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HE departure of Mr. Hunter marks in a very definite way the closing of an era, since he is the last of the real founders of the school to retire. He came to Stowe from Cambridge in September 1925, when the school was just seven terms old, and he leaves it after thirty-seven years—the longest run of them all. In that time he has served under all three Headmasters, seen countless changes, and contributed to the life of the place at many points.

As a Cambridge Running Blue it was natural for him to interest himself in Athletics at the start of his career here. They were in those days under the genial and competent direction of Mr. Ian Clarke, but Mr. Hunter was directly in charge of both the Athletics and Cross-country teams—a job for which he was admirably adapted, having, in his last year at Winchester, won the Quarter, the Half-mile, the Mile and the

Senior Cross-country.

But it was in the 'Thirties that Mr. Hunter really came to the front. He was Under-Housemaster of Temple under Mr. Cross and Mr. Capel Cure from 1930 to 1934, but had to give up housemastering for the onerous task of Senior Tutor, which implied both the running of his own Classical Side and the direction of all the work of the School. This he has done in the most smooth and apparently effortless way since 1933, moving with deceptive ease through changes of staff, timetable clashes, masters' individual problems and temporary substitutions through illness, and all with unvarying courtesy and unruffled calm.

Mr. Hunter also edited *The Stoic* for twenty years from 1933 to 1953. He has been certainly its most notable Editor, and it says much for his perseverance and steadfastness that he stuck to his post for so long. It meant a mighty excess of work at the very end of every term—just the time when work is apt to be excessive anyway. That *The Stoic* remains undoubtedly the most finely produced and best-looking of all school magazines is greatly due to the devoted care he gave it.

In December 1943, with his marriage to Miss Mary Logan, Mr. Hunter moved out of Stowe for his last eighteen years here to houses in Akeley and Buckingham. He was fortunate in finding in Mrs. Hunter someone whose love of Greece and the Classics equals his own.

His departure after 111 terms does indeed mark the end of an era. It also represents and leaves behind him a solid block of enduring achievement. He was very much in the Roxburgh tradition and he shared many of the qualities of that great man—high standards unswervingly maintained, unfailing industry and conscientiousness, which meant that any task he took up was concluded with the utmost care and consideration, and finally great kindness and courtesy to all the many people who came to him in all these years for help and advice. It was very fitting that he should become Second Master in 1958.

It is also fitting that he should start his retirement at Adderbury with work on the Life of J. F. Roxburgh. This is a task for which no one could be better equipped. We wish him all success in this labour of love, and long years of happiness to him and Mrs. Hunter within, fortunately, easy range of Stowe.

A BIOGRAPHY OF J.F.R.

To the Editor of 'The Stoic'

Dear Sir,

I have been invited to collaborate in the writing of a biography of Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, first Headmaster of Stowe. The book in its final form is to be written by Noël Annan (T 1935), Provost of King's College, Cambridge. My own interesting and congenial task is to collect, sort and put into order the material for this purpose.

I shall therefore be more than a little grateful to Old Stoics who knew J.F., and equally to their parents and to my ex-colleagues and to any others who may read this

letter, if they will help to lay the foundations of this work.

Please (by your leave, Mr. Editor, I now address your readers) please send to me, at the address given below, any comments you may like to make upon J.F., any notes you could jot down of typical incidents, any memories that you may value and think illustrative. And if you can spare relevant papers or letters or photographs, I will undertake to send them back safely; or, if you prefer, perhaps you could send copies.

I hope you will keep me busy. It is upon your anecdotes, reminiscences and judg-

ments that I shall rely for success.

Yours rather humbly and therefore expectantly, PATRICK G. HUNTER.

28, St. Mary's Road, Adderbury West, Nr. Banbury, Oxon. August 9th, 1962

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1962.

Prefects:—D. R. Sabberton, Head of the School and Head of Temple; I. A. H. Sitwell, Second Prefect and Head of Bruce; B. M. Allen (W), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. W. O. Allerton, Head of Grenville; R. J. Box, Head of Chatham; D. S. Cairns (6), Prefect of Library; A. R. F. Hobson (C), Prefect of Chapel; A. Horrocks, Head of Chandos; A. M. Macoun, Head of Grafton; N. O. G. Murray, Head of Cobham; T. D. Mustard (B), Prefect of Hall; M. V. Rymer, Head of Walpole.

Cricket: —Captain, D. R. Sabberton (T); Secretary, J. W. O. Allerton (G).

Lawn Tennis:—Captain, I. A. H. Sitwell (B); Secretary, I. R. D. Andrews (6).

Athletics:—Captain, T. D. Mustard (B); Secretary, C. A. McIntyre (G).

Swimming:—Captain, B. M. Allen (W); Secretary, R. M. Jefferson (Q). Sailing:—Commodore and Secretary, J. Palethorpe (B).

Golf:—Captain and Secretary, N. W. Hartley (Q).

The following have preached in Chapel this term:—on May 6th, the Very Rev. George Macleod; on May 13th, the Chaplain; on May 20th, the Rev. L. V. Wright; on May 27th, the Rev. T. Dudley-Smith; on June 3rd, the Bishop of Aston, Birmingham; on June 10th, the Rev. C. R. P. Anstey (Q 1941); on June 17th, the Rev. D. J. Challis; on July 8th, the Rev. R. B. Otway; on July 15th, the Bishop of Dover; on July 22nd, the Rev. M. J. Jackson; on July 29th, the Headmaster.

The Collections in Chapel were:—on May 20th, for the Pineapple, £22 12s. 11d.; on June 10th, for the Cancer Research Fund, £39 1s. 3d.; on July 15th, for the National Institute for the Blind, £28 9s. 6d. In addition, a retiring Collection on July 8th of £5 3s. 8d. was sent to the London City Mission.

Speech Day was held on Friday, June 29th. Speeches were made by Sir Miles Thomas, D.F.C., one of the School Governors, who presented the Prizes; by the Headmaster; and by four Prefects, D. R. Sabberton, M. V. Rymer, I. A. H. Sitwell and N. O. G. Murray. There were Cricket,

Swimming and Archery Matches, and Exhibitions in the Art School and Workshops, and the Headmaster, Housemasters and Tutors were 'At Home' to guests. The Military Band played on the South Front.

The Exeat was from June 29th to July 3rd.

Mr. J. S. Taylor, A.R.I.B.A., (T 1946) has been appointed a Governor of Stowe.

We say farewell this term to Mr. P. G. Hunter, Mr. A. B. E. Gibson and Mr. M. M. Maynard, who are retiring; to Mr. A. B. Clifford, who is resuming his retirement after teaching at Stowe for the past four terms; and to Mr. C. B. O'M. Owen and Mr. R. B. Blackmore. We bid a belated farewell to Mr. W. L. McElwee, who left us at the end of last term to take up the post of Director of Studies at the R.M.A., Sandhurst; this appointment was too late to be reported in our April number. We are also very sorry to record the retirement of Dr. J. K. Bostock as Medical Officer, Miss Quennell as Sister-in-Charge of the Sanatorium, and Miss Milner as Cobham House-Matron.

Mr. A. Macdonald retires from the Housemastership of Chatham and Mr. D. I. Brown from that of Cobham, but continue on the staff.

In consequence of Mr. Hunter's retirement Mr. H. F. G. Carey has been appointed Second Master and Mr. R. Walker Senior Tutor. The new Housemasters of Grenville, Cobham and Chatham are Mr. G. B. Clarke, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl and Mr. W. H. Bradshaw. Dr. C. O. M. Priday is the new Medical Officer.

Mr. M. Edmonds has joined the Music Staff as 'Cello Teacher.

We announce the following births:—to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dicks, a daughter on May 12th; to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Donaldson, a daughter on May 21st; to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbs, a daughter on June 11th; to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Penney, a daughter on June 19th.

Fiona Elizabeth Donaldson was christened in the Chapel on Sunday, July 8th.

On May 8th, a B.B.C. Literary Brains Trust discussed questions on books and reading put to them by members of the School. The Chairman was Mr. Robert McDermott (G 1929) and the panel consisted of Miss Dilys Powell, Mr. Lionel Hale, Mr. Hugh Ross Williamson and Mr. John Connell. A selection of the Brains Trust was later broadcast in the B.B.C. North Regional programme.

On Thursday, June 14th, the Choir took part in a School Choirs' Festival in Winchester Cathedral, organised by the Royal School of Church Music and conducted by Mr. Christopher Cowan (Director of Music at Winchester College). At the festal evensong the canticles were sung to the setting of Stanford in C, and the anthems included "All the Ends of the World" by Boyce, "Blessed be the God and Father" by S. S. Wesley, and "O Lord, the Maker of All Thing" by John Joubert.

The Summer Ball was held in Assembly on Friday, July 20th; approximately 150 couples attended. Eric Tolley's orchestra was once again assisted by an excellent performance by the Watford and District Thistle Pipe Band.

On August 3rd, Stowe set up a new record by winning the Youll Cup at Wimbledon for the fourth year running. Eton won the competition for three years on its first institution in 1947; no other school has won it more than twice. Our congratulations go to the team, and especially to D. R. Sabberton (T), who has played in each of the four years. The scores are given on page 141.

J. W. O. Allerton (G) played for The Rest against the Southern Schools at Lord's on August 6th and 7th, but unluckily did not bat because of rain.

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions:—

SCHOLARSHIPS

- T. J. GEORGE (Aldwickbury School, Harpenden, Herts.)
- J. R. HARTLAND-SWANN (Cheam School, Headley, Newbury, Berks.)
- C. A. Frean (Windlesham House School, Washington, Sussex)
- R. C. Peatfield (The College Preparatory School, Eastbourne, Sussex)

EXHIBITIONS

- J. R. A. NISBET (Belmont School, Hassocks, Sussex)
- A. P. SAINER (Claremont School, Sussex and Stowe)
- R. E. WARBURG (The Dragon School, Oxford)

Music Scholarship

F. N. REED (Stubbington House, Fareham, Hants)

A.B.E.G.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the retirement from Stowe of Mr. A. B. E. Gibson.

From the time of his arrival in 1936 until two years ago he was Head of the Lower School, and in that capacity was responsible for the work in his first few terms of every boy who came into the School below the Fourth Forms (or Removes, as they were formerly called). Many new boys must have quaked in their shoes on meeting him for the first time, for who could deny that he has always looked rugged, or should one say formidable? He was also a Lower-School Form-master himself, and many Old Stoics will recall with gratitude the time they spent under his eagle eye in one of his Shell A forms. Those who belonged to that Form may not have been clever—and their Form-master would certainly not hold that against them—but if a charge of idleness could be pinned upon them then woe betide them. One can almost feel the conversation that might have ensued: "I mean to say, Jones, you may be bad at Latin, but if you think that that is any excuse for this filthy piece of work . . . " And if by mischance his shoes also needed cleaning, or his hair needed cutting . . . But, of course, when opportunity for praising a decent bit of work arose, the Head of the Lower School could be very generous, and for a time at least the life of some young Stoic would appear rosier. Many who met him for the first time in their earlier formative days at Stowe and who later came to know him more intimately as their Housemaster, or cricket or rugger coach, must sometimes have recalled with amusement their first impressions.

Mr. Gibson has the remarkable record of having been Housemaster of three Houses at Stowe. In the early days of the war he acted as Housemaster of Bruce whilst Mr. Playford was away driving ambulances. Later he kept Mr. Brown's seat warm in Cobham when Mr. Macdonald, who was Mr. Brown's first "locum", was appointed Housemaster of Chatham. And finally in 1946 he became the sixth Housemaster of Grenville, a position which he now relinquishes after long and distinguished service, simply because time has run out.

Mr. Gibson has won fame in many spheres; as a teacher of Latin, Geography and History, as a rugger and cricket coach, as a loud-hailer and bell-ringer on athletics occasions, as a producer of House plays. No mean cricketer himself, he once took nine First XI wickets in one innings when playing for the Masters against the School. He always relished the opportunity of raising a side to play one of the School XIs, or to play against a local village. Like many another cricketer he was very fond of village cricket. And if the village could boast a green, and the sun shone overhead, and the green was overlooked by a suitable hostelry, then what more could any man want? Few at Stowe have contributed as much time, skill and energy to helping with "out-of-school" activities as has Mr. Gibson. Even after the end of the summer term he could be found umpiring by the hour for the Templars during their cricket week on the North Front.

It must also be pointed out, for the record, that for many years he has looked after the running of the School Shop, and has seen to it that any worthy cause in Stowe in need of money has had a generous share of the profits.

No one who has seen a House play produced by him needs to be told of his prowess in that direction. Cobham's performance of *Journey's End* in the Gym some years ago before he went to Grenville was one of the most moving things ever seen on a Stowe

stage. Since then, we have had the pleasure of watching many successful productions, among which Arsenic and Old Lace and Ten Little Niggers were two of the best. Perhaps the most significant fact about Grenville House plays was that they appeared regularly whether distinguished talent was known to be available in the House or not. The prime object of his House play was to give the House something to do, and not to please those who might eventually be in the audience (though they were never disappointed). He would have considered himself to have failed if any boy who could actually stand up was not actively engaged in one way or another with the play's production. Nor did you get leave off prep. from him to do your bit; nothing so feeble as that. You made time and played your part, and the thing was invariably a success, and of immense value to the members of Grenville, which was the real purpose of the undertaking.

Of Mr. Gibson's success as a Housemaster it is hardly necessary to say anything. The loyalty of his House and the affection his boys and their parents have for him is proof enough of his ability. His colleagues too will agree that he has always been a most co-operative Housemaster whenever they have had dealings with him.

Brian Gibson is an absolutely first-class schoolmaster, one who has always upheld the best traditions of his profession, and one with whom it has been a delight and privilege to work. His friendliness, humanity and gift for helping one to see worries in their true perspective will always be remembered. He has done magnificent work at Stowe, and now that he leaves us we are glad to know that he will be no further away next term than Westbury.

His work at Stowe could not have been done so well had he not had the understanding support of Marjorie. She must often have thought as she waited long after midnight for his return from Grenville that he was wedded to his House. In one sense he was. We are deeply in her debt too for her share in making life at Stowe so much pleasanter, for her generous hospitality, and for a thousand and one kindnesses. As we officially say goodbye to Brian and Marjorie, we wish them many more years of happiness, as near to Stowe as possible, and offer them our thanks.

Mr. Gibson has presented to the Pavilion a bookcase containing his set of Wisden's Cricket Almanacs from 1920.

J.K.B.

After 99 terms at Stowe, Dr. J. K. Bostock is retiring at the end of this term.

During the whole of this time he has coped single-handed with the school epidemics, and with all the ailments individual Stoics have suffered. His interest in the School and in medicine is very deep, and hundreds of Old Stoics and many parents too owe him a debt of gratitude for his skill, profound knowledge, endless patience and good humour. With Miss Quennell's help he raised the standard and efficiency of the Sanatorium to be the equal of any in the country.

A school doctor could well be a formidable figure to a boy, but the many stories about Dr. Bostock and his repeated appearances in *The Epicurean* are a measure of the affection all Stoics have for him. Being a keen sportsman he has always been an interested spectator at Rugger and Cricket matches, and a regular member of the Masters' Golf team.

Although retiring as School Doctor, he is not giving up his practice in Bucking-ham, and it is to be hoped that he will often visit the school, where he can always be certain of a warm welcome. Stowe will miss him as surely as he is going to miss Stowe, but we hope that he will have greater leisure to enjoy those things which up till now he has found little time for.

In saying goodbye to him we welcome Dr. C. O. M. Priday, his partner, as the new School Doctor, and we are sure that he will soon become as popular a figure at Stowe as his predecessor.

M.M.M.

Among the vanishing landmarks of Stowe disappears this term one who has been a familiar figure to many generations of Stoics. Mr. Maynard joined the staff in 1934 and since that time has taken part in a very varied selection of activities. As commander of the Air Section of the Corps at its foundation in the summer of 1938 until he left for war service with the R.A.F., as a most successful teacher of Maths to reluctant mathematicians, as an enthusiastic Spanish master, as a breeder of Schnauzers and as a fearless referee of Rugger Leagues he is known to most Stoics recent and remote; but these more public personae represent merely some of the very many interests which he has with his usual unobtrusiveness pursued over the years. The seasonal emergence of his boat through the window of his room—a feat which required a certain amount of carpentry—and its hoisting on to a Heath-Robinson-style trailer behind the inevitable Lancia will remind many of his prowess as a waterman, but those who remember his study in Plug Street—half boatyard half artist's studio—may not know that the paintings on the walls were the products of his own unconventional but enthusiastic brush. As an amateur composer he has an unfinished symphony to his credit, and he has played for the masters at almost every known game except water-polo.

He is a keen traveller and twice of recent years has gone far afield in search of the sun. It is in some sunny Spanish-speaking country that Mrs. Maynard and he are intending to settle, where he will be able to indulge his favourite pastimes of painting, writing and listening to music, sailing, tasting the local vintage, and sitting in the sun. It is in this enviable climate that all who knew him will think of him and wish him a quick recovery to health and a long and happy retirement.

W.L.McE.

Mr. McElwee came to Stowe as History Tutor in January 1934. It was not long before he had taken a commission in the O.T.C., and the Library and Twelve Club were under his care. There followed other responsibilities, the School fencing team and the Debating Society, and in the summer of 1935 the first Historians' Play, Richard II, in which Noël Annan played Bolingbroke. In July 1940 he left on active service, and after a tour of duty as an O.C.T.U. instructor at Dunbar he took his company of the Argylls to Normandy, and in the long campaign that followed was wounded and awarded the Military Cross. On his return to Stowe in January 1946 he took command of the C.C.F. (as it had now become), relinquishing it in 1951. In May 1962 he was appointed Director of Modern Studies at the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Meanwhile there have appeared from his pen three novels, biographies of James I and Charles V, a study of the mysterious affair of Sir Thomas Overbury, and England's Precedence, a very agreeable survey of England in the seventeenth century; and, shortly after his departure from Stowe, came Britain's Locust Years, which we hope to review in the next issue of The Stoic. These works show something of the range of his scholarship and interests, and a capacity for sustained work that must provoke both admiration and envy.

Nevertheless, such a brief account of three successful careers, as schoolmaster, soldier, and writer, conveys little of Bill McElwee's contribution to Stowe, nor even of the sum of his activities, which included also the pursuits of a country gentleman somehow cultivated without detriment to his other duties, lectures for the W.E.A., and a prominent part in the counsels of the Royal Latin School, Buckingham.

As History Tutor and as host at Vancouver Lodge—for the two were complementary—Bill was indefatigable; that he treated boys as individuals should be a truism of any schoolmaster, but Bill went further, and he and his wife by their willingness to listen and to talk gave confidence and friendship to many uncertain and inhibited historians, and their hospitality was boundless. Their whole life seemed to be devoted to Stowe historians, past and present. Perhaps the allegiance demanded at Vancouver Lodge was thought by some to be excessive or exclusive, but a long list of university successes and the continued affection of many Old Stoics testify to the lasting influence of Bill's companionship and his teaching. He believed in teaching the whole man and readily interested himself in the whole range of a boy's activities, and he not only fostered the originality of the scholar but also made the weaker boy think that he could make an original contribution.

It gave Bill much pleasure when the Staff College at Camberley paid him the unusual compliment of asking him to lecture on the battlefield in Normandy, and sent a helicopter to Stowe to fetch him; we trust that the R.M.A. will value his services no less highly, for we shall miss him and his family very much. History here will never be the same, and, as Bill would modestly say, "C'est déjà quelque chose."

C.B.O'M.O.

Mr. Owen came to Stowe in January 1955 from the Sudan Education Service. He will be remembered by many for his teaching of Science and for his tireless work with the Science Society, for the present popularity of which he is largely responsible. Recently he has devoted a great deal of his time to the running of the G.C.E. examinations—a difficult and often thankless task which he has fulfilled with his usual equanimity. We wish him all success in his new post at Shrewsbury Girls' High School.

R.M.B.

Mr. Blackmore came to Stowe in September 1959 to teach Science. He has also contributed to the life of the School as a Rugger Coach, as an officer in the Corps, and recently as Master in Charge of Swimming. We wish him all success in his new appointment, under an Old Stoic headmaster, at Oakham School.

ANNUAL PRIZES

ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY: BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR CHURCH HISTORY:	D. B. T. AIKMAN (T) W. R. B. ALLAN (T)
GAVIN MAXWELL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH:	(1)
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Peters Bone Prize for English:	P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T)
SYRETT HISTORY ESSAY PRIZE:	P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING:	P. N. T. PHILLIPS (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING:	Not awarded
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPE	NOT awarded
Senior	
Junior HARDING PRIZE FOR READING	
	D. R. Howard (C)
J. F. Roxburgh Prize for English Verse	
Senior	: { D. B. T. AIKMAN (T) T. D. B. Lee (6) J. P. N. Sykes (B)
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Junior	: J. P. N. SYKES (B)
Friends of Stowe Prize for General Kn	NOWLEDGE:
Sr	R ROBERT FFOLKES, Bart. (B)
·	H. J. C. Morland (B)
· ·	J. F. R. Saunders (C)
ZAFIROPULO PRIZE FOR CLASSICAL VERSE:	J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)
Anthony Pearce Prize for Latin Oratio	ON: J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK:	
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN:	J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS:	R. M. B. WILLIAMSON (C)
CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH:	Not awarded
	N. T. E. RYMAN (6)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH:	C. P. R. Dubois (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR GERMAN:	J. F. Burns (6)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY:	E. S. Dawes (B)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	E. S. Dawes (B)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	Not awarded
James Mayne Prize for Economics:	B. E. Lewis (C)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	P. A. G. WILLIAMS (W)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	Not awarded
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HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS:	M. S. J. RAPPOLT (B)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:	G. R. Duncanson (W)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:	Not awarde d
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR NATURAL	HISTORY: N. J. C. DAVIES (C)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE	
Anthony Howard Prize for Art:	J. H. Frazer (C)
Friends of Stowe Prize for Woodwor	K: C. J. DE MOWBRAY (C)
JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR METAL WORK	: I. Nicholls (W)
WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIV	VITIES: R. A. BISHOP (C)
Bruxner-Randall Services Prize: S.	M. D. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T)
Basil Williamson Memorial Prize:	\int T. W. J. Waine (\mathfrak{G})
	D. R. Sabberton (G)
	AN (C), A. B. SHELLIM (C)
C. S. Wir	NTLE (\mathbb{C}) , N. A. ALINGTON (\mathbb{C})
	S. P. H. Barker-Benfield (T)
GILLING-LAX MUSIC PRIZES:	
Two Pianos:	$\int C. S. WINTLE (C)$
Two Tianos.	Λ . R. Negus (B)
Piano :	C. S. Wintle (C)
Woodwind:	A. R. Negus (B)
Brass:	I. A. H. SITWELL (B)
Violin:	J. F. R. Saunders (C)
'Cello:	T. E. C. Bushell (C)
Organ :	D. A. Wessely (G)

THE STOIC

Mr. J. T. HANKINSON

Mr. J. T. Hankinson, whose death on March 31st at the age of 58 was briefly reported in our April number, came to Stowe in May 1926 and was Housemaster of Cobham from September 1930 until he left in July 1936. He joined the staff at Canford in that year.

Mr. Hankinson was a fine games-player: in fact, one cannot think of a game at which he was not proficient. His very real value as a coach was underlined after he left Stowe by his series of manuals, Cricket for Schools and Rughy Football for Schools in particular. He was also instrumental in popularising cricket in Denmark. He will be long remembered by Stoics of his time as a housemaster and games master and, in lighter moments, as a conjuror.

But perhaps his greatest achievement at Stowe was his work as Biology Tutor, to the value of which many successful 'medicals' will testify. He was responsible, with two Charterhouse masters, for drawing up the syllabus for School Certificate Biology which was accepted by the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board, and his *Public School Biology* was a most welcome textbook in a subject which till his time had been undeservedly neglected.

OLIM ALUMNI

In the recent Government changes the Right Hon. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER, M.P. (C 1927), was appointed Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Paymaster-General, and LORD St. OSWALD (G 1941) Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

- J. P. E. C. Henniker-Major (B 1934) has been appointed Ambassador to Denmark.
- C. N. M. Blarr (6 1928) was awarded the C.M.G. in the Birthday Honours List, 1962.

The Marquis J. de Amodio (G 1926) is a Life Vice-President of the Royal Air Force Association.

- J. B. DWIGHT (G 1940) has been elected to a Fellowship and College Lectureship in Mechanics at Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- C. W. M. INGRAM (6 1957), of Trinity College, Cambridge, was placed in the First Class of the Law Tripos, Pt. II, and has been elected to a Scholarship by his College.
- A. S. T. Steel (T 1959) has been elected to a Dr. Cooper's Law Studentship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
- G. L. Shankland (C 1935) is the architect in charge of the replanning of the centre of Liverpool, his birthplace; his plan includes a precinct without traffic as a shopping area, a boulevard, open-air cafés, and glass-roofed arcades, and he is reported as saying "I believe that people meet each other best on foot and face to face—so this must be a place to meet, to talk, and to dally, with families all in safety."

COLIN GRAHAM (T 1950) produced Purcell's opera Dido and Aeneas at the Aldeburgh Festival and, in Guildhall, at the City of London Festival.

A. C. R. Albert (6 1935) was principal Stage Manager of the production of Blitz! at the Adelphi Theatre.

GOLF—THE HALFORD HEWITT CUP, APRIL 12th—15th.

To win the Halford Hewitt is to win one of the most coveted trophies in golf. Sixty-four Old Boys' golfing societies enter teams of ten-five foursomes-for the contest which is played in April at Deal and Sandwich, usually in the most ghastly weather. This year the Old Stoics with the advent of a lot of young players were able to enter their strongest team for ten years. They were the youngest team in the field, the oldest member of the side being just thirty, and they had the youngest captain, R. M. Hinds (W 1950).

The side was nearly put out in the first round against Dulwich; ultimately it all depended upon the last hole in the match in which N. M. Stern (B 1957) and J. M. E. Anderson (C 1957) were representing Stowe; fortunately they got a sterling 4 and won it. The Old Stoics then achieved easy victories against Trent and Blundells, and so reached the quarter-finals where they met Charterhouse, who have won this competition more often than any other school and whose top pair consists of M. J. Christmas, the only winner in the last Walker Cup match against the United States, and M. C. Bryant. L. G. B. Williamson (T 1956) and W. D. Wright (W 1952) disposed of these two by 2 and 1, and the side won by three matches to two, G. W. Day (6 1948) and D. P. Marshall-Andrew (B 1955) and Stern and Anderson also achieving good wins.

On the last day the weather was worse than any that could be remembered by even the hoariest Halford Hewitt players. The gale was relentless and it blew spray unceasingly from the sea, which was so rough that it looked as if it might in an instant sweep over the famous Pebble Ridge; the clouds were so low that the course was enveloped in an eternal gloom. After eight holes of the semi-final against Marlborough Stowe was in each match respectively 5 down, 7 down, 4 down, 2 up and 2 down, and yet at the finish Williamson and Wright won again—at the 21st by holing a series of brave putts—and G. M. Shaw (@ 1958) and F. J. R. Boddy (Q 1953) won the bottom match on the last green. Stowe lost the second and third matches, and so everything depended upon W. P. Cooper (C 1954) and T. O. W. Slater (B 1951). After the most unnerving struggle they won at the 22nd.

Stowe started badly again in the final against Oundle, but Williamson and Wright won yet again—they won every match—and so also did Shaw and Boddy, the latter playing a brilliant 7-iron shot from a track at the 17th to within two feet of the hole. The second and third matches were lost and so Stowe again relied upon Cooper and Slater, who were one up with three to play. However, the opposition sank a long putt at the 16th and in the murkiest possible conditions holed a curly putt of eight feet on the last green to win the whole competition. Stowe had played heroically to be defeated only at the eleventh hour.

M. H. SPENCE (C 1952)

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

L. C. Bolton (C 1953) a daughter on March 17th 1962.

J. P. Burman (6 1941) a daughter on February 1st 1961.

J. F. Conington (B 1949) a daughter on December 17th 1961.

R. B. Davis (B 1929) a son on April 25th 1962.

A. P. DEWING (Q 1946) a daughter on July 8th 1962.

D. L. DONNE (G 1943) a son on March 19th 1962.

W. A. FAIRBAIRN (C 1951) a daughter on May 31st 1962.

D. R. GROSSMARK (Q 1946) a daughter on May 5th 1954 and a daughter on April 25th 1956.

K. A. HENDERSON (C 1953) a daughter on March 5th 1962.

G. H. Johnson (C 1941) a son on April 2nd 1962.

S. J. F. RAMSAY (G 1955) a daughter on March 28th 1962.

D. READ (T 1949) a son on April 23rd 1961. R. W. Shirley (T 1946) a son on May 23rd 1962.

E. C. Skepper (T 1946) a daughter on May 25th 1962.

H. T. THORNTON-BERRY (C 1946) a daughter on June 3rd 1962.

S. P. E. C. W. Towneley (C 1940) a son on May 16th 1962.

MARRIAGES

- A. W. H. Brahams (£ 1948) to Jillian Patricia Collins on June 10th 1962.
- G. K. Burrell (Q 1952) to Heidi Greene on January 6th 1962.
- A. E. DES C. CHAMIER (Q 1953) to Anne Carole Tweeddale Delling on June 2nd 1962, in Rome.

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D. R. GROSSMARK (C 1946) to Hazel Frampton on April 14th 1953.

C. T. A. HAMMOND (C 1950) to Rosemary Dorothea Stewart-Smith on April 15th 1961.

A. H. P. Hope (G 1936) to Gillian Powys Carver on February 13th 1962.

G. H. Johnson (C 1941) to Jeannette Ogg on September 16th 1960, in Queensland.

S. J. F. RAMSAY (G 1955) to Dawn Burrell on June 11th 1960. P. G. RIVIERE (C 1952) to Sarah Heyman on May 26th 1962.

D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (C 1955) to Malinda Elizabeth Collison on March 31st 1962.

P. G. SHINNER (B 1950) to Judith Mary Buckley on May 12th 1962.

DEATH

L. R. S. MARLER (6 1947) on June 30th 1962, in a shooting accident.

LANDMARKS

ROYAL INSPECTION AT AYLESBURY

On Friday, April 6th, a party of eight highly polished cadets under the command of Mr. Rawcliffe met at Aylesbury to be present at an inspection by Her Majesty

the Queen, who was touring Buckinghamshire.

We were marched to our position, where we were lined up facing the "Old Contemptibles", veterans of the First World War, a sharp contrast indeed. Unfortunately owing to her many commitments the Queen was late in arriving. However, the interval provided ample time to discover the trials and tribulations of a ceremonial duty. There were the unforgettable comments such as "Why can't they talk?"—"They are on duty"—"No, they are not; they are standing at ease" etc., not to mention the inevitable pushes and prods to see if we would move instead.

The Queen herself favoured us with a dazzling smile as she walked slowly by, and we were rewarded with another glimpse when she drove out again to visit South Buckinghamshire. We then marched back to our assembly point, and those who did not have to return home immediately stayed to lunch with the many other Buckinghamshire

cadets who had also attended the parade.

THE STOWE BEAGLES

On two or three previous occasions hunting enthusiasts have explored without success the possibilities of starting a pack of beagles at Stowe. Now, however, as the result of preparation over the last year and with help and encouragement from Masters of several Beagle and Foxhound packs, we have made a modest start. Six and a half couple of hounds arrived on July 5th and are kenneled in the old stables behind the North Boycott Pavilion.

We are greatly indebted to the following: the Radley College Beagles, who have most generously given us four couple and a great deal of practical advice on running a school pack; the South Herts Beagles, who have given us one couple and whose new Joint Master is P. P. Keens (§ 1950); the Old Berkeley Beagles, who have given us one and a half couple and who have loaned us a large area of their country; and Air Commodore L. G. Levis (T 1931), Master of the Per Ardua Beagles and member of the Masters of Beagles Association, who has spent a great deal of time and given an immense amount of help in registering our country.

The Joint Masters are S. D. E. Parsons (W), huntsman, S. Robertson (B), and Lieut.-Col. E. G. W. T. Walsh (T 1935). A few more hounds are expected next term, and subscriptions will be a guinea a term, or two guineas a year. It is hoped to start hunting early in the season.

SPEECH DAY EXHIBITIONS

THE ART EXHIBITION

To see a cross-section of work done is more interesting—and far more encouraging—than the selection of a few drawings and paintings that seem to a hanging committee to have been the most successful. This year's exhibition in the Art School combined the colourful and uninhibited with the painstaking exercises that must gratify an 'A'-Level examiner, and there was much that was admirable in both genres.

Among the drawings, Doubleday's combined accuracy with an obvious enjoyment of drawing for its own sake, and Hinwood's showed some promise, though every artist knows that the unfinished sketch is delusively easy; some of his studies in monochrome had a more fluid line. T. S. Taylor is competent within a narrow

range.

The paintings were perhaps more remarkable for the confident use of colour than for technique. J. H. Frazer's large, disturbing, and symmetrical Thinker was less successful than some of his other imaginative compositions in which form and colour blended to produce an impact; he showed a readiness to use brilliant reds and blues, and whites, in bold juxtaposition which contrasted with the more 'traditional' palette of H. L. Cowdy, who is competent in handling colour and in brushwork but sometimes fails to take enough trouble with composition. The sympathy and animation in his study of a band made it perhaps his best work, and there was a most agreeable passage in one of his larger landscapes, where the tone of roofs against a stormy sky was beautifully treated; all his varied work shows warmth, but the line is not always strong enough; this weakness also characterises A. N. Cowdy, who is otherwise promising.

D. A. Phillips's fantastic compositions are based on skilled drawing, as his study of horses revealed, and he has an unusual gift for limpid watercolour, where his skies are especially promising. The small figures in a large landscape, and the sense of impending drama, are reminiscent of Jack Yeats, but in his watercolours there is still too little sense of unity. It is this control of design which makes Rossi's paintings stand out among a large collection from the Lower School, all of which had the merit

Doubleday's copy of Van Gogh showed him to have sensibility as well as draughts-manship, and his original landscape was agreeably fresh; Sorrell's still life was a little dull, though the planes of colour were handled well; and Buckingham's copies of Constable, and his bright green woodland, were remarkable for the light that they re-

tained in spite of immature brushwork.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the exhibition was, in every medium, the willingness to experiment; the important thing is to want to paint or to draw, and the enjoyment was very evident; appreciation of design usually comes later.

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THE WORKSHOPS

Once again the annual exhibition of the Workshops was held on Speech Day. The most spectacular exhibits were the four sailing dinghies, two fully rigged, made by C. J. de Mowbray (prizewinning), J. G. Prunty, A. R. A. D. Mackenzie and T. G. E. Kilpatrick

There were many other exhibits which showed the great variety of work possible in the workshops. Among these were furniture, inlaid wooden bowls, tankards, iron and brass candlesticks and fire-irons. It was altogether an impressive display, and showed that the fullest use is made of the opportunities available.

"TWELFTH NIGHT"

Presented by the Historians at the Queen's Temple, July 27th and 28th.

Cast.—Orsino, P. N. T. Phillips (T); Sebastian, J. D'A. C. Cartwright (C); Antonio, N. G. F. Hesketh (C); A Sea-Captain, R.W. Bailey-King (C); Valentine, W. J. N. Moore (C); Curio, Prince F. N. von Preussen (W); Sir TobyBelch, C. D. Richardson (C); Sir Andrew Aguecheek, J. R. S. Pringle (B); Malvolio, W. R. B. Allan (T); Fabian, J. F. R. Saunders (Q); Feste, C. S. Wintle (Q); Priest, D. R. Howard (C); Officers, M. M. Orr (T) and M. J. Summerlin (Q); Olivia, D. J. Levy (T); Viola, R. E. Lloyd-Morgan (T); Maria, N. S. Lewin (C).

The Historians have been producing Shakespeare since 1935, and the magic of a good performance at the Queen's Temple on a still summer night is an unforgettable experience. Whatever its individual faults, each production has had an assurance which could not be duplicated elsewhere at Stowe. How, we wondered, would the Historians' Play survive Mr. McElwee's departure?

Let it be said at once that Mr. Bain's production of Twelfth Night succeeded brilliantly by its very difference. The Historians had perhaps got to know the Queen's Temple too well, and a fresh mind revealed fresh possibilities. Any producer can be forgiven for avoiding movement on the temple steps, which can so easily break the back of a line of verse or cause a comedian to fluff his business; but Mr. Bain and his assistant, Phillips, accepted the challenge and used every part of the stage and indeed the auditorium to hold the attention. There was always something to watch, sometimes—notably in the loose maul between Antonio and the Officers—too much; and the audience felt that they were in the middle of the action, and not detached spectators.

The acting and timing were on a par with the movements; there was no really weak performance and one or two outstanding ones. Phillips rounded off a most valuable acting career at Stowe with his Orsino; in the opening scene he had not quite deep enough a pitch, but his voice improved steadily and his speech to Olivia in the last Act ("You uncivil lady!") was as finely spoken as anything I have heard at the Queen's Temple. His entry down the steps in a litter was a delicious moment; he showed no trace of anxiety, though his bearers seemed to be a little worried.

Olivia spoke her lines beautifully and showed much of the depth of the character, but did not move with ease. Viola also spoke well and was very much on top of her part, though she might have shown more of what Lamb calls the "swell of soul" in her scenes with Olivia; she was, however, very good in the duel. I wonder whether

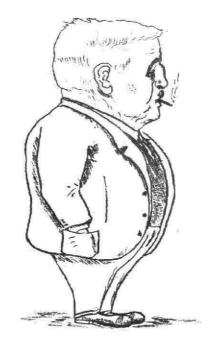


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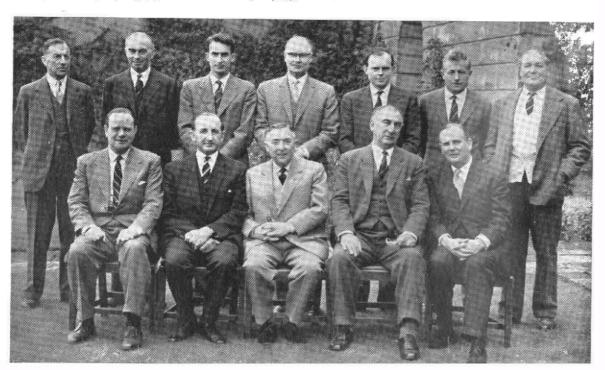


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from a drawing by C. M. St.J. Knight (G 1,

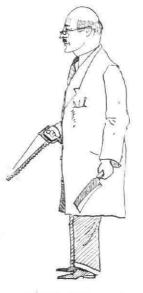
Group at the Opening of the Running Track, May 26th 1962. From left to right (seatea), C. E. Salamon (§ 1931), D. M. Baker (G 1933), A. R. C. Watson (C 1929), D. C.-M. P. L. Sherwood (B 1930); (standing) P.G.H., E. R. Avory (T 1927), D.W.D., A.N. J. D. Lloyd (B 1948), R. M. Bartlett (T 1947), D.I.B.



Among Our Souvenirs



M.M.M. at an O.T.C. Air Camp, August 1939



m 'The Epicurean', 1950



1939. J. B. Dwight (see Olim Alumni); P.G.H. timekeeping



Slow Bicycle Race,



Photograph by J.H.F.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" at the Queen's Temple-A Rehearsal

boys of fourteen are the best choice for serious Shakespearean heroines; I am quite aware that they did in fact act these parts in Elizabethan times, but I feel that the modern fourteen-year-old does not throw himself into the part enough and seems to be often reciting rather than acting. With this proviso, both Viola and Olivia did well. The secondary characters kept up a remarkably high standard; their diction in particular, especially that of Sebastian, Antonio and Fabian, was always clear and well modulated,

and one wished that they had had more to say.

It is the comedians, however, who make this play, and here we had, in Aguecheek, a completely satisfying performance. He was never at a loss and dominated the stage whenever he was on, sometimes to the disadvantage of Sir Toby, who was a little disappointing—not enough of a Lord of Misrule in that unruly household. Maria was delightful, straight from the buttery bar, and a mainspring of the action whenever needed. Allan's Malvolio was clear-cut and convincing, rather testier than usual and commendably free from self-pity. His final exit was especially effective. Wintle's Feste was cleverly done; his timing was good and he made the most of a not very strong voice. I felt that he could have been more ruthless, and I did not like his muted finale, in semi-darkness, of "When that I was and a little tiny boy," which seemed to me in the wistful 19th-Century "clown-with-broken-heart" tradition, and not truly Elizabethan; however, he composed the song with this interpretation in mind, and he is as much entitled to his opinion as I am to mine. His incidental music was delightful throughout, Elizabethan in idiom and at moments, especially in "O mistress mine", of real beauty.

I have now seen (and reviewed) the Historians' Twelfth Night three times. The production of 1948, in the Gym, was outstanding in the comic scenes, which is not to be wondered at when one remembers that Jeremy Burnham, now an actor of promise, was the Sir Toby and Colin Graham, now an accomplished producer, the Feste; the 1956 cast contained a better Viola and a better Olivia than either of the others; but this year's production filled the Queen's Temple stage more than I thought was possible and gave us, in Pringle's Aguecheek, the best single performance of any of the three.

I.C.S.

COBHAM HOUSE PLAY

On May 29th and 30th in Cobham Houseroom (the 'Whitehall Theatre' of Stowe), the Cobham Amateur Dramatic Society produced Caught Napping by Geoffrey Lumsden. In this auditorium, where a laugh is as infectious as the plague and about twice as painful, the audience was packed in ruthlessly rib to rib by R. T. Scholes and assistants. Before this congealed mass the cream of Cobham's histrionic talent was duly exposed in the course of the evening and received a loud, if cramped, ovation.

T. G. E. Kilpatrick was outstanding among a competent cast as a butler up long past his bedtime, and his interpretation of a senile domestic can be compared with great interest to a similar performance in the Congreve Club by C. D. Richardson.

D. L. F. Wilkie was the surprise success of the evening with his masterful playing

of a prophet of doom in short trousers.

D. S. Howard, although his speech was somewhat impeded by a raw carrot for part of the play, won through admirably as Lady Francis-Francis Cartmichael and his drunk scene and habit of falling in and out of cupboards sustain comparison with a

similar role played by your correspondent the previous year. A. C. Nares played his part of Major-General Sir Charles well and fortissimo. In the acting of the matron by N. S. Lewin the indirect influence of Mr. Bain could be felt. A. W. B. Duncan played Dr. Rodd very much as if he was a bald Cobham monitor and Talky (J. S. Edwards) seemed to have brought along his performing-flea circus. W. M. Harris was smooth and glib as Archie D'Arcy and J. Cunningham-Reid smooth and unprincipled as Gordon Wilding. J. A. Lister brought a breathless quality to the part of Mabel and the Potts clan was portrayed by C. M. Scholfield, D. A. Jennings and P. J. Whittaker (Wellington, Gertrude and Jill respectively). Behind the stage there were many who ought to be mentioned but will not be, owing to lack of space. The impressive bulk of J. H. B. Sargeant was massively efficient as Lighting and Effects man; the Stage Manager was R. S. D. Johnson and the Business Manager N. O. G. Murray.

Owing to the artistic efforts of Miss Scott and Mr. A. A. Dams, the faces were far

less hideous than they might otherwise have been.

E.G.M.R.-S.

THE BALLIOL PLAYERS

On Saturday, July 9th, the Balliol Players gave a modernised performance of *The Acharnians* of Aristophanes in the Chapel Court. Their response to the difficult task of bringing up to date an Athenian political satire was to remove from the dialogue most of Aristophanes' extreme bitterness towards the machine of government; the final effect was therefore well in the modern satirical vogue.

But we must not compare with Aristophanes; for the resemblances in detail were slight, although the general plan of the play followed closely on the original. Mr. Dicky Opolis (Aristophanes' Dicaeopolis) has been appointed to the Foreign Office, where he gets on badly with the existing Old Etonian clique. He is astounded by the inefficient way the foreign policy of the country is run, and concludes a private agreement to enter the Common Market. He then becomes involved in the consequences of his action.

The Acharnians themselves appear as an anti-Common-Market organisation, with which the last part of the action is concerned. The final scene represents a television quiz in which Opolis is interviewed by the Acharnians, and succeeds in convincing them that he is right. Unfortunately a jarring note was introduced by his turning to the audience and seriously defending the Common Market in terms exactly corresponding to the government's policy. The realisation that the production, in its serious moments, was ultimately on the government's side tended to shatter the conviction of the drama.

The action in general was slower than the ideal. One scene in particular, Opolis' visit to the Underworld, became little more than a succession of comic turns and parodies; indeed during the whole play we were treated to a wide variety of "acts", ranging from Shakespeare-Bacon and the Civil Service Selections Board to Elvis Presley.

Apart from everything else, we had some very good laughs from the production. All of us who saw it will remember it for a long time—if only for Elvis' sake.

J.F.R.S.

Music

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Stowe music this term has been as ambitious as it was varied. The term began with a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Terence Lovett. The programme opened with Rossini's Tancredi Overture in which the orchestra brought out all the delicious Italian ingredients provided. The Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 followed, and this proved somewhat disappointing. It was ponderous in tempo and the acoustics of the Roxburgh Hall showed up a lack of finesse that might well have passed unnoticed in less demanding surroundings. Rodney Senior's interpretation of Haydn's Trumpet Concerto was wholly delightful, especially in the slow movement. Perhaps the most exciting item in the first part of the programme was Mussorgsky's Night on the Bare Mountain. Its somewhat geographically based alarms and excursions gave one a vivid idea of some Russian Hell-Fire Caves, and the orchestra's playing was dramatic. After the interval came the second highlight in the form of Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes. These were brilliantly played and the contrast of impressions derived from mood rather than melody was in itself stimulating. The programme ended with Beethoven's 8th Symphony, which suffered the double misfortune of lacking pungency in the first movement and coming at the end of a programme that was in any case beginning to seem rather long. The last two movements contained some really lovely string playing, so that the balance was somewhat redressed. The overall impression of the concert was very favourable.

Music in the Library was played once this term on Sunday, May 27th, and was accompanied by such diversions from the heavens that Mr. Watson's ensemble were alternately illuminated by lightning and drowned by thunder; nevertheless such difficulties did nothing to mar the accustomed beauty of these chamber music recitals. The programme began with a delicious performance of Handel's Violin Sonata in E ma., followed by the clarinet Sonata in F minor by Brahms, which John Melvin played with confidence and with particularly good effect in the last two movements. The playing of Handel's Sonata for Two 'Cellos suggested that Oundle and Stowe are unusually fortunate in having two 'cello masters capable of such high standards of concert performance apart from teaching. The programme concluded with Brahms' Sextet No. 2 in G major, which brought the ensemble together in one of the most beautifully played pieces of music the Library has heard for some time.

The Stowe Summer Concert was again held on the evening before Speech Day and resulted in a performance of considerable delight and ability. It began with the Prelude to Die Meistersinger, which was a little lacking in definition. The Fauré Elégie which followed was well performed, and T. E. C. Bushell's playing admirably conveyed its characteristically dreamy manner. A. R. Negus' presentation of the first movement of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto was a quite outstanding performance, and well matched by the orchestra. This was a real highlight. The Glee Club followed with Tarantella, in which their good diction made up for their harrassed expressions. The last work of the concert was Dvorak's 4th Symphony, and here there were several moments when one completely forgot that it was a school orchestra on the stage, so fine was their playing under Mr. Watson's inspiring lead and enthusiasm.

The third concert in the Roxburgh Hall was given by the Radley College Orchestra on Sunday, July 8th. This might have created a task for the critic with Radleian loyalties, but in fact it was a pleasure. The concert began with a suite of Scottish Country Dances mercilessly arranged by William Alwyn, who made the orchestra's task far harder than was ever intended north of the Border. Where the strings had been left to themselves as in the two reels the result was good. The greater part of the programme was devoted to solo work in one form or another. R. A. Neden played the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor very competently and with considerable feeling; the orchestra also seemed much happier. J. R. J. C. Godwin played Mozart's Adagio for Cor Anglais convincingly though one suspected that his good control could have been shaken. J. B. H. Lawrence gave an exquisite rendering of Bach's Sarabande from the Suite in C for Unaccompanied 'Cello. G. Mizen played two Bartok dances with a certain fluency, and R. R. Deakin gave a quietly assured performance of Svendsen's Romance for Violin. The orchestra then gave the first performance of an adventurous Intrada by Joscelyn Godwin, the cor anglais player. This kept splendidly to the mathematics of its changing rhythms and the result was encouraging. One would like to hear it again. The closing piece, Gordon Jacob's Comedy Overture on the Barber of Seville, was very good entertainment involving much alertness and evident enjoyment on the part of the orchestra and pianist, and concluded a delightful evening.

The last concert of the term was given in Assembly by the Glee Club assisted by a group of Well Known Persons not very heavily disguised as the Haydn Orchestra. The concert possessed in full measure the two most important fundamentals in unaccompanied singing—first-class in-

tonation and diction. The first part of the programme also included an amusing appearance by I. A. H. Sitwell on his trombone. Perhaps the best group was the Negro Spirituals, which Mr. Proctor had under admirable control and with beautiful effect. Perversely the interpretation of We'll Gather Lilacs was more grotesque than must have been intended. The Haydn Orchestra came on in pseudo-serious vein and lit their candles in order to read the music of the Finale to the Farewell Symphony, which they performed with studied demeanour until the composer released them by degrees so that in gathering darkness only Mr. Watson was left. The audience's reception of the work was so rapturous that when certain members of the orchestra left the platform it was difficult to hear the music continuing.

The second part of the programme included Three Songs of Yale, and Four Sea Shanties, the last of them 'assisted by the chorus'. The appearance of part of the Jazz Band in Lullaby in Birdland was aesthetically incongruous in the programme, though it would have been entirely appropriate on other occasions, as it had been the night before at the Ball. The last item was, suitably enough, Closing Time and the only occasion when the resonance of Assembly proved too much for the singers concerned. It would be hard to imagine a more rewarding setting for the Glee Club to display the prowess that Mr. Proctor has inculcated in them, and for which he is to be congratulated and indeed thanked.

J.M.H.

PROGRAMMES OF CONCERTS

THE BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor—Terence Lovett

Leader—Alfred Jupp

SUNDAY, MAY 6th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Overture: "Tancredi"		•••	•••		Rossini
Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in	G				J. S. Back
Trumpet Concerto in E flat		•••	• • •		Haydn
Solo Trumpet-	-RODNEY	SENIOR			_
A Night on the Bare Mountain	•••	,•••		Λ	Mussorgsky
Four Sea Interludes from "Peter	er Grimes'	, ,,,			Britten
1, Dawn; 2, Sunday Morning	g; 3, Moo	nlight;	4, Stor	m.	
Symphony No. 8 in F ma., Op.	93				Beethoven
Allegro vivace; Allegretto sc	herzando;	Tempo	di Men	uetto ;	,
Allegro vivace.		-			

Gordon Jacob

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY SUNDAY, MAY 27th

JOHN MELVIN (© 1951) (Clarinet) Mr. EDMONDS ('Cello)
Mr. WATSON (Violin) ANDREW MILNE ('Cello)*

LESLEY MELVIN (Violin) Mr. PROCTOR (Piano)

GEOFFREY ROBERTS (Viola)* Mr. LEACH (Piano)

MARY LONG (Viola)
(* Members of the Music Staff at Oundle)

PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIAL MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE SCHOOL MILITARY BAND Conductor—Mr. E. J. Webb

At the C.C.F. General Inspection on the South Front Wednesday, June 20th

General Salute				
Parade March	• • • •			Balfour
March of the Priests from "The Magic Flu	te"			Mozart
Troop: "The Queen's Parade"	•••	•••	Ar	nold Steck
Trumpet Piece for a Ceremonial Occasion	•••	•••		Scull
The British Grenadiers				
March Past—"Bonnie English Rose"				
Regimental March Past of The Princess of Wales	's Own	(The Y	orkshire	Regiment)

SUMMER	CONCERT
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THURSDAY, JUNE 28th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Leader—J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)

Leader—J. F. R. SAUNDERS (Q)
Conductor—Mr. A. J. WATSON
THE GLEE CLUB
Conductor—Mr. R. J. F. Proctor
Prelude: "Die Meistersinger" Wagner
Elégie for 'Cello and Orchestra, Op. 24 Fauré Solo 'Cello—T. E. C. Bushell (C)
Clarinet Concerto in A ma., K.622 Mozart (1st movement)
Solo Clarinet—A. R. NEGUS (B)
Tarantella: "Do you remember an Inn, Miranda?" Randall Thompson (Words by Hilaire Belloc)
THE GLEE CLUB
Symphony No. 4 in G ma., Op. 88 Dvorak Allegro con brio; Adagio; Allegro ma non troppo
Concert by the Radley College Orchestra
SUNDAY, JULY 8th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL
Leader—E. N. BOOTHROYD
Conductor—Mr. D. W. M. PAINE
Suite of Scottish Dances William Alwyn
The Indian Queen—A Trip to Italy—Colonel Thornton's Strathspey—Reel: The Perthshire Hunt—Reel: Loch Earn—Carleton House—Miss Ann Carnegie's Hornpipe.
First Movement from Piano Concerto in A minor Grieg Solo Piano—R. A. NEDEN
Instrumental Solos:
(a) Adagio for Cor Anglais, K. 94 Mozart J. R. J. C. Godwin
(b) Sarabande from Suite in C for Unaccompanied 'Cello Bach J. B. D. LAWRENCE
(c) Two Bulgarian Dances for Piano Bartok G. Mizen
(d) Romance for Violin Svendsen R. R. Deakin
Intrada for Orchestra (First Performance) Joscelyn Godwin Comedy Overture: "The Barber of Seville goes to the Devil"
Contact of Sevine goes to the Devil

CONCERT BY THE GLEE CLUB

THE HAYDN ORCHESTRA (Leader—MR. WATSON)

Conductor-Mr. PROCTOR

Committee Title I Roctor
SATURDAY, JULY 21ST, IN ASSEMBLY
Gaudeamus Igitur
Landlord, fill the flowing bowl
Trombone Solo: "The Joker" Harold Moss
I. A. H. SITWELL
Three Folksongs: O No John!
Widdecombe Fair
Cockles and Mussels
We'll Gather Lilacs Ivor Novello
C. A. McIntyre, C. M. B. Charles, T. M. Watson, T. E. C. Bushell
Three Negro Spirituals: Ready When He Comes
Sister Mary
No Hidin' Place
Symphony No. 45 in F sharp minor (The "Farewell") Haydn Finale (Presto—adagio)
Violins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Leach, Mr. Millward; Viola, Mr. Deacon; 'Cello, T. E. C. Bushell; Double Bass, Mrs. Watson; Piano, Mr. Burke; Oboe, Mr. Saunders; Clarinet, Dr. Farmer; Horn, Mr. Webb; Bassoon, Mr. Walker; Timpani, Mr. Bain.
Three Songs of Yale: Careless Love
Carolina
Slow Motion Time
Lullaby in Birdland George Shearing
J. P. H. Cecil, A. D. Miall, A. J. Murdoch, I. A. H. Sitwell, N. W. Hartley
Four Sea Shanties: Away Susanna!
Shanandar
Bound for the Rio Grande
A-Roving
Closing Time Deryck Cook
C. A. Mcintyre, T. E. C. Bushell, P. F. Brown
Members of the Glee Club:
R. J. Atherton (C), P. F. Brown (C), T. E. C. Bushell (C), J. D'A.
Cartwright (C) (Secretary), J. H. P. Cecil (C), C. M. B. Charles (G),
N. O. Faure (C), P. M. Gallegos (G), N. W. Hartley (C), C. A.
McIntyre (G), A. D. Miall (B), W. J. N. Moore (C), A. J. Murdoch (T),

S. D. E. Parsons (W), J. F. R. Saunders (C), I. A. H. Sitwell (B),

T. M. Watson (C)

MUSIC COMPETITIONS

(Solo Entries)

IN THE FOYER OF THE ROXBURGH HALL ON SUNDAY, JULY 29th. Adjudicator—Dr. Sydney Watson, Organist of Christ Church.

There were so many entrants for the Music Competitions this year that a series of Heats took place during the previous week. Those who got through to the Finals had had the benefit of playing their competition pieces in public, and as a result most performances were secure and reasonably polished. Among the most encouraging features were the high standard of Junior and Intermediate grades both among pianists and string players, and the best organ competition Stowe has had for years.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Dr. Sydney Watson back to Stowe. He described himself as a ghost from the past and, although there was nothing ghost-like about him, it was nevertheless remarkable to reflect that he had been at Stowe from 1925 to 1928. His adjudications were kindly, sympathetic and highly entertaining. He said that candidates must be careful not to play in public a piece that is only just within their reach in the practice room. He also laid particular stress on the importance of a strong sense of rhythm.

Winners:-

Junior Strings: L. A. Pilkington (C).

Junior Piano: B. R. Lawrence (C).

Intermediate Strings: K. D. Frazer (T).

Intermediate Piano: A. D. Miall (B).

Senior 'Cello: T. E. C. Bushell (C).

Senior Violin: J. F. R. Saunders (C).

Woodwind: A. R. Negus (B).

Brass: I. A. H. Sitwell (B).

Senior Piano: C. S. Wintle (C).

Two Pianos: C. S. Wintle and A. R. Negus.

Organ: D. A. Wessely (G).

Boosey & Hawkes Cup (for the wind player who has made most progress): R. E. M. Cook (C) (Trumpet).

Fanshawe Cup (for the best perfomance of the day): C. S. Wintle (Piano).

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has met on two occasions this term. The first debate was held in the Library on Sunday, May 20th, when the motion was that "This house would like to get away from it all". Mr. W. R. B. Allan (T), who proposed the motion, spoke with dignified precision and amusing wit, and suggested that Stowe was as far away from it all as anywhere he could think of. Mr. P. R. J. Elliott (T), the Opposer, appeared to be in a critical mood, for, having taken a dig at most of the Officers of the Society, he compared Stowe to a monastery and said that he wanted to go home. Mr. J. D'A.

CARTWRIGHT (C), seconding the motion, made a speech saturated with parochialism, but delivered with persuasive fluency. The Fourth Speaker was the Co-opted Member, Mr. D. H. TEMPLE (6), who had us on about how he had got away from it all for six years in the South Pacific, but he did not recommend the idea. On the debate being opened to the house, speeches of note were heard from the Chief Whip, the Italianate Mr. J. F. Burns (6), and the member with the rich baritone, Mr. R. W. Bailey-King (C). The motion was won in the Upper House by eleven votes to eight and in the Lower House by fifty to five.

On Sunday, June 10th, the motion was debated that "This house prefers to be well heeled than well bred", which was moved by The Secretary. His nostalgic frame of mind became manifest as he told the house of his ups and downs at Stowe, and presented a list as long as his arm of men of nouveau-riche background who had reached power. The Treasurer, who opposed the motion, was his usual flippant self, upholding the value of illustrious ancestry and outlining his own, what he could of it. The Third Speaker was THE CHIEF WHIP, who wished to be both well-heeled and well-bred, but nevertheless condemned good breeding as a prejudice. The Fourth Speaker, THE LIBRARIAN, commenced in a pseudo-philosophic tone, but soon revealed his true colours as he fell back upon divers irrelevant anecdotes whose subject matter ranged from a Louis XIV gentleman of the bedchamber to a plug on the value of Eno's; he claimed to believe in the divine right of the aristocracy. After the paper speeches a lively debate ensued, being punctuated by, among other speakers, Mr. R. E. Lloyd Morgan (T) and Mr. T. E. C. Bushell (C) with their respective forms of humour. Upon a division being taken, the motion was won in the Upper House by seven votes to four and in the Lower House by nine to seven.

Messrs. W. R. B. Allan, P. R. J. Elliott, R. E. Lloyd Morgan and H. P. Lloyd Morgan

(T) have been elected to the Society.

A silver ink-well, inscribed with his initials and those of the Society, was presented to our former President, Mr. W. L. McElwee, in recognition of his long tenure of office and unfailing service.

Officers of the Society: President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Librarian, H. L. Cowdy (6); Secretary, N. O. G. Murray (C); Treasurer, P. N. T. Phillips (T); Chief Whip, J. F. Burns (6); Co-opted Member, D. H. Temple (6).

H.L.C.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

This term we had one extremely good meeting (the urgency of exams, alas, have permitted us no more) in which Mr. N. G. F. Hesketh (C) read an amusing yet very enlightening paper on "The Life of Herod Agrippa", the confidence-trickster of the early Roman Empire.

This term we must bid farewell to an old and faithful member of the Society, Mr. P. G. Hunter, after whose retirement the meetings will never seem quite the same, for ever since Mr. Hunter came to Stowe he has been the backbone of the Society, and President from 1929 to 1960. We hope, however, that he will sometimes be able to attend meetings in the future, for there will always be an open invitation for him, and the Society also hopes that his retirement will be long, prosperous and happy. We give him all our thanks for his lasting and ardent services to Classics at Stowe, and his enthusiasm towards the Society during meetings and in arranging expeditions.

T.M.W.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society has spent a more than usually active summer term, although A-Levels took their usual toll after the Exeat. Early in the term two film shows were held, primarily to benefit those going on the two expeditions on June 14th, when parties of about twenty members went to Pitstone Cement Works and to the Alcan Works at Banbury.

The Nucleus has met three times. On May 14th, G. R. Duncanson (W) read a paper on "Some Implications of Evolution" in which he very plausibly cast aspersions on several tacit assumptions of Darwin's theory. On May 28th J. H. Frazer (C) read a prize essay on "Fuel Cells and other Unorthodox Methods of Generating Electricity" which included an ingenious if somewhat far-fetched scheme for supplying Jerusalem with hydro-electric power by letting the Mediterranean run into the Dead Sea. At the last meeting, M. S. J. Rappolt (B) read a prize essay on "Low Temperatures" and Duncanson read another on "Adenosin Tri-Phosphate", the compound which enables glow-worms to glow, electric eels to shock, and muscles to function.

The senior members have also had three meetings. On May 11th we saw a somewhat complicated film on transistor radios. For the second occasion, N. R. Arden (C 1961) came down to give a lecture on Digital Computers. At the last meeting, on July 17th, D. A. Wilson (T) was elected successor to T. E. C. Bushell (C) in a threecorned fight against Rappolt and M. J. Krohn (W). After this, Mr. Blackmore read a provocative paper on "Understanding Science", in which he posed and gave his own answers to three vital questions,—What is Science? How does Science work? Does Science work? Considering the amount of keen discussion that followed one might well have imagined that even the five science masters present were not quite sure.

T.E.C.B.

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THE XII CLUB

Since the last report of the Club's activities five meetings have been held. At the first of these, last February, J. A. Likierman read his paper on "The Ethics of Advertising", which although not an original work of research was stimulating and interesting, if a little frightening. P. N. T. Phillips treated us some weeks later to his long and scholarly paper on "The Levellers"; despite its author's keenness this was a little too much for those not entirely at home in 17th-Century intellectual and social history. For the third meeting of the Easter term J. D. Goodwin provided one of the most amusing evenings the Club has enjoyed for some time by reading extracts from "The Hollow Crown, an entertainment by and about the Kings and Queens of England."

Although it was not known at the time, this was to be the last meeting with Mr. McElwee as President; all past members know how much is owed to him and to Mrs. McElwee both for their generosity and hospitality in the past and for their kindness in placing Vancouver Lodge at the disposal of the Club for this term.

The first meeting of the summer, with Mr. Bain in the Presidential chair, was the occasion of J. F. R. Saunders' interesting and illustrated paper on "The Violin", the head of the musical hierarchy. For the final meeting W. J. N. Moore talked about "The Origins of the Italian Renaissance", a subject of considerable interest, about which he spoke with authority.

With the departure of the McElwees from Stowe the XII Club finds itself temporarily homeless and leaderless; the present Secretary hopes that under new management meetings will continue to be as enjoyable and stimulating as ever.

J.D.G.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

After an untimely thunderstorm and other delays the Archaeological Society settled down in a Science Lecture Room on July 12th to hear Mr. R. E. Birley give a lecture on the Roman Fort at Carpow, on the south bank of the Tay estuary. After a brief introduction we heard a detailed account, illustrated by slides, of the fort as it has been excavated so far.

This site has been known for a long time, but only recently, when it was discovered to be a Roman Legionary Fort, and of huge proportions, has its importance been realised. Inscriptions on tiles have established it as the work of the 6th Legion, but certain dating is impossible as yet; it was probably in use from 210—212 A.D., in Septimius Severus' last campaign.

Mr. Birley questioned the hitherto general opinion that Scotland was never fully subdued by the Romans. The presence of this fort, he thinks, can only mean that at one stage the Highlands were quiet for a considerable time. The legionary fortresses were always well behind the frontier, and so a large legionary fortress beyond the Antonine Wall raises great problems. We feel firm confidence in Mr. Birley's ability to solve these.

The slides were very good indeed, precise without being formal; indeed, this was a characteristic of the whole lecture. We hope to be able to hear Mr. Birley again.

J.F.R.S.

THE JUDO CLUB

We have been very fortunate this term in obtaining the services of Dr. Owen (Black Belt, 4th Dan) who has acted as a coach for our new Judo Club. The initial enthusiasm was most encouraging but, as Dr. Owen has to travel from Oxford, only Wednesday evenings could be put aside for classes, and it was therefore necessary to reduce the number of prospective members to about 15. When it was learned that it was not possible to attain the Black Belt standard within a few practices, this number decreased to an even more convenient size of 10, and considerable progress was made.

J.P.

THE SEDIMENTARIANS

This term, owing to other distractions such as exams, the Sedimentarians only gathered together once; but the meeting proved to be the most worth-while the Society has ever held. This was because Mr. Charles Barr had been invited to give a talk on films and their evolution.

One of the first films to be made was 'The Great Train Robbery' in 1903 and from this point Mr. Barr took us right through to the modern Gimmick (twist), Big (The Big Country) and Small films so popular with the masses today. However, what he pointed out, which none of us realised before, was the decreasing importance of the directors, who were constantly surveyed by financial middle men. He also explained that the Western so-called 'typical Hollywood film' was so often filmed because it was a matter of tradition. The development of the West was still comparatively recent, and so perpetuated the filming of Westerns just as English films revel in Scotland Yard.

He implied that modern films are not so much the self-expression of the director as money-making concerns and therefore have to appeal to the public. Thus it was the director's job to try and get as much integrity into the film within his limitations.

D.H.T.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Oxford Water has been opened for fishing this term for the first time for several years as it was being restocked with Carp, Roach, Rudd and Perch. Steps have been taken under the charge of the Hon. J. M. Jocelyn (B) to see that it is properly and efficiently fished. For this reason five bailiffs were appointed: P. J. Watkinson (6), R. I. B. Price (B), I. D. Miller (C), T. B. V. Stockdale (C) and H. M. Byrom (W). The bailiffs were issued with permits and when they themselves were not using them they could hand them on to somebody else. These restrictions were only confined to the Oxford Water.

On Expedition Day this term the Society went to a wildfowl farm owned by C. J. S. Marler (6 1950). The collection was extremely interesting and varied, with species of ducks, geese and swans from all over the world. At the time of our visit all the wildfowl were nesting and Mr. Marler showed us the breeding hutches which contained the young ducklings being looked after efficiently by their foster-parents, some Silkie Bantams. In addition to the ordinary ducks, geese, and swans he had several species of the crane family.

This term we are unfortunately losing our President, Mr. Blackmore, as he takes up a new position in another school.

J.M.D.P.

THE GUN CLUB

The number of people shooting this term has been smaller than for some terms, but several new members have been shooting regularly and improving steadily. Mr. Peacock has again visited us for an afternoon's coaching and advice. On Old Stoic Day a match was arranged, and the Old Stoics, cunningly borrowing a Stoic for their team, won by 12 points. Thirty-five members of the School enjoyed seeing I.C.I.'s film "No Close Season" on July 9th. On Sunday, July 22nd, the inter-house shoot for the Princess Galitzine Vase was held in a blustery wind which made shooting conditions difficult. After an exciting competition, in which one "kill" only separated each of the first four houses, Walpole won back the trophy, with Grafton coming second.

H.M.B.

THE FILM SOCIETY

This term we have shown two films, The Third Man and Cyrano de Bergerac; of the two the former was more appreciated, being, perhaps, more suited to a Stowe audience.

On Expedition Day we went to Pinewood Studios as the guests of Mr. Julian Wintle, the film producer, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon viewing the various films be ng shot at the time.

M.J.F.C.

THE JAZZ CLUB

The A-Rabs got together one mid-week with no greater ambition than to provide themselves with a release. Four hesitant musicians eyed each other apprehensively and plunged into an agreed standard; and everything seemed to work out perfectly. This unexpectedly successful first start was perhaps due to the nature of the quartet: the sax just played the melody line, the piano filled in, the bass and drums provided rhythm, and it was all done by ear.

We originally set out to play for our own enjoyment but by the end of our first term we found that we might just work up enough numbers to provide an adequate programme for the Temple House dance. We managed to insinuate ourselves into a band-break and the reception we got encouraged us to pursue our exertions into the

next term and extend our repertoire. At the end of the Easter term we gave the school a brief cross-section of our numbers, ranging from 'trad' through 'swing' to quasimodern. I say cross-section because for the last two weeks of term we had been preparing for a dance in the holidays, for which we had to increase our repertoire considerably. The dance went far better than we had ever expected, and encouragement came not only from a highly receptive audience but also from a professional trumpeter who sat in with us on the odd number. This term sessions have been short and scarce owing to the pressure of exams, but we have been able to work up a selection for the Summer Ball and for a farewell concert.

Our short existence is unlikely to leave any lasting memories, except, perhaps, for the odd bar of *Moanin*', but we would like to leave behind a word of advice to any future groups—keep it small.

Line-up: Tony Murdoch—alto sax, clarinet; Tony Miall—piano, banjo; Peter Elliott-bass, trumpet; Jon Cecil-drums.

P.R. J.E.

C.C.F.

The camping programme during the Easter Holidays was quite extensive: 12 cadets and I officer manned a Motor Fishing Vessel on the Clyde, 9 cadets visited H.M.S. Collingwood and the R.A.F. party of 11 cadets and 2 officers visited R.A.F. South Cerney.

Two Arduous Training Parties were formed. 12 cadets, 2 officers and the R.S.M. spent 8 days on the North Yorkshire Moors and 24 cadets and 3 officers trained with the 150me Bataillon d'Infanterie Alpine near Briancon in the Hautes-Alpes.

There was no official Annual Inspection this year but Major-General G. C. Gordon-Lennox, C. B., C.V.O., D.S.O., was invited to inspect us on June 20th. The outstanding feature of the day was the Band. It has never played better and Mr. Webb is to be congratulated on the exceptionally high standard.

One officer and 4 cadets attended Exercise" Shop-window". Four week-end exercises have taken place; 30 members of the Army Section were 'away' to Winchester C.C.F. during the week-end 26th/28th May, 6 members of the R.N. Section did adventure training in small boats on the River Thames 16th/17th June, the H.A.C. visited Stowe and exercised 25 cadets in infantry tactics 19th/20th May, and the Inns of Court introduced 25 cadets to recce regiment tactics 7th/8th July. Our thanks are extended to the Commanding Officers of both these famous regiments for their kindness and patience. We hope that they will both visit us again.

The Coldstream Cup was competed for on Wednesday, July 11th, and was won by Chatham. The rules for this competition have been changed in consultation with the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Coldstream Guards. It now consists of 5 team events: -Guard Mounting, Shooting, Assault Course, Assault Boats and Rigging Evolution. The Cup is won by the House scoring the minimum number of points, i.e., first in an event scores I point, second 2 points, etc. Each event has an officer in charge and he makes himself available to House Commanders for House practices, but the spirit of the competition is that House Commanders alone coach their squads. THE STOIC 123

The Cup was presented this year by Colonel R. C. Windsor Clive, and Major C. S. Wallis-King (6 1944) judged the Guard Mounting.

The results of the various Shooting competitions are:—

Empire Test—House Competition:—I, Grafton, average 50.07; 2, Chandos, 47.86; 3, Bruce, 45.87; 4, Temple, 45.85; 5, Chatham, 44.96; 6, Cobham, 42.81; 7, Grenville, 40.21; 8, Walpole, 39.70.

Empire Test-Individual Competition: - Winner, I. D. Drysdale (6); Runner-up,

W. G. Fletcher (C).

Casualty Competition:—Winners, Grenville; Runners-up, Temple.

The following have visited Stowe this term:—Captain G. C. Mitchell, R.N., Director of Officer Recruitment, the Admiralty; Major J. G. B. Chester, M.C., (B 1943), Coldstream Guards, as President of the Army Proficiency Board; Flight-Lieutenant J. D. Davis (T 1952), who spoke to the R.A.F. Section; and Major Walsh, of the T.A.A.F.A.

Examination results:—(R.N. Section) Advanced Proficiency: 5 passed, 2 failed; Proficiency: 5 passed, 2 failed; (Army Section) Basic Test: 76 passed (7 with credit), 4 failed; (R.A.F. Section): Advanced Proficiency: 3 passed; 12 failed.

The following promotions and appointments have been made:— GENERAL DUTIES.

Appointed Senior Under-Officer: U/O R. P. Pearce (G).

Appointed Under-Officer: Sgts. N. G. F. Hesketh (C), S. Robertson (B).

Promoted to C.S.M.: Sgt. J. D'A. C. Cartwright (C).

Promoted to Sergeant: Cpls. G. E. Boden (6), T. E. C. Bushell (C), 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), R. Pasley-Tyler (6), P. T. Hirst (6).

Promoted to Corporal: L/Cpls. R. W. Bailey-King (C), A. D. Miall (B), M. R. W. Green (6), J. V. M. Froggatt (G), R. Pasley-Tyler (6), G. W. Rowe (T), P. E. Dawson (W).

Appointed Lance-Corporals: Cdts. C. I. Brinker (C), A. P. Dukes (W), N. A. S. Hughes (B), J. W. S. Law (B), C. C. Parker (W), B. L. Perryman (B), J. M. D. Powell (C), G. W. Rowe (T), C. M. Scholfield (C).

SPECIALIST DUTIES.

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Promoted to Sergeant: Cpl. W. M. Harris (C).

Promoted to Corporal: L/Cpls. D. R. S. Fargus (C), J. H. Frazer (C).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Promoted to Corporal: L/Cpls. K. Dabbagh (B), Sir Robert F. ffolkes (B), J. H. Grantham (T), N. A. S. Hughes (B), R. L. Jenkins (G), I. Nicholls (W), E. J.

Promoted to Lance-Corporal: Cdts. D. S. Beck (W), P. D. Campkin (C), W. P. Davis (B), D. H. Edwards (C), C. G. D. Evans (C), P. M. Gallegos (G), A. E. R. Garai (C), R. S. D. Johnson (C), M. A. A. Lawford (B), A. L. Nahum (W), A. H. Shrager (T), R. T. Scholes (C), D. A. Wilson (T).

R.A.F. SECTION.

Promoted to Sergeant: Cpls. J. F. Burns (6), D. E. B. Walker (C).

Promoted to Corporal: SICdt. T. J. Crosbie (6), P. R. J. Elliott (T), J. G. Prunty (T).

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ARDUOUS TRAINING

THE FRENCH ALPS

After leaving Stowe at 0615 the party proceeded to suffer a depletion of numbers at Bletchley Station owing to the mental disability of one of its members. He managed to rejoin the party half-way to London by catching a later train. Otherwise the journey proved uneventful. At Paris everyone had about two and a half hours to "do" the city before catching the south-bound train for Briancon.

At the barracks of the 159me Bataillon d'Infanterie Alpine we were issued with mountain clothing and skis. After a few words of welcome from the Chef de Bataillon Gonnet the party was transported to the Clos Enjaime at Mont Genevre.

Here we were joined by a party from the second Royal Tanks and a Junior Guardsmen Cadre. Much to the delight of the majority, but to the trepidation of certain others, all exercises were to be carried out on skis because of the heavy blanket of snow. Accordingly, the morning following our arrival we made for the nursery slopes to be classified. The following four days saw us building up our confidence on skis, collecting ricked ankles and developing blisters and a sun tan.

Sunday was declared a day of rest but those who had settled down to sleep were rudely awakened by the decision of the Colonel to build igloos. No tortuous description of the building of those structures follows, however; the writer assures you that it is a strenuous occupation best left to Eskimos in distress. Under instruction two igloos were completed, but the large one collapsed. At this point the party was given a morale boost by the arrival of the press. Photographs were taken, some of us were interviewed, and later a complimentary account of us and our activities was published.

On Monday we were declared proficient skiers and were up at dawn and off on a cross-country ski-trek to a hill fort at approximately 2455 metres on the summit des Anges. The party straggled and struggled and finally reached their wind-blown objective after hours of steady trekking. After a somewhat willy-nilly ski down, the group dispersed for a well-earned lunch.

That evening, fearful speculation ensued as to whether the suggestion that 5 cadets should sleep in the igloo would eventuate. The final decision was that Mr. Blackmore, Adjudant Alberto and three cadets would sleep in the igloo while three others would try out a Himalayan Tent. The following morning, after an unexpectedly comfortable night, a slalom competition was organised. This was won by N. J. Durlacher in the most commendable time of 51 seconds.

After lunch we packed and left the Clos Enjaime for Briançon. Here after an hour for last-minute buying we boarded a Paris-bound train. The trip to Paris being not worthy of mention it only remains to say that after breakfast in the city the appropriate train was caught and on arrival in England a suntanned party of scruffy cadets dispersed for their homes.

Our thanks are due to Chef de Bataillon Gonnet, Commandant Le C.I./B.I.A., for having us, Adjudant Alberto for looking after us at the Clos Enjaime, and Colonel Pinchbeck for persuading the authorities to let us go.

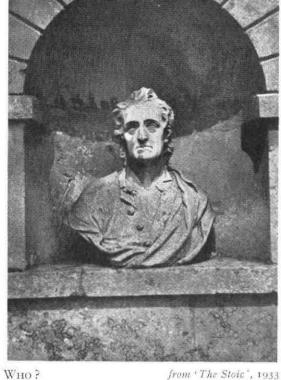
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A STOWE QUIZ (1) (Answers on page 152)



WHO?

from 'The Stoic', 1927





WHO AND WHAT?

from 'The Stoic', 1952

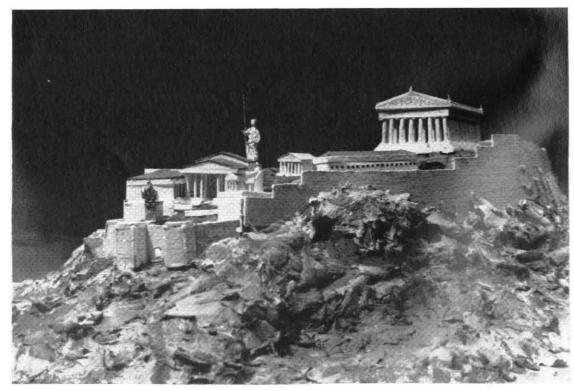
A STOWE QUIZ (2)

(Answers on page 152)



THE WILTON BRIDGE, WHAT DIFFERENCES FROM STOWE?

from 'The Stoic', 1937



from 'The Stoic', 1952 WHERE?

THE STOIC

NORTH YORKSHIRE

After a long and wearying train journey we arrived at Darlington station at 3.45 on Tuesday, April 3rd. There on the platform, in our bright orange anaraks, which made us look like bunch of shipwrecked sailors, Mr. McMurray gave us the cheering information that we were twenty miles from our base camp, an old disused priory, and that we had to be there by ten o'clock next morning. With that he left us and met Mr. Meldrum and R.S.M. McKeown, who had driven the truck with the stores up from Stowe.

One group almost beat the truck to the camp. There, after unloading, they bedded down for a comfortable night's sleep. Another group, after a good meal in Darlington, arrived at a spot not 300 yards from the camp (which they couldn't see) and spent a cold, sleepless night out in the open.

When we had all arrived we set about cleaning the priory up and gathering firewood for the stove which was luckily there. After a "delicious" compo lunch we set off on an eight-miles "loosening-up" march, the last five miles being completed in alternating showers of sleet and snow. That evening, when we had dried out, we

all went into the neighbouring village to revive our spirits.

Next day at 9 o'clock we set off on a six-mile cross-country march, with packs laden with tents, etc., to a spot with the attractive, but misleading, name of "Booze". When we had pitched our tents and had had some lunch, we were instructed in the arts of wireless operating and then went out for a little practical work. Just as we got back the heavens opened and behold !—snow, but fortunately it stopped in time for us to cook some supper. Afterwards we had a lengthy conversation with the farmer, who turned out to be a Rumanian who had come to England twelve years ago, after being in a Russian concentration camp for two years, and had just bought himself a farm. He tried to show his appreciation of this country by doing everything he could for us and that night we went to bed after warming ourselves round a brazier that he had provided.

The morning brought a change of weather and after a cup of excellent tea brewed by the R.S.M., who had come to collect our packs, we set off on a roundabout way back to the base. Our signalling tuition came in handy as we were split into two groups going by different routes, and we had to maintain radio contact. This little exercise

proved quite fun for all concerned.

The next day brought dull, wet weather and at 9 o'clock we drove off in the lorry for Semmer Water. When we had seen some of the local beauty spots through a veil of rain, we were dropped in two groups at two different places, each about 7 miles from the proposed site for the night's camp. The area that we were in is considered to be very lovely country, but because of the rain we were not able to see very much.

While we were packing up on the next morning it began to snow very heavily, and as we set off at 9.15 on our 16-mile return march, we were whipped by arctic winds. Luckily these died down after a while and we were able to continue our march in slightly better weather. One section did some magnificent marching and arrived at the camp at 2.15. The others, who had decided to take things more easily, were picked up by the officers a mile from the camp at 2.45. That evening those not content went 16 miles further afield in their search for entertainment.

The next day being Monday and also the last day of camp, we were allowed to stay in our sleeping bags till 8 o'clock. At ten we started our last march, which entailed a six-mile cross-country map-reading test. We arrived at Bellerby (the summer camp

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quarters) in time for a lunch of dehydrated beef curry. After this excellent meal we were taken to Catterick Camp for our first and only showers and then we spent the rest of the afternoon in Richmond. We arrived back at camp at 7 p.m. and after a final supper of compo, we started to pack our belongings whilst the R.S.M. collected in all the equipment that we had been issued with. When this had been completed we went to bed.

Next morning we were wakened at 5.30 and the indispensable R.S.M. cooked us a good snack breakfast of hot, strong tea and a nicely cooked boiled egg. When we had finished we gathered up our kit-bags and loaded up the truck. Here we left Capt. Donaldson and Mr. McKeown, and boarded the truck for Darlington. At the station we bade farewell to Mr. Meldrum.

As we boarded our respective trains we reckoned that it had been a week well spent and that on the whole the training had not been too bad, but all the same we would all be glad to get home to good food and a comfortable bed.

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THE SIGNALS EXPEDITION TO BRILL

A small detachment of the Signals Platoon went to Brill on Saturday, May 26th to assist the Brill Festival. Our job was to provide wireless links for traffic control and telephone links between the various official tents. To this end we went to Brill the day before and laid the necessary lines (all underground) and tried out the wireless links. Contrary to all expectation, the weather on the day was bad, and so only about half the anticipated number of cars arrived, with the result that our wireless links were not really needed. At the Festival itself, however, we were able, with co-operation from the local Civil Defence unit, to provide well-used telephone links for the organisers. Although our WS 88's were not used much, the Festival did provide valuable and badly-needed practical experience in the handling of these sets and of setting up a telephone exchange in the field.

STOWE SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

The Scout Troop has continued to increase in numbers, and a third Patrol has been formed. During the Summer Term three week-end camps near Stowe were held, in a wide variety of meteorological conditions. The Field Day, unlike its predecessors in the Autumn and Spring Terms, was distinguished by heavy rain, and was spent exploring the (overgrown) banks of the (dried-up) Buckingham Canal.

Plans to hold a Summer Camp in South Devon had to be abandoned at almost the last minute, and the camp was held instead at Gilwell, the International Scout Training centre in Epping Forest.

J. V. Doubleday (C) and J. N. Higman (T) gained First Class badges, and Doubleday also obtained the Scout Cord. A few special proficiency badges have been won. Doubleday completed perhaps the most arduous task of the term by building and sleeping in a backwoods shelter, and by cooking in clay (and eating part of) a particularly stale mackerel.

CRICKET

There has been a great deal of good cricket at Stowe this year. Although the number of drawn games would appear to be particularly large, most of them have involved close finishes.

The summary of results is as follows:—Won: Oundle; XL Club; The Dragonflies. Drawn: Pembroke College, Cambridge; O.U. Authentics; The Leys; R.A.F. Abingdon; Radley; Templars; Free Foresters; St. Edward's. Lost: Bradfield; Bedford; M.C.C. Abandoned: Buckingham; Cryptics.

Two things stand out in retrospect from the first eleven's season. The first is evident from the fact that only 15 people played for the side during the season, and that thereby continuity was achieved. From this a fine team spirit grew and it was obvious that they all enjoyed playing the game. The second, and it is a result of the first, was that the fielding throughout the term has been of a very high standard. Mistakes have of course been made, but they have been few, and a very fine example has been set by Sabberton at mid-off. Some of the side only reached the standard through a lot of hard work and determination, and all the more credit to them. Macoun in particular has fielded very well, and brought off a number of very fine catches. Mention must also be made here of Allerton in the covers and Hobson anywhere.

Our batting has probably not been so strong for years. The opening pair, Hobson and Murphy, nearly always got us off to a good start, and paved the way for the two left-handers to follow. Allerton at number three was, at his best, brilliant. His 96 against St. Edward's was an innings the whole school should have watched, and his 117 at Oundle won us the match. Sabberton at number four was an "accumulator", and played many invaluable innings.

As a consequence of the vast number of runs scored by the first four, the rest did not have so many opportunities to prove their worth. Nevertheless, some good innings were played, particularly by Dixey, Johnson, and, towards the end of the season, Garrett. Scott-Gall also proved his worth on the few occasions that he batted.

In the bowling line we were not so strong, but it was most encouraging to see how the bowlers improved throughout the season. Fisher proved

our spearhead, and bowled with great skill and determination. Considering that he came into the side late, his bag of 31 wickets was very commendable. Johnson, as the other opening bowler, also tried very hard, and returned his best analysis against the Free Foresters. Macoun, the off-spinner, worked very hard at improving his length, and did most of the work at Oundle. The captain himself was a most effective negative bowler, and got a lot of wickets for the bowlers at the other end. It was he as much as Fisher who nearly got us victory at Bedford.

With possibly six of the eleven left for next year one may be reasonably optimistic. The undoubted success this summer stemmed from teamwork, inspired by the captain, and it is to be hoped that this will carry through to future sides.

The 1st XI:-

Captain, D. R. Sabberton (B); Secretary, J. W. O. Allerton (G).

1st XI Colours have been re-awarded to A. R. F. Hobson (C) and awarded to M.W.G. Fisher (G), R. S. D. Johnson (C), A. M. Macoun (6), C. P. Murphy (G), D. W. J. Garrett (G), C. R. Dixey (Q) and A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T).

2nd XI Colours: P. H. L. Higham (T).

Also played: J. E. Poole (C), E. S. Dawes (B), J. G. Green (W), D. M. Mash (B).

STOWE ν . THE LEYS

Played at Cambridge on Saturday, May 19th. Match drawn.

Rain delayed the start of this first fixture between the two schools until after lunch, and another wicket on the edge of the square had to be cut. Sabberton won the toss for the fourth time in succession, and at 1.30, with a wet outfield and the temperature

in the low forties, Hobson and Murphy opened the innings.

The opening was spectacular; the second ball Hobson hooked for six runs, and in the third over repeated the shot off the same bowler. The 50 partnership was up in under thirty minutes, but the pace was too hot to last and Hobson was caught at the wicket for 37 morale-lifting runs. The rest of the innings subsided both in tempo and brilliance, and 162 was a disappointing total. Sabberton batted very soundly for two hours, playing some good shots all round the wicket, but eventually ran out of partners. Of the other batsmen Dixey applied himself well and Macoun played two good shots, but the rest succumbed to some steady bowling and ragged fielding. The temperature was not conducive to bravery.

After suitable thawing operations in the Pavilion and warming up round the ground, Stowe took the field in the hope that the Leys were too cold to offer much resistance. Unfortunately this was not so. Poole and Johnson bowled few balls straight enough to test their openers, until the former bowled a straight half-volley which was unsuccessfully aimed to long-leg. This brought in Hulme, who batted with increasing confidence to finish with 68 not out. He drove particularly well off the front foot,

and we never really looked like getting him out. Their captain, Royce, promoted himself to No. 4 to try to keep up with the clock, but on the loss of three quick wickets they seemed to lose interest. Our fast bowlers never looked like bowling them out, and they finished 34 behind with 5 wickets in hand.

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Total				162	Total (for 5	wkts	.)	128
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Haywood	II	2	39	3	Sabberton	7	3	15	1
Symes	15	2	37	2	Johnson	11	3	29	0
Shield	3	O	13	o	Green	3	О	1.5	0
Stead	4	1	16	0	Macoun	I	0	10	0

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 26th. Bradfield won by 9 wickets.

For the second Saturday running the weather was at its worst. The wicket, however, was true and firm, though a little green, and Sabberton, having won the toss again, elected to bat.

The start was again promising. Although Hobson was out with the score at 7, caught hooking one need scarcely say, Allerton and Murphy played attractive cricket for nearly 40 minutes to take the score to 54. Murphy was then out, and the innings never really got going again. Allerton was bowled half forward to Mence, having played some very good and sensible shots in his 37, but the score slumped to 91 for 8. Our batting rather than their bowling or the state of the wicket was at fault. Johnson at number 9 restored some sanity to the situation and played very well for his 33. He was last out, caught at backward cover by the younger Stevens, and he had revealed a wider range of strokes than anyone had given him credit for. Poole, his partner, had also looked safer than usual, and their partnership had shown up our earlier failures even more. After the three old colours there is no-one to be relied on.

It is unnecessary to give many details of their innings. Mence and Spicer batted well, with the former in command, and we never looked like bowling them out. We have not got one bowler who could be described as anything better than average. They all bowl too many bad balls. Our fielding on the whole was good, and it is a pity that our bowlers have never in the past had much inclination to practise on their own. It is the only way to become an attacking force.

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J. W. O. Allerton, b	Menc	A	***************************************	10	M. D. Mence, not out				
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A. M. Macoun, b Me					M. C. James, T. C. B. Lewis, D. K. L.				
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R. S. D. Johnson, c S	tephe	ens. b	Tod	33					
J. E. Poole, b Mence.		,		14					
M. W. G. Fisher, no	t out			0					
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Extras				1	Extras	2			
Total				129	Total (for I wkt.)	131			
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Mence	28	8	53	5	Poole 19 3 71	1			
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STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bedford won by 1 wicket.

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With an hour to go and seven wickets left, Bedford needed only 39 runs to beat Stowe at Bedford on Saturday. Yet 57 minutes later the ninth wicket fell with the scores level, and gathering tension had reached a storybook climax. The winning run—scored by a player who would not have been there at all if his captain had not gone to a wedding—came from the first ball of the last over.

Life spoils half its best crises, but not this one. Though Bedford have yet to be beaten, they will not want many such finishes. If a playwright had contrived it, he would have been accused of melodrama, though the scene was set with disarming convention in the morning, when sunshine soon gave way to the usual cold wind as two left-handers, Allerton and Sabberton, put on 76 in less than an hour for Stowe's third wicket. Allerton played many delightful strokes with a full swing of the bat, and Sabberton was a good enough player to score runs even with his timing awry. Bedford's bowlers have no indigenous left-handers to practise against, but these two gave them all they needed.

After luncheon the remaining seven wickets fell in 67 minutes for only 41 runs to the left-arm spin of Pearson, whose stock ball is the chinaman, and the medium pace of Henderson. Pearson ("he's a thundering good boxer, too," said a schoolmate) had bowled badly in the morning, conceding 27 runs in three overs, but his figures after luncheon were 9—4—17—5. And Henderson, who owed his first chance in the side to the absence of Bedford's captain, R. A. Lee, kept a tight enough length at the other end to deny the batsmen any relief.

Bedford's target was 158, and in spite of the menacing run-ups of the two opening bowlers, they were soon well on the way, Spray's cuts and drives finding the gaps with profitable regularity. Stowe's bowling was limited. Except for one over, Sabberton, medium-paced and defensive, kept an end going throughout while Fisher—who will be more effective when strong enough to put some body into his delivery—and Johnson plugged away at the other.

After Hobson had admirably run out Gilmour, the score was soon 100 for two. Everyone clapped, the dogs barked, the Test match broadcast droned on, and there was still not a whiff of crisis. Spray was admirably caught at short fine leg from a handsome enough stroke, but Mellor gave substance to the innings until he was fifth out at 124 with 34 still needed. The crisis had crept up on us, stealthily. Now Stowe were clustered round the bat. Appeals were frequent and boisterous, runs rare and thankfully applauded. The masters in charge were restlessly on the prowl.

The sixth wicket fell with 19 still needed, the seventh with six needed, the eighth a run later. With the scores level Caistor was bowled. One to get and the last man in. Lock survived, and Fisher, who has already got six wickets, took the ball for the last over. All depended on Henderson. Immediately he scrambled a single to relieve the breathless silence, but he will not forget his first match in a hurry. Nor will anyone

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A. R. F. Hobson, c C. P. Murphy, b Loc J. W. O. Allerton, c S D. R. Sabberton, c M A. M. Macoun, c and C. R. Dixey, c Evans. D. M. Mash, c Strong, R. S. D. Johnson, lb D. W. J. Garrett, Pearson J. E. Poole, not out M. W. G. Fisher, c Gr	trong, Mellor, b Hen Jones b Pea w, b P c Ev	b He b Pe derso b Pe rson earso ans-J	enderson n earson n ones,	7 n 54 44 1 7 1 1 b 1 b 7 on 2	R. M. Evans-Jones, c Garrett, b Fisher. P. H. Spray, c Macoun, b Fisher. C. D. Gilmour, run out. P. Mellor, c Dixey, b Sabberton. C. J. Kent-Jones, c Garrett, b Fisher. S. D. M. Strong, c Garrett, b Fisher. M. N. Griffiths, b Fisher. J. M. Pearson, c Johnson, b Fisher. M. Henderson, not out. D. E. Lock not out.				
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Lock	17	6	20	2	Poole	I	I	6	0
Caistor	12	2	30	0	Fisher	18.1	6	52	6
Spray	3	0	22	0	Sabberton	30	14	56	2
Pearson	12	4	44	5	Johnson	12	2	33	0
Henderson	13.5	4	34	3					

STOWE ν . RADLEY

Played at Radley on June 5th. Match drawn.

Once again we emerge with relative credit, but with no material success. There is obviously room for congratulations on our performance, but not for complacency. No-one must ever be satisfied with a draw as a correct result, or content with 'being quite a good side'. Our main task is to find attacking bowlers; the good results will follow quickly.

We lost the toss and were put in the field. The weather was hot and sunny, and the wicket and outfield fast and true. Everything was set for a very high-scoring game. That this was not the case was due very largely to our accurate bowling and tight fielding. At lunch they were 109 for 4, of which 16 had come from Fisher's six noballs; it was a very creditable performance in perfect batting conditions. After lunch

they consolidated their position, and batted for 200 minutes for 207 for 8 declared. During this time we bowled 74 overs and looked as good a side as we have all season. Scott-Gall on his debut had bowled quite well, and Macoun had found a much better

length than before. Sabberton had found his usual nagging length.

Their declaration left us 40 minutes less time than they had had to get the runs. In fact in this time they bowled 51 overs, again a considerable difference. Even under these conditions, 161 for 8 was a very average performance. No-one could pretend that we got out chasing the runs. Bad shots to bad balls were the order of the day and we never looked like making the runs. Their bowling was very much worse than their batting, and we missed a golden opportunity to win a memorable victory. Beyond recording that Allerton, Hobson and Johnson played some very good shots, and Scott-Gall some very sensible ones, there is nothing to be said about our batting. It reflected the sad fact that no-one really knows how to play an innings.

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R. J. Heywood, run R. G. M. Finn, lbw, C. E. Comins, b Fishe A. C. G. Eliot, c Hol T. E. MacDowel, lbw C. G. I. Croft, lbw, b P. J. Scott-Plummer, P. J. Allen, c Macour R. W. K. Ross Hur Scott-Gall Scott-Gall T. S. D. Sykes, not o P. N. A. Hayes did n	out	her. b Maccacoun erton out abbert Sabbe	oun on erton,	A. R. F. Murphy, b MacDowel				
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Total (f	or 8	wkts.	dec.)	207	Total (for 8 wkts.)			
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Fisher	14	4	59	2	MacDowel 13 5 32 I			
Scott-Gall	11	I	30	I	Hayes 14 6 35 2			
Macoun	19	4	49	4	Eliot14 3 50 3			
Sabberton	23	7	52	2	Comins 6 4 2 I			
Johnson	7	Ι	19	О	Finn 4 I 15 I			

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on June 23rd. Stowe won by 7 wickets.

Since the Radley game we had had two very close and exciting Club games. Against the Templars we were one run behind and against the Free Foresters the scores were level. In both matches a lot of runs were scored, and very few wickets fell. At Oundle our policy of putting the opposition in was justified, and a notable victory was recorded.

Even the most impartial observer would admit that Stowe won on merit. From the third ball of the day, when Fisher hit the middle and off stumps, to Allerton's final over, when he hit 15 runs, there was only one side in the game. It seems wrong that with such an apparently efficient side this should be our first success of the summer and the first school win for two years.

The feature of their batting was their efforts to hit the half-volley, which they did often and with success. Some of our bowling was not at its best, but the fielding was,

and Macoun caught two splendid catches. If we had bowled as well as we did at Radley they would not have scored 150. Johnson was particularly inaccurate, often unable to hit the pitch, and Scott-Gall never found his length. It was Macoun who was mainly responsible for the wicket-taking, looking a vastly improved bowler to a month ago.

Our opening pair as usual got us off to a steady start and saw off the opening bowlers. Board, their leg-spinner, was soon on, but Murphy particularly played him well. Hobson was the first out, being stumped after dropping his bat. This brought in Allerton, and from then on he was the chief actor in the drama. Murphy was caught and bowled from a very lazy shot, and Sabberton came and went having not really timed the ball, and then Dixey arrived in time to score 11 runs, and hit the winning square cut off which they ran four. Throughout all this Allerton had batted with great concentration and determination, and had only given one very difficult chance. It was a model innings of composure and efficiency. He stopped the good one and hit the bad one, and there is not much more that anyone can ask. We won with eight minutes to spare, and it was a fitting reward for a lot of practice that had been put in.

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T. F. W. Atkinson, B. B. A. Silk, b Fishe P. H. Mair, c Garrett J. K. Dougall, b Macot N. Board, b Macot M. S. M. Bell, c and l T. B. Graham, c Mur P. G. Le M. Peck, c N. D. C. Laird, lbw, b D. B. Hardy, c Garre	t, b Jo oun o Maco phy, b Macoun	ohnso oun Mac n, b J	oun ohnso	0 27 32 27 16 39 n 1 22	A. R. F. Hobson, st. Mair, b Board 15 C. P. Murphy, c and b Hardy 3 J. W. O. Allerton, not out 11 D. R. Sabberton, c Silk, b Hardy 10 C. R. Dixey, not out 11 R. S. D. Johnson, A. R. G. Scott-Gall, A. M. Macoun, D. W. J. Garrett, E. S. Dawes and M. W. G. Fisher did not bat.				
P. C. Jewell, not out					Extras				
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	o.	М.	R.	w.	Peck				
Fisher	16.2	4	55	3	Laird 7 2 18 o				
Johnson	20	0	75	2	Board 11 0 47 I				
Scott-Gall	4 .	o	15	0	Hardy 18 4 60 2				
Macoun	20	6	47	4	Atkinson 4 o 18 o				

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on July 7th. Match drawn.

Once again the weather was perfect for a game of cricket, and there was hardly a sweater to be seen. Unfortunately the game itself was not up to the same standard. As an exhibition of individual talents there was a great deal to recommend it, but as a contest it died a painful death from lunchtime onwards. This was due to the not unnatural attitude of St. Edward's that, having been put in and having lost 31 for 4, they were not going to present us with another chance of winning. In this they were entirely successful.

Stowe won the toss and put St. Edward's in to bat; from then on it was a war of attrition. The wicket was a little green and fresh, and the ball was bouncing higher than usual. It was partly due to this that Garrett had the chance to catch five out of seven chances behind the wicket. He has improved greatly as a keeper, and in fact has so far this term let through only 30 byes. He was awarded his colours after the

game. After an hour, with the score at 31 for 4, we were right on top, but from then on we steadily lost our grip. One or two difficult catches were put down and a vital run-out was missed. At 228 for 9 they declared, having lost two wickets in the last over. The time was 3.50 and we had 130 minutes to make the runs. In the 50 minutes before tea we were 69 for 1, an 1 were faced with exactly 160 in the remaining eighty minutes. At no stage of our batting, but particularly not after tea, was there any great determination to win. There was good batting in plenty, Allerton again playing a great innings with some beautifully controlled hard hitting, but there seemed to be no serious attempt to win. With victory as the main objective, we admitted too early that we could not get the runs in the time. It is a difficult but vital lesson to learn that positive cricket is essential at all times.

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G. K. Bell, c Garrett,					,					
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N. R. Phelps, c Aller						D. R. Sabberton, c Townley, b Butter-				
R. L. Best, c Garrett, b Johnson										
						C. R. Dixey, c Hudson, b Best				
						A. R. G. Scott-Gall, not out				
A						D. W. J. Garrett, not out				
						P. L. Higham, R. S. D. Johnson, A. M.				
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Macoun	6	ó	27	ó		Best	15	2	77	2
Sabberton	7	2	17.	0		Butterworth	14	6	25	I
Scott-Gall	6	τ	31	0		Townley	3	0	22	0
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OTHER CLUB MATCHES

Thursday, May 10th v. Pembroke College, Cambridge. Home. Drawn.

Pembroke 125 for 7 wkts. dec. (P. G. Hamilton 56 not out; J. E. Poole 4 for 33).

Stowe 102 for 7 wkts. (D. R. Sabberton 35, J. W. O. Allerton 33, A. R. F. Hobson 23).

Saturday, May 12th v. Buckingham. Home. Abandoned. Buckingham 159 for 2 (B. Tustian 82 not out).

Tuesday, May 15th v. Oxford University Authentics. Home. Drawn.

Authentics 232 for 5 wkts. dec. (R. Fortin 65, R. Minns 79, A. Maclachlan 70).

Stowe 210 for 9 wkts. (Sabberton 68, Allerton 55, M. Tuohy 4 for 62).

Tuesday, May 22nd v. R.A.F. ABINGDON. Home. Drawn.

Stowe 181 for 3 wkts. dec. (D. R. Sabberton 60, J. W. O. Allerton 60 not out).

R.A.F. Abingdon 167 for 9 wkts. (N. Hoggett 47, C. Moore 43 not out, J. W. O. Allerton 6 for 56).

Tuesday, May 29th v. CRYPTICS. Home. Abandoned. Cryptics 51 for 2 wkts.

Saturday, June 9th v. Stowe Templars. Home. Drawn.

Stowe Templars 225 for 6 wkts. dec. (N. Rushton 94, N. Barling 52; M. W. G. Fisher 4 for 75). Stowe 224 for 6 wkts. (C. P. Murphy 55, J. W. O. Allerton 62, C. R. Dixey 43 not out).

Saturday, June 16th v. Free Foresters. Home. Drawn.

Free Foresters 257 for 6 wkts. dec. (T. J. King 65, D. J. Mordaunt 135; R. S. D. Johnson 5 for 59).

Stowe 257 for 5 wkts. (D. R. Sabberton 115 not out, C. P. Murphy 43, C. R. Dixey 38).

Friday, June 29th v. XL Club. Home. Won by 9 wickets.

XL Club 173 (H. R. Cox 54 not out, R. S. D. Johnson 4 for 31).

Stowe 177 for 1 wkt. (A. R. F. Hobson 86 not out, C. P. Murphy 68).

Saturday, July 14th v. M.C.C. Home. Lost by 1 wicket.

Stowe 141 (D. W. J. Garrett 33; D. K. Fasher 3 for 13).

M.C.C. 145 for 9 wkts. (M. D. Scott 44, A. M. Macoun 5 for 75).

Saturday, July 21st v. Dragonflies. Home. Won by 120 runs.

Stowe 206 for 6 wkts. dec. (A. R. F. Hobson 81, D. R. Sabberton 66; M. Corby 4 for 71).

Dragonflies 86 (N. Barling 25; M. W. G. Fisher 6 for 30, R. S. D. Johnson 3 for 40).

IST XI AVERAGES

				Batting			
			Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. W. O. Allerton			14	3	619	117*	56.27
D. R. Sabberton			13	2	499	115*	45.36
A. R. G. Scott-Gal	l		5	3	81	28*	40.50
A. R. F. Hobson			14	Ĭ	412	86*	31.69
C. P. Murphy			14	o	313	68	22.36
C. R. Dixey			13	3	170	43*	17.00
R. S. D. Johnson			9	I	86	33	10.75
A. M. Macoun			9	o	78	19 .	8.67
D. W. S. Garrett	• • •		9	3	50	33	8.33
P. H. L. Higham			1	o	2	2	2.00
M. W. G. Fisher	•••	•••	3	* Not out	2	2	2,00
				Bowling			
*			Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. W. O. Allerton			14.4	2	60 .	7	8.57
M. W. G. Fisher			185.3	58	503	31	15.23
R. S. D. Johnson			161	31	510	22	23.18
A. M. Macoun			148	23	530	17	31.18
D. R. Sabberton			141	43	36 1	9	40.11
A. R. G. Scott-Gal	1		38	5	141	I	141.00
				CATCHES			

D. W. J. Garrett (wicket-keeper) 15; A. M. Macoun 7; J. W. O. Allerton 6; A. R. F. Hobson 6; D. R. Sabberton 6; R. S. D. Johnson 5; C. P. Murphy 3.

2ND XI

We have certainly had our share of close finishes and, if nothing else, 2nd XI cricket has been full of incident and sudden changes of fortune. With quite a number of last year's Colts included the side has been workmanlike and has shown considerable promise, although never quite fulfilling its potential. Usually electing to bat second—with the disadvantage of depending on one's opponents' declaration—they have not had the experience or the technique to build up an innings steadily when required to score runs at what was sometimes a fairly rapid note. Still they have been lively in the field and not missed many chances, and their cheerful enthusiasm has owed much to Duncan's leadership; he has made mistakes but has always been ready to learn and

in time he has developed the ability to handle his bowling and field-placing quite sensibly.

The batting has never been reliable enough. Mash has been the steadiest, although often not realising the need for haste even at the beginning of an innings, while latterly Dawes has been a welcome addition and A. W. B. Duncan, Higham, Grace, Durlacher and Mellersh have all had good innings. Green and A. W. B. Duncan have borne the brunt of the bowling, both of them with considerable success, while Fyfe has become a steady and most economical seamer, often among the wickets, and Mellersh too has bowled usefully at times; however, after losing Higham we have lacked someone who could turn the ball and the attack became too unbalanced.

All in all it has been a most enjoyable season, even if only two wins were achieved.

Team:—A. W. B. Duncan (C) (Capt.), J. G. Green (W), D. M. Mash (B), E. S. Dawes (B), A. A. B. Duncan (C), N. J. Durlacher (W), A. G. Fyfe (6), N. J. Grace (C), N. Honeyman Brown (G), M. F. A. Mellersh (C), J. E. Poole (C), G. W. Rowe (T).

2nd XI Colours:—A. W. B. Duncan, J. G. Green, D. M. Mash, E. S. Dawes, A. A. B. Duncan, N. J. Durlacher, A. G. Fyfe, N. J. Grace, N. Honeyman Brown, M. F. A. Mellersh, G. W. Rowe.

Results :-

Saturday, May 19th v. THE LEYS. Away. Drawn.

The Leys 144 for 9 wkts. dec. (A. W. B. Duncan 5 for 41, Fisher 4 for 45). Stowe 107 for 9 wkts.

Saturday, May 26th v. R.A.F. Halton. Away. Won.

Stowe 92. R.A.F. Halton 59 (Scott-Gall 9 for 16).

Saturday, June 2nd v. BEDFORD. Home. Drawn. Bedford 122. Stowe 118 for 9 wkts. (Durlacher 39).

Saturday, June 9th v. Stowe Templars. Home. Drawn.

Stowe Templars 208 for 8 wkts. dec. (A. W. B. Duncan 4 for 56). Stowe 189 for 8 wkts. (Mash 69 not out, Grace 30).

Saturday, June 16th v. R.A.F. HENLOW. Home. Drawn.

Stowe 142 for 3 wkts. dec. (Higham 41 not out, A. W. B. Duncan 34 not out, Durlacher 37). R. A. F. Henlow 137 for 9 wkts.

Saturday, June 23rd v. Oundle. Away. Lost. Oundle 184 for 6 wkts. dec. Stowe 80.

Saturday, July 7th v. St. Edward's. Away. Lost. St. Edward's 182 for 8 wkts. dec. Stowe 132.

Saturday, July 14th v. RADLEY. Away. Won.

Radley 115 (Fyfe 5 for 23). Stowe 116 for 9 wkts. (Dawes 67 not out).

Saturday, July 21st v. BLOXHAM. Away. Drawn.

Bloxham 132 for 8 wkts. dec. Stowe 109 for 7 wkts. (Dawes 38)

3RD XI

The 3rd XI under the captaincy of Winton have had an unfortunate season, having lost seven of their nine matches and drawn two. This analysis does not suggest the narrow margins of some of the defeats and on the whole the standard of cricket has been higher than in previous years. This goes a long way to justify the formation of the second game known as the '44 Club'.

As often happens at this level of cricket the batting was poor with too many people becoming impatient when the runs were not coming quickly. Edwards and

Wilesmith, the remaining 3rd XI colours from last year, were the most consistent scorers, but Dabbagh, Monkhouse, and Channing Williams were all capable of high scores. Of the bowlers Everett was very steady and took the most wickets while Winton and Channing Williams, the opening pair, were frequently too inaccurate. Hailey improved throughout the season and Dabbagh had several successful spells. The fielding was generally poor, particularly in the Radley match, which could so easily have been won by better catching.

Winton, Dabbagh, Monkhouse and Everett were awarded their 3rd XI colours.

Results :-

Saturday, May 26th v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 44 runs. Royal Latin School 94 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 50.

Saturday, June 2nd v. BEDFORD. Home. Bedford won by 25 runs. Bedford 77 (Everett 4 for 4). Stowe 52.

Saturday, June 9th v. Steeple Claydon. Home. Steeple Claydon won by 27 runs. Steeple Claydon 77 for 9 wts. dec. Stowe 50.

Saturday, June 16th v. PAULERSPURY. Home. Match drawn. Paulerspury 180 (Humphries 81). Stowe 99 for 4 wkts. (Edwards 37 not out).

Saturday, June 23rd v. Royal Latin School. Away. Match drawn. Royal Latin School 150 for 2 wkts. dec. Stowe 102 for 9 wkts.

Thursday, June 28th v. Oundle. Away. Oundle won by 23 runs. Oundle 134. Stowe 111 (Dabbagh 44).

Saturday, July 7th v. St. Edward's. Away. St. Edward's won by 127 runs. St. Edward's 195 (Everett 5 for 50). Stowe 68.

Saturday, July 14th v. Radley. Away. Radley won by 2 wkts. Stowe 101 (Edwards 56). Radley 105 for 8 wkts.

Saturday, July 21st v. Steeple Claydon. Away. Steeple Claydon won by 2 runs. Steeple Claydon 156. Stowe 154 (Channing Williams 50).

Team:—R. S. Winton (6) (Capt.), M. G. S. Wilesmith (6), J. S. Edwards (C), K. Dabbagh (B), R. E. M. Everett (T), J. F. M. Monkhouse (C), S. Channing Williams (C), M. R. Hailey (W), T. M. Watson (C), R. A. Clegg (W), D. A. Howie (C).

4th XI

The formation of the '44 Club' has made it possible for the 4th XI to play a number of school matches. Their debut in representative cricket has not been brilliant with four matches lost, but some of the members of the team are young and will have at least another two seasons with the Club. All the batsmen are 'tonkers' and consequently although the runs come very quickly their scores are liable to be very erratic. Sherrard, Moores and Bellamy all have a good eye and made high scores during the season. Particularly noteworthy was the 65 of Moores, who was discovered at the end of the season. Bellamy and Crosbie were the medium-pace opening bowlers and Sherrard was a steady spinner.

Results:-

Saturday, June 2nd v. Bedford. Home. Bedford won by 6 wickets. Stowe 96 for 8 wkts. dec. Bedford 100 for 4 wkts.

Thursday, June 28th v. Oundle. Away. Oundle won by 20 runs. Oundle 146 for 5 wkts. dec. Stowe 126.

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Saturday, July 7th v. St. Edward's School. Home. St. Edward's School won by 6 wickets. Stowe 68. St. Edward's 69 for 4 wkts.

Saturday, July 14th v. RADLEY. Away. Radley won by 4 wickets. Stowe 149 (Moores 65). Radley 150 for 6 wkts.

Team: -J. M. D. Powell (C), H. J. C. Morland (B), R. L. Jenkins (G), N. C. D'Arcy (C), E. J. Sherrard (C), Hon. J. D. C. Parker (G), D. R. Moores (G), M. H. Bellamy (C), T. J. Crosbie (6), J. F. B. Ford (W), M. P. Combe (W).

THE COLTS

The Colts had a season of fluctuating fortunes. After an early disaster against Bradfield they played some attractive and confident cricket, but in the last three matches despite respectable-looking scores against St. Edward's and Bloxham, the batting was poor.

However, the main weakness of the Club was bowling. The only bowler of any real penetration was Vane—against Bedford he performed the remarkable achievement of taking the first nine wickets and catching the tenth—but lack of support cost the Oundle match and accounted for the large scores made by Radley and St. Edward's. Many runs could have been saved if the captain and bowlers had shown more appreciation of the difference between setting attacking and defensive fields.

The weakness and lack of variety of bowling also had an effect on the batsmen. Batting, which had been aggressive against similar moderate attacks, became tentative and showed lack of experience against Bradfield, St. Edward's and Radley, whose bowling was much stronger. Nevertheless there was some talent among the batsmen. Burton-Carter, despite a serious weakness in technique, showed determination and application and on three occasions saved awkward situations. Millar had a purple patch in mid-season, but will find it difficult to make runs in better company unless he improves his back play. Baker played a couple of useful innings but was a very slow starter and missed too many opportunities of scoring. Vane hit the ball refreshingly hard in unorthodox fashion and his 72 against St. Edward's (including three sixes in an over) made the score look respectable. Goodchild and Davis had disappointing seasons but have the technique to be more consistent in the future.

The fielding of the team was good, of the other members of the Club considerably less so. Gronow, Burton-Carter and Goodchild were well above average as close fielders, while Vane, Frean and Baker often distinguished themselves.

To sum up, it was a season when too many of the Club did not fulfil their promise. Many of the early season's weaknesses were still present at the end and not enough members realized that natural talent is no substitute for hard work and sensible practice.

.. Results:-

Saturday, May 26th v. BRADFIELD. Home. Lost. Bradfield 128 for 9 wkts. dec. (Vane 4 for 42). Stowe 67 (Goodchild 35)

Saturday, June 2nd v. BEDFORD. Away. Won. Stowe 157 for 4 wkts. dec. (Davis 60, Millar 58 not out). Bedford 39 (Vane 9 for 10).

Saturday, June 23rd v. OUNDLE. Home. Drawn. Stowe 203 for 8 wkts. dec. (Millar 63, Vane 44, Burton-Carter 36). Oundle 97 for 8 wkts. (Vane 6 for 38).

Tuesday, June 26th v. C.F.D's, XI. Home. Drawn. Stowe 179 for 3 wkts. dec. (Millar 55, Baker 46 not out). C.F.D's XI, 157 for 8 wkts. Saturday, July 7th v. St. Edward's. Away. Lost. St. Edward's 211 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 155 (Vanc 72, Burton-Carter 38).

Saturday, July 14th v. RADLEY. Home. Lost. Radley 164 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 70. Colts 2nd XI v. RADLEY. Home. Won. Stowe 92. Radley 81.

Saturday, July 21st v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won. Stowe 151 for 4 wkts. dec. (Burton-Carter 92 not out, Baker 31 not out). Bloxham 62.

Team: -C. J. T. Vane (C), A. M. T. Millar (B), N. H. Burton-Carter (C), M. J. Baker (G), R. N. Goodchild (C), J. P. Gronow (G), J. R. Hallam (C), C. P. Frean (C), L. C. J. Wilcox (B), H. M. Braithwaite (C), M. K. Davis (6). Also played: _ J. C. Bemrose (W), T. St. F. Jackson (T), J. P. Agnew (W).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

It was ironical that the last match of the season should have been lost mainly through inaccurate bowling and dropped catches, for hitherto the team's main strength had been in the field. The fielding has been excellent, especially in the Oundle and St. Edward's matches, with throwing-in of almost Australian standard. This reflects the immense keenness and enjoyment which not only the team but also the whole club has shown at all times.

Team spirit has indeed been one of the most impressive features of the season. To this must be added the admirable captaincy of Durlacher, who has controlled his bowlers and set his field with considerable maturity and friendly authority, and whose only error was a latish declaration against Radley. The third outstanding feature has been the batting and bowling of Dixey, whose batting average was 49.6, and who took 23 wickets for only 137 runs.

Apart from that of Dixey, the batting has always been suspect. This was particularly evident in the Bedford and Bloxham matches. No other player has shown any consistency, and latent talents have not been realised. Durlacher, Stock and Ward could all become stylish batsmen; Burdon is watchful and can hit hard; Salamon has a fierce off-drive; Buchanan, Davies and Mackintosh are learning not merely to swing but to wait patiently for the loose ball. The club as a whole has plenty of potential batsmen, but it will need all their present eagerness and a greater concentration to make them really useful.

The brunt of the bowling has fallen to Dixey and Parsons. The former's pace and his slower ball and the latter's late away swing have sometimes been devastating, but each needs to vary his bowling more. Golding's seamers have deserved more success than he has had. Mackintosh and Stock promise well as off-spinners, and Burdon's left arm may do some damage when he decides which style and speed to adopt. Lawrence, at times quick and agile, at others languid and slipshod, could become a very good wicket-keeper indeed.

With neat and reliable fielding and bowling that was nearly always on top, it is a pity that our batting should have been so often dependent on a single partnership-Dixey and Durlacher (53) against Oundle; Golding and Parsons (54) against Radley; Dixey and Mackintosh (65) against Bloxham. If, however, the batting can be stiffened, there is no reason why this should not make a good Colts side, for the spirit and leadership have been beyond reproach.

The second team played two matches—a deserved win against St. Edward's and a curiously listless loss against Radley.

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The following have played:—W. P. Durlacher (W) (Capt.), J. N. Dixey (B), N. J. Parsons (W), S. Λ. Stock (W), G. J. B. Burdon (C), R. H. Salamon (S), I. V. Golding (C), B. R. Lawrence (C), B. S. Davies (S), P. L. Mackintosh (C), I. F. Buchanan (W), R. W. Ward (G), R. Λ. Durrant (W), J. W. Matthews (C), R. Λ. Campbell (C), A. B. Silcock (C).

Results :-

Saturday, June 2nd v. Bedford. Away. Lost.

Bedford 122 for 9 wkts. dec. (Golding 3 for 13, Dixey 2 for 35).

Stowe 55 (Dixey 20).

Saturday, June 23rd v. Oundle. Home. Won by 8 wickets.
Oundle 115 (Dixey 5 for 21, Parsons 2 for 30).
Stowe 119 for 2 wkts. (Dixey 64 not out, Burdon 20, Durlacher 20 not out).

Saturday, July 7th v. St. Edward's. Home. Won by 10 wickets.

St. Edward's 22 (Dixey 6 for 5, Parsons 4 for 9). Stowe 24 for 0 wkt. (Salamon 17 not out). Second Team. Home. Won by 4 wickets. St. Edward's 54. Stowe 55 for 6 wkts.

Saturday, July 14th v. RADLEY. Home. Drawn.

Stowe 152 for 9 wkts. dec. (Golding 44 not out, Dixey 25, Ward 22). Radley 96 for 9 wkts. (Dixey 6 for 32). Second Team: Home. Lost by 4 wickets.

Stowe 96. Radley 98 for 6 wkts.

Saturday, July 21st v. BLOXHAM. Home. Lost. Bloxham 117 (Dixey 4 for 40, Parsons 4 for 22). Stowe 104 (Dixey 40, Mackintosh 33).

HOUSE MATCHES

Once again there has been a change in the system of Cricket House Matches. It was decided this year that there should be only two age-levels, over and under 16, and that the competition should be on the knock-out rather than the split league system. In the first round and in the semi-finals the games were played on a 40-over limit, and in the final there were two innings played to a finish. In the event only one House batted for 40 overs, so that there were no artificial results.

Temple were the winners of the Seniors after a prolonged but very interesting struggle. Grenville were always a little in front until the final afternoon, when they collapsed badly to be all out for 55. There was a lot of good cricket from both sides, there being seven current first eleven players participating.

Scores :-

Temple 188 (Sabberton 109, Higham 33; Moores 4 for 32) and 172 (Rowe 70, Higham 45; Fisher 6 for 58, Moores 4 for 32).

Grenville 214 (Murphy 57, Allerton 53, Garrett 55; Scott-Gall 7 for 97) and 55 (Murphy 24; Scott-Gall 5 for 18, Sabberton 4 for 13).

Result:—Temple won by 91 runs.

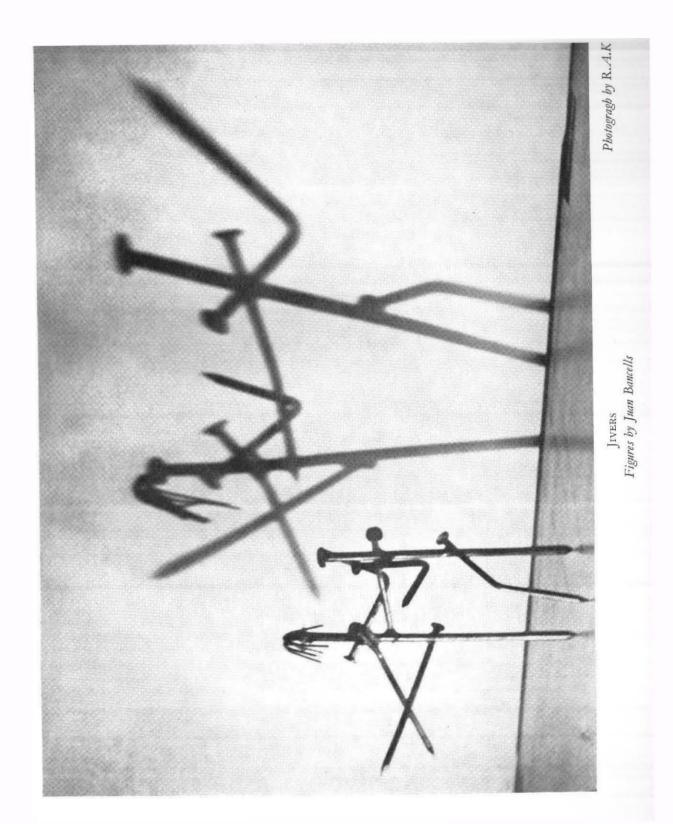
In the Juniors the two best sides were Chandos and Bruce. In fact they met in the semi-final, and in a very good game Chandos just won. In the final Chandos won relatively easily, beating Walpole by 8 wickets.

Scoves :-

Walpole 101 (Mackintosh 47; Goodchild 4 for 21, Hallam 4 for 30, Vane 2 for 31) and 72 (Durlacher 20 not out; Vane 5 for 28, Goodchild 4 for 25).

Chandos 162 (Goodchild 113; Bemrose 3 for 13) and 12 for 2 wkts.

Result:—Chandos won by 8 wickets.



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CRICKET LEAGUES

Results:-1, Chandos, 147 points; 2, Grenville, 126; 3, Bruce, 88; 4, Chatham, 80; 5, Temple, 65; 6, Walpole, 48; 7, Cobham, 33; 8, Grafton, 17.

STOWE OCCASIONALS

The object of this newly-formed Club has been to provide voluntary cricket for people who either play some other game during the week or wish to play additional games purely for enjoyment. Matches have been played against five of the local villages, two being won and three lost. It was unfortunate that the fixtures against the two strongest opponents had to be cancelled, one because of the weather, and the other because the opposition, most of the Oxford side, had been invited to play a Charity match in front of the television cameras at Blenheim Palace. We regret their choice!

The matches have obviously been enjoyed by all those taking part and, what is more important, they have been played in the right spirit. We have had some close finishes, and there have been some fine individual performances, even if the batting, bowling, and fielding has never been a hundred per cent. reliable.

Thanks are due to all masters and boys who played, and particularly to E. J.

Sherrard (C), who was a most efficient secretary.

OTHER SPORTS

LAWN TENNIS

THE YOULL CUP

STOP PRESS.—As recorded in Stoica, Stowe set up a new record by winning the Youll Cup at Wimbledon for the fourth year running.

Team :- D. R. Sabberton (T), A. R. F. Hobson (C), I. R. D. Andrews (6), H. G. Wallace (G).

Results :-

2nd Round. Stowe w.o. Ratcliffe. 3rd Round. Stowe beat Highgate, 2-0. 4th Round. Stowe beat King's, Taunton, 2-0. Stowe beat Rugby, 4-0. 5th Round. Semi-Final. Stowe beat Charterhouse, 3-2. Final.

Stowe beat St. Paul's, 3-0.

Scores in the Final:-

Sabberton and Hobson beat W. M. A. Carroll and M. R. Lewinsohn, 6-2, 1-6, 9-7. Andrews and Wallace beat R. C. Cunis and H. P. Brown, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Sabberton and Hobson beat Cunis and Brown, 6-2, 6-1. Andrews and Wallace v. Carroll and Lewinsohn, 7-9 (unfinished).

The game at Stowe is in a very good state. It has often happened in the past that schools have won the Youll Cup because they had just one or two outstandingly good players. But Stowe tennis is not only strong at the top; it is sound all the way down.

The term's results bear this out. The 1st VI have won 11 matches out of 14 played, this despite the Youll first pair not being available because of cricket commitments. The 2nd VI, with a larger fixture list than in the past, have won 5 matches out of 7.

The school first pair, I. R. D. Andrews (6) and H. G. Wallace (G), have played in every match, and have won 33 out of 39 matches—an outstanding performance. I. A. H. Sitwell (B) has captained the side with quiet efficiency, and has been omnipresent in the second pair, usually partnered by D. A. Beck (W). In the third pair N. O. Faure (C), N. D. Raw (6) and R. J. McDonagh (6) have all played well at various times. A. R. F. Hobson (C) and D. R. Sabberton (T), the school doubles champions, have only played in two matches and are undefeated.

P. J. Holder (G), M. E. Sperling (6) and R. A. Campbell (C) are the most improved players in the 2nd VI. M. A. A. Lawford (B), C. J. T. Vane (C), A. P. Dukes (W), R. A. Mayland (W), P. T. P. Warrick (W), M. J. Avory (C), D. A. Herbert (C) and M. T. Weston (C) have also played in 2nd VI matches during the season; it is noteworthy that the last two named are still in their first year at Stowe.

The first notable win of the season was against Radley. One of their players had reached the last eight at Junior Wimbledon last September; we beat them 7—2. The Bradfield match produced the only disappointing result of the season; played in a drizzle and abandoned when we were 5—1 down, at tea, it taught our team that gamesmanship on the other side of the net must be ignored. A confident Repton side arrived on the Saturday, saying "It's a pity Sabberton and Hobson aren't playing for you; it would have been a good match". They went back to Derbyshire having lost 5—4. Our 2nd VI, at Repton, made it a "double" when they won by the same score. A straightforward win on very hard courts at Marlborough followed, and then came Old Stoic Day. This was memorable for the fact that they produced 13 players, so the scoring in the 2nd VI, or rather VII, match was rather confused. The school team were quite certain that they had won—but maybe some Old Stoic will contest this?

Next came a new fixture against Nottingham High School, where the school again recorded a double. Some of the styles of the opposition were a novelty at Stowe, but they were effective enough to produce a series of close matches. The team found themselves playing on grass at Rugby, and took some time to get used to the lower and faster bounce. The 5—4 win was largely due to Andrews and Wallace, who went through the day without losing a set.

Two club teams next came to Stowe from Dallington L.T.C., the Northampton club. Our 1st VI played extremely well to win 7—2; the 2nd VI, however, were easy tactical meat to the more experienced player, and lost by the same score. Eton asked for a change of date at the last minute; as there were no other days available, we crossed our fingers and played two 'A' sides against Oakham and Eton on the same day. The team at Stowe won easily against a weak Oakham side, but the team at Eton just went down 5—4.

The last school fixture of the season is the most important. It is an unenviable job to write about it before the event; but if the team of Sabberton, Hobson, Andrews and Wallace play up to the form they have shown during the term, and there are no injuries, then Stowe should retain the Youll Cup.

Results of Matches:—

May 17th v. Wellingborough. Home. Won 8—1.

Andrews and Wallace 6—2, 6—2; 6—3, 6—1; 6—2, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 6—4, 6—2; 7—5, 6—1; 6—3, 6—2.

Faure and Raw 6—4, 5—7, 2—6; 6—4, 6—3; 6—2, 6—2.

May 19th v. Uppingham. Home. Won 8—1.

Andrews and Wallace 6—1, 6—2; 6—3, 6—4; 6—2, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 6—1, 6—2; 8—6, 2—6, 6—4; 6—3, 6—1.

Faure and Raw 4—6, 6—2, 6—2; 3—6, 6—2, 4—6; 6—3, 6—1.

May 24th v. Radley. Home. Won 7—2.

Sabberton and Hobson 6—2, 6—2; 6—1, 6—1; 6—0, 6—1.

Andrews and Wallace 0—6, 3—6; 6—1, 6—0; 2—6, 6—1, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 1—6, 1—6; 6—2, 7—5; 6—4, 6—3.

May 20th v. Bradfield. Home. Lost 1—5.

Andrews and Wallace 4—6, 0—6; Rain; 6—0, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 0—6, 2—6; 3—6, 3—6; Rain.

McDonagh and Avory, Rain; 5—7, 1—6; 6—2, 3—6, 2—6.

June 2nd v. Repton. Home. Won 5—4.

Andrews and Wallace 7—5, 6—4; 6—4, 6—3; 6—1, 6—2.

Sitwell and Beck 6—1, 3—6, 3—6; 6—2, 6—0; 6—4, 6—2.

Faure and Raw 6—8, 0—6; 4—6, 3—6; 6—3, 3—6, 4—6.

May 31st v. Marlborough. Away. Won 7—2.

Andrews and Wallace 6—0, 6—3; 3—6, 6—2, 6—3; 6—2, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 6—4, 6—8, 6—2; 8—10, 1—6; 6—2, 7—5.

Faure and Raw 4—6, 2—6; 6—3, 3—6, 6—3; 7—5, 8—6.

June 9th v. OLD STOICS. Home. Won 7—2.

Andrews and Wallace 6—4, 9—7; 6—3, 7—5; 6—0, 6—4.

Sitwell and Beck 5—7, 5—7; 7—5, 6—3; 6—2, 6—4.

Faure and Raw 2—6, 2—6; 6—1, 6—4; 6—2, 8—6.

June 14th v. Nottingham High School. Home. Won 7—2.

Andrews and Wallace 6—1, 6—4; 2—6, 6—4, 7—5; 6—1, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 6—4, 6—1; 3—6, 5—7; 6—1, 6—3.

Faure and Raw 6—3, 6—3; 0—6, 5—7; 0—6, 6—1, 9—7.

June 16th v. Rugby. Away. Won 5—4.

Andrews and Wallace 6—2, 6—3; 6—1, 6—3; 10—8, 6—0.

Sitwell and Beck 3—6, 6—2, 6—4; 6—1, 1—6, 1—6; 6—1, 0—6, 4—6.

Faure and Raw 3—6, 6—8; 2—6, 2—6; 6—3, 11—9.

June 23rd v. Dallington. Home. Won $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Andrews and Wallace 6—1, 6—4; 6—0, 6—4; 6—1, 6—3.

Sitwell and Faure 7—5, 6—1; 6—2, 10—12; 3—6, 0—6.

Beck and Raw 6—3, 6—4; 6—3, 9—7; 1—6, 6—4, 6—4.

June 28th 'A' v. Eton. Away. Lost 4—5.

Andrews and Wallace 1—6, 6—2, 4—6; 6—1, 6—4; 10—8, 1—6, 6—1.

Faure and Beck 2—6, 6—4, 1—6; 4—6, 5—7; 6—0, 2—6, 3—6.

Raw and McDonagh 4—6, 1—6; 8—6, 6—3; 8—6, 6—4.

June 28th 'A' v. OAKHAM. Home. Won 7—2.
Sitwell and Holder 6—1, 6—2; 6—1, 6—3; 6—0, 6—3.
Sperling and Vane 6—4, 4—6, 6—3; 6—3, 6—4; 6—0, 8—6.
Campbell and Avory 2—6, 2—6; 7—5, 61—; 4—6, 4—6.

July 5th v. MILL HILL. Home. Won $6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$.

Andrews and Wallace 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; 7-5, 6-3; 6-3, 6-1.

Sitwell and Beck 3-6, 3-6; 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; 6-1, 6-4.

Holder and McDonagh 3-6, 0-6; 6-4, 0-6; 6-3, 6-1.

July 15th v. Warwickshire Colts. Home. Drawn 4—4.

Sabberton and Hobson 6—0, 1—6, 6—4; 6—2, 6—4; 8—10, 6—1, 6—2.

Andrews and Wallace 6—1, 4—6, 10—8; 4—6, 5—7; 4—6, 4—5.

Sitwell and Beck 0—6, 1—6; 0—6, 6—2, 4—6; 3—6, 1—6.

2ND VI.

May 26th v. Northampton Grammar School. Away. Won 6-3. Raw and Sperling 8-6, 6-1; 6-0, 6-0. Avory and Campbell 3—6; 6—4, 6—1; 6—1. Holder and Dukes 3-6; 0-6; 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. June 2nd v. REPTON. Away. Won 5-4. McDonagh and Avory 4—6, 6—8; 6—2, 8—6; 6—1, 6—2. Sperling and Mayland 6—2, 2—6, 6—2; 8—10, 6—1, 6—2; 8—6, 6—1. Holder and Lawford 1—6, 4—6; 0—6, 8—6, 4—6; 5—7, 2—6. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL. Home. Won 6-3. June 14th Sperling and Vane 7—5, 6—1; 5—7, 4—6; 6—3, 6—4. McDonagh and Avory 3—6, 2—6; 4—6, 4—6; 3—6, 6—1, 6—2. Campbell and Holder 6—1, 6—2; 6—3, 6—4; 9—7, 6—0. June 23rd v. Dallington L.T.C. Home. Lost 2-7 Sperling and Holder 6—3, 7—5; 3—6, 3—6; 6—3, 4—6, 2—6. McDonagh and Avory 4—6, 4—6; 2—6, 5—7; 6—4, 6—3. Dukes and Lawford 2—6, 1—6; 0—6, 3—6; 3—6, 2—6. July 5th v. Mr. Bulford's VI. Home. Lost 4-5. July 7th v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won 6-3. Sperling and Holder 2-6, 6-4, 2-6; 6-1, 6-0; 6-3, 6-2. Lawford and Herbert 3—6, 1—6; 6—2, 6—2; 6—4, 6—1. Dukes and Weston 5—7, 1—6; 6—0, 6—1; 6—1, 6—2.

ATHLETICS

With the completion of the cinder track it has been possible to move Athletics from the cold month of March and to consider it for the first time as a full-time sport in the Summer. This has been achieved surprisingly and thankfully with no clashes with any other Summer sport and the experiment has proved successful.

Three inter-School matches have been held, following an exhibition match with Achilles—the first match on the track—and Stowe has been able to enter teams as opposed to individuals in the County Junior Championships and in the Area and County Schools' Championships.

Achilles paid the School the compliment of sending quite a strong side on a bitterly cold day in May, and the highlights of the match were to see among the visitors a 13ft. Pole Vaulter, three 200 ft. Javelin throwers, and two over 6 ft. in the High Jump. On the school side it was heartening to see M. M. Orr (T) win the Discus, D. E. B. Walker (C) win the 200 yds. Hurdles, and M. A. Williamson-Noble (T) run a very courageous Mile.

On June 16th the School entertained Marlborough and the Royal Masonic School and won both Senior and Junior matches. T. D. Mustard (B) won the Senior 100 yds. and 220 yds., and C. A. McIntyre (G) the Long Jump and 440 yds., and in the Junior events R. U. Dawson (C) won the 440 yds. and 880 yds. both in record time while M. P. Llewellyn (B) set up a new best performance in the Weight.

The following Thursday St. Alban's School visited Stowe and the School again won both Senior and Junior matches, rather more easily than expected. Walker won both Senior Hurdles and in the Junior match Llewellyn was a triple winner in the Discus, Weight and Javelin. A. S. Thomson (T) won both Junior Sprints and Dawson again won the 440 yds. and 880 yds. events.

On the Tuesday after the Exeat the School rather apprehensively visited Radley for a match which included token teams from Cheltenham and Bradfield and while winning both Senior and Junior matches achieved several good performances. M. J. Summerlin (Q) broke the Javelin record with 186 ft. 4 ins. McIntyre jumped 22 ft. 4 ins. in the Long Jump (also a record) and Llewellyn improved the Junior Shot record to 45 ft. 6 ins. In the County Junior Championships on June 2nd the following gained first places:

D. H. Temple (6) (Discus), Walker (120 yds. Hurdles) and Summerlin (Javelin). Of the competitors who survived the eliminating rounds the following won their events in the County Schools' Championships on June 26th: J. W. Law (B) (880 yds.), Temple (Discus), Walker (120 and 200 yds. Hurdles), and M. A. L. Ashcroft (C) (Weight). Four competitors—Walker, McIntyre, Summerlin and W. P. Davis (B) were selected to represent Buckinghamshire in the Inter-County Championships at Hull. Here in fine but blustery conditions Walker and Summerlin are to be congratulated on coming 4th in the Finals of the 200 yds. Hurdles and Javelin respectively. McIntyre was eliminated in the semi-Final of the 200 yds. Hurdles and Davis did not survive his heat of the 120 vds. Hurdles.

While from the above account it is clear that the School teams, both Senior and Junior, have had some outstanding individuals, it is also clear from the margin of victory on such occasions that every member of the teams has played his part. A final encouraging feature of the term has been the fine running of both relay teams, who have set up new best performances.

Senior: T. D. Mustard, A. J. Murdoch (T), C. A. McIntyre and D. E. Hadfield

Junior: - J. W. Watson (G), A. S. Thomson, D. R. Post (W), D. A. D. Thompson

Colours have been re-awarded to: T. D. Mustard (G), C. A. McIntyre (G), D. E. B. Walker (C), M. J. Summerlin (C).

Colours have been awarded to: M. Williamson-Noble (T), J. D. Martin (G), W. P. Davis (B), J. W. A. S. Law (B), A. J. Murdoch (T), T. G. E. Kilpatrick (C), J. Cunningham-Reid (C), I. J. McDonald (G), D. H. Temple (G), R. U. Dawson (C), R. A.

Bishop (C), C. P. R. Dubois (C), M. S. J. Rappolt (B), M.-M. Orr (T).

Results:-

Saturday, June 16th v. Marlborough and Royal Masonic School. At Stowe. Senior: 1, Stowe, 125 pts.; 2, Marlborough, 86 pts.; 3, Royal Masonic, 51 pts. Junior: 1, Stowe, 97 pts.; 3, Royal Masonic, $84\frac{1}{2}$ pts.; 3, Marlborough, $79\frac{1}{2}$ pts.

Thursday, June 21st v. St. Alban's School, at Stowe.

Senior: 1, Stowe, 78 pts.; 2, St. Alban's 44 pts. Junior: 1, Stowe, 83 pts.; 2, St. Alban's, 30 pts.

Tuesday, July 3rd v. RADLEY. At Radley.

Senior: 1, Stowe; 2, Radley. Junior: 1, Stowe; 2, Radley.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Sports this year were held on the last week-end of the Summer term and after very heavy rain the previous day the track was rather heavy on the Friday but was in very good condition on the Saturday. The standard in most events was high and there were some good performances. Undoubtedly the outstanding achievement was

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a Javelin throw of 202 ft. 4 ins. by Summerlin, which shattered the existing record. Among the Seniors, Mustard, McIntyre, Walker, Law, and Dubois were notable doublewinners. In the Under-Sixteen events Watson won both sprints and Dawson was outstanding, winning the three middle-distance races, while Kinahan produced firstclass performances in Under-Fifteen events as well as winning the 110 yds. Hurdles.

The competition for the House Cup was keen but lay from the start between Bruce and Grenville, with Bruce emerging winners from the points gained in the last race of all.

Results :--

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, T. D. Mustard (B); 2, N. K. Rice (C); 3, A. J. Murdoch (T); 4, I. A. H. Sitwell (B); 5, D. Hadfield (W); 6, T. G. E. Kilpatrick (C). Time, 10.4 secs

220 Yards.—I, T. D. Mustard; 2, D. E. B. Walker (C); N. K. Rice; 4, G. H. Burrows (C); 5, D. Hadfield; 6, A. J. Murdoch. Time, 23.2 secs.

440 Yards.—I, C. A. McIntyre (G); 2, G. H. Burrows; 3, J. Cunningham-Reid (C); 4, I. A. H. Sitwell; 5, D. Hadfield; 6, D. M. Balfour (G). Time, 52.2 secs.

880 Yards.—I. J. W. A. S. Law (B); J. Cunningham-Reid; 3, M. A. Williamson-Nobe. (T); 4, S. A. Bishop (C); 5, I. A. H. Sitwell; 6, P. F. Brown (C). Time, 2 mins. 4.1 secs.

Mile.—I, J. W. A. S. Law; 2, M. A. Williamson-Noble; 3, J. Cunningham-Reid; 4, S. A. Bishop; 5, J. D'A. C. Cartwright (C); 6, J. D. Martin (G). Time, 4 mins, 37.9 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, D. E. B. Walker; 2, W. P. Davis (B); 3, R. E. M. Sorrell (G); 4, T. D. Mustard; 5, J. D. Martin. Time 16 secs. (Equals Ground Record).

200 Yards Hurdles.—I, equal, C. A. McIntyre and D. E. B. Walker; 3, W. P. Davis; 4, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 5, N. J. Grace (C); 6, D. G. Godfrey (G). Time, 23.6 secs. (Ground Record).

Pole Vault.-1, C. P. R. Dubois (Q); 2, J. F. A. Hope (T); 3, M. A. L. Ashcroft (C); 4, J. D. Martin; 5, R. M. Jefferson (C); 6, A. P. B. Sutton (T). Height, 9 ft. 9 ins.

High Jump.—I, C. P. R. Dubois; 2, R. A. Bishop; 3, W. P. Davis; 4, M. A. L. Ashcroft; 5, D. J. Lamping (C); 6, equal, D. G. Godfrey (G) and J. R. Poole (C). Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump.—1, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 2, C. A. McIntyre; 3, D. G. Godfrey; 4, I. A. H. Sitwell; 5, I. D. Drysdale (6); 6, R. S. Winton (6). Distance, 20 ft. 4½ ins.

Triple Jump.—I, C. A. McIntyre; 2, R. A. Bishop; 3, R. S. Winton; 4, D. G. Godfrey; 5, T. G. E. Kilpatrick; 6, M. J. Summerlin (C). Distance, 41 ft. 51 ins. (School and Ground

Weight.—1, M. A. L. Ashcroft; 2, C. M. Scholfield (C); 3, M. S. J. Rappolt (B); 4, M. M. Orr (T); 5, N. J. Hesketh (C); 6, H. L. Cowdy (S). Distance, 38 ft. 6 ins.

Discus.—I, D. H. Temple (6); 2, M. J. Summerlin; 3, M. M. Orr; 4, J. G. Green (W); 5, M. S. J. Rappolt; 6, C. M. Scholfield. Distance, 127 ft. 6 ins.

Javelin - 1, M. J. Summerlin; 2, C. M. Scholfield; 3, D. H. Temple; 4, W. P. Davis; 5, M. C. A. Wyvill (T); 6, J. G. Green. Distance, 202 ft. 4 ins. (School and Ground Record).

UNDER-SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, J. W. Watson (G); 2, A. S. Thomson (T); 3, D. A. D. Thompson (G); 4, R. D. Post (W); 5, D. A. Sharp (W). Time, 11 secs.

220 Yards.—I, J. W. Watson; 2, A. S. Thomson; 3, D. A. D. Thompson; 4, M. F. A. Mellersh (C); 5, I. B. Whitecourt (W). Time, 24.7 secs.

440 Yards.—I, R. U. Dawson (C); 2, R. C. Clifford (6); 3, I. B. Whitecourt; 4, J. R. Green-hill (C); 5, I. J. Macdonald (6). Time, 54 secs.

880 Yards - R. U. Dawson; 2, A. S. Thomson; 3, I. J. Macdonald; 4, R. C. Clifford; 5, C. M. B. Charles (G). Time, 2 mins. 6.5 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.-1, R. U. Dawson; 2, I. J. Macdonald; 3, A. W. Kennedy (C); 4, G. J. B. Burdon (C); 5, D. G. Remington (G). Time, 3 mins. 30 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.-1, J. H. B. Kinahan (T); 2, J. W. Watson; 3, J. P. Gronow (G); 4, M. J. Baker (G); 5, R. E. M. Cook (C). Time, 15.2 secs. (Ground Record).

Pole Vault.—1, A. W. Kennedy (C); 2, I. D. Millar (B); 3, T. Taylor (W). Height, 7 ft. 6 ins. High Jump.—1, R. M. Shaw (G); 2, H. G. B. Roberts (W); 3, R. E. M. Cook (C); 4, R. F. D. Stow (C); 5, equal, R. N. Goodchild (C) and G. H. Pigot (G). Height, 5 ft.

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Long Jump.-1, R. D. Post; 2, D. A. D. Thompson (G); 3, D. A. Sharp; 4, J. P. Gronow; 5, M. J. Baker. Distance, 19 ft. 21 ins.

Triple Jump.—1, P. L. Mackintosh (C); 2, J. W. Watson; 3, R. D. Post; 4, J. P. Gronow; 5, R. U. Dawson. Distance, 37 ft. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Weight.-I, M. P. Llewellyn (B); 2, R. D. Post; 3, R. C. Clifford; 4, D. A. Sharp; 5, D. A. Herbert (C). Distance, 41 ft. 102 ins.

Discus.—I, R. C. Clifford; 2, M. P. Llewellyn (B); 3, C. C. Parker (W); 4, J. R. S. Pringle (B); 5, A. Zaphiriou (T). Distance, 124 ft. 81 ins.

Javelin.—I, M. F. A. Mellersh (C); 2, L. C. J. Wilcox (B); 3, R. G. Roberts (W); 4, J. R. S. Pringle; 5, J. W. Graham-Brown (C). Distance, 119 ft. 4 ins.

UNDER-FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, L. C. J. Wilcox (B); 2, H. P. Raymond-Barker (T); 3, R. G. Parkinson (W); 4, J. N. Dixey (B): 5, T. Bassett (G). Time, 11.7 secs.

220 Yards.—1, J. H. G. Kinahan (T); 3, G. J. B. Burdon (C); 3, L. C. J. Wilcox; 4, H. P. Raymond-Barker; 5, J. N. Dixey. Time, 25.1 secs.

440 Yards.—I, J. H. G. Kinahan; 2, G. J. B. Burdon; 3, D. J. Dawes (G); 4, R. A. Syms

(B); 5, J. W. Matthews (C). Time, 55.7 secs. 880 Yards.—I, J. V. Doubleday (C); 2, D. J. Dawes; 3, I. W. Macdowell (G); 4, A. M. M. Elliott (W); 5, P. E. Langford (B). Time, 2 mins. 15.2 secs.

80 Yards Hurdles.-1, J. V. Matthews; 2, P. E. Langford (B); 3, P. L. Mackintosh; 4, R. A.

Stormont (G); 5, D. W. Bailey (G). Time, 11.9 secs. (School and Ground Record). High Jumb.—1, J. H. G. Kinahan; 2, R. G. Parkinson (W); 3, G. J. B. Burdon; 4, A. M. M.

Elliott; 5, equal, L. M. Higman and D. F. Hill (B). Height, 5 ft. 1 in. Long Jump .-- I, R. G. Parkinson; 2, P. L. Mackintosh; 3, J. N. Dixey; 4, R. A. Syms; 5, R. A. Kreitman (C). Distance, 17 ft. 8 ins.

HOUSE CUP

1, Bruce, $208\frac{1}{2}$ pts.; 2, Grenville, $193\frac{1}{2}$; 3, Cobham, 165; 4, Chatham, 138; 5, Temple, $132\frac{1}{2}$; 6, Chandos, 103½; 7, Walpole, 101; 8, Grafton, 78.

SWIMMING

Both the Senior and the Junior teams had an unbeaten season, although at the beginning of the term the water was too cold to do any serious training. The first match was against the Old Stoics, who, although they fielded a strong team, were rather unfit. The first school match was against Harrow. The senior team won with maximum points and the juniors won quite comfortably. The school record for the 100 yds. backstroke was broken by four seconds in this match by R. F. D. Stow (C), who although still a junior was swimming for the senior team.

Against Malvern and Victoria College, Jersey, we were again victorious. In the Bath Cup competition we were unfortunately disqualified, but in the Public Schools Invitation Medley Relay we came seventh, thus reaching the final for the second year running. The last two matches against Rugby and Westminster were won quite easily.

During the term B. M. Allen (W), the captain, the breastrokers and the backstrokers have swum consistently well. School Colours were re-awarded to G. E. Rawlings (6) and L. M. Barnard (B) and awarded to R. F. D. Stow (6), J. V. M. Froggatt (G) and

C. L. Barnard (B). The following have also swum for the School: D. G. Remington (G), P. E. Dawson (W), D. J. Lamping (C), G. R. Duncanson (W) and T. Taylor (W).

SWIMMING SPORTS

OPEN EVENTS

- 200 Yards Freestyle.--1, Allen; 2, Dawson; 3, N. J. Durlacher (W). Time, 2 mins. 27.3 secs.
- 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Allen; 2, Stow; 3, Rawlings. Time, 61.1 secs.
- 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, Stow; 2, Rawlings; 3, J. P. H. Cecil (C). Time, 69 secs.
- 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, L. M. Barnard (B); 2, Froggatt; 3, R. M. Jefferson (C). Time, 74 secs. (Record).
- 50 Yards Butterfly.—1, L. M. Barnard; 2, Allen; 3, Froggatt. Time, 30.6 secs. (Record). Individual Medley.—1, Stow; 2, L. M. Barnard; 3, Rawlings. Time, 72 secs.

UNDER-16 EVENTS

Ioo Yards Freestyle.--I, C. L. Barnard; 2, Remington; 3, N. T. E. Ryman (6). Time 64.1 secs.

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, C. L. Barnard; 2, Remington; 3, D. A. Sharp. (W). Time 28.8 secs.
- 50 Yards Backstroke.—I, Taylor; 2, A. E. Dove (W); 3, R. D. Smith (W). Time, 35.8 secs.
- 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Sharp; 2, P. J. Barclay (C); 3, Smith. Time, 35.1 secs.
- 25 Yards Butterfly.-1, Sharp; 2, C. L. Barnard; 3, Remington. Time, 15.5 secs.

UNDER-15 EVENTS

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—I, R. E. Flanagan (♠); 2, P. N. J. Durey (C); P. L. Ashcroft (€). Time, 32.5 secs.
- 25 Yards Freestyle.-- I, Flanagan; 2, M. P. Taylor (W); 3, Durey. Time, 14.5 secs.
- 50 Yards Backstroke.—I, M. P. Taylor; 2, R. A. Durrant (W); 3, G. A. Ward (W). Time, 40.5 secs.
- 50 Yards Breaststroke.—I, Flanagan; 2, R. G. Parkinson (W); 3, C. J. Watkin (❸). Time, 40.8 secs.
- Overall Results:—1, Walpole, 277; 2, Grafton, 103; 3, Chandos, 90; 4, Bruce, 87; 5, Cobham, 63; 6, Grenville, 57; 7, Chatham, 30; 8, Temple, o.
- In the Senior Water-Polo Walpole beat Bruce in the Final by 5 goals to 2. In the Junior Walpole beat Grafton in the Final by 2 goals to nil.

The results of the Swimming Relays were as follows:—1st, Walpole, 7; 2nd, Chandos, 22; 3rd equal, Grenville and Grafton, 24; 5th, Bruce, 33; 6th, Temple, 34; 7th, Cobham, 35; 8th, Chatham, 40.

SAILING

The Club has bought a second-hand Graduate dinghy, No. 411, and is looking for another. Two boats were entered for the 1962 British Schools Graduate Championships, which were held at Tamworth on April 28th. J. Palethorpe (B) in No. 1348 (owned by C. H. Mills) was 17th and C. H. Mills (B) in No. 411 was 22nd out of 28 competitors.

We have sailed nine school matches this term. At Stowe we have used four Graduates and two Kenn-Elevens. The weather has not been helpful. Away against Radley and Harrow (at Aldenham Reservoir) we had strong winds and squalls, and helmsmen had difficulty in sailing at all, while at home the boats have ghosted mysteriously around the 11-acre in an apparent absence of wind. Our meeting with Bedford was abandoned when a thunderstorm completely blanketed the Force O wind we started with. Helmsmen this term have been J. Palethorpe (B) (Commodore), J. G. Prunty (T) and P. E.

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Martino (C) with S. H. Arnold (B), C. H. Mills (B), A. G. L. Wingfield (B), A. R. A. D.								
Mackenzie (C), P. F. Brown (C) and C. P. Murdoch (T) crewing. Results:—								
May 19 v. RADLEY, at Radley	Lost	$41\frac{1}{2}$ $-44\frac{1}{2}$						
May 27 v. Bedford, at Bedford	Abandor	ned						
June 2 v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, at Sto	we Won	$58\frac{1}{4} - 55\frac{1}{4}$						
June 9º v. Eton, at Stowe	Won	$25\frac{1}{4}$ —18						
June 16 v. CADET SQUADRON 169, at Bedford	Won	$48\frac{1}{2}$ —29						
June 19 v. Harrow, at Aldenham	Lost	$51\frac{1}{4}-63\frac{1}{2}$						
June 23 v. Oundle, at Stowe	Won	$37\frac{1}{4}$ — $31\frac{1}{4}$						
July 7 v. Rugby, at Stowe	Won	$44\frac{1}{2}$ 33						
July 24 v. Bloxham, at Boddington	Won	$43\frac{1}{2}$ - 34						
A race against the Masters was held on June 19th. The lack of wind favoured the								
lighter crews and the Stowe team won by $48\frac{1}{2}$ pts. to 26.								

It is hoped to hold the House Matches at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Prunty and Martino are representing us in the annual Public Schools Firefly Championships at Itchenor at the end of August.

GOLF

This term has seen the introduction of Golf as a full-time sport for members of the Golf Eight. They have become junior members of Buckingham Golf Club and have played there once or twice a week. On Fridays a start has been made to the work on the Golf Course Improvement Project, and a corner of Chatham Field has been cleared of trees. Unfortunately, three of the matches on the fixture list were cancelled by our opponents, but the team had a good win at Kingsthorpe, and took their revenge on the Masters at Tadmarton. On Old Stoic Day the strongest team yet produced by the Old Stoics showed that they had lost none of their cunning round the Stowe Course, winning every match.

A fixture which proved to be a great success was the match in which each Stoic partnered one of the Buckingham Ladies' team in a 2-ball foursome. Played off handicap and scored by the Stapleford system, it provided a close and exciting competition which was won by Hartley and his partner, after a recount.

Hartley, Liverton, Finer and Marcel have all played well and have formed the backbone of the team. Of the younger players, Clarkson shows promise but tries to hit the ball too far for his size, and Burnett-Hitchcock has improved steadily.

The Eight:—N. W. Hartley (C), M. A. Liverton (6), P. R. A. Finer (6), B. A. Marcel (C), P. J. August (B), R. B. Clarkson (6), C. Hadfield (W), C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B).

School Colours for Golf have been awarded to Hartley, Liverton, Finer and Marcel. Results:—

v. Ellesborough G.C.	Lost 1—5.
v. The Masters	Won 2—1.
v. W. H. Bradshaw's VI	Lost 1—2.
v. Old Stoics, at Stowe	Lost o7.
v. Kingsthorpe G.C.	Won 3-o.
Results of Golf Housematches—Senior:	Grafton beat Bruce, 4—1.
	Bruce beat Chatham, 3-2.

Hartley, Beck and Finer tied for first place in the Penfold Cup competition with a Scratch Stapleford score of 29.

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WOKING GOLF CLUB, APRIL 17th and 18th.

Three days after the Old Stoics had become Runners-up in the Halford Hewitt Cup, Stowe golfers also reached the final of the tournament for the Micklem Trophy, only to lose to Rugby by 3 matches to 1, with one match halved. In two other ways this tournament repeated the pattern of the Halford Hewitt—a desperately close semifinal, with the deciding match going to the 19th, and very bad golfing conditions on the last day, the gale at Deal being replaced at Woking by a steady downpour throughout the day.

The Stowe VI were better balanced than for some years, and it was hard to know whom to leave out in each round. Tuesday April 17th was a perfect Spring day, and in the afternoon Stowe repeated last year's first-round victory over Bradfield by 3½ matches to 1½. On Wednesday rain was already falling at 9.30 a.m. when Hartley drove off against Hall of Winchester, Hoar coming into the team for Beck. Hartley, playing well, won his match comfortably, but at halfway the other four matches were almost level. Tension mounted as first Hoar and then Liverton lost, so that all depended on the bottom two matches, where Finer was 2 up and Marcel 2 down. Coming to the 18th dormy one up for the second day running, Finer hooked his drive into the trees and unluckily lost his ball. Cowper, his opponent, followed him into the same trouble but was able to play out. To Finer's credit, he halved the hole and won his match. Two matches each. In the bottom match, Marcel, 2 down with 3 to play against Robertson, was finishing strongly, and, profiting from his opponent's nervous mistakes, drew level on the 18th green, and then dashed Wykehamist hopes with a remarkable birdie 3 on the 19th.

In the final against Rugby in the afternoon, Hartley strode away to his third convincing win of the tournament, and Liverton took an early lead only to lose it at the 10th. However, the Rugby bottom two strings played too well on the by now soggy greens, and Beck was unable to catch up after a poor start, so that Rugby took the bottom three matches and the trophy, leaving Tett and Liverton still level at the 22nd.

Team:—N. W. Hartley (C); M. A. Liverton (6); D. S. Beck (W); P. R. A. Finer (6); B. A. Marcel (C); A. R. Hoar (6).

SCULLING

We were fortunate enough this year to have last year's star carried forward in the form of W. G. Fletcher (C), who not only skippered the team to some very satisfactory results in regattas, but was mainly responsible for the good results himself.

The senior team made its debut at the Reading Clinker Regatta on May 2nd, where Fletcher got through, to the final but was knocked out after having had a very tiring semi-final. P. F. Brown (C), also a member of last year's team, was knocked out in the first round as was J. M. Hamilton (C), a newcomer to the team.

A new event embarked upon this year was the Schoolboy Sculls at Wallingford. There was an age limit of seventeen on this event, which called for the formation of a new second junior team.

E. H. Blagg (C) got through to the final, but was beaten by half a length. I. Shay (6) and C. L. V. P. Evans (W) were both beaten in the first round.

Fletcher, Hamilton and Blagg represented the club in an uneventful regatta at Stratford on June 16th.

Peterborough Regatta on June 23rd, the last Regatta of the season, proved to be the Grand Finale for Fletcher, who is leaving us this term, as again he got through to the final. Blagg, the only other representative, was beaten in the first round.

Other activities enjoyed by the club included an outing to the Henley Royal Regatta on Thursday, July 6th, when members could see how it should really be done.

There was to have been a series of bumping races on Speech Day but, 'owing to circumstances beyond our control' they were cancelled at the last minute. The cause was in fact the breakage of one of the sculls on the previous day.

The House Matches were won by Cobham, and Fletcher won the Yarwood Plate for the best individual time. He was also awarded his School Representative Colours.

FENCING

As this is not normally a fencing term the team only had two fixtures. The demands of cricket and athletics left us very much under strength for both matches and this was felt in the fixture with Douai. The first match was against the strong Northampton Club, who have beaten us twice in the last four terms, and it was very much to our credit to win the senior events by 20 fights to 7, losing none in the sabre. Our second team also won by 6 fights to 3. This match gave some of our juniors a chance to prove themselves, and H. S. Besterman (W) and W. M. G. Wilberforce (C) rose to the occasion. Against Douai the seniors lost badly but the seconds did well to win 5—4.

Last holidays we sent four boys to the Public Schools' Fencing competition with fair results. Besterman reached the quarter-finals of the Junior foil and C. G. Vacy-Ash (W) was knocked out in the round before. Both were awarded Blue Blazers. M. S. I. Rappolt (B) also reached the third round of the Senior Foil.

The Senior and Junior house matches were also held this term. The Junior competition was won by Chandos with Cobham second. In the Seniors, Walpole narrowly beat Chandos in the final with the result of the match depending on the last fight between Besterman and Wilberforce, and this reached three hits all before Besterman finally got the last hit, proving his ability to fence well under pressure.

The season as a whole has not been a bad one and a vast improvement on previous years. Fifty per cent of the matches have been won but in all matches we have won many more fights than were lost. This success is mainly due to our new fencing coach, Professor Eveleigh, who has been working wonders with everyone.

ARCHERY

The South Front is particularly suitable for archery in the summer term on Monday afternoons, there being enough space for the 100-yard clout-shoot as well as for target-shooting. Prowess in both greatly improved throughout the term, R. J. Hanhart (C) achieving a very creditable standard at 40 and 60 yards, with D. G. Godfrey (G) the next best archer. J. Q. C. Ashton (C) and R. A. Syms (B) completed the team of four, which obtained third place out of eleven in the Inter-Schools Postal Match arranged by Forest Hill School.

We were fortunate to have the services of Mr. Frank Bilson, who is probably the most distinguished coach in Britain, and at his suggestion an Archery/Golf Match was arranged at the end of term with the Golf Club, resulting in a draw: Godfrey and Ashton were beaten by D. Hadfield (W) and P. J. August (B), while Hanhart and Syms defeated B. Parkinson (C) and P. R. A. Finer (6).

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On Speech Day a display of target-shooting was given before visitors by Hanhart,

M. T. Brown (6), P. A. G. Williams (W) and H. P. Lloyd Morgan (T).

To help defray the cost of equipment and the hire of five composite bows, which cannot be fully met by our grant from the Consolidated Extras Fund, an annual subscription of 10/- was levied this term for the first time, and met with a good response. In future, members undertake to pay for any equipment which they break or lose. Next year it is hoped to shoot live matches with some of the schools whose archery

Next year it is hoped to shoot live matches with some of the schools whose archery has been discovered through this term's postal match. There is no doubt that archery is an activity in which interest is rapidly increasing, both here and in schools through-

out the country.

SQUASH RACKETS

In the Senior Squash competition J. W. O. Allerton (G) beat P. F. Brown (C) 10-9, 9-2, 9-0.

In the Junior competition R. N. Goodchild (C) beat C. J. T. Vane (C) 9-3, 9-4, 7-9, 6-9, 9-6.

P.T.

The results of the P.T. Competition were as follows:—
Senior—1st Grenville; 2nd, Bruce; 3rd equal, Chandos and Grafton.
Junior—1st, Grenville; 2nd, Walpole; 3rd, Chatham.
Grenville were the overall winners.

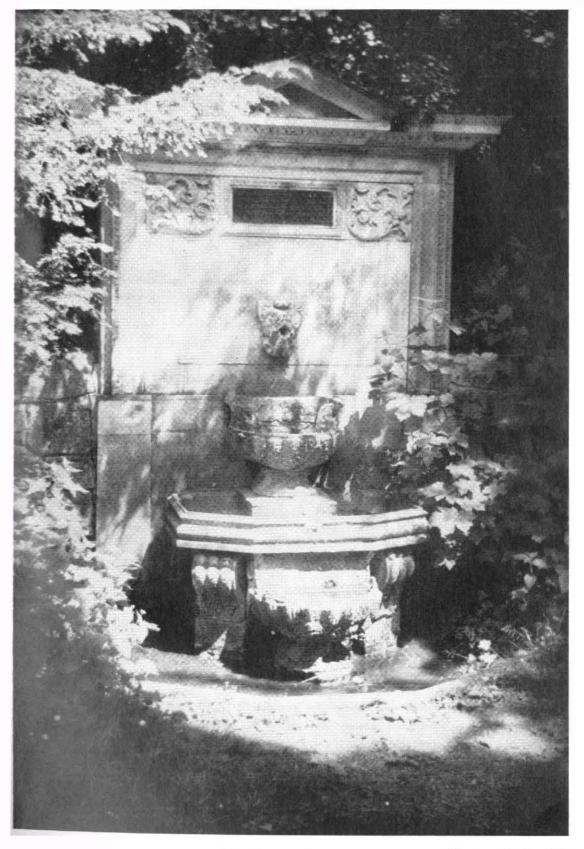
THE LAURUS CUP was won by Grenville.

IST XV FIXTURES 1962

Sat.,	Sept.	29— A' XV	Home
Sat.,	Oct.	6—London Scottish	Home
Sat.,	Oct.	13—OLD STOICS	Home
Sat.,	Oct.	20—BEDFORD	Away
Sat.,	Oct.	27—ST. EDWARD'S	Away
		30—OUNDLE	Home
		3—RUGBY	Away
Sat.,	Nov.	10—RADLEY	Home
Sat.,	Nov.	17—BLACKHEATH	Home
		24—CHELTENHAM	Away
Sat.,	Dec.	THE LEYS	Home
		8—Harlequins	Home
		15-House Match Final	

ANSWERS TO "A STOWE QUIZ"

Top left: Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin watching cricket at Stowe. Top right: John Locke. Bottom: Mr. Windsor Richards on the ruins of the first I.C.E. Hut.
 Top: Wilton has a flight of steps at each end, stone balls, and a gravel stream; Stowe has carved keystones. Bottom: Model in Room 19.



THE SEASONS FOUNTAIN

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