkinson, NUGENT—J. D. Gartrell, J. A. Napier †; (*Summer*) NUGENT—A. M. Case †, J. G. Doggart; (*Autumn*) M. J. Ivory †, C. R. Bowen, T. A. Clover, C. R. Dimpfl, R. T. Hudson, N. M. Maclaren †, W. L. Smith, Y. M. White.

GRAFTON.—(*Spring*) R. W. Allen, A. N. Cowdy, R. C. Davison; (*Summer*) D. H. Baker †, N. D. Drysdale †, P. B. Fisher; (*Autumn*) R. L. Addleman, M. A. Burton, B. S. Davies, M. P. J. Fielding, C. J. Watkin, A. C. Wolfe †.

WALPOLE.—(*Spring*) J. P. Agnew †, NUGENT—N. St.G. Kirke, D. R. Smith; (*Summer*) S. R. Edwards, NUGENT—C. R. Kenyon †, N. J. Parsons, M. E. Robinson; (*Autumn*) N. B. Albery, I. F. Buchanan, W. P. Durlacher †, C. S. Livermore, N. J. L. Martin †, NUGENT—R. A. Durrant, S. A. Stock.

## CRICKET

## 1ST XI FIXTURES 1962

Thurs., May 10.—	PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.	Home.
Sat., May 12.—	BUCKINGHAM.	Home.
Tues., May 15.—	O.U. AUTHENTICS.	Home.
Sat., May 19.—	<b>THE LEYS.</b>	Away.
Tues., May 22.—	R.A.F. ABINGDON.	Home.
Sat., May 26.—	<b>BRADFIELD.</b>	Home.
Tues., May 29.—	CRYPTICS.	Home.
Sat., June 2.—	<b>BEDFORD.</b>	Away.
Tues., June 5.—	<b>RADLEY.</b>	Away.
Sat., June 9.—	STOWE TEMPLARS.	Home.
Sat., June 16.—	FREE FORESTERS.	Home.
Sat., June 23.—	<b>OUNDLE.</b>	Away.
Fri., June 29.—	XL CLUB.	Home.
Sat., July 7.—	<b>ST. EDWARD'S.</b>	Home.
Sat., July 14.—	M.C.C.	Home.
Sat., July 21.—	DRAGONFLIES ('A' XI).	Home.

## ANSWERS TO THE GENERAL PAPER

1, Please reply. 2, That is. 3, Stamped addressed envelope. 4, Which see *or* As much as you will. 5, Bun. 6, (Pork) Pie. 7, Ham. 8, Cheese. 9, Hollingsworth. 10, May. 11, Accles. 12, Marks. 13, (Alcoholic) Drink—(Guinness). 14, Petrol *or* Cereals. 15, (Boiled) Sweets. 16, Toffee *or* Sweets. 17, Goya. 18, Leonardo *and/or* da Vinci. 19, Epstein. 20, Gunn. 21, Sweet. 22, Herb. 23, Ragged. 24, By the Hedge *or* Go-to-bed-at-noon. 25, Cerberus. 26, Argonauts. 27, Pillars of Hercules. 28, Laertes. 29, Schubert. 30, Mozart. 31, Tchaikovsky. 32, Beethoven.

33, Shadrach. 34, Shekel. 35, Shibolet. 36, Shekinah. 37, Hamlet. 38, Twelfth Night. 39, Macbeth. 40, (King) Lear. 41, Glenn. 42, France. 43, England. 44, O.A.S. *or* Secret Army Organisation. 45, Maigret. 46, Wimsey. 47, Holmes. 48, Champion. 49, Chapel. 50, Adam (Block, Labs., etc.). 51, Shop. 52, Cobham *and/or* Grafton. 53, 9. 54, 7. 55, 24. 56, 76. 57, Bohemian Girl *or* Woman. 58, (The) Bat. 59, (The) Troubadour. 60, Love the Magician. 61, William. 62, Ethelred. 63, William. 64, Ivan.

65, Shakespeare. 66, Blake. 67, Coleridge. 68, Carroll. 69, Trombone. 70, Clarinet. 71, Violin. 72, Piano. 73, Otter. 74, Whale. 75, Lion (ess). 76, Bull. 77, Brandy *or* Spirits. 78, Colour. 79, Toilet Water *or* Scent. 80, Acid. 81, Poker. 82, Crib (bage). 83, Bridge. 84, Canasta. 85, Joan *or* Jeanne (of Arc). 86, Thomas (à Becket) *or* Becket. 87, Thomas More. 88, Simeon (Stylites). 89, Athletics. 90, Rowing *or* Sculling. 91, Association Football *or* Soccer. 92, Cricket. 93, Isle. 94, Duchy. 95, Kingdom. 96, Soke. 97, (Lord) Home. 98, Welensky. 99, Whitehead. 100 (U) Thant.

