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EDITORIAL

WHEN Mr. Crichton-Miller left Stowe in 1936 he did so as Head of the Lower School. When he returned in 1958, he had a considerably wider field to work in. From the first it was clear that things were not to be allowed to stand still, and soon the winds of change were whistling down our passages in a manner reminiscent of 'sage Hippotades' at his best.

Among the changes which would have delighted Mr. Roxburgh most was the metamorphosis of the North Hall from a clutter of notice-boards and glass partitions into, what it once was, the noble entrance to a great house. He would also have approved of the opening of Nugent. 'Annexes', as he used to call waiting-houses, he regarded as a necessary evil, but much of the evil was clearly removed by placing one so well-equipped in the heart of Stowe instead of, as in his day, in Buckingham. It would most certainly have given him enormous pleasure to have seen the malodorous twilight of Plug Street transformed into our new and charming Book Shop. The idea of laying down a running-track at Stowe would have filled our founder headmaster with acute apprehension, as indeed it did many others, but Mr. Crichton-Miller was mainly responsible for choosing the one site in the estate where the new track could actually improve its surroundings without obtruding itself on the general lay-out of the grounds.

And indeed the Stowe grounds have been immensely improved in the last five years. Sheds—the Headmaster's particular bugbear—have been steadily reduced in number, and the masters' wooden garages have been turned into a kind of concealed housing-estate for automobiles between the Gymnasium and the Temple of Concord. The Stone Yard

has lost the old workshops and gained in exchange the new class-rooms, which are certainly the best and most modern ever to be seen at Stowe.

Radical alterations were made in the curriculum and time-table. Three half-holidays instead of two helped the games without, thanks to skilful adjustment, sacrificing hours of work. The structure of the Upper School was reorganised, while a year's work was saved in the Lower School by a system of accelerated promotion. The standard of entry was also raised. In doing this Mr. Crichton-Miller broke with tradition by publishing regulations which set out the pass standards in detail, and by establishing an appeal board, on which Old Stoics were represented, to consider the cases of those boys who failed the Common Entrance examination by small margins.

Nor were outside activities neglected. During this time, with the Headmaster's encouragement and much devoted labour from members of the staff, archery, sculling, and beagling have been introduced, and the Gun Club has been revived.

Mr. Crichton-Miller has a highly developed gift for public relations. One of his most appreciated innovations was an annual Commemoration Dinner at the beginning of the summer term. This enabled us to invite all manner of friends and benefactors to come to Stowe, and there they were invariably greeted and entertained with dignity and charm by the Headmaster in his capacity as host. He also greatly improved Old Stoic Day in the summer term by enabling wives and girl-friends to be entertained in the school instead of in a rather inadequate marquee. Autumn Old Stoic Day was a new and welcome idea. His powers of organisation were shown at their best this summer in the success of the Fortieth Anniversary Old Stoic week-end, and the unforgettable visit of the Queen Mother.

Much of the success of the Fortieth Anniversary Appeal has been due to the many hundreds of miles travelled by the Headmaster to various meetings all over the country. It must be a source of great satisfaction to him that already more than twice the original price of the house and grounds has been raised.

It has been a very busy five years, and much progress has been made. We wish the Headmaster and Mrs. Crichton-Miller, whose constant attendance with her husband at all sorts of school functions will be greatly missed, a happy and restful retirement in their new house.

THE MYLES HENRY SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Margaret Henry has offered to endow a Scholarship in memory of her son, who was killed in action at Arnhem on September 19th, 1944. John Myles Henry was a member of the School from January 1935 to December 1939; he was Head of Chatham, and played for the 1st XV for two seasons. He was a Captain in the Royal Sussex Regiment, attached to the Parachute Regiment, at the time of his death.

The Scholarship is to be associated with the Fortieth Anniversary Appeal. It will be awarded annually from 1964 to a boy entering his last year at Stowe who "by his personality, character and general bearing is likely to promote the welfare of Stowe by his leadership, and to enhance its reputation, whether in the classroom, on the playing fields or elsewhere, by his achievements."

It is Mrs. Henry's hope that this Scholarship will be an incentive to boys of high quality to stay longer at school. Full details of the regulations governing the award will be available early next term.

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School Officials—Autumn Term, 1963.

Prefects :—J. R. Adam, Head of the School and Head of Chandos; J. R. S. Pringle, Second Prefect and Head of Bruce; M. J. Baker (G), Prefect of Library; E. H. Blagg (C), Prefect of Hall; J. G. Charlton, Head of Chatham; N. J. Durlacher (W), Prefect of Chapel; J. F. B. Ford, Head of Walpole; R. S. D. Johnson, Head of Cobham; M. R. Leon, Head of Temple; C. P. Murphy, Head of Grenville; N. D. Raw, Head of Grafton; N. K. Rice (C), Prefect of Gymnasium.

Rugby Football :—Captain, C. P. Murphy (G); Secretary, D. W. J. Garrett (G).

Squash Rackets :—Captain and Secretary, P. J. Holder (G).

Fencing :—Captain, C. Broom Smith (C); Secretary, H. S. Besterman (W).

Fives :—Captain, M. R. Leon (T); Secretary, A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T).

The following have preached in Chapel this term:—on September 22nd, the Chaplain; on September 29th, Brother Simon, of the Society of St. Francis; on October 6th, at Harvest Festival, the Headmaster; on October 13th, the Rev. E. F. Habershon, first Chaplain of Stowe; on October 20th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl (B 1939); on October 27th, the Rev. T. C. P. Brook, another former Chaplain, now a Housemaster at Sherborne; on November 3rd, the Rev. D. R. MacInnes, Curate at Great St. Helen's; on Remembrance Sunday, the Chaplain; on November 24th, the Rev. Chandos Morgan (T 1938); on December 8th, the Rev. L. V. Wright; and on December 15th, the Rev. T. E. Evans, Youth Chaplain to the Gloucester Diocese. The Carol Service was held the same evening.

The Rev. E. R. W. Whalley was the preacher at a voluntary Evening Chapel on November 10th; the Rev. D. J. Challis, at the Lower School Service in Stowe Church on October 27th; and the Headmaster spoke at the Leavers' Service on December 15th.

At the Service on Advent Sunday, December 1st, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford confirmed thirty-seven members of the School.

The Collections in Chapel were:—on September 29th, for Inter-Church Aid, £28 14s. 2d.; on October 20th, for the Pineapple, £30 13s. 6d.; on November 10th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £73 4s. 4d.; on December 1st, for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £28 16s. 6d.; and on December 1st, for Great Ormond Street Hospital, £26 18s. 10d.

In addition Retiring Collections were given as follows:—on October 6th, for the Society of St. Francis, £8 19s. 1d.; on October 13th, for the Mission to Lepers, £7 15s. 6d.; on October 27th, for the Chapel Fund, £8 17s. 9d.; on November 3rd, for the London City Mission, £11 8s. 0d.; on November 17th, for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airman's Families Association, £9 14s. 1d.; on November 24th, for the Clergy Orphan Corporation, £11 15s. 1d.; and on December 8th, for the British and Foreign Bible Society, £6 18s. 3d.

Carol Services were given by the Choir in Wicken Parish Church and in Paulerspury Parish Church.

The following have joined the staff this term:—Lieut.-Commander C. W. O. Rainer, R.N. (Retd.), Mr. M. A. B. Kirk, Mr. M. D. Seymour and Mr. R. E. Courtneil.

We announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McMurray on October 27th and of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dicks on November 29th.

We record with sorrow the death on November 23rd of James, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. F. Proctor.

The Old Stoic Dinner was held on November 29th in the Members' Dining Room of the House of Commons. Speeches were made by the Rt. Hon. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P., (C 1927) (President), by Dr. J. K. Bostock and by the Headmaster. Dr. Bostock was presented with a salver, and it was announced that a presentation would be made to the Headmaster on his retirement of some glass and a portrait of himself painted by R. D. Shepherd (C 1949).

The Grafton Hunt met on the North Front on Thursday, November 28th.

We regret that by an oversight we reported in our last issue that at the General Inspection on June 19th Major-General Channing Williams made history by being the first official Inspecting Officer having two sons at the school. In fact history has repeated itself, for Col. Sir Joseph Cheyne, Bart., M.C., inspected the O.T.C. in 1936 when he had two sons on parade. His Stick Orderly on that occasion was W. W. Cheyne (C 1938), who is now a Lieutenant-Colonel and has three sons at Stowe.

A popular informal concert was presented in Assembly on December 17th in aid of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. £51 14s. 6d. was collected. In the star spots were The 4Midables, the Rave-ons, and Peter, Paul & Fred.

The Pineapple Ball will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, 1964, at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

A.B.S.

Mr. A. B. Stokoe, who left Stowe too late for us to report his departure in our August number, joined the staff in September 1960 and will be remembered by many for his enthusiasm for Physics and for his presidency of the Nucleus and the Vitruvians. We wish him success in his new post at Westminster, where he taught before coming to Stowe.

OLIM ALUMNI

N. G. ANNAN (T 1935), Provost of King's, has been appointed a Trustee of the British Museum.

D. B. EGERTON (C 1932) was appointed Major-General on September 15th and is to be Director General of Artillery in September 1964.

Lt.-Col. W. W. CHEYNE (C 1938) was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List, 1963.

Commander J. E. C. KENNON, R.N., (G 1943) was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1963.

R. B. MATTHEWS (B 1934), Chief Constable of Cornwall and the Scilly Isles, has been appointed Chief Constable of Warwickshire.

THE REV. C. R. P. ANSTEY (C 1941), Vice-Principal of Chichester Theological College, has been appointed Vicar of Headington, Oxford.

The Rev. P. E. C. HAYMAN (S 1933) is Vicar of Rogate and Rector of Terwick.

P. M. SYRETT (C 1937) has been elected a Representative on the Court of Common Council of the City of London.

Lt.-Col. B. A. STEWART (C 1938) is the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

J. D. F. STOW (C 1931) was Mayor of Barnes in 1962-3.

A. G. BARBOUR (C 1956) is prospective Conservative candidate for Crewe and C. A. HART-LEVERTON (G 1953) prospective Liberal candidate for West Walthamstow.

H. MACLEAN (G 1958) obtained a First Class pass in the Solicitors' Institute Examination in November, and was awarded a Studentship by the Law Society and the Syrett Prize for 1963.

F. R. SHACKLETON (W 1958), of St. John's College, Cambridge, has been elected to a McMahon Law Studentship.

D. L. P. KELLY (C 1952) is Master and Huntsman of the Meynell Foxhounds.

D. G. J. GORDON-DEAN (W 1948) appeared on B.B.C. Television in September as a member of a mission by kayak in the Canadian Arctic to find clues to the fate of Sir John Franklin, who was lost while searching for the North-West Passage.

J. M. DIACK (T 1956) is First Horn in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

P. G. HARRIS (S 1951) won the Surrey County Squash Rackets Championship in November.

C. J. G. ATKINSON (C 1959) is Captain of Hockey at Oxford University and President of Vincent's.

M. B. M. CANAVAN (C 1960), who was a Senior Under-Officer and captain of the College Fencing Team at Cranwell, was in December commissioned into the R.A.F. and awarded the Dickson Trophy for the cadet most proficient in applied flying.

OLD STOIC RUGGER DAY—OCTOBER 12th, 1963

It is so unlikely to happen again that it must be applauded and noted now. Exactly three teams of Old Stoics went onto the field, and everyone who came wanting a game got one. Although on the morning 61 names still remained of those who had signified a wish to play, precisely 45 were left at 2.30 p.m.

The 1st XV avenged their defeat of last year. They looked a powerful side on paper, and the School did well to hold them to the score of 10—3. C. P. Murphy opened the scoring for the School with a dropped goal, but G. D. Parkinson replied with a neat try between the posts and J. A. Boyd-Smith converted it. In the second half, A. D. Cooper rounded off a good movement for a try which Boyd-Smith also converted.

The 2nd XV were soundly beaten by 14—0, by a School side which showed speed of handling and passing. The 3rd XV had a rousing game, and lost 12—8. G. Roy Thomas scored a try, converted by J. W. Baker, and C. B. Tetlow added another.

The following played for the Old Stoics:—1st XV: J. A. Boyd-Smith (C 1956); M. J. Summerlin (C 1962), G. D. Parkinson (W 1962), C. M. St. J. Knight (G 1962), A. D. Cooper (W 1961); A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W 1961), B. M. Allen (W 1962); D. Rowe-Beddoe (C 1955), R. J. Box (C 1962), C. M. Hill (C 1956), C. H. Clucas (W 1960), G. J. Vapenik (B 1961), G. W. Horner (C 1956), A. R. F. Hobson (C 1962), J. D. Powell-Rees (G 1955). 2nd XV: S. B. Murray (C 1961); M. K. Ridley (C 1956), T. G. E. Kilpatrick (C 1963), B. A. Marcel (C 1963), J. H. Temple (T 1959); J. A. Jefferson (C 1960), R. Sherjan (T 1958); L. M. Thomas (B 1961), J. G. Green (W 1962), G. F. Arbib (T 1962), N. B. Venning (S 1956), P. L. Duncan (B 1960), E. S. Dawes (B 1963), A. R. Shackleton (W 1961), R. J. Hay (W 1960). 3rd XV: P. G. de Havilland (C 1961); N. A. Carrington Smith (T 1960), G. Roy Thomas (B 1948), D. F. Poulson (T 1956), N. J. R. Kay (S 1959); R. Dacey (C 1956), P. M. Rossiter (C 1950); R. Gamble (W 1963), B. Parkinson (C 1963), J. S. Lisle (S 1961), J. W. Baker (S 1958), D. Moyle (W 1960), C. B. Tetlow (T 1961), S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T 1961), N. O. G. Murray (C 1962).

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

P. M. BEECH (S 1931) a daughter on May 2nd 1963.

G. T. BEER (S 1949) a son on July 7th 1963.

J. C. BOLTON (C 1953) a son on September 18th 1963.

A. W. A. BRAHAMS (C 1948) a daughter on May 27th 1963.

J. C. BROOM SMITH (C 1950) a daughter on October 31st 1962.

I. B. CALKIN (W) a son on September 21st 1963.

D. G. CAMPION (W 1942) a son on June 29th 1963.

J. I. G. CAPADOSE (T 1943) a daughter on September 17th 1963.

J. P. C. CATTY (W 1952) a son on November 25th 1963.

S. N. L. CHALTON (B 1951) a daughter on September 23rd 1963.

A. T. CLARKE (C 1945) a son on July 19th 1962.

G. A. COUTTS (B 1927) a daughter on August 21st 1937 and a daughter on November 17th 1940.

C. F. CULLIS (W 1941) a daughter on February 13th 1963.

J. F. CULLIS (W 1944) a daughter on August 19th 1963.

I. V. DE WESSELOW (C 1948) a son on May 7th 1963.

R. H. S. HARRIS (C 1946) a son on June 24th 1957 and a son on July 31st 1960.

- I. M. HAYNES (C 1956) a son on May 16th 1963.
 THE MARQUIS OF HEADFORT (C 1949) a daughter on October 4th 1963.
 J. S. B. HENDERSON (C 1954) a son on March 7th 1963.
 J. E. M. IRVINE (T 1945) a son on May 20th 1963.
 E. M. L. LATHAM (C 1947) a daughter on September 14th 1963.
 R. B. McGRIGOR (W 1937) a daughter on March 28th 1963.
 A. J. MANLEY (T 1943) a daughter on August 9th 1962.
 E. H. NELSON (G 1951) a son on May 2nd 1963.
 H. J. H. NELSON (G 1942) a daughter on January 8th 1963.
 J. D. NIGHTINGALE (C 1949) a son on March 26th 1963.
 T. D. PHILIPS (G 1956) a daughter on October 21st 1963.
 P. M. ROSSITER (C 1950) a son on August 14th 1963.
 R. A. ROXBURGH (W 1947) a daughter on March 26th 1963.
 D. V. A. SANKEY (B 1938) a son in October 1960 and a daughter in June 1962.
 R. W. SPIELMAN (G 1946) a daughter on June 8th 1963.
 J. L. H. STISTED (B 1954) a daughter on April 27th 1963.
 J. L. TATE (B 1955) a daughter on April 11th 1963.
 A. K. THOULD (C 1949) a son on September 10th 1962.
 J. H. WOLSTENHOLME (G 1954) a son on July 7th 1962.
 J. G. O. W. YERBURGH (B 1943) a son on December 7th 1962.

(Adoption) D. A. HART-LEVERTON (G 1950) in April 1963, a daughter, born September 19th 1962.

MARRIAGES

- P. F. ALBRECHT (C 1957) to Judith Ann Hampson on September 10th 1963.
 C. W. BARTLEY (G 1938) to Madeleine Ring on April 20th 1963.
 A. J. BEATTY (C 1959) to Diana Ursula Farrant Jones on June 8th 1963.
 A. C. W. BONE (B 1959) to Jane Ann King on October 12th 1963.
 M. C. BRAHAMS (C 1954) to Stephanie Scott on October 13th 1963.
 A. J. P. CAMPBELL (C 1952) to Helen Jolly on September 28th 1963.
 G. A. COUTTS (B 1927) to Rosemary S. Fletcher on September 4th 1936.
 R. F. S. DARKE (G 1951) to Patricia Ann Kelly on February 16th 1963.
 J. G. DENBY (C 1955) to Rosemarie A. Freeman on October 10th 1959.
 M. E. DENBY (G 1955) to Roxanna Lesley Barker on September 14th 1963.
 T. J. H. DOWNING (C 1952) to Anne C. Searle on October 20th 1962.
 H. P. B. EDWARDS (G 1958) to Rosemary Begbie on October 24th 1963.
 M. R. J. FORMAN (C 1951) to Michèle Jane Marland on May 24th 1963.
 F. F. GRAHAM (W 1950) to Jacqueline Virginia Grayston on March 7th 1963.
 R. H. S. HARRIS (C 1946) to Jean Patricia Anne Presland on September 24th 1955.
 C. A. HART-LEVERTON (G 1953) to Anna Bennett on August 25th 1963, in Hollywood, U.S.A.
 T. HILL (B 1951) to Marion Weir on March 23rd 1963.
 P. R. M. HUMBERT (G 1956) to Felicity Ann French on July 20th 1963.
 W. A. JENKYN-JONES (C 1954) to Janet Bruce Munro on August 17th 1963.
 D. L. P. KELLY (C 1952) to Karen Jean Player on January 16th 1963.
 M. C. G. KILLINGBECK (B 1952) to Leueen Mary Virginia Turner on April 6th 1963.
 C. G. A. LATHAM (C 1950) to Mlle. Jacqueline Calourlin on June 1st 1963.

- T. F. LLOYD (C 1946) to Philippa Anson Cruttenden-Woodhams on June 23rd 1962.
 R. M. NICHOLSON (B 1951) to Patricia Rosemary Salmon on April 20th 1963.
 D. M. PEARLMAN (T 1957) to Marnie Anderson on September 21st 1963.
 T. D. PHILIPS (G 1956) to Susan E. Aikman on July 28th 1961.
 R. E. L. PILE (B 1953) to Elizabeth-Ann Bubb on December 1st 1962.
 R. POWER (C 1955) to Carolyn Anne Cecilia Barlow-Vaughan on June 3rd 1961.
 THE REV. D. M. H. REECE (W 1955) to Julia Anne Paget on September 5th 1963.
 C. H. RUTTER (G 1952) to Patricia Anne Impey on September 6th 1963.
 D. V. A. SANKEY (B 1938) to Frkn. Vibeke Gregersen on January 1st 1953.
 C. H. SCOTT (C 1933) to Jane Holland on May 4th 1963.
 C. J. G. SHILLINGTON (C 1957) to Melanie Fraser Ross on June 15th 1962.
 N. B. SNYDER (B 1956) to Elizabeth Anne Harvey on March 28th 1963.
 J. N. VINEN (W 1950) to Hazel Carr on April 19th 1963.
 H. R. V. WHITCOMBE (B 1951) to Prudence Lacy Bottomley on February 10th 1962.
 A. R. WILLIAMS (G 1953) to Stella Mary Rivett Simpson on May 25th 1963.

DEATH

G. M. JONES (W 1946) on November 12th 1963, in London.

MUSIC

The enthusiastic applause at the close of the Christmas Concert was surely no mere token of gratitude for encores. It expressed, rather, a recognition of our debt for another memorable term's music. This is in no way to decry the concert itself, which, though something of a pot-pourri, nevertheless made a very pleasant evening. The orchestra, after an uneasy *Pomp and Circumstance* march, played with growing assurance, and with so many young members promises much enjoyment to come. Its accompaniments to the chorus were admirable and its performances of the Mendelssohn and Tschaiowski pieces showed considerable refinement: the latter gave us a welcome opportunity to hear C. J. F. Gethin's delicate oboe; the former enabled the orchestra to reveal a satisfying breadth and control with all the lightness of touch which Mendelssohn demands. Even so, the evening belonged largely to the chorus. The National Anthem, *Britannia* and *Zadok* were rousingly sung, though it is a little embarrassing to have them sung *at one*. It is as if one had gate-crashed a private jamboree. The unaccompanied carols were given a vivid performance and the part-singing was exquisitely done. Indeed the chorus has become a fine musical instrument of great clarity and precision, and, even more wonderful, you can hear the words. This was

particularly apparent in the Haydn Motet. Here, fittingly, orchestra and chorus were at their best. Their attack was gripping, only to be bettered by superbly expressive *diminuendi*. With memories of Verdi's *Requiem* still ringing in our ears and with the promise of the *St. Matthew Passion* to come we can count ourselves lucky indeed.

'Opera for All' brought us this year *The Barber of Seville*. It opened unpromisingly enough. A nondescript tenor aria, followed by that old war-horse the *Largo al factotum*, made those who have endured musical evenings round the vicarage pianoforte stir uneasily in their seats. Soon, however, the misgivings of the blasé and the uninitiated were allayed. This was to be neither a catalogue of weary solos nor a gallant attempt to convert one to grand opera; it was entertainment, disarming in its light-heartedness. Rossini's score sparkles with gaiety and wit, perfectly matching the series of farcical situations which Beaumarchais' plot has become, and even concealing the banality of the English libretto. It is well suited also to the 'Opera for All' group, which makes light of difficulties of production and whose zest is so engaging. Bartolo was the mainstay,—an authoritative performance providing a splendid foil for the machinations of Figaro and Almaviva. The latter's caricatures of priest and musician were outrageously funny. Rosina was vivacious and agreeable, and it would perhaps be churlish to demand a true coloratura, just as it is unfair to shoot the pianist for not being an orchestra. Yet regrets persist, and it was sad, too, to hear only one aria from Bartolo's maid. Colour, comedy, glittering music and unashamed buffoonery all served to start the season with a flourish.

A flute recital may not arouse any great anticipation of excitement, nor did the first half of Gareth Morris's recital surprise us, save by the tone and mastery of the performer. The Handel sonata was a delight, the Mozart concerto champagne; but neither is really flute music. It was with Poulenc's Sonata that we heard the true quality of the instrument. The flute has, on the one hand, a rare and lonely quality which transports us to a remote ethereal plane, and on the other it becomes wayward, skittish and whimsical. Poulenc's precise but capricious delicacy was deliciously presented. Even more, the unaccompanied pieces by Wellesz and Honegger were rich in reticent humour and elusive melody. It was a pity to hear so little of the flute on its own. The accompanist made a plea for British music, but, though his playing was pleasant, his argument was hardly supported by Moeran's pastiche of Debussy and Bax's Grand-Hotel-style *Gopak*. Mr. Morris did European music greater justice with superb playing of Fauré, Rachmaninoff and Frank Martin.

The concert given by the Military Band came as a surprise. Mr. Courtnell, delighted by the skill and enthusiasm left to him by Mr. Webb, brought his players together after a meagre six weeks of rehearsals and they gave us a short foretaste of pleasures to come. After due deference had been paid to military formality with a march, the band really set out to enjoy itself and the audience was warmed by its zip and gusto. Those of us who attended the concert, and we were pitifully few, are grateful to Mr. Courtnell for giving us music which we, and quite manifestly the players, enjoy. We want more, and there will be many more of us next time.

I have left the two chamber concerts until last, for they gave me the greatest pleasure of the term. The first opened with a challenge to many like myself for whom the name Schönberg is forbidding. *Verklaerte Nacht* was inspired by a poem of Richard Dehmel, to which the music bears little resemblance, I'm glad to say. Far from the complexities of atonal counterpoint which we were expecting, we heard a delicious piece of late romantic *nachtmusik*, almost threatening to become sentimental *schmalz* but always saved by the intricacies of the melodic line and the rich texture of the score. The music was a revelation to the ignorant and a gorgeous initiation into the range and depth of the string sextet,—a notable and rare performance of a work which string-players would give their ears to play. But there were some who felt relieved to be on the more familiar ground of Schubert. Messrs. Leach and Proctor gave a sensitive and gripping performance of the Fantasia in F minor which aroused the enthusiasm of the traditionalists and the admiration of the rest. This is, however, not great Schubert, and despite the infinite subtlety of nuance in the performance, its repetitious lack of invention showed through.

Mozart is so often gabbled that it is almost a new experience to hear his music played at a reasonable tempo. The G minor Quintet is amongst the greatest of chamber works and we were accorded a most profound reading. Tragedy is present throughout. The solemn allegro gives place to a minuet in which grief transcends the spirit of the dance, and this in turn to the most sublime of slow movements. Finally, and here the slower tempo of the reading showed its full depth, the traditional gaiety of the last movement is of a cheerfulness so forced, of a boisterousness so frenzied, that we seem to be assisting at the tragedy not only of Mozart but of man.

It is easy to take Haydn for granted or to think of him as a sort of early Mozart, only 'squarer'. We expect formality, good humour and good manners. In the C major Quartet, with which the second chamber

recital began, we get a first movement of just this stamp. Then follow an adagio of tortured passion, an elegiac minuet and trio, and a finale whose serene sadness is but briefly interrupted by the expected high-spirits. The performance was unashamedly and quite rightly an emotional one. The next work was a sad contrast. Despite Mr. Diack's warm playing and Mr. Burke's restrained and sympathetic accompaniment, Schumann's Adagio and Allegro proved a disappointment, with the horn shapelessly murmuring vague memories and vaguer ideals from the dream forests of the dim past. Franck's Piano Quintet ended the recital. Its melodies are centred on a single note and reappear in different movements. This apparent limitation and self-plagiarism is in fact a source of strength; the music, with its obsessive, claustrophobic quality, is now almost unbearably still, now violently passionate. No music is more exciting, none more satisfying. Once again we heard string playing of great unity and intensity, now enhanced by Mr. Proctor's piano—a virtuoso part played with superb understanding and poetry.

We already owe much to our musicians, as I have said, but it is a debt which we are delighted to incur and which, we hope and expect, will continue to increase.

J.M.T.

PROGRAMMES OF CONCERTS

'OPERA FOR ALL'

"THE BARBER OF SEVILLE"

Comic Opera by Rossini

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Fiorello, <i>the Count's servant</i>	JAMES ANDERSON
Count Almaviva	BRUCE LOCHTIE
Figaro, <i>the barber</i>	PHILIP MAY
Rosina, <i>Dr. Bartolo's ward</i>	MARJORIE WARD
Doctor Bartolo	ALFRED OLDRIDGE
Berta, <i>Dr. Bartolo's housekeeper</i>	JOAN CLARKSON
Don Basilio, <i>a singing teacher</i>	PAUL SMITH
Officer	KENNETH WALLER
Notary	JAMES ANDERSON

Pianist—SHEILA THOMAS Producer—DOUGLAS CRAIG

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th

MR. WATSON AND LESLEY MELVIN (*Violins*)
ELIZABETH WATSON AND MARY LONG (*Violas*)
MR. EDMONDS AND BRIGITTE LOESER (*Cellos*)
MR. PROCTOR AND MR. LEACH (*Piano*)

"Verklärte Nacht," Op. 4 for String Sextet	Schönberg
Fantasia in F minor for Piano Duet, Op. 103	Schubert
String Quintet in G Minor, K.516	Mozart
Allegro; Menuetto and Trio; Adagio ma non troppo; Adagio— allegro	

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

JAMES DIACK (T 1956) (*Horn*) MR. EDMONDS (*Cello*)
MR. WATSON (*Violin*) MR. BURKE (*Piano*)
LESLEY MELVIN (*Violin*) MR. PROCTOR (*Piano*)
ELIZABETH WATSON (*Viola*)

Quartet in C ma., Op. 54, No. 2	Haydn
Vivace; Adagio; Menuetto and Trio; Finale	
Adagio and Allegro for Horn and Piano, Op. 70	Schumann
Piano Quintet in F minor	César Franck
Molto moderato—allegro; Lento con molto sentimento; Allegro non troppo ma con fuoco.	

CONCERT BY THE MILITARY BAND

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Conductor—MR. R. E. COURTNELL

March: "Officer of the Day"	Hall
Tunes from "West Side Story"	Bernstein
Blue Tango	Anderson
Cranberry Corners, U.S.A.	Grundman
The Song of the Maggie	Fishman
Christmas Festival	Anderson

ORGAN RECITAL

IN THE CHAPEL, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

DR. SIDNEY CAMPBELL

Organist of St. George's, Windsor

Pasticcio	Jean Langlais
Carillon de Westminster	Louis Vierne
Pastorale	Jean Jacques Aimable Roger-Ducasse
Prelude: "Sleepers, wake!"	J. S. Bach
Les Bergers	Oliver Messiaen
Noël: "Les Bourgeoises de Châtre"	Nicolas Lebègue
Prelude and Fugue in A minor	J. S. Bach
Toccata	Marius Monnikendam
Reflection (after an old French Air)	Percy Whitlock
Final	César Franck

RECITAL IN THE ROXBURGH HALL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

GARETH MORRIS (*Flute*)
WILFRID PARRY (*Piano*)

Sonata No. 5 in F ma. for Flute and Piano	...	...	Handel
Larghetto; Allegro; Siciliana; Gigue			
Piano Solo: Impromptu in A flat, Op. 142, No. 2	...	...	Schubert
Concerto No. 2 in D for Flute	...	...	Mozart
Allegro aperto; Andante ma non troppo; Allegro			
Sonata for Flute and Piano	...	...	Poulenc
Allegro malinconico; Cantilena (Assez lent); Presto giocoso			
Two pieces for unaccompanied Flute:			
March	...	...	Egon Wellesz
Danse de la Chèvre	...	...	Honegger
Piano Solos:			
Windmills	...	...	E. J. Moeran
Gopak	...	...	Arnold Bax
Flute Solos:			
Fantaisie	...	...	Fauré
Vocalise	...	...	Rachmaninoff
Ballade	...	...	Frank Martin

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

THE CHORAL SOCIETY
THE ORCHESTRA
Leader—G. D. GORDON-NAPIER (C)
Conductor—MR. WATSON

"Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 4	...	...	Elgar
"Insanae et Vanae Curae" (Motet for Chorus and Orchestra)	...	...	Haydn
Introduction and Scherzo to the "Hymn of Praise"	...	...	Mendelssohn
"Rule Britannia"	...	...	Arne (arr. Sargent)
Unaccompanied Carols:			
Deck the Hall	...	...	Old Welsh
Quem Pastores	...	...	German 14th Cent. (arr. A.J.W.)
Good King Wenceslas	...	...	arr. Geoffrey Shaw
The Crown of Roses	...	...	Tchaikowsky
Ding dong! merrily on high	...	...	arr. Charles Wood
Scene from "Swan Lake"	...	...	Tchaikowsky
"Zadok the Priest"	...	...	Handel

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR MUSIC COMPETITIONS

The above were held in the Roxburgh Hall on Tuesday, October 22nd, when Mr. Robert Britten was the adjudicator. The winners were as follows:—

Junior Strings	D. J. Levy (T) (<i>Viol</i>)	La Villageoise	Rameau
Junior Piano	B. L. J. Murray (C)	Christmas Piece in E flat	Mendelssohn
Woodwind and Brass	D. J. Levy (T) (<i>Recorder</i>)	Andante and Aria ...	Telemann
Intermediate Piano	F. N. Reed (W)	Song without Words in E	Mendelssohn

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"

By ROBERT BOLT

Presented by the Congreve Club on December 6th and 7th in the Roxburgh Hall

CAST.—**The Common Man**, D. J. LAMPING (C); **Sir Thomas More**, J. R. S. PRINGLE (B); **Master Richard Rich**, P. J. B. LAKE (G); **The Duke of Norfolk**, Earl Marshal of England, C. N. HERSHMAN (B); **Lady Alice More**, Sir Thomas's wife, D. A. JENNINGS (C); **Lady Margaret More**, Sir Thomas's daughter, A. H. THOMLINSON (W); **Cardinal Wolsey**, J. R. ADAM (C); **Thomas Cromwell**, N. S. LEWIN (C); **Signor Chapuys**, The Spanish Ambassador, D. R. HOWARD (C); **Chapuys' Attendant**, M. H. SHEARING (B); **William Roper**, D. G. JONES (G); **King Henry the Eighth**, M. J. AVORY (C); **A Woman**, R. M. BEATTY (B); **Thomas Cranmer**, Archbishop of Canterbury, D. N. C. PATMORE (G).

Produced by MR. J. BAIN and D. R. EVANS (B).

Once again Mr. Bain and his Congreve Club players have achieved a considerable triumph, and the general opinion seems to be that the play was undoubtedly one of the most successful of recent years. It is probably true to say that it presents rather less difficulty in a school performance than some which have been produced previously; however, even this play is difficult in that it makes a considerable demand on its principal actor. The character of Sir Thomas More calls for a quality of restraint in its playing which is one of the hardest for a young actor to produce. There are no heroics, no declamatory speeches here, but there is poetry and it is to Pringle's credit that the audience was made aware of its presence from the beginning. This was a finely balanced performance, beautifully spoken, with just the right amount of gesture and facial expression, completely devoid of the kind of excess to which schoolboy players are so often liable. One got the impression not only that he had been very well coached and produced, but that he fully understood the subtleties of the character himself.

However, it would be unfair to suggest that this was merely a one-man show, for Pringle's performance could not have been so effective without some very able support. Lamping as the Common Man, who fulfils the function of the Chorus by lending continuity to the successive scenes, maintained the mood effectively and supplied the right amount of humour to offset the action. Hershman, as the bluff Duke of Norfolk, managed the hearty exterior of the character well, while at the same time creating

a vivid impression of the man's inner uncertainty and awareness of his insecure position. The two female members of More's family were convincingly portrayed, Jennings doing especially well as Lady Alice; one magnificent flouncing entry down the steps remains in my memory as one of the highlights of the evening and all his movements were feminine and natural. Lake, as the awkward but ambitious Rich, had little scope in the part but gave a sound performance all the same, and Howard was obviously very much at home with the extravagant Spanish gestures of Signor Chapuys, the Ambassador.

I was less happy about Thomas Cromwell, the villain of the piece, but by no means all the blame belongs to Lewin, who played the part with confidence but tended to over-emphasize the villainy, especially by means of facial expression. The author, it appears, is happier in the portrayal of the innate goodness of More than he is when dealing with its opposite in Cromwell. The Inn Scene especially lessens the total effect by its melodramatic conception and it struck me as being the weakest in the play. However, the action gathers momentum as the play proceeds and once this scene was over and the second act under way it moved swiftly and with ever-increasing force to its climax. The production rose to new heights as the play progressed and the audience watched, fascinated, as the net slowly and inevitably closed round the unresisting figure of Sir Thomas More. The climax was assisted, as was the entire production, by some skilful lighting effects and the set, though a simple one, was none the less excellent for that. Throughout the play Mr. Bain's direction was apparent; the exits and entrances were perfectly timed and the stage movements, in particular those most difficult ones of the female characters, were always natural and convincing.

All in all, this was a well balanced production of a by no means easy play and one which made for an extremely stimulating evening. In the opinion of older members of the audience it ranked as a performance with such Congreve highlights as *Henry IV* and *Tobias and the Angel*.

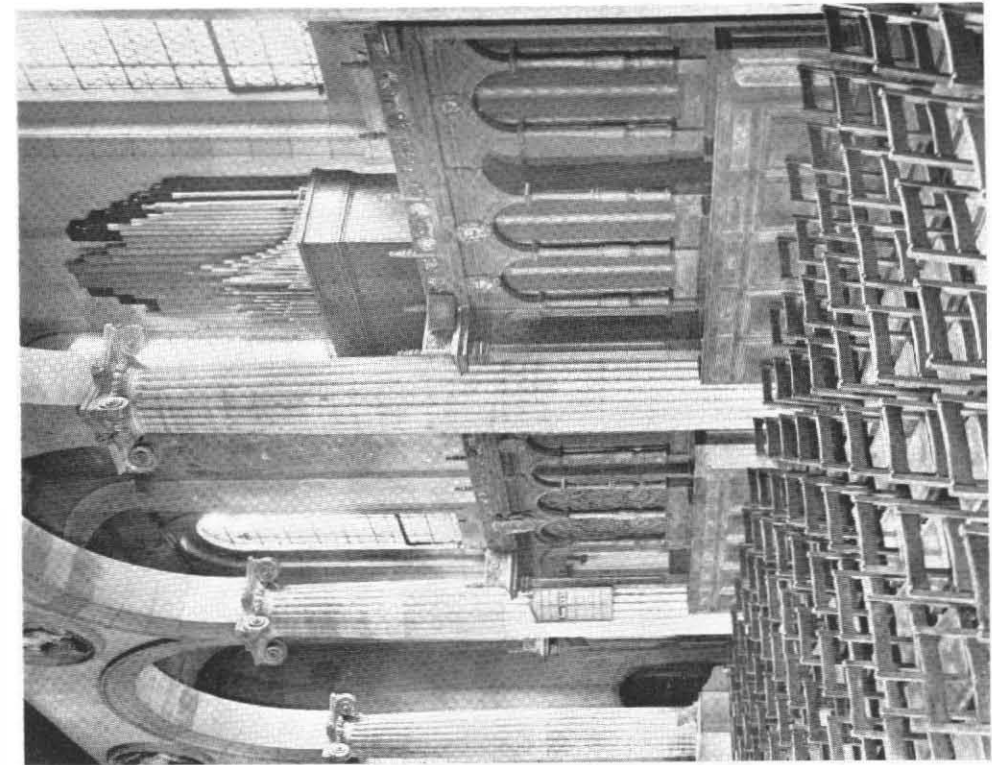
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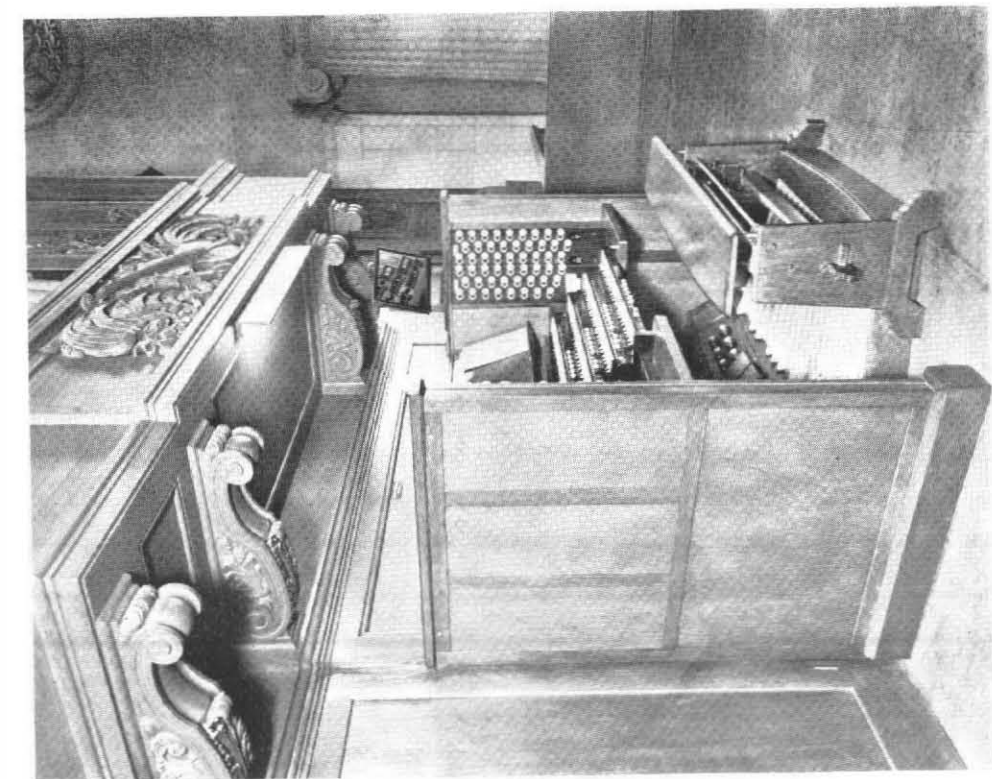
THE NEW ORGAN

The rebuilding of the organ in the Chapel, which was begun in 1960, has now been completed. The work, which has been made possible through the generosity of a parent and governor, has been carried out by the Northampton organ builders A. E. Davies and Son, Ltd. In its early stages the nature of the reconstruction was guided and inspired by the late Dr. Osborne Peasgood, whose untimely death prevented him from seeing the completion of his plans.

Besides the obvious necessity for replacing a worn-out electro-pneumatic action in the organ, the rebuilding has had three main aims. First, by the revoicing of most of the stops on the Great and the Swell the organ has been given a greater clarity and brilliance which, especially in the upper registers, is so vital to congregational accompaniment. The need for this carrying power in the upper work is particularly acute in a building which, when full, has such a deadening effect upon sound and in which

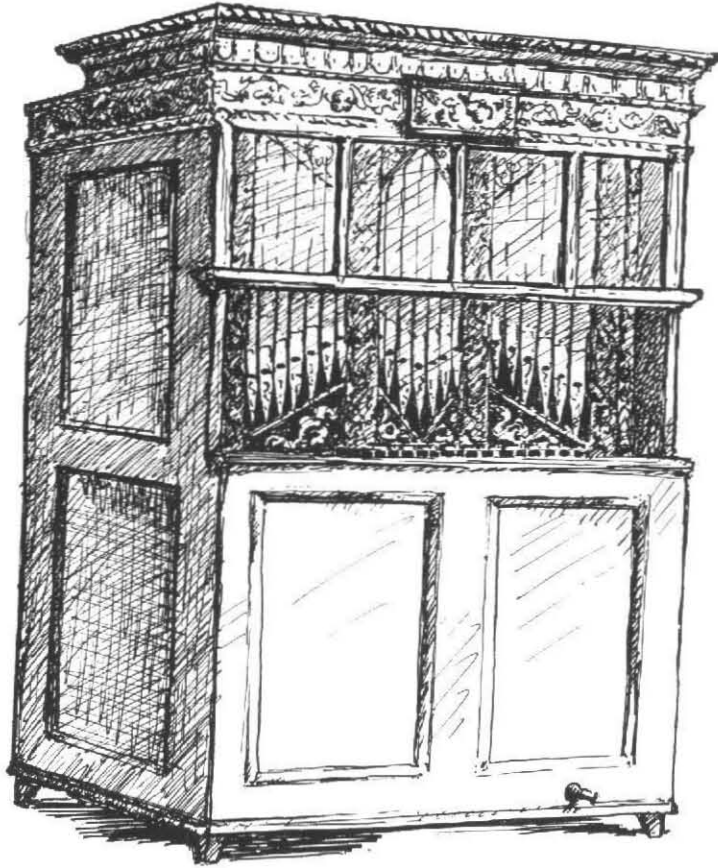


THE CHOIR ORGAN



THE MAIN CONSOLE

THE NEW CHAPEL ORGAN (See 'Landmarks')



KING JAMES II'S TRAVELLING ORGAN
 Drawn by J.V.D. from the 1848 Sale Catalogue
 (See 'Landmarks')



WOODCARVING IN THE CHAPEL
 (See 'Landmarks')

Photograph by J.H.F.

any noise produced at one end is weakened out of all proportion by the time it has reached the other. This acoustical problem has also been partially relieved by the extension of the set of pipes situated at the "east" end of Chapel into a separate and independent organ which can also be operated from the new main console to provide a boost to the diminishing sound of the large organ. The new four-manual console has been placed a few feet further back than the previous one in order to give the organist a clearer idea of the noise he is inflicting on the back rows of the congregation. (The moving of the console necessitated the enlarging of the gallery; a development which has made it possible for small groups of players or singers to perform from the organ loft.)

The second aim of the rebuilding has been to provide a means of accompanying anthems and choral works from the "east" end of Chapel; a need which has been answered by the small organ with its own console near the Headmaster's stall. Finally the tonal range of the main organ has been increased by the addition of a solo manual, some new mutations and solo stops, thus enlarging its scope as a recital instrument. The organ, which was originally conceived on traditionally English lines, is now much more suited to cope with the demands made by the music of past centuries and other countries.

Dr. Sydney Campbell, organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, gave the official opening recital on the restored organ on November 21st. His command over the instrument was obvious from the start of the programme and his experienced and masterly technique was nowhere more apparent than in the third piece, the magnificent (but seldom heard) "Pastorale" by Roger-Ducasse. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor was played with admirable fluency and the well-known chorale prelude "Sleepers, Wake!" was handled with poise and exquisite registration. The only English contribution to the programme was Whitlock's "Reflection", and one possibly wondered whether the preponderance of modern French music was entirely suitable on this occasion. Such works as Franck's joyous but unnecessarily long "Final" and Vierne's turgid "Carillon de Westminster" gave one a chance to hear the power of the organ but little of its variety. More successful was the seasonal and picturesque "Les Bergers" of Messiaen; a piece which was no doubt enjoyed all the more after reading Dr. Campbell's helpful programme notes.

KING JAMES II'S TRAVELLING ORGAN

We reprint for the sake of interest the description of King James II's Travelling Organ from the 1848 Stowe Sale Catalogue:—

"Lot 2481. The travelling organ of James II, used in his camp on Hounslow Heath: . . . after the Revolution, it was conveyed to Lord Wharton's seat at Winchendon, and from thence purchased by Mr. Grenville.

"This instrument is of small size, being about six feet nine inches high, and about five feet wide by two feet and a half in depth. Our illustration shows the front of the organ as ready for the player; that is, a glazed window which can be elevated or lowered . . . is represented as thrown up. The stops of the organ are the following:—Fifteenth-bass, sesqui-altra, twelfth-bass, trumpet, fifteenth-treble, cornet, twelfth-treble, and stop diapason. The notes, ranged in two rows, are forty-three in number,

the lowest having black, the upper white keys. The false pipes to the front are merely flat pieces of wood The case of the organ is painted a dull red colour, the mouldings to the panels and frames to the windows being gilded, as is also the carved fruit and foliage, and architectural enrichments in the frieze and other parts of the instrument. This curious relic was purchased for Robert Sutton, Esq., of Ross-way, Herts."

At the sale it fetched £30—a rather modest price when one considers that it is attributed to the famous organ-builder Father Smith in Sumner's 'The Organ'. It is now in the U.S.A. Whether "this curious relic" was in regular use in the private chapel at Stowe we doubt; its tuning must have presented a problem. At all events another organ, by Flight and Robson, was sold in addition in 1848, for £21 10s. 6d.

THE CEDAR CARVINGS IN THE CHAPEL

Mr. David Green, the author of a recent book on Grinling Gibbons, visited the Chapel in September and inspected the woodcarvings, which were originally in Stowe House, Kilkhampton, Cornwall, and were installed in Cobham's private chapel, now the Aurelian Room, after the other Stowe was demolished in 1720. Mr. Green is not of the opinion that the carvings are by Grinling Gibbons; they are probably by his pupil Michael Chuke, who was a Kilkhampton man. Nor does Mr. Green consider the pulpit to be by Gibbons; although it contains his trademark, a split peapod, this was commonly used by his pupils. The origin of the pulpit is somewhat of a mystery. Perhaps it was bought by Cobham from Bulstrode, as he is supposed to have obtained some of the woodwork from there.

BRUCE HOUSE ROOM

The ceiling of Bruce Houserom, formerly the Music Room, has been restored by Mr. M. J. Gibbon (G 1929), and all who have seen it in its new brilliance have received a true insight into what the former Stowe must have been. We await with grateful anticipation the restoration of the remainder of the room.

THE WHALER

In 1954 the Corps acquired what was described in the stores list as a "dryland whaler"; this, though officially intended for boat-drill on land, was speedily rendered lakeworthy by the Naval Section, with help from Mr. Acton. At last, after nine years on the deep, the Whaler has been honourably retired to the beach.

The Epicurean of 1954 contained some verses:

We hear the Navy's got a whaler;
Now George'll make each one a sailor;
Personally, I'd make a baler.

Nine years later, the Whaler replies:

You've got another one that's wholler;
So christen her with coca-cola;
Personally, I've got my bowler.

LECTURE

BY MISS GLADYS AYLWARD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

It was with the greatest pleasure that we were able to welcome Miss Gladys Aylward, the "Small Woman", to the stage of the Roxburgh Hall to address a voluntary but packed audience. Whatever may have been the feelings or views of those who came to her talk, nobody left the hall without the knowledge that they had been in the presence of a very remarkable woman, who had given up her life as a parlour-maid in London to go as a Missionary to China. Miss Aylward brought with her a small Chinese boy whom she had recently adopted. She was later to explain how they had found this child wrapped in newspaper on the street.

First she described the work she has been doing in China amongst the hundreds of orphans who knew no love or security and who lived in the streets begging. She had founded an orphanage in Formosa and here she looked after nearly a hundred children. One day, she said, she realized that the children had never known or kept the Christmas festival. Christmas was approaching, but the orphanage was short of money, so that any festivities seemed quite out of the question. Miss Aylward explained how she had asked God to give her fifteen hundred dollars and how in answer to her prayer she had received a letter from Australia with the money from someone she had never known. Because of this the orphans had their first Christmas party. Each orphan was allowed to invite one guest from the town who had never been to a party before, nor was ever likely to be invited again. She then described a very small event which had a very great effect on her. At the end of the party, when all the guests had gone, she saw one of the very little orphan boys crying. When she asked him what was wrong the boy was reluctant to say. However, she finally discovered that he had given to his guest from the town a little red ball he had got from the Christmas tree. He was sad because it was the first present he ever had, and now he no longer had it. In this simple story lay an allegory for everyone; had we ever given away something we really liked, to someone we hardly knew? Miss Aylward went on to describe how she had been able to hear and accept God's word, and how she had felt herself led to China.

She then spoke of the greatest enemy which man had had to face: Communism. At this point she abandoned her simple, amusing and almost childish way of storytelling. Her face became angry and her voice loud and harsh as she made a bitter attack on Communism. Communism, she said, comes from Hell and from the Devil. It is the enemy of God. It takes away people's security and freedom. She herself knew the effects of Communism and the fetters it clamps upon the freedom of men. The message Miss Aylward left was that we must fight for freedom at all times, with God's help.

After her moving talk, she answered questions on her life and experience. When asked if she was a pacifist, she said that nobody who had had dealings with Communism would be a pacifist. She then described how there was a definite underground Christian movement in China; and a reluctance of the ordinary people to accept Communism.

The most amazing thing about Miss Aylward is that she belongs to no church. To her religion is life, and prayer reality. To her God is a friend and a support, and life is joy and happiness beyond all bounds. In her presence there is an atmosphere of certainty and of goodness, and everybody who heard her recognized that fact.

T.M.W.

THE LIBRARY

Several gifts have been made to the Library during the past term and amongst these are two notable presentations. To Mr. Roy Thomson we are indebted for a copy of the complete catalogue, with illustrations, of the Royal Philatelic Collection. This volume, published by gracious permission of his late Majesty King George VI, is a superb example of book production and a very handsome present indeed.

We have also, through the generosity of Mr. David Scott, been able to complete our signed and numbered set of *Elizabethan England* by E. M. Tenison by purchasing the last two volumes. These, too, are valuable and beautifully produced books.

Four books, amongst them *The Shoes of the Fisherman* by Morris West, were received from an anonymous donor, and D. A. Jennings has presented *The Face in Western Art* by John Brophy and the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue. In addition to these gifts over sixty volumes have been added to the Library since September.

M. J. Baker has been Prefect of Library and, with the assistance of the House Monitors, he has ensured its smooth functioning.

HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The competition was judged this year by Mr. Talbot-Kelly from Rugby. His impression of the exhibition was favourable. He points out that though there were three Houses—Chandos, Temple and Cobham—who were clearly better than the others, there was good work in all groups. He especially congratulated Bruce, who, in spite of having no particularly good artists, had nevertheless put up an extremely interesting show by sheer ingenuity and enterprise. The credit for this should go to M. H. Shearing.

Mr. Talbot-Kelly made some helpful remarks about criticism, pointing out that destructive criticism was useless and a sign of inability to look at pictures in the right way; that it was the duty of the onlooker to accept what the artist had painted as his own picture and therefore that duty would lead the onlooker to try to find out what the artist was trying to do, not to condemn what he had done nor necessarily how he had done it. The most that could be said was that he had not succeeded completely in his aim. The question of whether one liked a picture was an entirely different matter, for that was dependent upon the taste of the onlooker and was nothing to do with either the picture or the artist.

Bearing this in mind Mr. Talbot-Kelly pointed out the work of several boys which gave him pleasure or interested him for some reason or other. These were: G. R. P. Gibberd, P. J. and W. Barclay in Chandos; A. N. Cowdy in Grafton; D. A. Phillips and C. J. Buchanan-Jardine in Temple; P. C. Gallegos, D. H. Reid and S. C. Gardiner in Grenville; and J. V. Doubleday in Cobham. These were the chief artists. They were backed up by lesser artists in each case, particularly well by work done in the Lower School of which there were good examples in Grafton and Cobham.

Mr. Talbot-Kelly said he had found it extremely difficult to choose from the three best Houses; he had eventually come to the conclusion that Cobham should come first and Temple second.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

After a Summer term of inactivity, the club this term ignored its exams sufficiently to hold three meetings. Much about the club was new. We welcome as President Mr. J. C. Saunders, and D. A. Phillips was elected as the new Secretary. There were, besides, ten new members. All gathered for the first meeting at the President's home, now the customary meeting-place of the club, to hear J. R. S. Pringle's paper on "North American Folk Music", a long and knowledgeable paper illustrated with entertaining excerpts from records of folk music.

The second meeting took the form of a visit to the Aldwych Theatre in London to see "The Representative". The special attraction was an open discussion after the final curtain, on the moral problems posed by the play; this was headed by the Rev. Thomas Corbishley, Bernard Levin, Hugh Trevor-Roper and Clifford Williams, the Director. After the discussion had been thrown open to the audience the resulting speeches were very entertaining, though not always to the point.

At the last meeting of term the Secretary read a paper on "Science and the Middle Ages", seen from a historical rather than a scientific viewpoint. This was followed by a lively discussion.

D.A.P.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of term the Society mourned the loss of last year's secretary, T. M. Watson, 'sanè medicus futurus', who unfortunately succumbed to the allurements of Science. He has our sympathy. However, he still continues to infuse into the Society an atmosphere of electric anticipation for his long-awaited paper.

There were two meetings this term: at the first the Hon. N. V. B. Wallop gave a most interesting and excellent account of Greek worship from the time of Homer to that of the philosophers; and at the second N. A. Alington delivered a fine scholarly paper on Roman domestic architecture, taking his examples from houses at Pompeii and Herculaneum. There is every reason to hope for papers of a similar quality next term.

M.J.B.

THE NUCLEUS

This term the Nucleus welcomed Mr. P. A. Screen as the new President, after the unexpected departure of Mr. A. B. Stokoe, who was President of the Society during the last three years. A short business meeting was held at the beginning of the term, as all but two of the society were new members, and it was decided to hold two meetings in the term.

On October 17th A. V. Kemp-Jones (T) read a stimulating paper on "The Evolution of the Earth." Although the paper was of a highly speculative nature, and considerable discussion followed, it was generally agreed that the final melting of the earth will be unlikely to affect us personally.

On November 8th P. E. Langford (B) read what must have been nearly the longest paper the society has heard. Entitled "Leonardo da Vinci", it not only covered his artistic and scientific achievements in a very comprehensive manner, but also considered the psychological factors which produced such a truly remarkable man.

A.G.F.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society has increased its range of activities since last term. There has been little change among the officers. T. P. I. Goddard (W), G. M. T. Jeffreys (G) and A. G. Foord (G) were elected as representatives for the first, second and third year senior members respectively. H. P. Lloyd Morgan (T) was elected the official projectionist.

There were two series of films which were as usual about a wide range of subjects, from rubber and motor-racing to soil and ultra-sonics. The expedition to Pinewood Studios was postponed because of the lack of production at that time. There were also several interesting lectures. Mr. Scott-Scott, from Hilger & Watts, gave a talk on Automation with illustrations and both serious and amusing models, and Dr. Vicks, from Harwell, gave an intriguing and extremely clear lecture on the uses and structure of Harwell. Dr. Glass also gave a talk on Electronics in Biology.

M.C.A.W.

THE VITRUVIANS

The Society came back this term to discover itself unfortunately without its President, Mr. A. B. Stokoe. However, Mr. J. M. Hunt nobly offered to take us on, and at once made the excellent suggestion of a visit to Sir John Soane's house in Lincoln's Inn Fields. This took place on November 7th; we were very kindly received by Miss Stroud, the Assistant Curator, who gave us the opportunity to see Soane's collection of architectural drawings before wandering round the fascinating museum with its superb Hogarths.

Two meetings were held besides: on October 8th, J. V. Doubleday gave us an amusing talk on the problems encountered in building one's own house; and on December 5th the Society gathered for an entertaining discussion on London's changing skyline—at least, that was the intention. It was indeed entertaining, but topics ranged from suspension bridges to the atrocities of the Boston customs authorities—which shows how versatile the Vitruvians are.

C.J.F.G.

THE LATRUNCULARIANS

The Society has had an active term; three school matches were played, a junior ladder was started, and this year's individual competitions finally completed.

The match results were extremely encouraging, particularly in view of our disappointing first season last spring. We lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$ to Oundle (at whose hands we suffered a 6—0 defeat last spring), we beat Radley 4—2 (against whom we lost 3—2 last year) and drew against Charterhouse 3—3 in a combined senior and junior match, with a team depleted by two last-minute cases of tonsillitis. In each match we were conceding about a year in age to our opponents, so that the outlook for the future is promising.

The final of the individual competition was, aptly enough, played between the first two strings of the term, A. V. Kemp-Jones (T) and R. A. Kreitman (C). The latter won.

The team was: A. V. Kemp-Jones (T), R. A. Kreitman (Capt.) (C), J. E. Trainin (C), D. R. Rubin (C), B. L. Olorenshaw (C), D. M. Ashton (T). Juniors: N. R. Kreitman (C), D. H. I. Silver (C). Also played: P. R. Dick-Lauder (C), G. C. S. Gates (C).

R.A.K.

D.R.R.

THE RADIO SOCIETY

For the last eight months the activities of the Society have been confined to sustained objection about the lack of accommodation. Although the Society still has its "hut", condemned but defiant, it is unusable, as the heating has been removed, and most of the stores and components are going rusty and mouldy with damp.

Interest in radio through the School, once so great, is now considerably diminished and steadily fading. Unless accommodation is found soon Stowe will lose one of its most constructive societies.

A.G.F.

THE RING CLUB

The Club, which has met since the third week of term, every Thursday evening at 5 o'clock in the Gym., has offered elementary Wrestling and Boxing tuition. It has proved to be a considerable success with some very exciting bouts during the last few meetings. It is hoped that professional tuition may become available in future terms.

G.M.C.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This term has been quite successful for the Society. The total number of members was moderately high, and several new works were added to the record library. These included Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, "La Tosca", Mozart's A major and C minor Piano Concertos, and Liszt's Piano Sonata in B minor.

D.N.C.P.

THE CLIMBING CLUB

The one major activity of the Club this term was a very enjoyable week-end in Snowdonia. R. C. Clifford (G), M. C. A. Wyvill (T), P. R. Dick-Lauder (C) and A. R. Chisholm (C) were driven up on October 26th by the leader of the party, Dr. Farmer, and by Mr. Robinson, who had volunteered to try his hand at climbing.

The party spent the night in the Ynys Ettws Climbing Hut in the Llanberis pass. After an early start, Tryfan was reached and the party made their way to the Milestone buttress. R. C. Clifford successfully climbed the hazardous Munich climb (very severe) whilst the rest of the party did climbs on the pinnacle slabs and Little Tryfan. As dusk fell, the party made their way back to the cars, looking back on what must have been one of the most enjoyable expeditions the club has had for some time.

M.C.A.W.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term has been successful for the club. At the beginning of term we gained several new members and we were able to arrange an expedition.

On Expedition Day, October 23rd, we went to a Farming Research Station near Stoke Mandeville and spent an extremely interesting hour and a half being shown round the various outhouses in which new farming methods of livestock rearing were being tried out. Then we went on to the Motor Show at Earl's Court and spent two and a half hours there before returning to Stowe.

As well as the expedition we have had several films, the first showing being on October 31st when the films "Land Reclamation," "Scrapbook No. 10," and "Week-end at Le Mans" were shown. "Scrapbook No. 10" was a film of all the major events in farming in 1959, showing some of the uses of aircraft in Agriculture and a visit to the Royal Veterinary College.

Then on November 21st we had the films: "Diesel on the Farm," "Scrapbook No. 9," and "Big Blast at Swinburne Quarry." The last showed how explosive experts used three tons of explosive to bring down 50,000 tons of whinstone.

Three more films were shown on December 12th: "Jungle Airlift," "Tough Going 1954," and "British Grand Prix 1958."

We are hoping to gain more members, and to build up a bigger club. It is interesting to note that in 1958 the Young Farmers' Club had 120 members and was one of the largest in the country. At the moment we have only 15 members. Any new members are welcome.

We would like to thank Mr. Bulford very much for arranging the expedition and helping us out in many ways.

J.R.S.G.

C.C.F.

Under-Officer R. C. Clifford has been awarded the Joint Services Cadet Badge.

The main Army camp was held at Okehampton at the end of term and 100 cadets attended. The weather was good for training and our sponsor unit the South Wales Borderers made life both interesting and instructive. At the same time we ran an intensive leadership course for 20 cadets at Plasterdown and 15 cadets were the guests of The 16/5 The Queen's Royal Lancers in B.A.O.R. For this latter camp we are indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Simpson (C 1934) for making the necessary introductions and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Bull, for making the cadets so welcome.

Three camps running concurrently were rather a strain on our officer establishment but we were helped out by Lieutenant M. S. Wilson (C 1957), a regular officer, and Lieutenant G. K. Burrell (C 1952) of the 4/5 Royal West Kent T.A. We are most grateful to both these Old Stoics for giving up their free time to help make our camping programme a success.

The R.N. Section had 5 cadets on Commander E. Mason's famous commando course at Loch Ewe during the early part of August and 5 cadets in H.M.S. *Tenby* (in harbour) and two cadets in H.M.S. *Collingwood* later in the month.

Two cadets attended courses during the summer holiday—J. R. Adam a Naval Aviation Course at Culdrose and Sergeant K. Hamlyn an advanced signals course at Catterick. Both received most satisfactory reports.

Field Day saw the now usual bustle of activities and the kitchen staff had their resources strained to the full. They started serving breakfasts at 0630 and finished feeding cadets at 2230. They served seven main sittings during the day and also provided haversack rations and food for field cooking. All this with the caterer directing operations from her bed.

Naval cadets went to sea; 20 from Portsmouth and 25 from Southampton and 30 visited H.M.S. *Dolphin* and *Hermes*. The R.E. Section had their assault boats out on the river Cherwell doing a survey and the Advanced Infantry Platoon visited the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry for a platoon weapons course. The Signals Section had a communications exercise at Whitfield while the M.T. Platoon did practical

mechanics at home. The Proficiency Platoons had a section control exercise by day and night, and field cooking was the order for lunch. It is rumoured that one officer sat down to pheasant.

Two week-end schemes were planned for this term. At the last minute the R.N. scheme had to be cancelled because of the movement of sheep. 20 Army cadets and one officer managed to find their way to Imber and join in the T.A. Exercise "Light Bob." This was organised by Lieutenant-Colonel P. E. Gerahty, M.B.E., 1st Green Jackets, and we were fortunate to be allowed to join it. Some very good lessons were learned.

This term saw the completion of the 25 yards Range conversion and the issue of a safety certificate. 303 Rifle Shooting has now begun. On expedition day 3 Officers and the R.S.M. took a party of cadets to the open range at Charlton-on-Otmoor. A marksman's badge was gained by Cadet N. G. Rossi. During the wettest Sunday afternoon of a very wet November we had our first match of the season. Mr. F. Bell of Lillingstone Dayrell raised an eight to come and shoot against a Corps eight. The Corps won.

The C.C.F. was represented at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Buckingham by Lieutenant M. A. B. Kirk, the R.S.M. and 20 cadets.

Last term we had the misfortune to lose Captain B. J. Cryer and Lieutenant K. I. Meldrum. They will be missed very much. This term Lieutenant M. A. B. Kirk and 2/Lt. M. D. Seymour have joined the Corps. Lieutenant Commander C. W. O. Rainer, R.N. (Rtd.), is helping the R.N. Section. Lieutenant G. B. Clarke has resigned his commission after many years of enthusiastic service.

Examination Results:—(RNR Section) Proficiency: 18 passed (3 with credit), 3 failed.

The following have visited Stowe this term:—Flight-Lieutenant R. Kirk, R.A.F., from White Waltham; Squadron-Leader W. G. Baynton, R.A.F., from Air Ministry; Major A. Biggs, R.P.C., President of the Army Proficiency Board; and Lieutenant M. C. Cole, R.N.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term:—

GENERAL DUTIES.

Appointed *Senior Under-Officer*: U.-O. P. T. Hirst (G).

Appointed *Under-Officer*: Sgt. R. C. Clifford (G).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. C. Broom Smith (C), A. J. D. Durie (C), J. F. B. Ford (W), C. N. Hershman (B), J. M. Sharples (B), C. G. Vacy-Ash (W).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. R. U. Dawson (C), A. A. B. Duncan (C), G. D. Gordon-Napier (C), S. C. Gardiner (G), C. N. Hershman (B), I. J. Macdonald (G), C. P. Murphy (G), P. F. Pearcey (G), D. G. Remington (G), D. A. Sharp (W), T. M. Watson (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. R. S. Fox (T), H. P. Lloyd Morgan (T), G. D. Seal (G), D. L. F. Wilkie (C), J. W. Matthews (C), J. A. Napier (C).

Appointed *Acting Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. P. J. Holder (G), J. A. Napier (C), G. P. Rickwood (C), J. M. Short (C).

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION.

Appointed *Under-Officer*: Coxswain E. H. Blagg (C).

Promoted to *Coxswain*: Petty Officer J. R. Adam (C).

Promoted to *Acting Petty Officer*: Leading Seaman C. H. Mills (B).

Promoted to *Acting Leading Seaman*: A.Bs. M. A. L. Ashcroft (♣), F. H. S. Gilbert (B), A. C. Fyfe (♣), C. J. F. Gethin (G), R. J. Hanhart (♣), A. McF. Kennedy (W), D. J. Lamping (C), J. F. M. Monkhouse (♣), P. E. Martin (C), M. F. A. Mellersh (♣), P. D. L. Temple (T), G. D. Swanston (B).

The following specialist promotions were made :—

R.E. SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. M. H. Bellamy (♣), F. J. Gibbon (G), A. V. Kemp-Jones (T), The Hon. N. V. B. Wallop (G), M. C. A. Wyvill (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. D. W. J. Garrett (G), I. M. H. Kremer (♣), R. N. Goodchild (C), J. H. G. Kinahan (T).

ROYAL SIGNAL SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. J. G. Charlton (C), K. Hamlyn (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. A. G. Foord (G), A. M. Stephenson (C).

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION.

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. M. J. Baker (G), G. M. Corbett (♣).

Appointed *Acting Corporal*: L/Cdts. J. R. S. Pringle (B), N. K. Rice (C), A. P. B. Sutton (T).

Appointed *Junior Corporal*: L/Cdts. S. Buckingham (C), C. M. B. Charles (G), R. E. M. Cook (C), P. S. Faure (C), D. A. Herbert (C), C. J. Silver (C).

MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpl. N. J. Durlacher (W).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

To win only two school matches is not a creditable record, especially when only six tries were scored. There were indeed close encounters with Bedford and the unbeaten Oundle fifteen, but inexperience and youth made us too vulnerable a side; with only three colours left, team-building was a lengthy process. The team certainly never gave up, and they finished the season with a good win over The Leys, but those returning next year must realise that intensive practice, collective and individual, is the only way to overcome what are very real deficiencies. Concentration on the virtues of a solid defence, certainly necessary early in the season, brought in its wake too rigid an outlook which prevented us from turning defence into attack when reasonable opportunities presented themselves; we forgot that rapid counter-thrusts are a sure way of relieving pressure and too frequently we were content simply to put the ball into touch even in the opponents' half.

The forwards, intelligently led by Garrett, developed into a formidable combination in the set scrums, where Davis hooked strongly, and in the lines-out, where Raw was well supported by Parker and Hershman. Their best display was against Oundle, but generally they lacked the experience and finesse to lend constructive support to the three-quarters. In school matches, where marking from the set-pieces is so tight, the most productive opportunities arise from the breakdown of more conventional movements; much of our failure to score tries can be explained by our inability to exploit this kind of situation, and it was here that the back row was so limited, hard as Braithwaite and Bemrose tackled in defence.

Goodchild, an unerring fielder of the ball, proved a competent full-back; if he can develop the length of his kicking and learn to react more urgently in a crisis, he could do well next year. In the centre we showed little thrust, nor even the ability to serve the wings quickly, which was unfortunate as Sharp was a particularly dangerous runner. Duncan, plucky but slow and unimaginative, played steadily enough but was replaced by Gronow, moved from the centre late in the season, and the latter showed, certainly against The Leys, that he had the makings of a good scrum-half. Murphy was an enigma: he could make penetrating breaks and kick superbly, but too often his efforts were spoilt by a carelessly thrown pass or an over-hurried kick under pressure; yet his tactical direction as captain and fly-half was usually shrewd, and he was always his own severest critic. His drop- and place-kicking, though never realising their full potential, were useful assets.

SCHOOL COLOURS

1st XV:—Re-awarded to: R. U. Dawson (C). Awarded to: D. A. Sharp (W), H. M. Braithwaite (C), M. K. Davis (♣), C. C. Parker (W), N. D. Raw (♣), J. C. Bemrose (W), R. N. Goodchild (C), J. P. Gronow (G), C. N. Hershman (B), J. W. Matthews (C), A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T), C. J. T. Vane (C).

2nd XV:—Awarded to: A. A. B. Duncan (♣), N. H. Burton-Carter (C), M. A. L. Ashcroft (♣), A. G. Fyfe (♣), S. C. Gardiner (G), A. M. F. Kennedy (W), D. E. Remington (G), J. M. Short (C), G. D. Seal (♣), T. Taylor (W), I. B. Whitecourt (W).

3rd XV:—Awarded to: H. G. B. Roberts (W), T. W. Evans (♣), I. T. Todd (C), I. J. Macdonald (♣), N. J. R. Holloway (C), J. R. Adam (C), G. E. Laird Craig (B), A. Zaphiriou (B), J. R. S. Pringle (B), J. N. Graham-Brown (C), R. J. McDonagh (♣).

Colts' Stockings:—Awarded to: S. C. Wills (T), J. N. Dixey (B), J. P. Agnew (W), T. Basset (G), M. P. Taylor (W), L. M. Higman (T), P. N. J. Durey (C), J. T. McConnell (T), C. Honeyman Brown (G), M. J. Ivory (C), G. J. Burdon (♣), N. D. Drysdale (♣), N. J. Parsons (W), R. A. Syms (B), P. L. Mackintosh (♣), R. R. Hartley (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 19th. Lost 8—9.

Bedford kicked off with the wind behind them and immediately took the initiative. Regularly gaining possession from the loose, they came near to scoring on several occasions, before they were awarded a penalty on the Stowe '25' near the touchline. With this initial score against us, Stowe began to settle down, and now gained the ball more often in the tight scrums and in the line-out.

The Bedford three-quarters were handling well and always looked dangerous, whereas Stowe was unable to feed Sharp, who had shown early on that he had the beating of his opposite number.

Bedford's first try, after 25 minutes, was a good one, in which backs and forwards handled well.

After half-time, Stowe pressed for a while. The forwards were able to contain the Bedford backs, and after 15 minutes Stowe was awarded a penalty about 35 yards out near the touch-line, which Murphy kicked. It looked as though Stowe could now catch up, but the vital score came from Bedford, who pounced on a loose ball on the halfway line and took it to the Stowe '25,' where it was picked up and bundled over the line.

The kick failed, but Stowe now needed to score twice, and although they pressed hard for the last twenty minutes, this proved beyond them. Sharp went over in the corner after a fine run, but he had put his foot in touch. His next attempt, however, was more successful, for he took the ball from Murphy on the inside and just managed to force his way over. Murphy kicked the goal to make the score 8—9, but the final whistle went tantalizingly two minutes later.

Team :—R. N. Goodchild (C); R. G. Parkinson (W), C. J. T. Vane (C), J. P. Gronow (G), D. A. Sharp (W); C. P. Murphy (G), A. A. B. Duncan (C); D. W. J. Garrett (G), M. K. Davis (G), C. N. Hershman (B), N. D. Raw (G), C. C. Parker (W), R. U. Dawson (C), J. C. Bemrose (W), H. M. Braithwaite (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 26th. Lost 0—15.

On a perfect autumn day for rugby Stowe kicked off deep but failed to maintain their advantage. After ten minutes of indecisive play by both sides, Braithwaite received a kick above the eye and had to leave the field, a cruel blow when we were already outweighed forward. Play remained fairly even although Stowe had few attacking chances—a lively foot-rush was our most dangerous movement. Gradually the St. Edward's pressure increased and after 25 minutes they kicked a penalty from the '25.' The Stowe backs were getting the ball slowly and rarely looked like achieving any penetration, while Murphy was not ready enough to kick in attack. A penalty and a drop-kick from Murphy both missed narrowly but just on half-time St. Edward's went over for an unconverted try in the corner on the blind side of a line-out.

The pattern of the second half was similar—untidy play on both sides but with St. Edward's quicker to use the loose ball to advantage and establishing their supremacy over the depleted and now tiring Stowe pack. From a set scrum the St. Edward's fly-half feinted to drop a goal and ran through to score by the posts; the conversion was well charged down by Sharp. Then after we heeled on our own line, Duncan lost possession of the ball as he tried to kick and St. Edward's were over in the corner.

The Stowe defence without a No. 8 was now overstretched, with St. Edward's winning continuous and quick possession from the scrums and using the long throw to good advantage in the line-outs; only determined tackling by Gronow, Vane, Dawson and Bemrose restricted their efforts. Towards the end Matthews had one run on the left, and Vane made an outside break to hand on to Sharp, but both moves were countered by swift covering. Right on time, St. Edward's scored their last try on the corner flag after a heel from the loose. Hard though they battled, Stowe with a man short for most of the game were no match for a competent St. Edward's side.

Team :—Goodchild; J. W. Matthews (C), Vane, Gronow, Sharp; Murphy, Duncan; Garrett, Davis, Hershman, Raw, Parker, Dawson, Bemrose, Braithwaite.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Tuesday, October 29th. Lost 8—11.

On a dry day, with only a light wind blowing, Oundle kicked off, and might well have scored within the first minute when the wing forward intercepted a pass to Murphy, drew the full-back, and then passed wildly. After this Stowe settled down, and the pattern, which was to continue until late in the second half, began to emerge. Neither side was prepared to give the three-quarters a run, and there was much kicking by both pairs of halves.

Oundle's first score came as a direct result of a good kick by their stand-off who made touch by the corner-flag. The line-out resolved itself into a loose scrum from which Oundle got possession, and their scrum-half forced himself over on the open side. The kick was successful. Both sides continued to rely almost exclusively on kicking. Shortly before half-time, Murphy reduced the lead with a good penalty from about 35 yards; but this score was nullified immediately after half-time when Oundle scored a penalty from a similar position as a result of a scrum infringement.

From this point the game began to go in Stowe's favour, with Davis hooking well and Raw and Bemrose prominent in the line-out. Murphy began to feed his three-quarters, and fairly consistent pressure was maintained. The next try was a good one. Sharp, who had a good game, gathered a kick ahead by Murphy, eluded his wing, and beat the covering defence to the corner. Murphy converted with a fine kick which went over off a post. Oundle's reply was again almost immediate. A forward rush took play to the Stowe line, and from the line-out a bad defensive error allowed the Oundle stand-off to score. The kick failed, and for the last ten minutes Stowe pressed hard, gaining almost complete possession, but were unable to score. The final whistle went with Stowe firmly established near the Oundle line.

This was a game which Stowe could and should have won, and it is even more disappointing to reflect that the Oundle side remained unbeaten throughout the season.

Team :—Goodchild; Sharp, Vane, Gronow, Matthews; Murphy, Duncan; Garrett, Davis, Hershman, Parker, Raw, Braithwaite, Bemrose, Dawson.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RUGBY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 2nd. Won 6—0.

The ground was very heavy underfoot, and it rained for all but the first ten minutes. As a result the game became very largely a forward struggle, for which, as things turned

out, Stowe were better suited. The Rugby backs were perhaps a trifle over-ambitious in the circumstances, but they looked full of running, and only some determined tackling and covering kept them out.

Stowe kicked off with the wind behind them, and attacked consistently for the first twenty minutes. During this time, they were getting possession very frequently, and came within a yard or two of scoring on numerous occasions. Too often the last pass went astray or somebody held on too long. On no less than four occasions we allowed Rugby a much-needed respite by giving them penalties within yards of their line.

Towards half-time, and for a while after it, Rugby began to come back into the game. It was then, however, that the Stowe pack got on top again. Murphy and Duncan used the touchline sensibly, and this time the pressure produced results. The Rugby stand-off was caught in possession on his own '25.' Stowe gained a quick heel. Murphy used the blind side, and Sharp forced his way over wide out. The kick failed.

Immediately after this Rugby had their biggest chance of the match when they contrived an overlap within the Stowe '25,' but the last pass went astray and they were never really in the game again. The Rugby pack was reduced to seven by an injury to a prop, and Stowe, with Davis hooking well, were gaining almost complete possession. They worked their way upfield by sensible use of the touch-line, and when a loose scrum formed from a line-out near the Rugby line, Raw picked up on the blind side and dived over. The kick failed, but the final whistle went shortly after, with Stowe again on the attack.

Team :—Goodchild ; Matthews, Vane, Gronow, Sharp ; Murphy, Duncan ; Garrett, Davis, Hershman, Raw, Parker, Dawson, Bemrose, Braithwaite.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

Played at Radley on Saturday, November 9th. Lost 3—13.

For much of the first half play remained dour and unexciting ; neither side was prepared to use its backs to any extent and the packs remained evenly matched despite Radley's superiority in the line-out. Some determined tackling by the back row and profitable use of the touchline by Murphy were the most impressive aspects of Stowe's play. Radley drew first blood with a competently taken try in the right corner after the full-back had made a man over, but almost immediately Stowe hit back when, just on half-time, Murphy, who had gone close with a longer effort, kicked a good penalty from halfway out on the '25.'

The second half belonged to Radley with their liveliness in the loose—particularly their determined thrust into the loose scrums—and some very free handling of the ball among the forwards. Stowe resisted a Radley attempt to push over only to concede a back row forward's try on the fringe of the scrum. With Stowe now winning progressively less of the ball the pressure increased, although it was a bad defensive lapse which allowed the Radley scrum-half to run in under the posts from the open side of a scrum on the '25.' From then until the final whistle Stowe, pinned down on their line for a long stretch, defended resolutely but were never able to launch effective enough counter-attacks through their backs to relieve that pressure.

Team :—Goodchild ; Sharp, Vane, Gronow, Matthews ; Murphy, Duncan ; Garrett, Davis, Hershman, Raw, Parker, Dawson, Bemrose, Braithwaite.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 23rd. Lost 0—8.

Within a few moments of the start the Cheltenham scrum-half had broken on the open side to the Stowe line and from the resulting set scrum the Cheltenham No. 8 plunged over by the posts ; the try was converted. Stowe never really recovered from this early blow although, as the first half progressed, the pack gradually asserted themselves in the set pieces, and the last ten minutes of the half saw a determined but fruitless assault on the Cheltenham line.

The second half saw the continued superiority of the Stowe pack in the tight, but the heels were sluggish, so that Murphy and Gronow had little room in which to move against a lively back row. There was little imagination about our three-quarter play and undue kicking spoilt our few chances. Cheltenham increased their lead from a thirty-yard penalty in one of their rare excursions into our half, and the nearest that Stowe got to a score was an attempted dropped goal by Murphy. A lack of co-ordination between forwards and backs and the consequent inability to sustain any movement made it a game of little distinction ; it was a game which Stowe could certainly have won if they had shown more quickness on the loose ball and determined running.

Team :—Goodchild ; Sharp, Vane, A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T), Matthews ; Murphy, Gronow ; Garrett, Davis, N. H. Burton-Carter (C), Raw, Parker, Braithwaite, Bemrose, Dawson.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE LEYS

Played at The Leys on Saturday, December 7th. Won 12—3.

Stowe soon began to dominate this game with their pack, well led by Garrett, gaining constant quick possession from set scrums and the loose. In the perfect dry conditions Murphy was given an admirable service by Gronow, who revelled in the plentiful supply of the ball he got, while crisp handling in the centre sent the ball out to both wings in a way we had not seen previously this season. However, mainly because too many times a Stowe player held on too long, no score came until after 25 minutes when Murphy kicked a penalty from in front. Within a few minutes Scott-Gall took the ball straight from Gronow and cut through to score an unconverted try.

The first half had certainly shown that Stowe, with comparatively little pressure on them, might well run up a large score, but The Leys kicked a penalty on their one visit to the Stowe '25' after half-time. Stowe went straight back into the attack : Gronow and Murphy broke dangerously, Matthews had a run and Goodchild, performing very competently at full-back, made some enterprising sorties. Davis continued to strike cleanly, Raw and Davis took a good share of the ball from the line-out and Seal, a replacement for the injured Braithwaite, rampaged constructively in the loose. After a number of good loose heels had been squandered, usually because the final pass was too long delayed, Bemrose picked up from a set scrum ten yards out to hand to Vane, and Sharp struggled over in the corner. For the last quarter-hour Sharp retired concussed, but Stowe continued to hold the initiative although their only additional score was a neat dropped goal by Murphy.

This was a game not played with the characteristic vigour of a school match and Stowe, never extended and dominant throughout, should have added more points as their play was far more constructive and cohesive than hitherto ; undue selfishness and bad timing of passes let them down, for some good movements were engineered.

Team :—Goodchild ; Sharp, Vane, Scott-Gall, Matthews ; Murphy, Gronow ; Garrett, Davis, Burton-Carter, Raw, Parker, Dawson, Bemrose, G. D. Seal (C).

THE STOIC

OTHER MATCHES

Sat., Sept. 28th	v. LONDON SCOTTISH (Home)	Lost	0-27
Sat., Oct. 5th	v. BLACKHEATH (Home)	Lost	6-8
Sat., Oct. 12th	v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Lost	3-10
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. RICHMOND (Home)	Lost	3-6
Tues., Oct. 22nd	'A' XV v. OAKHAM (Home)	Won	11-0

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

The 2nd XV, well-captained by Scott-Gall until he was promoted, ended with a balance of five wins against three losses. In mid-season when the team remained largely unchanged they played some determined and enterprising rugby and the forwards learned to handle constructively; this was especially apparent in the match against Kettering where there were several well sustained movements where the direction of attack was switched intelligently.

The forwards' limitations were most apparent in the line-out, where their shortage of weight and height told against them; however, they scrummaged well and their success was founded on a sturdy front row, in which Kennedy always hooked well, and a very hard-working second row. In the back row Seal improved with every game he played, and Ashcroft, who appeared in several positions, covered a lot of ground and prompted many attacks.

Outside, Mellersh provided the greatest thrust and he was well supported by the reliable Gardiner, while the two Parkinsons often ran with determination on the wings. Scott-Gall at fly-half marshalled his line well and created many openings in attack, and his cover tackling and falling were of a high order.

It is pleasant to see a 2nd XV—who can so easily be discouraged by being used as little more than a chopping-block in practice—enjoying their rugby throughout the season.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 12th	v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Won	14-0
Sat., Oct. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Lost	0-14
Sat., Oct. 26th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Won	6-5
Tues., Oct. 29th	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Drawn	3-3
Sat., Nov. 2nd	v. RUGBY (Home)	Won	5-0
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. KETTERING G.S. (Home)	Won	14-0
Thur., Nov. 21st	v. WELLINGBOROUGH G.S. (Home)	Won	8-3
Sat., Nov. 23rd	v. CHELTENHAM (Home)	Lost	5-6
Sat., Dec. 7th	v. THE LEYS (Away)	Lost	3-8

THE HUNDRED

The Third Fifteen have had an enjoyable season, and, apart from the Oundle game, have played well. The season started with a good win over a strong Old Stoic side, and this was followed by a very hard and close game against Bedford. A weakened side lost to a good St. Edward's team, although the game was played with great spirit and the pack managed to gain a full share of the ball. The game against Towcester started well, but they had one or two strong mid-field players and deserved their win. The Oxford Colts' game was rather disappointing as, with greater effort, we ought to have won. The season ended with a rather poor match against Oundle. We never seemed to play together; perhaps injury and illness had left their mark.



Top left: THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR

Top right: CROMWELL, NORFOLK AND THE COMMON MAN

Below: KING HENRY VIII AND MORE

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The Fourth Fifteen had a weak pack, and could never obtain enough of the ball to give the three-quarters a chance. Despite this, it was most encouraging to all that everyone played hard until the end, and never let up for a moment. Perhaps if some of this spirit could have been infused into the Thirds their result might have been better.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 12th	v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Won	12—8
Sat., Oct. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Drawn	8—8
Tues., Oct. 29th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	3—14
Sat., Nov. 2nd	v. TOWCESTER G.S. (Home)	Lost	0—22
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. OXFORD COLTS (Home)	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 23rd	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	0—18

Team :—R. A. Campbell (C) ; N. K. Rice (C), H. G. B. Roberts (W), T. W. Evans (G), A. S. Thomson (T) ; R. S. D. Johnson (G), I. T. Todd (C) ; I. J. Macdonald (G), N. J. R. Holloway (C), J. R. Allen (C), G. E. Laird Craig (B), A. Zaphiriou (T), J. R. S. Pringle (B), J. N. Graham-Brown (C), R. J. McDonagh (G).

4TH FIFTEEN

Tues., Oct. 15th	v. WHITTLEBURY (Home)	Lost	3—9
Sat., Oct. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Lost	0—27
Sat., Oct. 26th	v. ABINGDON (Away)	Lost	6—20
Tues., Oct. 29th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	0—11
Sat., Nov. 2nd	v. M.C.S. BRACKLEY (Home)	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 9th	v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL (Home)	Lost	0—6
Tues., Nov. 19th	v. WHITTLEBURY (Away)	Lost	6—11
Sat., Nov. 23rd	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	5—11

Team :—P. J. Holder (G) ; D. J. Lamping (C), S. Buckingham (C), D. A. D. Thompson (G), J. W. Watson (G) ; T. M. Watson (C), R. C. Clifford (G) ; D. E. Hughes (W), G. R. P. Gibberd (C), J. B. Ley Greaves (C), M. T. Addleman (G), P. J. Barclay (C), F. J. Gibbon (G), D. R. Smith (W), M. C. A. Wyvill (T).

The following also played for the Club :—E. S. Abelson (B), C. Broom Smith (C), G. D. Swanton (B), F. H. S. Gilbert (B), B. L. Perryman (B), J. R. Hallam (C), G. A. Wood (W), J. F. B. Ford (W), P. F. Pearcey (G), G. H. W. Deane (C), I. C. Naylor (B), P. E. Langford (B), R. F. D. Stow (C), S. R. Edwards (W).

THE COLTS

It is pleasant to record that the Club has ended with a credit balance of wins, but in many ways this has been a frustrating season. Although the personnel in the team has remained very much the same throughout, to those who watched the games it must have appeared that one team played against Bedford, Oundle, Rugby and The Leys and that a completely different team had taken the field against Radley, St. Edward's and Cheltenham. In the first group of matches the team played with considerable ability, confidence and authority, but the same team was unrecognisable in the other matches, so tentative and erratic was their play—and this was all the more galling since the stiffer opposition had been overcome. However, it must be said in mitigation that the captain, S. C. Wills (T), was injured for the last three matches and his absence, both as player and captain, was felt.

The forwards have been small and light but mobile, and they have done their best to offset their set-scrum shortcomings by using their speed in the loose and at times have rampaged most impressively. No-one has had a better season than T. Basset (G), but all have had a hard, testing season and have emerged with considerable credit. Outside the scrum there have been some exhilarating moments but also rather too much three-quarter-pace sideways running. When the line has straightened and backed-

up its speed has been too great for the opposition, but often they have been too easily contained. Special mention must be made of M. P. Taylor (W), whose play at the base of the scrum has been uniformly good, and J. P. Agnew (W), who has been a considerable force both in attack and defence. The latter's kicking also stood the team in good stead and it is perhaps rather harsh to point out that the three narrow defeats could have been prevented if his boot had been true on those days.

One criticism that cannot be levelled at the team is that it had no will to win. They have all been very determined and played hard and the reverses suffered could well be attributed to over-anxiety to do well.

The second team have played with great enthusiasm in all the practices and performed well to win two of their three fixtures. All in all, there are some promising rugby players in the club this year and they should serve the '50' well in the next two or three years.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Won	3—0
Sat., Oct. 26th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Won	27—5
Sat., Nov. 2nd	v. RUGBY (Away)	Won	16—6
Sat., Nov. 9th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Lost	5—6
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. ABINGDON (Away)	Won	13—8
Tues., Nov. 19th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Lost	0—6
Sat., Nov. 23rd	v. CHELTENHAM (Away)	Lost	0—3
Sat., Dec. 7th	v. THE LEYS (Home)	Won	19—3

2ND XV.

Sat., Nov. 9th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Lost	3—8
Tues., Nov. 19th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Won	13—8
Sat., Nov. 23rd	v. CHELTENHAM (Away)	Won	16—8

The following have played and have won their stockings :—S. C. Wills (T), Captain; J. N. Dixey (B), Vice-Captain; P. L. Mackintosh (C), R. A. Syms (B), G. J. Burdon (C), N. J. Parsons (W), J. P. Agnew (W), M. P. Taylor (W), J. T. McConnell (T), R. R. Hartley (C), M. J. Avory (C), C. Honeyman Brown (G), L. M. Higman (T), P. N. J. Durey (C), T. Basset (G), N. D. Drysdale (C).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts were unbeaten. Sufficient in itself, one might think, to make this a memorable season, but there are many reasons for congratulating the team, and indeed the whole club, on its splendid record. Only two matches, those against Whittlebury and Oundle, were easy. All the others were won or drawn only after a great struggle, and it is significant that the ones that gave the most pleasure were not the victories but the two draws against St. Edward's and The Leys which closed the season. The former provided the best spectacle,—a fast, open game of skill and grit, thought by all who saw it to be outstanding amongst matches at this level. The latter, with two unbeaten sides on the field, was perhaps less spectacular, but remarkable for unremitting attack and ferocious tackling and spoiling.

Another feature of the term has been the steady development of the team. The ease of the first match could have led to a run-away win, but many points were squandered. The Bedford and Oakham games were tough ones, decided, like the later Radley match, by the strong running of Mallett at outside centre, who on one occasion shattered three good tackles on his way to the line. Oundle, despite the misleadingly low score, were overrun and outclassed. At Rugby both teams played below par, and a dullish slog resulted. Thereafter no complaints could be made. Five points up after three minutes against Radley, we were 8—5 down at half-time against a much heavier and

stronger pack. The forwards, however, fought themselves back into the game and finally proved superior, giving the backs many more than the three try-scoring opportunities.

Team-spirit and terrier determination were always marked qualities, so that almost every performance improved as it went on. Dunipace, at first rather too vociferous a captain, set a tearing example on the open side and knew how to get the best from his side. Scott-Gall was the outstanding forward, already a very strong and skilful prop. He and Forbes, excellent in the line-out, gave fine support to Forde's admirable hooking. Dekker, a newcomer to rugby, soon began to look like an experienced player, solidly partnered by Sharp and finally by Martin in the second row. Edwards, after deputising valiantly at scrum- and stand-off half, returned after injury to join Dunipace and Durey, who has become a powerful number eight and line-out specialist. Rayner was unlucky to lose his place after giving valuable service. The pack was sometimes out-shoved, but never out-manoeuvred or caught napping.

The backs were not often seen in top gear, though when things went well they proved a devastating attack. Defensively few mistakes were made, and Raw's crushing tackling was a great strength. Ward is sometimes confused at the base of the scrum, but his pass is long and true. Spackman on form, as he usually was, is already a mature balanced and stylish fly-half with penetration and impeccable hands and boot. Raw may eventually find his true place in the pack; though uncertain, he played his heart out and at times made thrilling breaks and passes. Elliott is a very competent wing, but the game rarely came his way, whereas Miller was often able to show his speed and thrust. Buchanan, at full-back, apart from a few anxious moments, was rarely at fault and produced some prodigious last-ditch falls and tackles. There remains Mallett, the chief scorer, whose speed, elusiveness and unorthodox originality gave us some of the best moments of the season, and whose tackling against The Leys saved the day.

To the second XV, under M. M. Jeavons (G), belongs great credit for remaining so keen through the season. They also played well enough to beat Bloxham's first team and only lost narrowly against Radley and St. Edward's. A tough season awaits the club next year, but, whatever the results, there will be no lack of spirit.

The following played in five or more matches :—R. B. J. Dunipace (T) (Capt.); K. G. Buchanan (W), P. J. Elliott (C), J. C. de la T. Mallett (C), J. P. Raw (C), J. Miller (C), A. J. C. Spackman (C), R. W. Ward (G), I. H. Scott-Gall (T), M. I. H. B. Forde (W), J. J. Forbes (C), D. H. R. Dekker (T), C. C. G. Sharp (W), M. R. Edwards (C), H. J. H. Durey (C), R. A. Rayner (C).

The following also played :—M. G. M. McIntyre (C), B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B), M. J. P. Martin (W), J. C. Simpson (G).

Results :—

Tues., Oct. 15th	v. WHITTLEBURY (Home)	Won	22—0
Sat., Oct. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Won	9—3
Tues., Oct. 22nd	v. OAKHAM (Home)	Won	17—8
Sat., Oct. 26th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Won	9—5
Sat., Nov. 2nd	v. RUGBY (Away)	Won	3—0
Sat., Nov. 9th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Won	16—8
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Drawn	3—3
Sat., Dec. 7th	v. THE LEYS (Home)	Drawn	0—0

2ND XV.

Sat., Oct. 26th	v. BLOXHAM (Away)	Won	11—3
Sat., Nov. 9th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Lost	3—5
Sat., Nov. 16th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	0—3

HOUSE MATCHES

In contrast with the usual high scoring in the First Round, it was interesting to see that no side scored more than twelve points, and the difference between the sides in any match was never more than eight points. This had certainly not been forecast by the pundits, but it meant that every match was very evenly fought; though only the Chandos-Walpole and the Final matches were good games of Rugger.

In the first Semi-Final, Grenville seemed fortunate to get away with the only score, which was itself due to a mistake, but no-one could doubt that they could and should have scored on numerous occasions in the desperately fought second half. In the other match Grafton was able to gain the advantage of two early scores and then hold on, despite the loss through concussion of Drysdale.

On a raw and foggy December afternoon Grenville and Grafton repeated their encounter of last year. Grenville took advantage of a long kick-off to pin Grafton down. From a line-out, the unmarked Basset was able to fall over the line and score. Shortly afterwards, Grenville forced play back to the Grafton '25' and Murphy kicked a good penalty. Six points down, Grafton fought back and were awarded a penalty which Davis converted.

After half-time play remained in the Grafton half until Murphy dropped an excellent goal. This again inspired Grafton, and with Evans gaining ground in the open, an attacking movement started from the left. Fyfe made an opening and Mallett was able to dive over 10 yards from the right-hand touchline. Davis was unsuccessful with the kick, and Grenville clinched the issue with a final penalty by Murphy. A vigorous battle forward, in which Raw jumped well in the line-out and Garrett led his men admirably, did not spoil some good open play by both sides.

Teams.—Grenville:—P. J. Holder; A. R. M. Baker, S. C. Gardiner, D. A. D. Thompson, J. W. Watson; C. P. Murphy, J. P. Gronow; D. G. Remington, D. W. J. Garrett, C. Honeyman Brown, G. H. Pigot, R. Horrell, D. J. Dawes, T. Basset, F. J. Gibbon.

Grafton:—A. C. Box; J. P. Raw, J. C. de la T. Mallett, A. G. Fyfe, M. P. J. Fielding; T. W. Evans, R. C. Clifford; P. B. Fisher, M. K. Davis, I. J. Macdonald, N. D. Raw, M. T. Addleman, N. D. Drysdale, R. J. McDonagh, G. D. Seal.

Chandos Walpole	}	Chandos 11—3	}	Grenville 5—0	}	Grenville 12—6
Cobham Grenville	}	Grenville 12—6	}			
Bruce Temple	}	Temple 8—0	}	Grafton 8—0		
Chatham Grafton	}	Grafton 9—0	}			

LEAGUES

The points gained in Leagues this term are as follows:—Bruce, 1st, 104; Cobham, 2nd, 76; Chandos, 3rd, 68; Grenville, 4th, 64; Temple, 5th, 60; Walpole, 6th, 32; Chatham, 7th, 26; Grafton, 8th, 16.

OTHER SPORTS

FENCING

The senior team has been highly successful, remaining unbeaten throughout the term. All members of the team have fenced consistently well and it is interesting to note that they have each won very nearly the same number of fights. These successes have done much to raise the spirits of the club and the future looks better than it has done for many years. The most exciting match was against Northampton F.C. where, having lost the foil 1—8, we went on to win the epee 8—1 and the sabre 5—4. C. R. W. Kayser was awarded his colours after this match.

The second foil, notably A. G. Foord and D. A. Jennings, have improved considerably and with more experience they should become a strong team.

The junior team also show promise but there is need for improvement in their judging and also for more competition practice.

Teams:—

Senior—C. Broom Smith (C), H. S. Besterman (W), C. R. W. Kayser (G).

Second—C. H. Scott (T), A. G. Foord (G), D. A. Jennings (C), R. A. Kreitman (C).

Junior—P. D. Walker (C), S. E. Smith (W), A. P. Greig (T).

Results:—

<i>v.</i> MILLFIELD	Won 20—7
<i>v.</i> M.C.S., OXFORD	Won 17—10
<i>v.</i> NORTHAMPTON F.C.	Won 14—13
<i>v.</i> ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL	Won 10—8
<i>v.</i> DOUAI	Won 15—3
<i>v.</i> BRADFIELD	Won 19—8

SQUASH RACKETS

Only two players with first-team experience remained from last year—N. D. Raw (G) and P. J. Holder (G), the new Captain. Apart from these two, there was a series of natural ball-players who were interested in the game, but had little or no idea of how to play match squash. From this raw material a team gradually emerged which was, at first, rather badly knocked around. But they learnt quickly, and by the end of the term six players were producing good squash quite regularly.

Raw established himself as No. 1 after the first match and, though faced by several outstanding players, he never gave his opponent an easy game. He won three matches out of eight played, the best performance being a win in straight games over the Eton No. 1.

Holder, at No. 2, won four matches out of nine, and led the team skilfully. There is a better spirit in the Squash Club now than there has been for some years, and for this he deserves much credit. T. R. O'Connor (G) is the most improved player in the school. Rated No. 8 at the beginning of the term, he was worth No. 3 position by the end, and his record of five wins in eight matches is the best in the team. C. J. T. Vane (C) had to wait till the end of November for his first win, although he played a very good match against Eton and held match points. His game has great potential, and he should

be able to improve on his record (three wins in eight matches) next term. C. J. R. Black (6), who is new to the school this term, played in eight matches and won four. He is young and shows promise, though he must cut out a lot of side-wall strokes which neither wrong-foot the opponent nor even make it difficult for him by bouncing in the nick. R. N. Goodchild (C), who won two matches out of four, is a useful player to have on the rare occasion that he is free from his many other sporting commitments. N. K. Rice (C) and G. M. T. Jeffreys (G) also played in the first team on several occasions.

As may be seen from the results, the practice of playing a best-of-three junior match along with the senior matches has been extended. The record of five wins out of six matches is outstanding, and congratulations are due to all who played. The three mainstays have been T. Basset (G), C. R. Dimpfl (C) and M. T. Weston (C), and all are playing competent squash and developing fast. A. J. C. Spackman (C) N. R. Kreitman (C), R. L. Rome (C), and M. A. Burton (6) have also played occasionally. This early match experience is invaluable, and the improvement in the general standard of squash in this age-range is most marked.

Junior squash leagues have been won this term by Chandos, who just beat Grenville into second place in the final match. Another marathon match has been played against the Masters, and was won by the boys by 15 matches to 4. All age-ranges play in this match, right down to new boys, and it is thoroughly enjoyed by all who take part.

Results :—

Oct. 17th	v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD	Home	Lost	1—4
Oct. 27th	v. TRING S.R.C.	Home	Lost	0—5
Nov. 2nd	v. WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD	Home	Won	3—2
Nov. 6th	v. HARROW	Away	Lost	2—3
Nov. 10th	v. ESCORTS	Home	Lost	1—4
Nov. 12th	v. ETON	Home	Lost	2—3
Nov. 14th	v. CHELTENHAM	Away	Lost	1—4
Nov. 26th	v. WHITTLEBURY	Away	Won	5—0
Dec. 1st	v. ST. EDWARD'S	Away	Won	4—1
Dec. 3rd	v. MILL HILL	Away	Won	3—2

JUNIORS

Oct. 24th	v. WHITTLEBURY	Away	Won	3—2
Nov. 5th	v. HARROW	Away	Won	2—1
Nov. 12th	v. ETON	Home	Lost	1—2
Nov. 14th	v. CHELTENHAM	Away	Won	3—0
Dec. 1st	v. ST. EDWARD'S	Away	Won	3—0
Dec. 3rd	v. MILL HILL	Away	Won	2—1

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Junior Inter-House Cross-Country Race was held on a cold day in the last week of term: the going was firm and there was no wind or rain to detract from the performances. S. C. Wills (T) ran a sound, well-judged race to win, but was only a short way ahead of a tight bunch of runners. Grenville packed superbly to have their eight counting runners home in the first thirty-three and record one of the lowest winning totals for some years.

Result:—1, Grenville, 124; 2, Chatham, 209; 3, Temple, 231; 4, Walpole, 271; 5, Grafton, 311; 6, Cobham, 315; 7, Chandos, 327; 8, Bruce, 475.

Individual Winner—S. C. Wills (T), 18 mins. 2 secs.

FIVES

The results this term have been promising; winning four school matches, drawing one and losing one is no mean achievement considering rugger and squash commitments. Next term should be even better despite the loss of the Captain, M. R. Leon (T), who is leaving.

The mainstay of the first pair was R. N. Goodchild (C), who should be very good if his temperament improves; he was supported by A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T), whose standard fluctuated, depending upon the game. The second pair proved to be well above average and little separated them from the first pair. M. R. Leon (T) and N. H. Burton-Carter (C) only lost one match throughout the season—a masterly achievement. The third pair was shared by C. J. T. Vane (C) and T. St. F. Jackson (T) and to a lesser extent J. W. Matthews (C), all of whom are reliable and keen players. The Colts' pair was evenly contested by B. S. Davies (6), P. N. J. Durey (C), S. C. Wills (T) and W. P. Durlacher (W), all of whom must practise more, but all have definite potential.

The game on the whole is becoming more popular, especially in the junior part of the school where several new boys of considerable promise have been introduced to the game. Temple seem to have lost their grip on the game to Chandos, but the Junior House Final should produce an even battle between the two.

Colours were awarded to N. H. Burton-Carter (C).

THE STOWE BEAGLES

J. G. Charlton (C), Joint Master, had hounds at his home in Flintshire for the first part of September, but was only able to hunt them once because of the late harvest. M. H. Wood (B), First Whipper-In, and John Atkinson, Kennel Huntsman, joined him for this and they had a successful day in mountainous country. Hunting began at Stowe on September 28th and the Opening Meet was on the North Front on October 12th, a warm sunny day when hounds showed good sport and accounted for a brace of hares in the first hour and a half. We have had a very successful season so far, and the decrease in the number of hares has made hunting easier. Entered hounds now number 12½ couple. Illness interfered with hunting arrangements for a fortnight and A. V. A. Turner (B), Joint Master, and Wood each stood in for Charlton at short notice.

We are now getting to know our country and also the farmers, whose co-operation makes it possible for us to hunt at all. We are grateful to the many people who have so kindly given us hospitality, particularly to Major and Mrs. J. E. Charlton, of Culworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. Haworth, of Chetwode, Maj.-Gen. and The Hon. Mrs. W. P. A. Bradshaw, of Turweston, Mrs. Lester Reid, of Thorpe Mandeville, and Miss Mary Rogers, of Shenley, all of whom entertained large parties to tea. It is a great pleasure to find that we are getting a regular "field" amongst our neighbours. Certainly we would be unhappy to move off before the arrival of Major J. G. Mills, an inveterate supporter; and on Saturdays it is encouraging to see the Chairman of the Governors with his small daughter. Incidentally, as well as giving us permission to hunt on his estate, he has generously supplied us with free straw. We continue to receive invaluable support from Old Stoics, and we have been glad to welcome on several occasions ex-members of our own Hunt Staff.

Our thanks are due to the Master of the North Essex Beagles for giving us 2 couple of hounds, and also to all those parents and friends who nobly walked 8½ couple of puppies. Four of the five litters are now back in kennel and looking extremely well.

We are indebted to the Master of the Eton College Beagles for showing us over their kennels and telling us much about the experience they have gained in the last hundred years.

The smooth running of our kennels is due in great measure to the efforts of the Kennel Huntsman, who puts in a great many hours there on top of his full-time job in the School. Through his enterprise there have been considerable improvements in the accommodation, and a number of junior boys did their bit as a labour force.

A. M. Morley (C) and W. M. G. Wilberforce (C) were appointed Whippers-In this term: but the former is leaving, as is Charlton.

During the first part of the holidays hounds will be hunted here by the Kennel Huntsman and between January 7th and 17th they will be in the Dorchester area where Turner has arranged three meets.

Finally we should like to express our appreciation of the support and help which both Mr. and Mrs. Crichton-Miller have given us. They leave with the very best wishes of all Stowe beagles, who hope to see something of them in the future.

ARCHERY

At least four Monday shoots have been prevented or spoiled by wind or rain this term, but the Club has generally managed to maintain the useful standard reached in the Summer.

Two live matches were shot, against Finchley Grammar School and Forest School, Reading. Both were away, and were lost by fairly narrow margins. At Finchley, continuous rain caused the round to be abandoned before it was half shot, but our opponents had already secured the advantage and the victory was conceded.

At home on December 2nd the contest for the Challenge Cup for the best individual archer was won by A. G. Foord (G). The best junior archer proved to be M. Marcel (C).

Result:—

STOWE *v.* FOREST SCHOOL, away, October 5th; a National Round was shot.

R. J. Hanhart	...	326
A. G. Foord	...	267
P. E. Williams	...	219
R. A. Syms	...	120
Total	...	932

The Forest Bowmen scored 1,202.

ATHLETICS

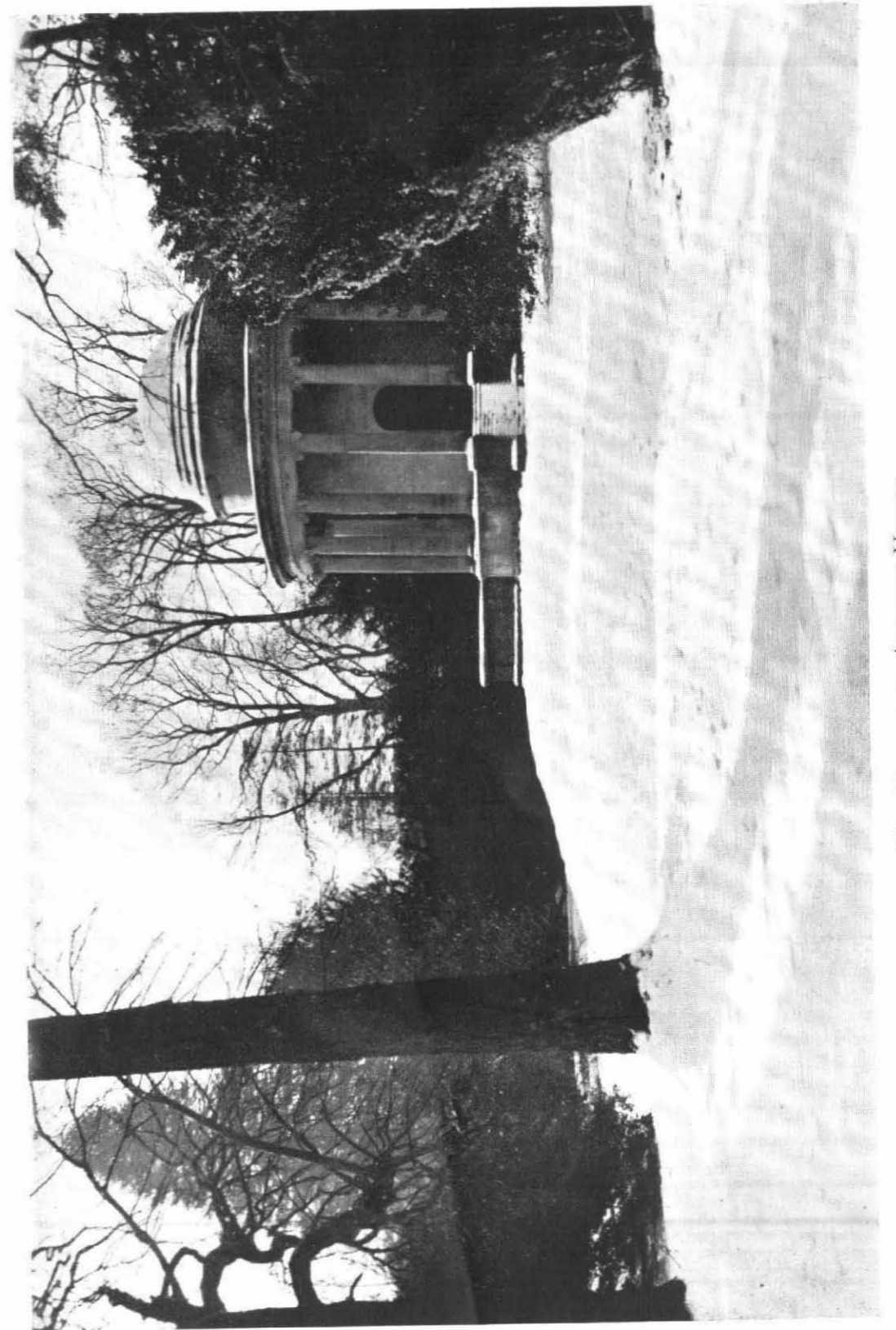
We regret that by inadvertence we omitted the following results from last term's report on the School Sports.

UNDER-SIXTEEN EVENTS

Weight.—1, H. P. Raymond-Barker (T); 2, G. D. Seal (G); 3, J. M. G. Heynes (C); 4, D. I. F. Wilkie (C); 5, G. E. Laird Craig (B). Distance, 38 ft. 8 ins.

Discus.—1, Seal; 2, M. T. Addleman (G); 3, Raymond-Barker; 4, C. Honeyman Brown (G); 5, M. J. Ivory (C). Distance, 127 ft. 6½ ins.

Javelin.—1, L. C. J. Wilcox (B); 2, Raymond-Barker; 3, S. C. Wills (T); 4, Seal; 5, J. P. Rayner (B). Distance, 135 ft. 10½ ins. (*School Record*).



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