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EDITORIAL

“THINGS,” said Mr. Hallward on Speech Day, “are going to move in this ship.” In fact they are moving already. The Appeal has topped £100,000 and the new House is to be built. A much larger proportion of new boys will be placed in the Fourths and thus reach ‘O’ Level sooner. A higher standard of entry to ‘A’-Level work in the Upper School is to be applied. And, more generally, the outside world is seeing more of Stowe, and Stowe is seeing and hearing more of the outside world. There were five visiting lecturers in May alone, three Stoics ran for England in the Schools’ International at Cardiff, Stowe competed at Bisley for the first time since before the War, and on Expedition Day the whole School was sent out for the whole day in organized parties to see cathedrals, houses, museums, factories, ships, hills, rifle-ranges, birds and stone circles. It does not matter if even a majority fails to reap any decided benefit from these outings; it is the individual who does who matters. One must remember that the most striking discovery by an Old Stoic, Michael Ventris’ decipherment of Linear ‘B’, had its origin in an expedition from Stowe to the Ashmolean Museum.

We said ‘outside world’ advisedly. It is one of Stowe’s greatest disadvantages, however pleasant a disadvantage it may sometimes be, that it is so isolated. We cannot be part of a town community as schools like Rugby or Bedford can. But we can make ourselves part of our immediate rural community—it is encouraging to note that some local voluntary service has already been started as a result of Mr. Dickson’s lecture—and at the same time we must absorb and support everything of value from the larger world that can be brought to Stowe.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1964.

Prefects :—J. R. S. Pringle, Head of the School and Head of Bruce ; M. J. Baker, Second Prefect and Head of Grenville ; C. Broom Smith, Head of Cobham ; R. C. Clifford (⊕), Prefect of Gymnasium ; N. J. Durlacher, Head of Walpole ; A. G. Fyfe (⊕), Prefect of Hall ; D. W. J. Garrett (G), Prefect of Library ; M. F. A. Mellersh (C), Prefect of Chapel ; N. D. Raw, Head of Grafton ; N. K. Rice, Head of Chatham ; A. R. G. Scott-Gall, Head of Temple ; D. A. Sharp (W), Prefect of Mess ; T. M. Watson, Head of Chandos ; A. Zaphiriou (T).

Cricket :—Captain, D. W. J. Garrett (G) ; Secretary, R. N. Goodchild (C).

Lawn Tennis : Captain, R. J. McDonagh (⊕) ; Secretary, P. J. Holder (G).

Athletics :—Captain, N. K. Rice (C) ; Secretary, R. C. Clifford (⊕).

Swimming :—Captain, R. F. D. Stow (C) ; Secretary, D. A. Sharp (W).

Sailing :—Commodore, A. G. L. Wingfield (B) ; Secretary, P. D. Goodwin (C).

Golf :—Captain, C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B) ; Secretary, R. B. Clarkson (⊕).

Shooting :—Captain, J. F. M. Monkhouse (C) ; Secretary, R. E. M. Cook (C).

The following have preached in Chapel this term :—on May 3rd, the Headmaster ; on May 10th, the Rev. D. J. Challis ; on May 17th, at 11 a.m., the Rev. L. V. Wright, and at 6 p.m., at the VIth Form Service, the Rev. Canon Henry Chadwick, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford ; on May 24th, the Chaplain ; on May 31st, the Rev. J. N. Wordsworth, Chaplain of Sherborne School, and at Voluntary Evening Chapel, the Rev. Peter Schneider, a member of the Archbishop in Jerusalem's staff ; on June 7th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl ; on June 14th, the Bishop of Tonbridge, a member of the Governing Body ; on June 21st, the Rev. C. E. B. Neate, Sub-Warden of Radley College ; on July 5th, the Rev. A. C. Bridge, Vicar of Christ Church, Bayswater ; on July 12th, the Rev. H. G. M. Clarke, formerly Headmaster of Rossall and Repton, and

now Rector of Westonbirt ; on July 19th, the Rev. Donald H. Spencer, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Pennsylvania ; and on July 26th, the Chaplain.

At the Lower School Service in Stowe Church on June 14th the preacher was Mr. A. A. Dams ; and at the Leavers' Service, also in Stowe Church, on July 19th, the preacher was the Rev. D. J. Challis.

The Collections in Chapel were :—on May 3rd, for the Pineapple, £21 2s. 6d. ; on May 24th, for the Church Missionary Society, £33 2s. 6d. ; on June 7th, for the Mayflower Family Centre in Canning Town, £26 13s. 2d. ; on June 21st, for the Royal National Institute for the Blind, £18 3s. 9d. ; on July 5th, for the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, £17 16s. 11d.

In addition Retiring Collections were given as follows :—on May 17th, for the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, £8 13s. 6d. ; on May 31st, for Christian Aid Week, £21 15s. 5d. ; on June 14th, for the Lord Mayor Treloar College, £12 19s. 4d., and for Stowe Church Bells Fund (Lower School Service), £4 1s. 10d. ; on July 12th, for the National Deaf Children's Society, £8 11s. 11d.

The Choir took part in a festival service for Public School choirs, organised by the Royal School of Church Music, in Lichfield Cathedral on June 4th. The service was conducted by Mr. R. B. Miller (Director of Music at Oundle) and the music included settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Ireland (in F) and three anthems : " O come, ye servants of the Lord " by Tye, " Ascribe unto the Lord " by Travers, and " God omnipotent reigneth " by Charles Wood.

A Memorial Service was held in Chapel on May 28th in memory of Mr. E. Hart Dyke.

The following have been appointed Governors : Mr. C. E. Salamon (⊕ 1931), Sir Edwin McAlpine and Mr. P. B. Lucas, D.S.O., D.F.C. (G 1934).

We say farewell this term to Mr. A. A. Dams, who is retiring, and to the Rev. D. J. Challis, Mr. C. B. Dicks, Mr. P. Millward, Dr. D. L. Farmer, Mr. J. J. F. Robinson, Mr. D. B. McMurray and Mr. M. S. A. Goodchild, who are leaving to take up other appointments.

Old Stoic Day was on Saturday, June 6th, and Speech Day on Friday, June 26th. The Exeat was from June 26th to June 30th.

Expedition Day took place on Thursday, May 21st.

We announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Penney on April 24th.

We record with the deepest regret the death at Stowe on July 18th of Mr. Tom Connor, who was riding master at Stowe from 1925 until about four years ago, when he retired owing to ill-health. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Connor and his family.

Visiting lecturers this term have included Mr. A. G. Dickson on Voluntary Service, on May 1st; Brigadier G. Taylor, C.B.E., D.S.O., on Communism, on May 6th; Dr. M. F. Perutz, on Genes and Enzymes, on May 8th; Mr. R. A. Roseveare, on the multi-racial Waterford School, Swaziland on May 13th; and Miss Dorothy Stroud on Soane at Stowe, on May 24th. As a consequence of Mr. Dickson's lecture some voluntary community service has been started by Stoics and members of the Royal Latin School, Buckingham; help is given at two Buckingham almshouses and concerts are organised for the Evenley Children's Home and the Redfield Old People's Home, Winslow.

Among the speakers for the Leavers' Course was Stephen Swingler, M.P. (G 1930).

On Sunday, May 24th, the Music Club attended a recital by Vlado Perlemuter at Claydon House.

The Summer Ball was held on July 18th; the Stowe Dixieland Band played during the evening. House dances were held by Temple on May 16th and by Cobham on May 23rd.

A Fête was held in Dadford on July 18th in aid of the Stowe Church Restoration Fund.

As reported on another page, the Buckinghamshire 4 × 110 yds. Relay team, consisting of N. K. Rice (C), J. H. G. Kinahan (T), A. S. Thomson (T) and a member of Langley Grammar School, was selected to represent England in the Schools' International Match in Cardiff on July 25th and won the event.

The new Golf Course is to be opened on October 29th, when there will be a demonstration by Bernard Hunt and John Jacobs.

A.A.D.

Mr. A. A. Dams ("Peter" to his colleagues, "Daddy" to Stoics) leaves Stowe at the end of this term. He is still so active and full of energy and vitality that it is hard to believe that he has reached the age of retirement.

He came to Stowe in 1941, became Under-Housemaster of Walpole in his first term, has been connected with the House ever since, and has on more than one occasion acted as Housemaster for as long as a term.

Daddy Dams was the ideal master for the younger Stoic, whom he seemed able to inspire with his own love and enthusiasm for the classics; and many owe their success to his careful coaching and endless patience. Nothing has ever been too much trouble, and everyone was prepared to work hard for him and enjoyed doing so.

Apart from teaching his greatest love was for the theatre. He formed the Congreve Club in 1941 and was responsible for nearly all its productions till 1956, and all the Walpole House plays since the war; no-one who saw "The Two Bouquets" will ever forget it. In these dramatic activities he was greatly helped by his wife, Marjorie. Together they laid the foundations for the present high standard of acting and production in the Congreve Club, and they inspired many Stoics with a real feeling and appreciation for the stage. Her death in 1956 was a very great sorrow to everyone.

Hockey had its beginnings at Stowe under Mr. Dams, who was in charge of it from 1941 to 1947, and he quickly built up an enthusiasm and interest in the game, which has now become one of the major sports at Stowe.

No estimate of Mr. Dams would be complete without a reference to his tireless work for Stowe Church, especially in the difficult times when the living was vacant, and it is not too much to say that by his conduct of services as Lay Reader and his care for the fabric as Churchwarden he kept the parish alive.

Mr. Dams will be living at Padbury and is going to do some teaching at a preparatory school near here; we hope that we shall see him often and he can always be assured of a warm welcome. We all wish him a long and happy retirement and many enjoyable hours at his favourite pastime, fishing.

ANNUAL PRIZES

BASIL WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL PRIZE :	{ J. R. ADAM (C)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR GERMAN :	{ J. R. S. PRINGLE (B)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH :	{ J. R. S. PRINGLE (B)
CAPEL CURE PRIZE FOR FRENCH :	{ J. R. S. PRINGLE (B)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY :	{ G. F. COLLARD (T)
BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR CHURCH HISTORY :	{ A. D. NAPIER (S)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH :	{ D. N. C. PATMORE (S)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :	{ D. N. C. PATMORE (S)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :	{ G. D. SWANSTON (B)
HARDING PRIZE FOR READING :	{ R. B. SWANSTON (B)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZES FOR ENGLISH VERSE :	Senior : D. J. LEVY (T)
	Junior : P. E. LEVY (T)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :	Senior : D. J. LEVY (T)
	Junior : S. C. WILLS (T)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS :	F. J. GIBBON (G)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK :	M. J. BAKER (G)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN :	N. A. ALINGTON (C)
ZAFIROPULO PRIZE FOR CLASSICAL VERSE :	N. A. ALINGTON (C)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :	N. A. ALINGTON (C)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY :	A. R. G. SCOTT-GALL (T)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :	H. NORTHEY (C)
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE :	D. A. JENNINGS (C)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :	{ D. J. DAWES (G)
	{ A. S. THOMSON (T)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	{ A. G. FOORD (G)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :	{ R. C. PEATFIELD (T)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :	{ P. E. LANGFORD (B)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE :	{ J. V. DOUBLEDAY (C)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	{ Not awarded
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY :	{ C. V. P. LAWFORD (B)
ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART :	{ J. V. DOUBLEDAY (C)
	{ G. R. P. GIBBERD (C)
JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR METALWORK :	{ N. G. ROSSI (C)
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR WOODWORK :	{ I. C. NAYLOR (B)
WHITE-SMITH PRIZE FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES :	{ Not awarded
'BENE' PRIZES :	N. A. ALINGTON (C) (2), N. B. ALBERY (W) (2), P. E. LEVY (T), I. M. H. KREMER (C), N. J. G. BEER (C), P. E. LANGFORD (B), J. A. LISTER (C), T. A. CLOVER (C) P. McNAB (C).

Mr. E. HART DYKE

Assistant Master, January 1924—December 1957

Edward Hart Dyke died on April 8th at his home in Dockenfield, near Farnham, little more than six years after his retirement. He came to Stowe when the school was entering upon its third term and he remained for just thirty-four years, a professional life-time the value of which outshone his instinct to conceal it.

He was not the kind of schoolmaster that makes a dramatic impact. He was a modest and very self-effacing man. In the first place, his natural temperament steered him away from the obviously prominent positions; but, as time went on, he had also to battle with physical disabilities which in the end compelled his retirement a year or two before it was due.

He gave himself very fully to his vocation and was devotedly industrious; but his preference for working unobtrusively meant perhaps that among boys his full worth came to be really known only by those who came into close contact with him. His colleagues who worked with him over the years were better placed to know and many of them came to feel for him a rather special respect and affection. He was, as one of them wrote at his death, 'a selfless, steadfast and very courageous man', full of integrity and unfailingly reliable. He judged clear-sightedly the extent of his capacity and fulfilled it to the utmost.

This is not to belittle that capacity. He was no mean scholar and no mean athlete. Moreover, he had a great gift for working happily and to their profit both with boys and with masters. It was founded upon sincerity of purpose, generosity in action, and a dry laconic irony in speech: he was never selfish, false or petulant.

His most responsible post, held for many years, was as Head of the Modern Languages Department. In this connection, he wrote (with Edward Capel Cure) and published several elementary courses in French and Spanish; and in all other respects he nursed his department with immensely conscientious thought and labour, keeping a sensitive finger on its pulse. His sympathetic guidance, never dogmatic but always clear, made his modern language colleagues into a notably cohesive and happy team. He was never Tutor, but as Assistant Tutor he gave his time ungrudgingly towards helping boys who needed help. Here, as in everything, he would find unnoticed gaps and quietly fill them.

In his younger years, while health allowed, he had been quite a good spin-bowler and a three-quarter with quite a turn of speed. In Stowe's early days, when masters were needed to play against the school's first teams for lack of other opposition, he played an active part. (In 1925, in a two-innings match between School and Masters, he took ten wickets for fifty runs.) But here again, he was more typically to be found giving help where it was most needed but least seen.

He was never a Housemaster, but on several occasions he acted as a trusted and sagacious lieutenant, notably as Assistant Housemaster in Grafton during a large part of the War. During the War too he gave a deal of service in unpublicised places. By now arthritis considerably hampered his activity, and before long denied him even the occasional game of fives he so much enjoyed. But you would find him teaching groups of boys how to cope with incendiary bombs and fight fires, or working with them at some job on the estate, or cooking and bill-hooking at holiday Forestry Camps (a Stowe party worked near Lake Windermere)—always doing the dirty work and

always injecting an essence of cheerfulness.

Soon after the War, he had an operation on one hip, but it was not very successful. A second operation, shortly after his retirement, on his other hip, seemed for a while to bring relief, but it did not last and subsidiary troubles developed. It was not, however, from these that he died, but from a sudden bronchial infection.

He visited Stowe several times after leaving, but for the most part lived quietly at home with his sister, gardening as much as he was able and giving much time to the unpaid task of preparing Braille texts of foreign authors for the blind. He was a man whose Christianity was in his life.

OLIM ALUMNI

The Queen's Birthday Honours List, 1964, included the following awards:—

C.M.G.—M. J. MACOUN (G 1933); C.B.E.—BRIGADIER F. A. H. LING (B 1933); J. E. McCOMB (C 1927); O.B.E.—M. LORIMER (G 1930); M.B.E.—MAJOR D. M. MAYFIELD (G 1927).

I. EARLE (C 1934) has been appointed Director of the newly formed British National Export Council.

C. F. CULLIS (W 1941) is Reader in Combustion Chemistry at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

DAVID WYNNE (G 1943) held an exhibition at Tooth's Gallery in May, including sculptures of Yehudi Menuhin, Richard Attenborough, Sir John Gielgud and the Beatles.

A. R. NEGUS (B 1963) has won the Michael Mudie Prize for Conducting Opera at the Royal College of Music.

H. BODEN BLADON (G 1955) sat for the Practical Examination of the Chartered Land Agents' Society and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in April and was awarded the Hugh Cooke Prize (first in order of merit), the Talbot-Ponsonby Prize (agricultural buildings) and the Pendlebury and Mellersh Prizes (forestry).

R. BARKER (W 1937) is Assistant Editor of *The Autocar*.

C. J. G. ATKINSON (C 1959), D. R. SABBERTON (T 1962) and R. B. B. AVORY (T 1961) again played in the Oxford and Cambridge Lawn Tennis Match, the first for Oxford, the others for Cambridge.

G. P. RENWICK (C 1954) represented Great Britain in the four-man Bob Sleigh team in the Olympic Games.

On April 17th, A. CAMERON (B 1957), riding Black Salmon for Ireland, was 3rd in the Great Badminton Championship.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

J. M. G. BEST (T 1927) a son on May 7th 1964.

M. E. P. CROSS (G 1953) a son on January 30th 1964.

N. R. CUNNINGHAM-REID (G 1949) a daughter on July 1st 1964.

A. S. DURWARD (W 1953) a son on May 21st 1964.

J. R. O. FOLKARD (G 1956) a son on April 30th 1964.

K. J. SANSOM (B 1940) a son on January 31st 1964.

J. N. VINEN (W 1950) twin sons on June 19th 1964.

MARRIAGES

G. S. ATKINS (W 1939) to Jean Hermione Margaret Billington on September 14th 1963.

M. E. P. CROSS (G 1953) to Susan Mary Rogers on February 2nd 1963.

D. J. EASTON (W 1959) to Alexandra Julie Clark on May 16th 1964.

J. R. O. FOLKARD (G 1954) to Elizabeth Anne Adams on June 3rd 1961.

J. E. G. NAYLER (W 1958) to Jill Knox on May 9th 1964.

R. E. PERRING (G 1950) to Faith Aitken on April 10th 1964.

DEATHS

P. R. H. HASTINGS-BASS (T 1939) on June 4th 1964.

Peter Hastings came to Stowe in May 1934. J. F. Roxburgh had noted that he was a "nice fellow, good manners, rides well, rather small and young for his age". In his first year he played Rugger and Cricket for the Under-15 sides. He was wicket-keeper and a useful batsman for two years in the 1st XI, and fly half for two years in the 1st XV, becoming captain of both teams.

The Stoic reported in December 1938: "The team has done as well as if not better than any other first fifteen at Stowe . . . they won all their School matches . . . The secrets of success have been the exceptional captaincy by Hastings . . ." On Stowe v. Oundle, November 5th, 1938, (Stowe 17 pts., Oundle 11 pts.): "It was a game which will live in the memory, one of those which will be deservedly recalled in after years by all of us who were lucky enough to see it, and we shall call back to mind the graceful ability of Hastings . . ." The following Easter he played for the English Public Schools against the Scottish Public Schools.

But these eulogies had been eclipsed in the previous Easter Term, when the Triangular Athletics match with Eton and Lancing on the new Eton cinder track was reported on March 25th, 1938: ". . . Eton were now leading Stowe by 25 pts. to 8 pts., and the only comfort Stowe supporters had was that Hastings, the finest athlete Stowe has ever had, had not yet taken part in any event." Hastings proceeded to win the Long Jump with 20 ft. 11 ins., the Quarter Mile in 52.9 and to have a decisive part in the Relay Race. The final score was Stowe 40 pts., Eton 39 pts., Lancing 20 pts. Now, 26 years later, only two Sports Records of any year before 1960 remain, and one of these is Peter Hastings' remarkable Long Jump of 21 ft. 5 1/2 ins.

When he went up to Oxford in October 1939, *The Times* reported that in Freshmen's Trials he was 'in a class by himself at stand-off half'. He just failed to get into the University XV, but in the following term he won the Quarter-mile against Cambridge in a time of 51.1 secs. on a bitterly cold afternoon after waiting two hours to compete.

Peter was commissioned in the Welsh Guards, and by December 1941 was the fly-half in an unbeaten Regimental Rugger XV.

On November 6th 1942 he was included in the English Services Rugby team to play Wales at Swansea. The following April, only two months before D-Day, he played for the victorious England XV which beat Scotland by 24 pts. to 19 pts., and scored one of the five English tries. Shortly after D-Day he was wounded, and suffered a permanent disability. His success as a rider and a handicapper opened up great possibilities for him in a field in which he could still excel, but he was not to see the fulfilment of his ambitions as Trainer to Her Majesty the Queen.

Stowe has every reason to be proud of one of her finest sons.

W. S. OLIVER (C 1936) on March 8th 1964.

S. C. ROGERS (T 1927) on January 6th 1964.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day on June 26th departed from the pattern of the last five years in two important particulars: the Speeches and Prizegiving took place in glorious sunshine on the South Front steps instead of in the Roxburgh Hall, and, except for a brief closing speech by the Head of the School, Prefects did not make speeches.

The Chairman of the Governors, after welcoming the visitors, thanked all who had so generously contributed to the Appeal and, in particular, Dr. Dudley Baker and his Committee for the energy with which they had raised the total, so far, of £106,488. This sum would enable the Governors to embark on the building of a new House, and, he hoped, other projects. The Chairman then introduced the chief guest, Mr. B. L. Hallward, first Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, and called on the Headmaster to make his report.

THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

In welcoming Mr. Hallward the Headmaster described him as a man with exciting ideas and an outlook as youthful as his appearance. It was hard to believe that Mr. Hallward was teaching when the Headmaster was a small boy of three; indeed, at Clifton he was constantly mistaken for a prefect and at Nottingham for an undergraduate.

After thanking Mr. Crichton-Miller for the helpful way in which he had handed the School over, the Headmaster reviewed the achievements of the year, paid tribute to Mr. Dams, who was retiring after more than 23 years' service at Stowe, and went on to give his first impressions of the School. He was delighted to find that most of what he had heard to its disadvantage was quite untrue; nevertheless he found some standards a little low, a certain sloppiness, a number of people with their heads in the sand, and a number not working hard enough. But he found much that he liked,—the quick friendliness and tolerance of all, the good manners and readiness to help, and especially the willingness to see the need for improvement and to do something about it. He was sure that there had been a forward and upward movement in the last term or so, and this movement must continue, for to stand still would be to go backwards.

He then gave his blueprint of what he wished the School to be: there should be a happy atmosphere based upon sensible discipline backed up by public opinion; a boy should feel free to approach him or any other master and have from authority a fair hearing at all times on any topic of disagreement; senior boys should be given a sensible freedom based on trust; the reasons for high standards in manners and speech should be explained to boys as a matter of common sense; boys should work hard and be taught how to work, and should widen their knowledge by reading, discussion and tolerance of others' opinions; they should enjoy games but also play them seriously and to win; they should be able to applaud a good musician in the same way as a good rugby player; they should be of service to other people, especially by voluntary service to those needing help; finally the whole man must be the spiritual man—he him-

self regarded the School Chapel as the centre of the School. Quoting the Fleming Report of 1944 to the effect that the Public Schools were being left out of alignment with the world, he said Stowe would benefit from a far greater range of entry and more mixing. Stowe was modern and not hindered by consideration of its past; there was nothing to hold us back save the possibility of our own blindness.

"We must not forget this—we are an independent school, and so, especially at this time, we are the butt with others of considerable criticism. We are a privileged school, and I ask myself if these criticisms are valid—have we anything to be ashamed of? I think perhaps we have, if we do not, at the same time as accepting our privileges, also accept our responsibilities. In this materialistic world we *must* remember that education is essentially a matter of the spirit. It is concerned fundamentally not with the acquisition of knowledge, though that is immensely important, but with the exploration of values. To my mind, there is nothing more important at Stowe to-day than a reconsideration, a reassessment—a full appreciation of the real values, of the real standards, that have made Stowe the great school that it is. I have every hope for the future—I am entirely optimistic".

MR. HALLWARD'S SPEECH

Mr. Hallward, in acknowledging the Headmaster's reference to his youthful appearance, said that in reality he was an egghead, a square, faintly pursuing on the campus at Nottingham the ideas put forward by J. F. Roxburgh to him when he had visited Stowe. Roxburgh was one of the great headmasters of Mr. Hallward's lifetime and tried with his colleagues to give to Stowe what the 18th Century had given to its landscape—taste. Stoics would go out from Stowe with better standards of taste and would carry taste into their jobs, and a love of beauty without ostentation.

"Things," said Mr. Hallward, "are going to move in this ship." The public schools must remain very good *intellectually*; schooldays must be *work* days, or parents' money would be wasted. Facts must be learnt; but facts were controlled by generalisations—the Beatitudes were more important than a telephone directory. The aim of a philosopher (that is, a well-educated man) should be a balance between intellect and emotion, and Mr. Hallward's own blueprint of an educated boy would be that he should know the achievements of great men, should understand ideas and ideologies, and should be able to strike a balance between conformity and non-conformity.

There was at present too little rapport between the Universities and the Schools; adherents of Oxbridge knew too little about Redbrick. In fact the finest red brick that he knew was at St. John's College, Cambridge; he wished he had more of it at Nottingham. It must be remembered that forty million pounds would be spent in a year on the Universities; the idea of Redbrick must be accepted.

People said that the case against the Public Schools was a weak one, and of course much was being done by bursary schemes; yet if the Public Schools remained outwardly respectable but inwardly narrow, selfish and exclusive, they would have no claim to survival.

Mr. Hallward then presented the Prizes, and the ceremony closed with a speech of thanks by J. R. S. Pringle (B), Head of the School. The Headmaster, Housemasters and Tutors were 'at home' to parents and visitors at tea afterwards.

MUSIC

A newcomer to Stowe cannot fail to be impressed by the standard and variety of musical performance. This term was no exception and the fortunate enthusiast was able to indulge himself in every sort of musical experience ranging from Gerald Moore's one-man lecture recital to a full symphony concert.

The first concert of the term in the 'Music in the Roxburgh Hall' series began with Brahms' Clarinet Quintet, which is one of the most sumptuous works, from the point of view of pure sound, in the chamber music repertoire. It was played with great feeling for the romantic element in the music, and John Melvin's fine tone, especially in the extremes of his clarinet's register, made the work a real pleasure to listen to. The second item in the programme, the Beethoven Quartet in A minor, is a much more philosophical work and must be heard several times before a true judgment can be made. It is interesting to note that the Quartet follows a similar form to the Ninth symphony and the comparison is perhaps most obvious in the slow movement in which a chorale predominates.

Gerald Moore's lecture recital proved to be a most instructive and highly entertaining evening. With the help of illustrations from songs by Schubert and Brahms Mr. Moore explained clearly how an accompanist can help or hinder a soloist by the picture he portrays of the subject or emotion in the song. His example here was a song of five verses about a water-mill. Each verse contained identical notes but each was of a different tone colour and was emphasised in a different way. Mr. Moore's ability to captivate his audience by various anecdotes relating to soloists with the aid of elastic facial expressions was much appreciated. It is a pity that there are not more musicians of his calibre who can also explain their art in such a lucid and entertaining manner.

The summer concert given by the school orchestra and glee club provided an ambitious and varied programme. It opened with a Trumpet Tune and Air by Purcell in which the solo part was very well played by R.E.M. Cook. Three movements from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony produced some accurate and sensitive playing from all sections of the orchestra. The Fifth is a very testing work for a school orchestra to attempt, there being many exposed places where the continuity depends

on only one or two instruments, and they emerged extremely well, albeit a little exhausted. A spirited brass section and good ensemble work from the woodwind were especially noticeable. The Glee Club opened the second half with an interesting selection of songs, all of which were sung with great verve and accuracy. They had been superbly drilled by Mr. Proctor and quite obviously enjoyed every minute of their performance, as did the audience. A contrast was provided by Handel's sonata for two 'cellos and strings. A work of this nature if played even moderately can sound most painful and it is to the great credit of the players, and especially the soloists, that not only was it played very well but it always kept up the very necessary forward momentum and the listeners' interest was never allowed to flag. The three movements from the *L'Arlésienne* suites provided a very fitting finale and mention should be made of the luscious saxophone playing of D. R. Lees-Jones and the hard work put in by the percussion and brass sections in the last movement.

For sheer enjoyment it would have been difficult to improve on the music chosen for the last concert of term, and this was certainly borne out by the size and appreciation of the audience. A sonata for trumpet and strings by Purcell was followed by a delightful trio for two clarinets and horn by Handel in which we heard some truly virtuoso playing by three Old Stoics: John Melvin, Anthony Negus and James Diack. The highlight of the programme was Bach's concerto for two violins and strings, in which the listeners' attention is held completely by the complex but exact balance achieved by the interweaving of the soloists' parts. Wagner's Siegfried Idyll and the Second Brandenburg Concerto completed the programme. We are fortunate indeed to be able to hear such music so expertly played by a first-class ensemble which, incidentally, contained five Old Stoics.

This report would not be complete without mention of the potential musical talent shown by many junior members of the school at the Informal Concert on June 9th and the fine playing of the Military Band at the C.C.F. inspection and on Speech Day. Acoustically the South Front portico has many advantages but not many people are able to see the band playing; perhaps an enlarged Rotunda removed to the centre of the cricket field?

Musically this has been a most exciting year and we look forward to next year's programmes with great interest.

M.A.B.K.

PROGRAMMES OF CONCERTS

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 10th

JOHN MELVIN (C 1951) (<i>Clarinet</i>)	MR. WATSON (<i>Violin</i>)	
ELIZABETH WATSON (<i>Violin</i>)	MARGARET ROOSE (<i>Violin</i>)	
	MR. EDMONDS (<i>Cello</i>)	
Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115	<i>Brahms</i>
Allegro; Adagio; Andantino; Con Moto (variations)		
Quartet in A minor, Op. 132	<i>Beethoven</i>
Assai sostenuto-Allegro; Allegro non tanto; Molto Adagio-Andante; Alla marcia-Allegro appassionato.		

On Tuesday, May 26th, Mr. Gerald Moore gave a Lecture Recital in the Roxburgh Hall entitled "The Accompanist Speaks".

SUMMER CONCERT

THURSDAY, JUNE 25th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

THE GLEE CLUB

Conductor—MR. PROCTOR

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Leader—G. D. GORDON-NAPIER (C)

Conductor—MR. WATSON

Trumpet Tune and Air	<i>Purcell</i>
	<i>Trumpet</i> —R. E. M. COOK (C)	
Symphony No. 5 in C Minor	<i>Beethoven</i>
Allegro con brio; Andante con moto; Allegro		
THE GLEE CLUB:		
Negro Spirituals: Jerusalem Morning		
Little Innocent Lamb		
Bohemian Marching Song		
Fain would I change that note (Canzonet)	<i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Chanson à Boire	<i>Poulenc</i>
Sonata in G Minor for Two 'Cellos and Strings	<i>Handel</i>
'Cellos—K. D. FRAZER (T) and T. P. BESTERMAN (W)		
Andante; Allegro		
Incidental music: L'Arlésienne	<i>Bizet</i>
<i>Saxophone</i> —D. R. LEES-JONES (G)		

Eight choirs from local parishes met on Saturday, July 4th, to sing Choral Evensong in the Chapel. The Music was as follows:

Responses (R.S.C.M.)		
Psalm 47 (Chant)	<i>E. G. Monk</i>
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Chanting Service in F)		<i>S. S. Wesley</i>
Anthem: "Hail, Gladdening Light"	<i>Geoffrey Shaw</i>
Hymns: "Let all the world in every corner sing"		
"O what their joy and their glory must be"		
Concluding Voluntary: Paean	<i>Percy Whitlock</i>

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, JULY 12th

<i>Flute</i> : RAYMOND COURTNELL; <i>Oboe</i> , VICTOR ROBINSON; <i>Clarinets</i> , JOHN MELVIN (C 1951) and ANTHONY NEGUS (B 1963); <i>Bassoon</i> , ROBERT FERRY (Director of Music, Marlborough); <i>Horns</i> , JAMES DIACK (T 1956) and JOHN BURROWS-WATSON (C 1949); <i>Trumpets</i> , DENNIS CLIFT and R. E. M. COOK (C); <i>Violins</i> , ANGUS WATSON, LESLEY MELVIN, NICOLA FERRY, JOHN SAUNDERS (C 1962); <i>Viola</i> , ELIZABETH WATSON; <i>Cello</i> , MICHAEL EDMONDS; <i>Bass</i> , ALISON WATSON; <i>Continuo</i> , ROBIN PROCTOR.		
Sonata for Trumpet and Strings	<i>Purcell</i>
Allegro; Adagio; Allegro		
Overture (Suite) for Two Clarinets and Horn	<i>Handel</i>
Moderato; Allegro ma non troppo; Larghetto; Andante allegro; Allegro		
Concerto in D minor for Two Violins and Strings	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Vivace; Largo ma non tanto; Allegro		
"Siegfried" Idyll	<i>Wagner</i>
Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 for trumpet, flute, oboe, violin and strings	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Allegro; Andante; Allegro assai		

MUSIC COMPETITIONS

(Individual Entries)

IN THE FOYER OF THE ROXBURGH HALL ON SUNDAY, JULY 26th.

Adjudicator—MR. JEAN SALDER, Director, North Buckinghamshire Music Centre.

The Individual Music Competitions this year offered the usual variety, and the usual surprises. The best groups were without question the 'Cello and Organ competitions, where the standards were uniformly high. The Senior String and Senior Piano competitions showed some improvement on last year in that there were more good (though no outstanding) entries. The Brass Competition was exhilarating. The only real disappointments were the Woodwind group and the two-piano competition. The latter was so under-rehearsed that it was decided to make no award. The high standard of keyboard playing in the organ and solo piano competitions and the really low standard of the two-piano group (involving the same players) showed without question that this competition was not being taken seriously by the players. A most encouraging sign was that enterprise was in many cases rewarded. Levy deserved to win the woodwind group in any case, but he won it with a sonata of his own composition. Lloyd Morgan and Charles won their competitions with impressive performances of a Meditation for Viola and the Trombone Sonata, both by Hindemith. Mr. Salder proved to be a somewhat severe adjudicator.

Winners:—

Intermediate String Competition: C. N. Weston (C).

Senior Violin and Viola: R. E. Lloyd Morgan (T).

Senior 'Cello (Churton Cup): K. D. Frazer (T).

Organ Prize: C. H. Scott (T).
Woodwind Prize: D. J. Levy (T) (Recorder).
Brass Prize: C. M. B. Charles (G) (Trombone).
Intermediate Piano Competition: B. L. J. Murray (C).
Senior Piano (Wintle Cup): J. H. Stockwell (G).
Two-Piano Competition: Not awarded.
Fanshawe Cup (for the best performance of the day): K. D. Frazer (T).
Boosey and Hawkes Cup (for progress on a wind instrument): S. M. Moreton (G).

THE GOTHIC LIBRARY

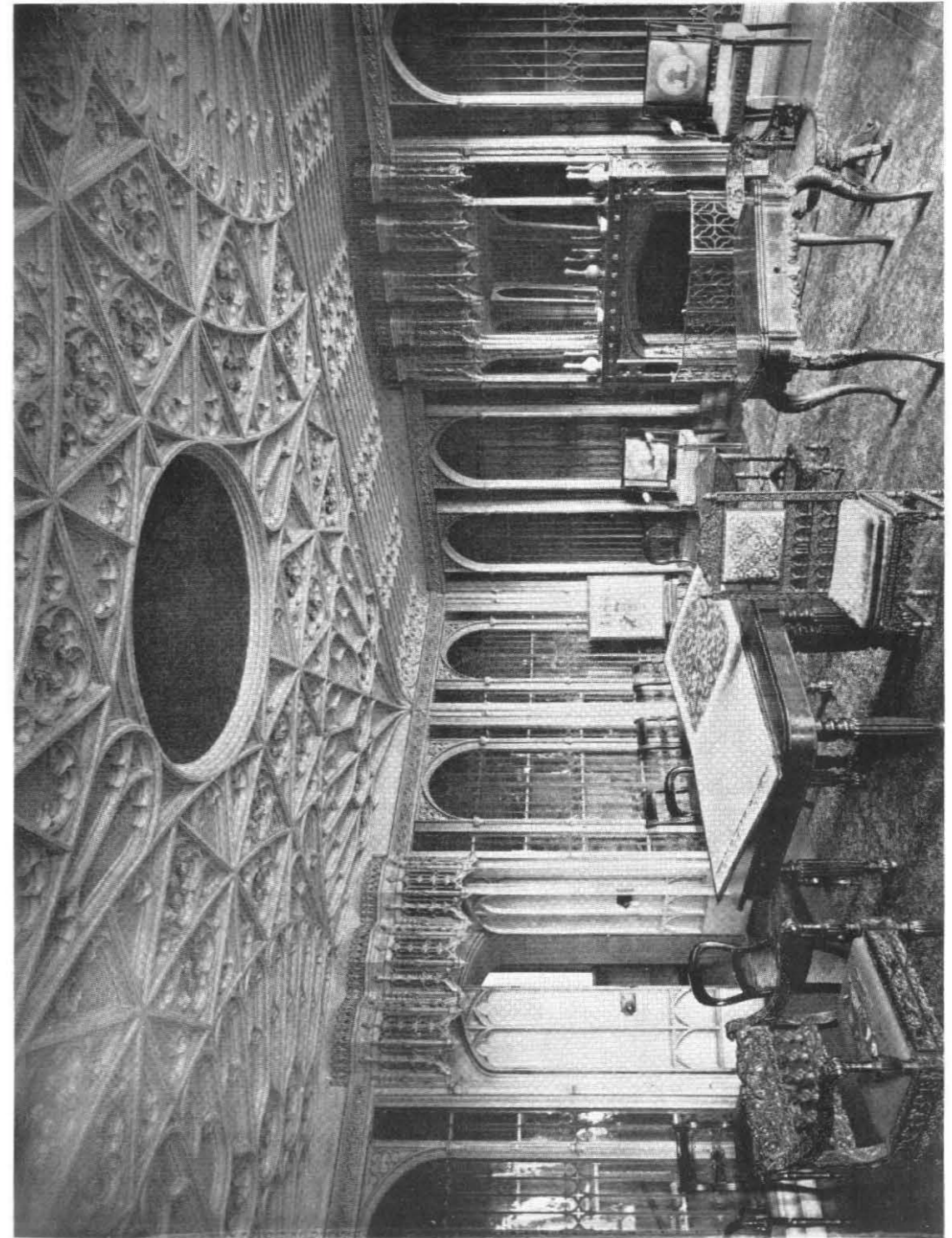
(On May 24th Miss Dorothy Stroud, Assistant Keeper of the Soane Museum, lectured in the Aurelian Room on 'Soane at Stowe'. We are very grateful to Miss Stroud for her permission to print the following article.)

A few months before Soane was to be consulted about the new library at Stowe the diarist Joseph Farington referred to Lord Buckingham in his entry for Aug. 14th. "The Revd. Mr. Powel dined with us . . . He has been frequently at Stowe the Marquis of Buckingham who he described to be a very hospitable man, full of conversation but chiefly political . . . has a great income but so many expenses that his steward told Mr. Powel their bills cd. not be paid in less than from a year and $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 years from the time of their being contracted.—Lord Temple is not so agreeable as his father having great pride and a manner less pleasant . . ."

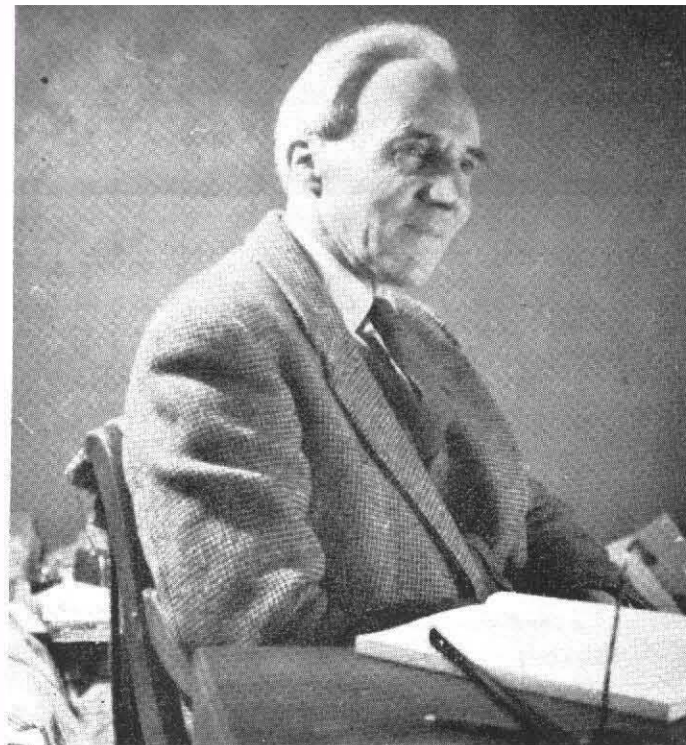
Farington might have added that Lord Buckingham was a great collector of books and manuscripts. It was this which led to his asking Soane to design the room which is remarkable not only for its effect, but as being the only recorded instance of Soane's use of gothic for a domestic interior. Lord Buckingham, however, expressly desired that the new repository for his "Saxon manuscripts" should take this form, and it appears that Soane, apprehensive as to his abilities in designing gothic detail, introduced John Carter, the antiquarian, as a draughtsman in the early stages of the work, but later dispensed with his help.

The library, situated on the south side of the basement of the house, was to have its own vestibule and staircase leading from the floor above. The first designs are dated January, 1805, but seven more were sent on March 20th, followed by working drawings on April 19th, addressed to Mr. Mander. Work began a few months later. In connection with the preparation of these drawings, Soane's draughtsman Henry Seward had visited Westminster Abbey to obtain gothic details ("admission 1/-"), and three days later he went again with the metal worker, Doyle. On October 29th, Soane sent three "fair drawings" of finishings for the "Saxon room" and on the 30th set off for Stowe himself to see how things were progressing. On the 31st it was settled to have a white marble chimney-piece and stained glass in the windows. Details for windows and bookcases were sent on November 1st, the niche opposite the chimney-piece being referred to as "the shrine". On November 11th Soane noted that between £400 and £500 had already been spent on joiners' work, and that it would require at least £300 more.

In a letter of February, 1806, Lord Buckingham was still considering the details of the bookcases, and wrote to Soane: "I think you have departed a little too much from Hy 7ths Screen which I wish to take as the bookcase round the room. I would therefore



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Above—A.A.D.

Right—from the Congreve Club production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, 1949

Below—from the Congreve Club production of *The Beggar's Opera*, 1954



beg you to be so good as to send one of your draughtsmen simply to sketch one of the upper squares of that composition, unless you have Dart's Westminster Abbey in your collection." Soane had in fact purchased this book a few months before for £3.13.6.

Detailed accounts are preserved for the work in Soane's Cost Book of 1805-7. John Begans, the joiner, was responsible for, among other items, "gothic columns and sunk Gothic pilasters, wainscot Gothic doors for Shrine and 2 Gothic pedestals for chimney ornaments"; also 35 Gothic head moulded Ballusters and a similar newell for the vestibule stair case. Underwood & Doyle supplied "16 Gothic doors filled in with rich Tracery", and "24 pilasters to Do. . . richly ornamented with crockets and leaves" and "28 spandrills to Doors filled in with raised Tracery on Wood grounds." The cost of 4 "carved canopies very richly ornamented with crockets, pinnacles, drops, tracery in pannels, Battlements and rosettes" came to £127.15.6, but the most expensive single item was the "enriched face of Ceiling . . . in 509 Pannels large imboast and executed as per Design" for £282.18.9. This was the work of William Rothwell junior, a London plasterer whom Soane employed elsewhere. The same craftsman worked on the vestibule supplying the 17 female heads with drapery which serve as corbels, and setting over the doorway a medieval bas-relief, dated 1485, said to have come from Castle Hedingham and to depict the Battle of Bosworth Field. It was of this that Horace Walpole wrote to a friend after visiting Stowe, "you would adore it."

Almost the last items to be installed were the "large brass Gothic chimney piece made to drawing" for £100, and a "handsome Gothic brass stove" for £64, both of which came from Thomas Catherwood, brass founder.

In 1817 Soane suggested some alterations to form a new suite of private rooms for the use of Lord and Lady Buckingham at the West end of the house, beyond the State Bedroom. Further designs were sent in the following year, but there is no indication from Soane's accounts as to whether they were carried out.

DOROTHY STROUD

"A MIDSUMMER-NIGHT'S DREAM"

Presented at the Cedar on July 24th and 25th.

CAST.—**Theseus**, M. J. AVORY (C); **Egeus**, R. D. RAYMAN (G); **Lysander**, R. E. LLOYD MORGAN (T); **Demetrius**, F. C. ST. J. MISKIN (S); **Philostrate**, F. J. GIBBON (G); **Quince**, M. C. A. WYVILL (T); **Snug**, M. J. BAKER (G); **Bottom**, S. JACKSON (B); **Flute**, J. A. BATH (W); **Snout**, D. R. HOWARD (C); **Starveling**, M. H. SHEARING (B); **Hippolyta**, J. R. HARTLAND-SWANN (B); **Hermia**, J. G. CAHILL (S); **Helena**, A. H. THOMLINSON (W); **Oberon**, J. R. S. PRINGLE (B); **Titania**, N. J. S. MURRAY (C); **Puck**, N. R. KREITMAN (C); **Peaseblossom**, D. E. C. S. WRIGHT (C); **Cobweb**, R. R. K. CARMICHAEL (W); **Moth**, T. R. STEPHENS (C); **Mustardseed**, T. R. HARRIS (B); **Speaking Fairy**, H. A. A. WILLIAMSON-NOBLE (T); **Singer**, J. H. STOCKWELL (G); **Conductor of Orchestra**, R. B. SWANSTON (B).

Producer—MR. J. BAIN.

A warm, windless summer night; a rustic seat round the bole of a giant tree; overhead, through an interwoven vault of huge branches, the moon—not hornéd but full; glimpse of Greek pillars away on the left; sound of pipe, tabor and viol behind us in the undergrowth; shadows numberless.

This area of Stowe is surely bewitched. Had we not seen, years before, Midsummer

Madness a stone's throw away? What better locale for this maddest, merriest, most entrancing of comedies? For moonlight revels it is incomparable. On such a night, in such a place anything might happen. And it did.

This was no ordinary "outdoor play." The heavy roofing of boughs, the encircling thicket gave a sense of intimacy even closer than that of a Shakespearean theatre. Thus the Court of Theseus watching the rustic play, though sitting well away (as was no doubt fitting for royalty) seemed nevertheless at one with us (hoi polloi in the pit); and we felt genuinely, respectfully irritated by their facetious interruptions.

Yet all around there seemed unlimited space. Above us towering infinity, about us the unknown. Always the unexpected happened. Characters appeared from nowhere, dwindled into the half-light; elves were suddenly seen swinging overhead. Lovelorn lads and lasses gasped for breath from miles of mazed meandering in the enchanted wood. One thing after another at bewildering speed. Scene after crazy scene. Moonshine indeed, but inspired, laced with exquisite poetry.

How Mr. Bain managed all this in a week's rehearsal we cannot—perhaps would rather not—imagine. Enough to record that it was all immensely enjoyable, and that this reviewer can truthfully say that of the many productions of *The Dream* that he has seen none has given him greater pleasure.

There are no star parts in this play, and here appropriately there were no outstanding, nor any weak, performances. I liked particularly the authority of Oberon, the clear voices of Helena and Titania (a dainty queen rather than a proud), the convincing senility of Peter Quince (quite apart from his excellent make-up), the idiot contortions of Tom Snout, the athletic devilry of Puck, the sublime assurance of Bottom. But these were only a few of many pleasures offered by a cast, each of whom was plainly enjoying his contribution to the general make-believe.

The diction was exceptionally good, clear even in the dim background. Points in the dialogue were well taken, and there were some original and happy interpretations of the text. Rural accents (bane of most amateur productions) were surprisingly homogenous: these "hempen homespuns" really did come from the same region. Parts of the rustic play (the moribund Pyramus and Thisbe, and the Lion when not rampant) were not seen by all the audience; but all else was clearly visible, audible and totally enjoyable. "Go, Philostrate," says Theseus. "Stir up the Athenian youth to merriments. Awake the pert and numble spirit of mirth." For "Philostrate" read "Mr. Bain," for "Athenian" read "Stoic". He has done it again.

A.A.D.

THE LIBRARY

The Library shelves have remained unlocked this term after more than three years of limited opening times. The response to this has been most encouraging. More books were borrowed than during the four preceding terms put together.

Many new books were added to the Library, including presentations by M. J. Baker (G) and J. J. Riddick (C 1937). "Windward of the Caribbean" by S. W. C. Pack was presented by the author in memory of John Conington (B 1949) to whom the book is dedicated.

The Prefect of Library was D. W. J. Garrett (G), the Monitor of Library was F. J. Gibbon (G) and the Assistant Librarians were M. E. Chisholm (C), E. S. Abelson (B), P. D. L. Temple (T), D. N. C. Patmore (G), R. B. Swanston (B), D. A. Jennings (C), D. J. Levy (T), G. P. Rickwood (C), R. Horrell (G) and J. E. Trainin (C).

EXHIBITIONS

ART

The Exhibition of drawings and paintings on Speech Day was up to the usual standard as far as the junior part of the School was concerned. Although there was good work amongst the Seniors, the total number of paintings was smaller than it should have been and too many of those exhibited could have been a good deal better with more thought and care. Between J. V. Doubleday (C) and G. R. P. Gibberd (C), who stood out as obviously better than anyone else, and the next group of promising painters there was too big a gap, both in age and in achievement. Some of the 'A'-Level work was quite competent but had a tendency to be rather dull; this is not necessary. The most interesting oil paintings after the first group were some by very young boys who have only just started,—C. V. A. Bailey (G), C. G. Bazeley (G) and A. D. Mayfield (G). We shall look forward to seeing more of their work.

Amongst the water colours there were two extremely competent figure subjects by C. P. Murdoch (T) and several adventurous ones by C. J. Buchanan-Jardine (T).

The Lower School work was lively and varied, which is what one demands of it. In addition to this there were some meticulously drawn maps of Scandinavia by various members of IIIa. A new departure was a display of 'Flies' tied by those attending Junior Societies; these to a non-fisherman seemed to be extremely competent. What will be needed next year will be a considerable increase in work done in free time. It appears at the moment as if we must look to the juniors for this, as there seems to be an unproductive gap in the middle of the school.

THE WORKSHOPS

The Workshops Exhibition on Speech Day attracted a large crowd. This year, as usual, the exhibits were of work done during the year both by Members and by the Third Forms in school hours.

Among the many exhibits the most impressive was the desk made by I. C. Naylor with which he won the Friends of Stowe Prize. N. G. Rossi, the winner of the John Holland Prize for Metalwork, had made a small lathe, the workmanship being of a very high standard.

There were many other exhibits which showed the great variety of work possible in the Workshops. Among these were five dinghies in various stages of construction, furniture of varied form and purpose, some fine examples of turnery, usually in local timber, and a multiplicity of metalwork exhibits from precision engineering to wrought iron work.

The success of the Exhibition was reflected in the number of visitors, who were pleased to see evidence of so much and so varied creative work of a uniformly high standard. An impressive display, showing that the fullest use is made of the facilities provided.

THE MIDAS TOUCH

(The following was awarded the J. F. Roxburgh Prize for English Verse.)

Awake ye Muses, strike the clanking string,
 The music of the purse, 'tis this I sing ;
 The fire of jingling pence inspires my lay
 Of fond financiers prematurely grey.
 For money's inspiration, when all's told
 What poet has not "winged his flight" for gold ?
 Write for what end ? Be paid for what you're giving,
 A poet after all must earn his living.
 But there are some, blest by the Fates most just,
 Whose very motion turns to gold the dust ;
 The world is theirs, they own the world's gold strains,
 And each one has his yachts and ulcers for his pains.
 One such is Irwin, made his mark in cars,
 Scrap-metal, potash, property, cigars,
 Elastic, timber, nitrates, and a class
 Of plastics that he passes off as glass ;
 Each article he made, or sold, or grew
 Must bring its profits and its worries too.
 Then who's to tell what men are by their looks,
 Financial wizards, or financial crooks ?
 The nicest men eke out their days in gaol
 Because their latest firms happened to fail ;
 While others, who were never seen to smile,
 Live in their mansions counting out their pile ;
 There is no right or wrong where wealth's concerned,
 (Or so they'd have us think), all joys are earned ;
 All this considered these ideas imply
 The only thing that's freely done is die.
 Wealth is the breaker of old friendliness,
 For nothing binds friends closer than distress ;
 As more, and more, and more on one depends
 One gains new servants but one loses friends.
 I have a friend, once rich, Oh lucky me !
 Who has today returned from off the sea ;
 He's been across to France to get liqueurs,
 Scents, wines, champagnes and other stronger lures.
 Unfortunately once he was afloat
 A mighty storm arose and lashed his boat ;
 The tossing waves rushed o'er her rolling deck,
 And laid foundations for another wreck ;
 One drowning sailor drew his final breath,
 Cursed once again, and sank toward his death ;
 Another Neptune's mighty power defied,
 Screamed with the wind, and faltered with the tide,
 And heaving over breathed his last, and died.

And yet my friend is safe, though at the cost
 Of having all his precious cargo lost ;
 But though he's now no richer than a poet,
 I'll give him friendship just as though I owe it
 For I'd not stoop so low as to be thought
 A parasite whose friendship can be bought.
 Yet parasites are common as the grime
 They live in, filthier than a pigsty's slime ;
 See him, the Parasite, affected airs,
 Hov'ring behind a group of millionaires,
 He hides behind a screen of oily charms ;
 How soft he speaks ! How carefully he calms
 " Sir, would you like some more ? Or had your fill ?
 Some coffee next ? Oh SIR ABOUT YOUR WILL—— "

Pity the lonely childless millionaire
 With many serfs but not a true friend there ;
 Round him the vermin beg for what he's got,
 As flies infest the open honey-pot ;
 They bow, they flatter him, they fawn as well,
 Praise him to heaven, damn his kin to hell.
 How few men thank the gods for friendship's sake
 (Unless there's something going in the wake) ?
 But I in thanking hope for nothing more
 Than to be left to live as I implore ;
 I want no legacies from richer friends,
 I do not care how much rich uncle lends ;
 I do not search friend's drawers, nor do I fill
 Their post with notes begging a juster will ;
 I have that which I want, friends and good health,
 So damn the others to their ill-earned wealth.

D.J.L.

THE SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

After a successful camp in Scotland during the Easter holidays, most of the Troop's time has been spent on Badge work, which provided the theme for the two weekend camps and Field Day, all held at Black Pit Farm. We had a visit from the Assistant County Commissioner for Senior Scouts, who ran an exhausting Venturer Badge 'incident' journey at Stowe on July 11th and declared that he was very impressed with our standard.

We congratulate J. V. Doubleday, J. T. McConnell and J. N. Higman on winning the Queen's Scout Badge. P. R. Dick-Lauder, L. M. Higman, P. E. Levy and A. P. Sainer have gained the First Class Badge. In addition, several Tracker and Pathfinder Badges were won. Even the Scoutmaster has received a decoration—the 'Medal of Merit'—for 'outstanding services in Oxfordshire, Perthshire and Buckinghamshire.'

J. V. Doubleday and J. N. Higman have been appointed joint Troop Leaders for next term. The new Patrol Leaders are J. T. McConnell and L. M. Higman.

THE EASTER SCOUT CAMP

The camp lasted for a week at the beginning of April. During this time we sampled the extremes of Scottish weather—warm sun, crisp frosts, whirling blizzards and howling gales. Our camp site, also, epitomised the characteristics of Highland scenery, for we pitched our tents on and around a wild assortment of trees, rocks, heather, streams, crags and bogs. Above us towered the concrete precipice of the Mullardoch Dam above it, the snow-capped peaks of the Glen Cannich mountains.

To ignore the mountains would have been sacrilege, and we spent most of the time in the hills, rather than working at conventional 'camp-craft'. If at first some of us found the initial climbs tiring, it was only because we were not accustomed to mountain walking. After the first two days all of us were thoroughly run in, and we were able to climb splendid peaks like Sgurr na Lapaich, Carn Eige and Mam Sodhail. Even so, our lack of fitness was shown up by the extraordinary vigour of the three masters present, no less in camp than on the hills—Dr. Farmer showed remarkable skill in getting us up in the morning, Mr. Hancock provided songs and cocoa at camp fires, and Mr. Seymour proved proficient at digging pits for various purposes.

Five Scouts completed their First Class Journeys in unusually testing circumstances, hauling heavy rucksacks up steep and pathless hill-sides in unrelenting rainstorms, guided by inaccurate maps and unintelligible natives. They were not the only ones to get lost—one of the masters tried to travel from Carlisle to Inverness by catching a train to Stranraer. Despite the remoteness of the camp-site (9 miles from the nearest shop, 13 from the nearest bus-stop) we fed magnificently—until the 'Camping-Gaz' ran out. Well-filled with calories, we got accustomed to the chill of the mountain peaks, and almost accustomed to the chill of the nights as we lay in our sleeping-bags. In all, six Senior Scouts, two members of the Climbing Club, and three masters attended this very successful camp.

P.E.L.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

The XII Club has had four meetings this term; papers have been read in three, and the fourth was a joint meeting with the Bedford School Mitre Club.

The Mitre Club is the Bedford equivalent of the XII Club, and for the afternoon and evening of June 21st they were our guests. In the afternoon we showed them the house and grounds of Stowe, and in the evening we had a joint meeting on the Future of the VIth Form. Mr. Culpin spoke for the Mitre Club and the Secretary for the XII Club, after which a very lively discussion followed. It was unanimously agreed afterwards that the meeting was a great success, and it is hoped that it will be repeated.

The first paper, on May 25th, was by M. F. A. Mellersh on the airship "R101." This subject was dealt with in an exhaustive but already familiar way.

The second, on June 22nd, was by P. E. Langford, on "Leonardo da Vinci" and was very good in all respects, especially in the Freudian analysis of Leonardo.

Lastly, on July 20th, the Secretary, with the Headmaster as Guest of Honour, read a paper on "Galileo". This paper, which dealt with Galileo's work in mechanics and astronomy and his conflict with the church in Rome, represented a considerable intellectual achievement and was followed by an interesting discussion.

P. E. Langford has been appointed Secretary in succession to N. J. Durlacher.
N.J.D.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

This term saw the retirement of M. J. Baker as Secretary, in an attempt to give more people the opportunity of benefiting by this experience, and not, as he hastily pointed out, because of the arduousness of his duties. We have much reason to be grateful to him.

The Society has heard three papers this term and is eagerly, if not confidently, awaiting a fourth from I. M. H. Kremer on Roman Law. E. S. Abelson read a lengthy paper on Minoan Civilization, of which he attempted, perhaps unfortunately, to examine many aspects. The result was a learned and very interesting but necessarily superficial sketch of a subject about which comparatively little is known.

M. J. Baker followed with a paper on Hannibal; this was an interesting and revealing study of the man who came nearest to destroying Roman civilization, delivered impressively and convincingly.

T. M. Watson then regaled us with the eagerly awaited second half of his study of Egyptian Religion, this time on the doctrinal beliefs as opposed to pure mythology. This was an interesting study, and almost entirely succeeded in escaping from the necessary dangers entailed in a paper of this kind, of giving a mere catalogue of archaeological facts, beliefs, and doctrines.

It has been interesting to note this term a greater diversity of subject. This is a trend which may be encouraged, if the opportunities still offered by Greece and Rome are not altogether neglected in the search for obvious subjects in other countries. In its present stage, however, this outlook provides an increased variety of fascinating subjects.

N.A.A.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The term has been a busy one for the Society, with changes among its officers, expeditions, and lectures. R. M. Morgan has been elected Secretary and H. P. Lloyd Morgan Film-Secretary.

Dr. M. F. Perutz, a Nobel Prize Winner, gave a lecture on "Genes and Enzymes"; his large audience really appreciated a very fine lecture. W. A. Smeaton lectured on "Science and Politics in the French Revolution" to an audience swollen by a large number of History tutees.

The Society organised three expeditions this term—two for Senior members to the Cambridge Engineering Laboratories and to Mullard's, and one for the Junior Society to the Science Museum and the Planetarium.

R.M.M.

LECTURE BY DR. M. F. PERUTZ

On Friday, May 8th, Dr. M. F. Perutz visited Stowe.

Recently Stowe's scientists, especially the biologists, have had several talks and lectures on Molecular Biology, a branch of science which has been especially in the news. Scientists working on it have scooped up Nobel prizes: for they are uncovering the very working of life, the very mechanism of heredity.

Dr. Perutz has led a team in the forefront of this research, and recently received a Nobel Prize, though it is surprising to learn that he started off his career in science as a mathematician. So we were indeed honoured when he accepted the invitation of Mr. Screen to come down and give a lecture.

The lecture was held in the New Classroom Block. All scientists and mathematicians

were there, as were also several leading linguists and classicists. Dr. Perutz's lecture was entitled 'Genes and Enzymes', though it was primarily about the former.

After he was introduced by Mr. Screen, he explained how they had uncovered the structure of the life molecule, known as DNA, which is present in all life without exception. He had several models in front of him, including his original one. DNA is two long central molecules twisted around one another, connected by a large number of four basic links. These links Dr. Perutz called by the common names Tom, Claire, Anne, and George, which correspond to the chemical names. The way these links are arranged determine every characteristic in the species. He went on to explain how they are breaking the code the DNA uses to specify these characteristics. Each one is specified by three links. Dr. Perutz then went on to discuss the mechanism by which these orders are transferred, via a smaller but similar molecule called RNA and enzymes, to the actual characteristics. Questions were asked at the end, and after T. M. Watson had formally thanked the lecturer, some of the audience stayed behind for an informal discussion. The questions and discussion were mainly concerned with the cause of mutations, whether natural or caused by drugs.

The lecture was primarily of interest to the non-biologists, for the biologists had had similar lectures before.

THE NUCLEUS

P.A.G.W.

The Nucleus has had another valuable term and three papers have been read by different members. The first by C. C. Parker was on "Radioactivity". The highlight of the evening was the demonstration of a Cloud Chamber, built by P. A. G. Williams. Parker's paper itself was very lengthy and was an exhaustive survey of the subject.

The next paper was by T. P. I. Goddard about "Scientific Education in America", a subject with which he was himself familiar. The paper was interesting and gave a good insight into the American theories of scientific education.

Lastly R. A. Kreitman gave a talk on "Cybernetics", which is the science of communications. This paper raised some very fundamental problems about whether man is a machine or not, and in the discussion that followed the Club reached complete deadlock. Nevertheless it was a good talk.

Our President Mr. Millward retires this term and we thank him very much for the time he has devoted to the Club. Also retiring as Secretary is N. J. Durlacher, whose post is filled by P. E. Langford.

THE SEDIMENTARIANS

N.J.D.

The Sedimentarian umbrella has now opened even wider to include discussion with some ten girls from Tudor Hall. The first of these debates took place on the home front. The subject discussed, "Restrictions in Education", was so successful that it was immediately decided to have a return match. Ten Sedimentarians duly went to Tudor Hall to learn all about juvenile delinquency. These two meetings are obviously the first of many to come. The final meeting of the term took the form of a poetry-reading session, and provided a fitting end to all the members who were leaving.

The committee—R. C. Clifford (Sordid Caterer), N. D. Raw (Unemployment Agent), and A. G. Fyfe (Co-opted Whippet)—have all contributed a great deal to the recent success of a comparatively old society that has only just emerged from a long period of hibernation.

G.D.S.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The society was resuscitated this term by the President, Mr. B. S. Stephan, and at his instigation eight new members were chosen. The first of three meetings was held on May 25th in the President's room, when L. C. J. Wilson gave a comprehensive and well-prepared paper on the Development of Church Music. Primarily, however, it gave him an opportunity to vent his admiration for Bach, that 'great river into which all things flowed'.

For the second meeting, which was held on June 8th, D. J. Levy had prepared an 18-side paper on the poetry and life of Charles Churchill. He is himself an enthusiastic imitator of the Augustan satirists, but he proved unable to persuade the society of the merits of this particular poet-cum-rake-cum-politician.

D. A. Jennings, the joint-secretary, followed on June 22nd with a potentially dangerous paper on "Oscar Wilde". In fact, this turned out to be the most interesting of the three, for he confined himself to a brief survey of Wilde's literary work, whilst for the rest of the evening he regaled us with extracts from a record entitled "The Importance of Being Oscar".

When the society had fully recuperated from exams R. B. Swanston gave a paper on "Rossini".

D.J.L.

THE VITRUVIANS

The Vitruvians, being a society of those interested in architecture, are by no standards narrow-minded, and this term our activities were interestingly experimental.

Our first meeting took the form of an illustrated paper on "Early Church Music" by L. C. J. Wilcox. This was so well received that we decided to subject ourselves to a repeat performance, which took place about three weeks later in the Queen's Temple. Here we had the benefit of suitable acoustics and the 'right atmosphere' to listen to a supplementary paper read by F. J. Gibbon on architecture that would have been contemporary with the music we were listening to.

The standard of both papers was such that the rest of the society had every reason to be most grateful for the considerable energy that must have been expended in both cases.

J.V.D.

FLY-FISHING

Last September the Oxford Water and Paper-Mill Lake were drained and some thousands of coarse fish were transferred to the Octagon and Eleven-Acre.

In May, after some biological and chemical research by the Ouse River Board and Mr. L. R. Peart of the Berkshire Trout Farm, the Oxford Water was experimentally stocked with 250 five-inch Brown Trout and 125 ten-inch Browns and Rainbows. These have been rising freely in the evenings and early mornings throughout the term. They are not expected to breed in water of this character; but if they survive the hot weather, it is proposed to start a Fly-fishing Club next Spring, and to re-stock annually. Trout are expensive creatures to rear, and the fishable area is small; so the Club will be strictly limited in numbers. Membership will be open only to reasonably skilled and essentially responsible members of the School who have shown active co-operation and maintenance-work on the water, and at least as much interest in fishery management as in fishing.

In the Autumn the Paper-mill dam is due for re-building, after which it is hoped to add this water to the fishery. It is heavily silted at the top end and should be dredged

throughout before re-filling; but without the help of some benevolent contractor (such as enabled the School to resurrect the Oxford Water some years ago) we shall have to do our best with it as it is.

A small Steering Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Pedder to supervise preparatory work and in due course to elect members. Observation of all kinds is encouraged and entered in a Log Book, as will be, eventually, all catches.

Those interested should give their names to Mr. Pedder, G. M. Wolfson (C) or T. B. V. Stockdale (C).

A.A.D.

THE CLIMBING CLUB

The Club has been rather inactive lately, though two members camped with the Scout Troop in Scotland in April. On a very wet week-end in June a party, including some very young boys, accompanied Dr. Farmer and Mr. Millward to North Wales, climbed up and down various waterfalls in the Tryfan region, and spent a night in Helyg hut, kindly made available by the Climbers' Club. An attempt to organize a camp in the Lake District over the Exeat was unsuccessful. It is to be hoped that more boys will show more interest in the future.

D.L.F.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term we have been meeting on Monday afternoons to cycle to nearby farms. We saw a fascinating plant near Westbury which dried grass by oil-fired heating, powdered it and pressed it into small cubes. Also we looked at a one-man farm at Stowe Castle, consisting of 250 acres with milk cattle and corn. Near Silverstone we saw a farm run by a father and two sons. Amongst other things they had a new combine harvester and a stainless steel tank for cooling milk. The farmer on the side of the Avenue showed us some fine livestock and a modern hygienic milking parlour. Finally on the last Thursday of term Mr. Bulford kindly took us to a farm near Bicester, where there was a new vast water tank, supplying the whole estate, a large corn-drying and storage plant, and a small herd of Galloway Dun cattle.

J.M.B.-N.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This has been a relatively successful term for the Society, inasmuch as the membership figures—which in recent terms had begun to dwindle—have now taken a sharp turn for the better.

Since, obviously, the greater our membership, the greater are our funds, we are gradually having more to spend upon luxuries. The Society has, for example, recently begun to take the periodical *The Gramophone*.

Also, the following additions have been made to our now very large Record Library: an excellent recording of Guitar Quartets and Quintets, by Haydn and Boccherini respectively; Shostakovich's Symphony No. 4, with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy; Stravinsky's Symphony in C major, and Symphony in Three Movements, with the same Orchestra and Conductor; Richard Strauss's "Don Quixote", Op. 35; and a replacement recording of a well-worn Dvorak Symphony No. 9, in E minor (the "New World").

J.A.F.

C.C.F.

This term has seen the culmination of the slow and tedious task of rebuilding the range for .303 shooting. After a break of 25 years the Corps has been represented this year in the Ashburton Shield competition at Bisley. Our position was not very good, 100th out of 102 teams. Earlier in the term we entered the Oxford Schools Shoot at Charlton-on-Otmoor and were last in the main event and derived small satisfaction from the IXth man and cadet pair being third.

Although these results are disappointing it is as well to note that the team has been drawn from a minimum of regular shots, but standards have steadily risen and several of the younger members are showing promise.

In a match at Stowe against the Old Stoics the Corps won by the narrow margin of 465 points to 460.

The N.R.A. Medal was won by Lance-Corporal A. P. Hope. He has also been awarded annual membership of the N.R.A. by the Commanding Officer for the highest average. Cadet J. R. C. Greenstreet won the Donegal Badge Competition.

BISLEY RESULTS	Score	Possible	Place	Number of Schools
Ashburton Shield	... 442	560	100th	102
Cadets	... 118	140	56th	85
Snapshooting	... 234	400	40th	41
Marling	... 294	400	30th	41

The Empire Test .22 averages competition was won by Grafton with an average of 52.2, the individual winner being J. F. M. Monkhouse (C). The Casualty Competition was won by Walpole.

School Colours for Shooting have been awarded to R. E. M. Cook (C) and R. H. Salamon (C).

Camps at Easter were well attended, especially the Naval Section. Can this be related to the establishing of a bridge and chart room in the centre of the main building? 3 officers and 12 cadets went to sea in a Clyde M.F.V., 9 cadets spent a week on board H.M.S. *Maidstone*, a submarine depot ship, and 1 officer and 18 cadets trained at H.M.S. *Vernon*, the shore establishment. 3 cadets went on courses, 2 to study Naval Aviation and one for commando training.

The R.A.F. Section sent a detachment of 2 officers and 21 cadets to R.A.F. Wattisham. We were very surprised to hear that during their stay they shone at drill but less surprised to hear that they won an initiative exercise. Well done!

A hardy group, consisting of 2 officers, the R.S.M. and 15 cadets visited Loch Houran for Arduous Training. For the privilege of using this rugged area we owe thanks to Mr. R. N. Richmond Watson, of Wakefield Lodge, Potterspury. It is an excellent part of the world for training, and we are most grateful for being allowed to use it.

The one unhappy event of the Easter Training programme was the refusal by the highest authority in France to grant political clearance to the party planning to train in the French Alps.

Week-end exercises this term have consisted of training with the Inns of Court Regiment (T.A.), the Royal West Kent (T.A.), The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I. (T.A.) and Wellington College C.C.F. There was a sailing camp for the R.N. Section at the Isle of Wight and the R.A.F. spent a night under canvas at Black Pit.

Sergeant J. R. S. Pringle and Corporal H. Northey are to be congratulated on being awarded flying scholarships.

The Coldstream Cup competition was judged by Colonel Sir Jeffrey Darell, Bt., M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Coldstream Guards, assisted by Major E. J. A. Vaughn, the Regimental Adjutant, on Wednesday, July 1st. It was won by Chandos.

The contingent was inspected by Rear Admiral I. L. W. McGeoch, D.S.O., D.S.C., the Admiral President, Royal Naval College, Greenwich. His accompanying staff officers were Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Gheyne, O.B.E., Queen's Own Highlanders (C 1938), Squadron Leader M. Hughes, R.A.F., and Lieutenant B. W. Lemonde, R.N. We have not had the official report yet but things seemed to go well and it should be satisfactory.

We have had two visitors this term, Major-General W. R. Cox, C.B., D.S.O. (Rtd.), the Southern Command liaison officer and Captain R. M. S. Wykes-Sneyd, R.N., Director of Officer Recruitment, from Queen Anne's Mansions.

Examination results:—(R.N. Section) Advanced Proficiency: 6 passed, 4 failed; Proficiency: 6 passed, 8 failed. (R.A.F. Section) Advanced Proficiency: 10 passed, nil failed; Proficiency: 19 passed, 10 failed.

The following Promotions and Appointments were made this term:—

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

Appointed *Under-Officers*: Chief Petty Officer A. G. Fyfe (G), Contingent Sergeant-Major H. D. Godfrey (C), Sergeant C. Broom Smith (C).

Promoted to *C.S.M.*: Sergeant D. G. Remington (G).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. D. W. Bailey (G), J. A. Napier (C), M. H. Shearing (B).

Promoted to *Corporal*: A/L/Cpl. D. W. Bailey (G), A/Cpl. A. M. Short (C), Cadet C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets A. C. Box (G), J. D. Gartrell (C), R. D. Davison (G), M. I. Henderson (T), I. F. MacMaster (T), R. D. Wills (T), A/L/Cpl. A. S. Thomson (T).

R.N. SECTION.

Rated *Coxswain*: Petty Officer A. G. Fyfe (G).

Rated *Acting Petty Officers*: Leading Seamen A. McF. Kennedy (W), R. D. Watson (G).

Rated *Acting Leading Seamen*: A.Bs. M. K. Davies (G), P. B. Fisher (G), T. W. Evans (G), S. Jackson (B), R. M. Morgan (T), A. D. Napier (G), L. H. Stockwell (G).

The following specialist promotions were made:—

R. E. SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. J. H. G. Kinahan (T), R. N. Goodchild (C), C. R. W. Kayser (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets N. I. A. Bartholomew (C), D. A. J. Firebrace (B), J. P. Gronow (G), R. Horrell (G), P. E. Langford (B), C. V. P. Lawford (B), J. M. Penfold (B), G. H. Pigot (G).

SIGNAL SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. A. A. de C. Evans (C), A. M. Stephenson (C).

R.A.F. SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal*: J/Cpls. N. H. Burton-Carter (C), N. A. Alington (C), D. A. Herbert (C), C. J. Lockhart-Mummery (G), F. N. Stewart-Wood (T), H. Northey (C), C. J. T. Vane (C), Cadet T. J. Forbes (B).

R.N. EASTER CAMP

For the Easter camp this year 12 Stowe cadets spent 6 days from April 8th to 15th on an M.F.V. on the Clyde. The vessel had a civilian crew of 5, but we took over their upper-deck jobs and they mainly looked after the engine.

The first morning started off rather grimly because of the rain, but our interest was soon rekindled by the sight of H.M.S. *Dreadnought*, alongside H.M.S. *Maidstone*. Much to the fury of the Officer of the Watch, who threatened confiscation, the photographers among us brought out cameras and started snapping her. So, with this early capture, we slipped and steamed off down the Gare Loch at the fantastic speed of 7½ knots! Out in the Forth the wind freshened and the sea got up and we made a short but violent passage over to the Holy Loch, where the cameras came out for the American depot ship and 4 Polaris submarines alongside her. That night we secured at Rothesay with five hours' shore leave to try out what became our second home. We returned jubilant but broke.

The next day we did our one compulsory night passage, during the six hours of which Mr. Mead stood below navigating while Mr. Acton sat huddled on the open bridge, sipping cups of tea and directing operations while we steamed down a very dark Kilbrennan Sound. During the night the siren got jammed twice and we never found out whether it was Mr. Acton sending his stooge to fetch him more tea, or whether it was he himself! We suspect the latter! However, we got back to Rothesay in one piece, at 0600 the next morning. From there, after a later start than usual, we steamed for Inveraray at the head of Loch Fyne, our passage being interrupted only by a call at the fishing port of Tarbert, so that the crew could watch the Cup Final on the television.

The following day was somewhat more eventful. Our original objective had been to land at Brodick, the main town on Arran, and do some fell-walking, but we were balked by the daily steamer being alongside the only pier. However, on the way there, as we were jauntily steaming past the measured mile on Arran, we were flashed up by a new Leander class frigate, *Aurora*, which was doing acceptance trials. Fortunately we got the gist of the message, although the Skipper's Morse was not quite up to scratch, and this was to clear off, a movement which we promptly executed. We then made for Ayr, where we had a few hours' shore leave, on a Sunday night, with everything shut.

We tried to land on Arran again the next day, but again without success, and so we made our way back to Rothesay, via the Kyles of Bute. However, shortly after this course of action had been taken, we sighted H.M.S. *Dreadnought's* periscope flashing up and down as she raced across our bows at about 25 knots, doing underwater trials. This pleased our photographers, but upset Mr. Acton, who had to make a 90-degree alteration of course to avoid her.

At Rothesay that night, while we were ashore, the M.F.V. sat on the bottom for about half an hour; so in order to be able to sail early next morning we had to secure to a buoy for a very boisterous night while it blew up to Force 7, and to the duty watch's annoyance anchor watches were stood.

For our last day we made a rapid circumnavigation of the Cumbrae islands, which involved several violent rolls in a lively beam sea, and which shook half the ship's company out of their bunks, besides nearly destroying our complement of crockery, safely preserved until this moment; and with that we returned to Rothesay for the last time for a ship's photo, after which we slowly returned to H.M.S. *Maidstone* at the head of the Gare Loch after a most enjoyable though exhausting week afloat.

P.D.G.

CRICKET

This year's First Eleven was a young side, of whom seven should be here next year, and therefore to win two school matches to one lost and to gain three victories to two losses in club games was a creditable achievement.

The attack had more variety than it has had for some year. Black was the most successful bowler, adding an aggressive note to the steadiness of Vane and Burdon. Ritchie's chinamen puzzled even the best batsmen and earned him 18 wickets, while Fyfe claimed some extremely valuable victims, including five against St. Edward's. The main attack will be here next year and if Black can learn the importance of bowling straight with the new ball and Ritchie can improve his accuracy, it should do considerable damage.

The batting proved to be rather fragile. Rarely did more than one player make a big score in the same innings and we were dismissed for under 100 four times. Goodchild, Black and Millar each had two big scores when they were much needed, but the only really consistent batsman was Davis, whose concentration could serve as a model to any schoolboy player. Gronow also batted sensibly, but too many batsmen got out playing loose shots. Most of the wickets we have played on this term have been of the type which makes it necessary for a batsman to get himself out; we have only too frequently obliged.

The fielding was never bad and at times the ground fielding and throwing were excellent, but, although there were some good ones held, we dropped one or two vital catches, mostly near the wicket, and though Garrett, the wicket-keeper, missed nothing when standing back, we were desperately short of a good slip-fielder. Garrett's captaincy improved enormously as the season progressed and by the end he was handling his bowlers and controlling his field with maturity and sound tactical judgment.

This was a modestly successful side which, although it had its bad moments, played a lot of good cricket and was always interesting to watch—which leads to one final point. In a school where there is a real enthusiasm for the game it would not be possible to say that the number of spectators had doubled since the previous year. This in fact happened over the season at Stowe and the increase, though very welcome, was barely noticeable. Success, as any football club knows, breeds spectators; in a school the reverse is also true. Any school side playing any game does so much the better if it has a loyal and informed audience. Further-

more, a school will tend to get as good a side as its own enthusiasm and support deserves.

The 1st XI :—D. W. J. Garrett (G), R. N. Goodchild (C), A. G. Fyfe (♣), C. J. T. Vane (C), J. P. Gronow (G), C. J. R. Black (♣), M. K. Davis (♣), A. M. T. Millar (B), S. T. D. Ritchie (T), J. N. Dixey (B), C. J. B. Burdon (C).

1st XI Colours have been re-awarded to R. N. Goodchild (C), C. J. T. Vane (C), A. G. Fyfe (♣) and J. P. Gronow (G) and awarded to C. J. R. Black (♣), M. K. Davis (♣) and A. M. T. Millar (B).

STOWE v. THE LEYS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 16th. Stowe won by 18 runs.

On what appeared to be a perfect batting wicket and in what appeared to be perfect batting weather The Leys won the toss and put Stowe in to bat. The first ball of the innings, which moved in the air and hurried through off the wicket in a way which it rarely does at Stowe, was enough to suggest that batting was not going to be as easy as at first appeared. Goodchild prodded forward to the second ball without getting over the top of it and was neatly caught at short square. Dixey following him, managed a four along the ground between wicket-keeper and first slip and was bowled hitting over a full toss. Gronow went in identical fashion in the next over and Fyfe was caught in the gully off one which lifted slightly. Davis was bowled playing back to a ball of full length and suddenly the scoreboard read 5 for 5, the runs having come from Dixey's four and a no-ball. Durlacher played soundly for a while, but was bowled hitting over another full toss—the third to go this way. Black hit one or two aggressive shots and looked as though he might make runs but was well caught at mid-off, driving without quite getting to the pitch. Vane and Garrett lasted while 20 runs were scored, mostly through some lusty blows by Vane, who then hit a full toss to mid-off. Lunch came with Garrett, who had looked safer than anybody, still there and the score 47 for 8. Soon after lunch Garrett was picked up at forward short leg and the innings closed for 51 runs. The Leys fielding had been impeccable and their bowling aggressive and for the most part accurate, but the ironic thing about this innings was that although the bowlers looked as though they might take a wicket at any minute, most of the batsmen had got themselves out playing loose shots to the few bad balls. The sight of a swinging ball had paralysed the early batsmen and until Garrett came in at No. 8 there was an almost complete absence of footwork.

When Stowe took the field The Leys scored 26 runs in the first half-hour for the loss of two wickets. Black and Vane at this time were bowling steadily but without looking as though they could do more than make the other side work for the runs they required. However, the departure of the Leys captain, and another wicket soon after, changed the whole complexion of the game. Suddenly batting became the most difficult art in the world, fraught with unimaginable dangers. Black and Vane began to bowl with new heart and the ball beat the bat with monotonous regularity. Rigor Mortis had set in and the batting never looked like returning to life. After the fall of the third wicket not another aggressive stroke was played and The Leys were all out for 33, their last eight wickets having fallen for seven runs. Black and Vane had bowled sixteen overs each, both making the ball move in the air from first to last and both maintaining a high standard of accuracy. Full credit must go to them and to Garrett, who kept his side at it in what appeared to be a hopeless situation—but one thing

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everybody who watched this match must have learned is that no situation in cricket is hopeless until the last ball is bowled.

STOWE					THE LEYS				
R. N. Goodchild, c Belsey, b Crisp				0	P. J. Srehlik, lbw, b Vane				18
J. P. Gronow, b Belsey				0	M. A. Smail, b Vane				0
J. N. Dixey, b Crisp				4	M. T. Mann, b Black				0
M. K. Davis, b Belsey				1	A. B. Blackburn, c Gronow, b Black				0
A. G. Fyfe, c Plant, b Belsey				0	R. S. Plant, c Ritchie, b Vane				0
W. P. Furlacher, b Crisp				4	J. B. Marsh, b Black				1
C. J. R. Black, c Srehlik, b Rodger				7	D. R. Melville, c Dixey, b Vane				3
D. W. J. Garrett, c Marsh, b Belsey				8	A. M. Alliston, b Black				0
C. J. T. Vane, c Srehlik, b Rodger				19	P. J. M. Rodger, b Vane				2
G. J. Burdon, not out				0	J. T. Crisp, c Garrett, b Black				1
S. D. T. Ritchie, b Crisp				2	R. J. Belsey, not out				0
Extras				6	Extras				2
Total				51	Total				33

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Crisp	9.5	4	17	4	Black	16.5	9	14	5
Rodger	7	4	10	2	Vane	16	8	17	5
Belsey	8	5	7	4					
Marsh	3	0	11	0					

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 23rd. Match drawn.

Bradfield won the toss and put Stowe in to bat on a pitch which had been affected by overnight rain. This turned out to be a correct decision as there was considerably more life in the wicket before lunch than there was later. That Stowe survived this difficult period to reach 112 for 5 by lunch was due to a determined innings by Goodchild, who batted through until the last over before lunch, and an exhilarating one from Black. Black came in with the score standing at 36 for 4, announced his intentions by hitting his second ball into the nets at the Dadford end and continued to select the right ball to hit and hit it very hard until he was out shortly after lunch for 71 scored in 80 minutes. By this time the wicket was playing more easily and the bowlers were beginning to tire. Garrett batted steadily for some time but the score did not begin to look really healthy until Vane arrived at the wicket. Using a short-arm chop which the purists would no doubt consider more suited to Smithfield Market or the bottom end of Chatham Field he scored 55 runs in 40 minutes largely in an arc between the sightscreen and mid-wicket and all off the middle of the bat. This enabled Garrett to declare, leaving Bradfield 2 hours 35 minutes to get 213 runs. The Stowe batting had not been really convincing (this is the second time in succession that our opening bowlers have scored over half the runs) but there was a refreshing desire to hit the bad ball and rather more discretion in choosing the ball to hit.

When Bradfield batted, Roope very quickly started to middle the ball and in the fifty minutes before tea he made 43 out of the 48 runs scored for the loss of the other opener. The game at this point was delicately balanced and it seemed that as long as Roope was there Bradfield were fully capable of making the runs. However, he left shortly after tea, caught behind the wicket trying to cut, and when another wicket fell shortly after, Bradfield decided that the target was beyond their reach. In the remaining hour they scored a further 50 runs for the loss of two more wickets and stumps were drawn with their score standing at 130 for 5. Our attack is not sufficiently penetrative to



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dig out, on a good wicket, a side which is only interested in staying there. Nonetheless we might have come nearer to doing so if the openers had been used less and the spinners rather more. Such a situation where runs are of no significance cries out for a wrist spinner and ours was insufficiently employed. However, to get rather the better of a draw after having had the worst of the wicket was a good effort and those two clear indications of a good side, the fielding and the running between the wickets, have improved.

STOWE		BRADFIELD	
R. N. Goodchild, b Roope	33	G. R. J. Roope, c Garrett, b Black	45
J. P. Gronow, b Roope	2	P. E. Huxley, c Garrett, b Black	2
J. N. Dixey, b Roope	0	I. D. Stevens, b Black	11
M. K. Davis, c Hurley, b Roope	3	M. C. James, c Davis, b Black	21
A. G. Fyfe, b Watts	12	P. W. Watts, not out	24
C. J. R. Black, b Roope	71	C. M. Tod, c Dixey, b Vane	14
D. W. J. Garrett, c Huxley, b Watts	18	M. Michel, not out	12
W. P. Durlacher, b Roope	10	I. G. Hunter, I. F. Hall, M. A. Wray and R. D. Randall did not bat.	
C. J. T. Vane, not out	55		
G. J. Burdon, run out	1		
S. T. D. Ritchie, did not bat.			
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	212	Total (for 5 wks.)	130

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Roope	26.1	6	65	6	Black	23	9	46	4
Watts	25	3	94	2	Vane	13	6	24	1
Tod	1	1	10	0	Burdon	11	6	6	0
James	5	4	1	0	Ritchie	10	1	36	0
Hunter	8	3	22	0	Goodchild	2	0	7	0
Stevens	2	0	12	0	Dixey	2	0	10	0

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, May 30th. Match drawn.

On a pitch which remained a batsman's paradise throughout the day, Garrett won the toss and asked Bedford to bat. Their openers started confidently and it became apparent that only very good bowling would dismiss a side on this wicket. Black bowled very well before lunch when Bedford were 129 for 4 having lost two quick wickets in the last quarter of an hour. It seemed when Bedford lost a further wicket shortly after lunch that Stowe might break through, but Oakley and Tuck, both of whom looked rather shaky at the start, added 84 runs in an attractive manner, which enabled Bedford to declare at 235 for 7. The Stowe bowling had been accurate and determined throughout, with Burdon bowling particularly tidily, and the ground fielding had been the best of the term.

The Bedford declaration had come rather late, leaving Stowe to get 96 runs an hour, and this seemed likely to be a very tall order. It began to look even less attainable when the Bedford opening bowlers started each with an extra cover and three men back to save the single on the leg side. To have any hope of scoring these runs we needed a good start and this we got, Goodchild and Garrett putting on 57 runs at level time, before Garrett was out trying to increase the run rate. Davis and Goodchild now settled down and with the score at 100 for 1, the moment for the assault had obviously arrived. Unfortunately, Goodchild, who was in full flow and batting very well, hit his wicket, and Black and Fyfe both went in the quest for runs. So, with only 121 runs on

the board and four wickets gone and with a further 115 runs to be scored in less than an hour, the hunt was called off and Davis and Dixey indulged in some leisurely batting practice, the only alarm occurring when Davis hit over the top of a ball from Strong and was bowled three minutes from stumps.

This was a disappointing end to a game which had contained a lot of good cricket, but the declaration had not been so timed as to encourage us to take risks in seeking the runs. Nor did it give the Bedford bowlers time to get us out.

BEDFORD					STOWE				
P. H. Spray, c Fyfe, b Black				22	R. N. Goodchild, hit wkt., b Pearson				78
M. N. Griffith, lbw, b Ritchie				37	D. W. J. Garrett, c Strong, b Spray				22
J. D. Poustie, c Garrett, b Black				20	M. K. Davis, b Strong				35
J. M. Pearson, c Dixey, b Burdon				29	C. J. R. Black, st McDarrell, b Pearson				7
S. D. Strong, c Garrett, b Vane				13	A. G. Fyfe, b Pearson				0
C. T. Oakley, c Black, b Vane				60	J. N. Dixey, not out				23
R. P. Tuck, c Black, b Vane				40	J. F. M. Monkhouse, not out				3
J. H. Mytton, not out				2	J. P. Gronow, C. J. T. Vane, G. J. Burdon and S. T. D. Ritchie did not bat.				
N. E. Walthew, J. F. McDarrell and M. A. Murray did not bat.									
Extras				12	Extras				1
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)				235	Total (for 5 wks.)				169
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Black	27	6	61	2	Walthew	5	1	15	0
Vane	16.2	2	60	2	Murray	6	1	28	0
Burdon	10	3	30	1	Spray	8	3	15	1
Ritchie	4	0	32	1	Pearson	20	4	40	3
Fyfe	9	0	31	0	Poustie	6	0	39	0
					Mytton	4	1	8	0
					Oakley	2	0	4	0
					Strong	1	0	7	1

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Saturday, June 9th. Radley won by 119 runs.

After two previous postponements this game was eventually played a week late. From tea-time onwards Stowe supporters must have been wishing increasingly that it had not been rearranged at all. Stowe won the toss and put Radley in to bat. They scored 25 runs off the first four overs and only 16 more in the next forty minutes. Once they had settled down both Black and Vane bowled accurately and well and when Ritchie got a wicket in his first over and Radley were 56 for 4 it looked as though they might be dismissed for a fairly low score. However, Stowe failed to press home the advantage and Radley, who owed much to a sensible attacking innings by Gareth-Jones, recovered to declare at 193 for 8, leaving Stowe 160 minutes to get the runs.

This should not have been beyond reach but the Stowe batting failed dismally against bowling which, on a friendly wicket, was steady but nothing more. With the exception of Fyfe and Gronow, all the accredited batsmen got out to bad shots. Goodchild reached forward lazily to the off-spinner's first ball and was stumped. Garrett perpetrated a horrible shot to a long hop which hit the base of the stumps, a shot only matched by Vane's which struck him on the boot in front of the middle stump. Davis returned a half-volley to the bowler wasit-high, Dixey aimed his rather wider and was caught at mid-off. Black, after being dropped off his first shot, gave the same fielder another chance which he gratefully accepted. Monkhouse hit a full-toss to cover and

it was left to Fyfe and Gronow to lend some form of sanity to the innings. Fyfe, however, was caught behind the wicket and Burdon and Ritchie did not last long, which left Gronow high and dry with 27 runs out of 74 scored. He had batted quietly and sensibly and never looked to be troubled in the slightest, which only made what had come before seem more infuriating. We always bat like this once a year, but why does it invariably have to be against Radley?

RADLEY					Stowe				
C. J. Carline, c Goodchild, b Black				5	R. N. Goodchild, st Carter, b Bielby				4
G. N. V. Jenkins, c Gronow, b Vane				23	D. W. J. Garrett, b Ruck-Keene				13
S. R. Bielby, b Vane				10	M. K. Davis, c and b Ruck-Keene				2
N. E. Willson, lbw, b Ritchie				11	A. G. Fyfe, c Carter, b Thin				19
P. J. Beck, b Ritchie				22	J. N. Dixey, c Bielby, b Ruck-Keene				4
M. N. Gareth-Jones, and b Vane				65	C. J. R. Black, c Thin, b Bielby				0
G. Pritchard-Gordon, c Garrett, b Black				16	J. F. M. Monkhouse, c Wright, b Ruck-Keene				0
C. E. P. Carter, c Davis, b Burdon				7	C. J. T. Vane, lbw, b Ruck-Keene				0
H. L. Ruck-Keene, not out				25	J. P. Gronow, not out				27
J. H. N. Wright, not out				6	G. J. Burdon, b Ruck-Keene				2
C. G. Thin, did not bat.					S. T. D. Ritchie, c Beck, b Ruck-Keene				0
Extras				4	Extras				3
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)				193	Total				74
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Black	20	6	46	2	Thin	8	5	13	1
Vane	19	8	27	3	Wright	5	1	9	0
Burdon	19	3	73	1	Bielby	16	7	16	2
Ritchie	10	0	43	2	Ruck-Keene	15.5	6	23	7
					Gareth-Jones	5	3	10	0

STOWE v. OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Saturday, June 20th. Match drawn.

This was a disappointing game. Stowe won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket which showed a certain amount of life in the first hour and none thereafter. During this first hour Stowe struggled to 21 for 4, Dixey and Millar being bowled by balls of full length and both Goodchild and Fyfe being caught off the glove from balls which lifted slightly, but which they should have been able to avoid. Black seems to thrive on this sort of situation. In the hour before lunch he made 56 runs by dint of choosing the right ball and hitting it hard and high through the gaps in the field. Meanwhile Davis had played his usual determined innings at the other end. When Davis left after lunch these two had put on 94 runs, of which Black's share was 84, but Davis' innings was none the less valuable for that. Black was out for 96, bowled by a good one and thus robbed of a hundred which he very well deserved. He is beginning to choose the wrong ball to hit less frequently; with a little moderation and selectiveness he could be a horrifying prospect to bowl at. Thereafter some hard straight driving by Gronow brought the score to 172 for 8, at which point Garrett declared.

This was a generous declaration; it asked Oundle to score only 5 runs an hour faster than us and it enabled us to bowl only four overs less than we had received. Oundle scored 30 runs in the fifty minutes before tea and 20 in the 40 minutes after it. They had the benefit of getting 60 runs on the board for the first wicket, but at no point except when Garrett, quite rightly, bowled his two left-arm spinners to a strong attacking field did they look like scoring fast enough to give themselves a chance.

On our part we did not field well enough to get them out. Two catches went down off Black before tea, which probably lost us the match. This first spell of Black's was a good one. In his first over the batsman played at all six and hit one, in his fourth he played at six and hit two off one of which he was dropped, but was caught off the other which was a no-ball. Ritchie turned his chinamen sharply to dismiss both the openers, but our bowling and fielding was not incisive enough to dismiss a side intent very largely on defence. By 6.30 Oundle reached 122 for 7 wickets, but by then the match, like those against Bradfield and Bedford, had been dead for at least an hour.

STOWE				OUNDL E			
R. N. Goodchild, c Atkinson, b Westbrook	2			Lord Guernsey, b Ritchie	20		
A. M. T. Millar, b Westbrook	1			R. G. Chase, lbw b Ritchie	35		
M. K. Davis, c Chase, b Simpson-Brass	21			F. G. Westbrook, not out	23		
A. G. Fyfe, c Loder, b Westbrook	7			T. F. W. Atkinson, run out	17		
J. N. Dixey, b Westbrook	1			L. W. Morton, b Black	5		
C. J. R. Black, b Simpson-Brass	96			K. G. Hollebone, b Black	2		
D. W. J. Garrett, c and b Simpson-Brass	0			A. C. R. Brown, b Black	8		
C. J. T. Vane, c Taylor, b Simpson-Brass	0			D. M. S. Simpson-Brass, c Millar b Fyfe	0		
J. P. Gronow not out	28			N. Taylor, not out	0		
G. J. Burdon, not out	4			J. Loder and J. R. Raymond did not bat.			
S. T. D. Ritchie did not bat.							
Extras	12			Extras	12		
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	172			Total (for 7 wkts.)	122		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Westbrook	19	4	49	4	Black	23	11	30	3
Simpson-Brass	29	12	60	4	Vane	4	2	5	0
Atkinson	5	1	24	0	Fyfe	11	3	21	1
Loder	5	0	27	0	Ritchie	11	1	36	2
					Burdon	4	0	18	0

STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, July 4th. Stowe won by 4 wickets.

Garrett won the toss and on the strength of a heavy overnight shower and some semblance of green on the wicket elected to field. The game started inauspiciously for Stowe. Vane was unable to play because of a strained back and so Dixey opened the bowling. On running up for the first ball of his third over he tore a muscle in his thigh and had to be helped to the San. Fyfe then took over the new ball and very well did he perform with it. Both he and Black found some life in the wicket and by lunch each had claimed three wickets and St. Edward's were 84 for 6. The wicket appeared to be easier after lunch and, aided by a dropped catch in the first over, St. Edward's fought back with some courageous batting to reach 163 all out shortly after three p.m. Fyfe and Black claimed five wickets each and Burdon bowled a tidy spell of seven overs for 12 runs without much luck. This was Stowe's best performance of the term in the field, with Garrett manipulating his limited bowling resources intelligently throughout.

As has so frequently happened this term, both our openers were back in the pavilion in ten minutes. Millar and Davis in the critical partnership of the innings then put on 110 runs for the third wicket, with Millar scoring the faster of the two, but requiring some luck, whereas Davis was as sound as ever. When Millar was out at 115 he had scored 69 runs, mostly by powerful driving in front of the wicket, and he deserves

credit for never ceasing to look for runs in this, only his third game for the XI. Davis' innings was no less valuable, especially the latter part of it. St. Edward's bowled and fielded very tightly and we had been slipping behind the clock for some time when Davis scored 18, including four well-struck fours, in one over. He was bowled in the next over and neither Black nor Fyfe stayed long. With Dixey unable to bat we were down to our last two accredited batsmen, Durlacher and Gronow, who scored the 14 runs required to enable us to win with five minutes to spare. We had had the better of the wicket, but for once our batsmen, Davis and Millar in particular, had taken the opportunities created by the bowlers. We had had to wait a long time for our second win against a school side, but when it came it was a good one.

ST. EDWARD'S				STOWE			
H. C. Bishop, b Black	10			R. N. Goodchild, lbw, b Radcliffe	3		
P. W. Pitt-Brown, c Garrett, b Black	12			D. W. J. Garrett, c and b Easter	0		
D. J. Miller, c Garrett, b Fyfe	27			A. M. T. Millar, c Townley, b Radcliffe	69		
G. M. Townley, c sub, b Fyfe	16			M. K. Davis, b Easter	60		
C. J. Drake, b Fyfe	2			C. J. R. Black, b Radcliffe	4		
R. A. Haig, b Black	33			A. G. Fyfe, c Gibb, b Radcliffe	4		
J. N. C. Easter, b Fyfe	0			W. P. Durlacher, not out	10		
H. Gibb, b Black	24			J. P. Gronow, not out	4		
J. Whitehead, c Millar, b Black	15			G. J. Burdon and S. T. D. Ritchie did not bat.			
N. Tomlinson, b Fyfe	11			J. N. Dixey absent hurt.			
T. Radcliffe, not out	4			Extras	12		
Extras	9			Total (for 6 wkts.)	166		
Total	163						

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Black	23.5	10	47	5	Easter	20	6	43	2
Fyfe	22	5	56	5	Radcliffe	15.2	2	50	4
Ritchie	6	0	32	0	Pitt-Brown	10	1	26	0
Dixey	2	0	5	0	Townley	6	1	18	0
Burdon	7	3	12	0	Bishop	8	1	17	0

OTHER CLUB MATCHES

- Saturday, May 9th v. BUCKINGHAM CRICKET CLUB. Home. Won by 7 wkts.
Buckingham 184 for 9 dec. (N. Wilby 68; C. J. R. Black 3 for 36).
Stowe 186 for 3 (R. N. Goodchild 120 not out).
- Thursday, May 14th v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. Home. Drawn.
Stowe 190 (M. K. Davis 73; C. H. Tilling 3 for 26).
Pembroke College 149 for 8.
- Tuesday, May 19th v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS. Home. Lost.
Authentics 178 for 6 dec. (P. Wilson 49, M. Guest 60).
Stowe 75 (M. K. Davis 32).
- Tuesday, May 26th v. CRYPTICS. Home. Won.
Stowe 189 (C. J. R. Black 57; C. F. Deacon 3 for 10).
Cryptics 148 (D. B. McMurray 68 not out; S. T. D. Ritchie 4 for 20).
- Saturday, June 6th v. OLD STOICS. Home. Match abandoned.
Stowe 115 for 3 (D. W. J. Garrett 51).
- Saturday, June 13th v. FREE FORESTERS. Home. Drawn.
Free Foresters 154 (R. H. E. Russell 37; C. J. R. Black 3 for 49).
Stowe 116 for 9 (M. K. Davis 58).
- Friday, June 26th v. XL CLUB. Home. Lost.
Stowe 190 for 8 dec. (M. K. Davis 47, A. M. T. Millar 46).
XL Club 194 for 8 (R. T. Simpson 101; S. T. D. Ritchie 3 for 55).
- Saturday, July 11th v. M.C.C. Home. Lost.
M.C.C. 185 (D. Bate 42; C. J. T. Vane 4 for 38).
Stowe 83 (J. Trumper 5 for 27).

Saturday, July 18th *v.* DRAGONFLIES C.C. Home. Won.
Dragonflies 167 (M. Corby 58; C. J. R. Black 3 for 34).
Stowe 169 for 7 (J. P. Gronow 50 not out; J. Rosati 3 for 27).

1ST XI AVERAGES

		BATTING		Runs	Highest Score	Average
		Innings	Times Not Out			
M. K. Davis	14	0	387	73	27.64
R. N. Goodchild	15	1	367	120*	26.21
A. M. T. Millar	6	0	146	69	24.33
J. P. Gronow	13	5	189	50*	23.63
C. J. R. Black	15	2	307	96	23.61
* Not out.						
		BOWLING				
		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. J. T. Vane	179.1	46	381	26	14.65
C. J. R. Black	282	75	641	42	15.26
A. G. Fyfe	85.3	15	252	15	16.80
S. T. D. Ritchie	105	7	421	18	23.39

2ND XI.

After a promising start to the season the 2nd XI's performance fell away against what were certainly stronger opponents; there have been glimpses of good play but overall one is left with an impression of disappointing results from a side which did not face up to a challenge. We were not helped by 1st XI calls and exams. but in general despite a number of experienced batsmen the side never scored as many runs as it promised to do; moreover we only once bowled a side out—Whittlebury, also our only win. In the early games we were perhaps unlucky not to be able to force wins against The Leys and Bedford, but we were clearly outplayed, especially out-batted by Oundle, Radley and Bloxham.

Scott-Gall led the side well, both on and off the field, as well as making valuable contributions as a forcing bat and as a useful seam-bowler. In the batting Millar, until his promotion, Durlacher when he was with us, Burton-Carter and Braithwaite made good scores and played attractive shots, Monkhouse could hit the ball hard but was not consistent enough, and Stock showed in the second half of the term that he might well develop as an opener. We have had more variety in the bowling than for some years: Evans and Hallam bore the brunt of the attack, bowling over half the overs; Evans usually bowled aggressively and had an impressive spell against Oundle, hitting the stumps five times; Hallam put down too many loose balls which we could ill afford with the new ball, although he still collected 15 wickets. Scott-Gall and Heynes bowled effectively at times, Wilcox with his leg-breaks again suffered most from the side's inability to hold on to catches in the outfield, while Stock bowled some tidy off-spinners with some success. Lawrence behind the stumps, despite his apparent lethargy, kept well: he conceded few byes and had seven stumpings.

Results:—

Saturday, May 16th *v.* THE LEYS. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 135 for 4 wkts. dec. (Scott-Gall 49 not out, Millar 39).
The Leys 89 for 6 wkts.
Saturday, May 23rd *v.* R.A.F. HALTON. Home. Drawn.
R.A.F. Halton 126 for 3 wkts. dec.
Stowe 112 for 5 wkts. (Burton-Carter 61, Braithwaite 32).

Saturday, May 30th *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Drawn.
Stowe 108 (Miller 56).
Bedford 97 for 7 wkts.
Saturday, June 13th *v.* WHITTLEBURY. Away. Won.
Stowe 132 for 8 wkts. dec.
Whittlebury 52 (Scott-Gall 4 for 7).
Saturday, June 20th *v.* OUNDLE. Home. Lost.
Oundle 130 for 9 wkts. dec. (Evans 7 for 24).
Stowe 75.
Tuesday, June 23rd *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost.
Stowe 120 (Scott-Gall 37, Durlacher 30).
St. Edward's 121 for 9 wkts.
Saturday, July 4th *v.* A.B.E.G.'s XI. Home. Drawn.
Stowe 195 (Scott-Gall 38, Heynes 32 not out).
A.B.E.G.'s XI 156 for 8 wkts.
Saturday, July 11th *v.* RADLEY. Away. Lost.
Radley 205 for 4 wkts. dec.
Stowe 155 (Burton-Carter 63, Monkhouse 36).
Saturday, July 18th *v.* BLOXHAM 1ST XI. Away. Lost.
Stowe 103 (Stock 40).
Bloxham 104 for 4 wkts.

Team:—A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T) (Capt.), H. M. Braithwaite (C), N. H. Burton-Carter (C), W. P. Durlacher (W), T. W. Evans (C), J. R. Hallam (C), J. M. G. Heynes (C), B. R. Lawrence (C), J. F. M. Monkhouse (C), S. A. Stock (W), L. C. J. Wilcox (B).

2nd XI Colours awarded to:—Durlacher, Heynes, Lawrence, Monkhouse and Stock.

Also played:—J. P. Agnew (W), I. F. Buchanan (W), G. J. Burdon (C), B. S. Davies (C), A. M. T. Millar (B), N. J. Parsons (W).

3RD XI.

It has been an enjoyable season, if not a particularly successful one. The bowling was insufficiently penetrative and the batting proved to be very brittle. But C. P. Frean led the side well, had one particularly good bowling spell and was well supported by N. J. Parsons. Rickwood and Watson improved considerably as bowlers, and were usually a reliable opening pair. The mainstay of the batting was B. S. Davies who was always aggressive and delighted in living dangerously.

Results:—

Saturday, May 30th *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Drawn.
Stowe, 129 for 9 wkts. dec. (Buchanan 29, Abelson 24, Parsons 23).
Bedford 101 for 6 wkts. (Parsons 2 for 26).
Tuesday, June 16th *v.* OUNDLE. Away. Lost.
Stowe 56 (B. S. Davies 23).
Oundle 58 for 1 wkt.
Tuesday, June 23rd *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 184 for 8 wkts. dec. (B. S. Davies 90, Ley Greaves 24).
St. Edward's 104 for 8 wkts. (C. P. Frean 3 for 35, Rickwood, 2 for 10, Watson 2 for 26).
Thursday, July 2nd *v.* FRANCISCAN COLLEGE, BUCKINGHAM. Home. Lost.
Stowe 61 for 9 wkts. dec. (Davies 26, Ley Greaves 10).
Franciscan College 63 for 1 wkts. (Frean 1 for 24).
Saturday, July 4th *v.* PAULERSPURY. Away. Won.
Stowe 57 (Gardner 16 not out).
Paulerspury 43 (Frean 6 for 20, Buchanan 2 for 3).
Saturday, July 11th *v.* RADLEY. Home. Lost.
Radley 203 for 7 wkts. dec. (Channing Williams 2 for 52).
Stowe 92 (Salamon 40).

3rd XI Colours have been awarded to:—C. P. Frean (C), B. S. Davies (G), E. S. Abelson (B), N. J. Parsons (B), J. B. Ley Greaves (C), T. M. Watson (C), G. P. Rickwood (C), I. F. Buchanan (W), D. Channing Williams (C) and R. H. Salamon (G).

4TH XI.

The results were as varied as the strength of the opponents. The victory over Rodbourne may have been a hollow one, but that over Oundle was certainly not. A slow but steady partnership, between Thynne and Gordon-Napier, took the total to 93 for 2, but the remaining batsmen only scored 2 runs between them. Some good bowling by Thynne and Gardner led to an exciting finish with only one over and one ball left.

Results:—

Tuesday, May 26th v. ST. JOHN'S, TOWCESTER. Home. Lost.
Stowe 27.
St. John's 94 for 8 wkts. (Gardner 6 for 55, Rickwood 2 for 10).
Saturday, May 30th v. BEDFORD. Home. Lost.
Bedford 103 (Thynne 6 for 40).
Stowe 35.
Tuesday, June 16th v. OUNDLE. Away. Won.
Stowe 95 (Thynne 37, Gordon-Napier 25).
Oundle 61 (Thynne 4 for 25, Gardner 3 for 25).
Saturday, July 4th v. RODBOURNE COLLEGE. Home. Won.
Rodbourne College 61 (Hill 5 for 24, Gordon-Napier 4 for 22).
Stowe 64 for 0 wkt. (Gordon-Napier 25 not out, Burwood Taylor 39 not out).
Saturday, July 11th v. RADLEY. Home. Lost.
Radley 169 for 9 wkts. dec. (Gordon-Napier 5 for 24).
Stowe 83 (Anderson 13, Gordon-Napier 12).

THE COLTS

Individually the Colts had fewer outstanding players than for some time. Nevertheless as a team they had quite a good season. There were some convincing wins and only on one occasion did they lose badly. They were a rewarding team to coach as they obviously enjoyed their cricket and were anxious to improve. Moreover, they played attacking cricket and if they were extraordinarily lucky in the number of catches missed by their opponents at least they were prepared to hit the ball hard.

The two best matches were those against Oundle and Radley. Having bowled Oundle out for 138 we were 4 for three wickets after twenty minutes' batting. Less than an hour later we were 109 for five. Raw and Bibra hit eight sixes between them and with more experience could have won the match. Radley looked the more talented side but we won chiefly because we caught our catches and they did not. The Stowe innings was a classic example of how to score runs against the clock. We got off to a good start and Raw and Bibra were promoted with disastrous results—the score having been 60 for 1 was quickly 61 for 4. Marshall-Andrew and Craig than batted sensibly, ignoring frequent ill-informed advice from the boundary to 'have a go.' With twenty minutes to go they were in a position to launch an attack and we won in the penultimate over.

The batting was unsound but Marshall-Andrew, who relied on luck in his earlier innings, improved considerably. Craig although still having limitations showed what could be done by application and determination. Ward probably has the greatest potential but was always getting himself out in the twenties. Raw and Bibra provided some exciting hitting but have little judgment in choosing the right ball to hit. Dunipace, although watchful, was too often out to bad balls and needed a lot of luck in his

one good score. Spackman had few opportunities at the end of the season when he was batting as well as anyone in the team. Buchanan had a very good eye and played some valuable innings, but is very vulnerable outside the off stump.

The bowling generally did better than might have been expected. Crass had some good spells including a hat-trick to finish off the Bedford match with five minutes to go. Scott-Gall's action was clumsy and led to inaccurate spells but he has improved and bowled particularly well in the last match. Buchanan looked deceptively easy but was always getting vital wickets. Trainin lost confidence and was bowling too slowly; towards the end of the season he was bowling much better but had little opportunity.

The fielding improved but there were too many whose reactions were slow for it to be described as good. Buchanan, Greig, Scott-Gall and Spackman were all good and Trainin, the worst fielder at the beginning of the season, showed what can be done by practice. Ward kept wicket well standing back, but needs more practice with slow bowlers. Scott-Gall captained the side sensibly and produced a very good spirit in it.

Team.—I. H. Scott-Gall (T), B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B), K. G. Buchanan (W), A. P. Greig (T), G. N. Crass (C), R. W. Ward (G), R. B. J. Dunipace (T), J. P. Raw (G), A. J. C. Spackman, J. E. Trainin (C), J. G. Bibra (C), M. I. H. B. Forde (W).

Colts' Caps.—Scott-Gall, Marshall-Andrew, Buchanan, Greig, Crass.

Results:—

Saturday, May 9th v. OAKHAM. Home. Lost by 6 wickets.
Stowe 151 (Marshall-Andrew 53, Ward 24).
Oakham 154 for 4 wkts.
Saturday, May 23rd v. BRADFIELD. Home. Won by 7 runs.
Stowe 101 (Marshall-Andrew 49).
Bradfield 94 (Crass 5 for 29, Scott-Gall 3 for 40).
Saturday, May 30th v. BEDFORD. Away. Won by 46 runs.
Stowe 144 (Raw 30, Greig 24, Buchanan 21).
Bedford 98 (Crass 5 for 15 (including hat-trick), Scott-Gall 4 for 39).
Saturday, June 20th v. OUNDLE. Home. Lost by 5 runs.
Oundle 138 (Buchanan 3 for 29, Crass 3 for 37).
Stowe 133 (Raw 47, Bibra 42).
Saturday, July 4th v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost by 82 runs.
St. Edward's 164 for 5 wkts. dec.
Stowe 82.
Saturday, July 11th v. RADLEY. Home. Won by 4 wickets.
Radley 140 for 8 wkts. dec. (Crass 3 for 41).
Stowe 144 for 6 (Craig 41 not out, Marshall-Andrew 40, Ward 27).
Saturday, July 18th v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won by 110 runs.
Stowe 147 for 6 wkts. dec. (Dunipace 52, Buchanan 44 not out).
Bloxham 37 (Crass 5 for 18, Scott-Gall 4 for 11).

THE JUNIOR COLTS

More runs have been scored this year than for some years past, yet the blame for a rather unsuccessful season must rest very largely with the batting. True, the bowlers were often expensive and sometimes ineffective, but the fact remains that against merely steady bowling our batsmen surrendered the initiative, and that against a sloppy attack little attempt was made to cut loose. Thus what should have been an easy victory over Bloxham, whose bowling was the kindest of the term, was drawn simply because the runs had not come quickly enough to give the bowlers a chance. Earlier at Bedford

we drew with the match more finely balanced, and we lost to Radley by one wicket when our bowlers had retrieved an almost impossible situation.

It has been a curious club, in some ways even keener than others of recent years, yet less able to profit by experience and certainly less willing to chance an arm. Bullock, the captain, has had an unenviably difficult job. His bowlers have always been unpredictable, his batsmen almost always over-cautious and negative. Nevertheless he has handled the side quite well and has begun to show authority and tactical sense, though probably at the expense of personal performance.

Batting successes have been welcome bursts of relief from the prevailing monotony. Without the half centuries of Hills, Cardiff and McNeice and the two profitable knocks by Mason the scores would have been as wretched as those against Oundle and St. Edward's. The bowling, again, was patchy. Fast bowlers tended to be at least as dangerous as those of the opposition, but also to bowl far more loose rubbish, and whereas other teams cut this to ribbons, our own batsmen would treat a full toss as if it were envenomed. Mason, however, bowled well at times and finished in fine form. Telford and Nicholl began to show real steadiness. Bullock and Ashcroft, when they learn to keep the ball up to the bat, will get wickets. Earlam, not as successful with the bat as he deserved, promises well as a left-arm bowler, and he was the outstanding fielder. Barnes kept wicket without brilliance but very reliably and rarely failed to grasp an opportunity.

A lack of the killer instinct was, however, the main weakness. The need to take control of the game was rarely seen, the chance of victory rarely scented until too late. If the players can whip up a greater sense of urgency we may have a different story next year.

The Second Junior Colts XI played matches against St. Edward's and Radley both of which were drawn.

Results :—

- Saturday, May 9th v. OAKHAM. Home. Won.
Stowe 154 for 9 wkts. dec. (Hills 54, Mason 24).
Oakham 106 (Cardiff 3 for 21).
- Saturday, May 30th v. BEDFORD. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 147 for 9 wkts. dec. (McNeice 59, Cardiff 52).
Bedford 144 for 8 wkts.
- Saturday, June 20th v. OUNDLE. Home. Lost.
Stowe 65.
Oundle 66 for 6 wkts.
- Saturday, July 4th v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost.
St. Edward's 170 for 4 wkts. dec.
Stowe 57.
- Saturday, July 11th v. RADLEY. Away. Lost.
Stowe 102 (Mason 34).
Radley 104 for 9 wkts. (Mason 5 for 43).
- Saturday, July 18th v. BLOXHAM. Home. Drawn.
Stowe 146 for 5 wkts. dec. (Barnes 33).
Bloxham 82 for 8 wkts. (Telford 5 for 15, Mason 3 for 15).

The following played in four or more matches :—P. C. Bullock (B) (Capt.), P. L. Ashcroft (C), S. R. Barnes (G), P. A. Cardiff (G), S. L. Earlam (W), T. M. Hills (B), A. T. McNeice (B), A. D. W. Mason (B), P. D. W. Nicholl (B), N. W. H. Taylor (C), N. P. Thomas (B).

Also played :—R. A. J. Bennett (G), J. R. McDonald (C), T. I. Millar (T), R. H. J. de C. Moore (B), T. R. Stephens (C), T. N. A. Telford (C).

OTHER SPORTS

ATHLETICS

After a comparatively lean season in 1963 this year has been most successful. Apart from a narrow defeat by Denstone the Senior team has had a series of convincing wins, and the Junior team too have a good record for they had only two narrow defeats at the hands of Whittlebury and Rugby. Of the matches not against schools, it was good to see a team of Old Stoics appear, holding their own in the field but being out-gunned on the track, and one of the lasting memories of the season will be that of J. P. Boulter, the European 800 yds. record-holder, running an effortless 880 yds. in the Achilles match early in the season.

At the start of the season it was evident that the Club contained several outstanding performers but there was a fear that shortcomings, particularly in some Field Events, might count heavily against good individual performances. However, one of the features of the season has been the improvement in performances in this department, and this can be seen in the fact that there is no Field Event in which we have not provided the winners in at least one of the matches.

Of the Seniors, N. K. Rice (C) and J. H. G. Kinahan (T) have been outstanding. Rice, the Captain, has lost only one of the eighteen inter-school races he has run this year and even when he came second he broke the School 440 yards record. This is a remarkable achievement and his performances have served as an inspiration to the rest of the team. Kinahan's hurdling has improved as his sprint times have decreased; he is now producing first-class times and he too has been unbeaten in his hurdle races. Of the other Seniors on the track mention must be made of M. P. J. Fielding (G), who, spurred on by I. J. Macdonald (G), has taken seven seconds off the Ground Mile record, A. S. Thomson (T), a very good second string in the sprints, and R. U. Dawson (C) and D. J. Dawes (G), who have been a formidable pair in the 880 yards.

R. C. Clifford (G), the Secretary, has led a remarkable recovery in the standard of Field Events and has been ably seconded by M. A. L. Ashcroft (C) and A. P. B. Sutton (T), both of whom have broken the longest-standing School Record, the Pole Vault, in the course of the term.

The Junior team too has had its outstanding individuals, and pride of place on the track must go to T. Basset (G) and M. Reed (G), who have usually been far too good for the opposition, and B. L. Olorenshaw (C) and R. A. Syms (B) have also performed creditably. In the Field, D. P. M. Barham (G) has spent half the season jumping as a Senior and, while adding some three feet to the Junior Triple Jump record, has shown great potential in this event in particular. In the strong-arm events C. Honeyman Brown (G), J. C. de la T. Mallett (G) and S. C. Wills (T) have often been impressive winners and should do well in future.

The most eventful meeting of the term occurred when Stowe acted as host to the schools competing in the Achilles Relays. Seventeen schools from areas as widely spread as Staffordshire, Sussex and Devon took part, and it is a testimony to the strength in depth that the Club has that it was a finalist in all eight relays and won the Senior 4 × 220 yds., and the Senior 4 × 110 yds. Relay in 43.8 secs., to record the outstanding win of the day.

Eight athletes from the Club were selected to represent Buckinghamshire in the English Schools' National Championships this year. Of these Basset (Intermediate 440

yds.), Fielding (Intermediate Mile), Thomson (Senior 100 yds.), Sutton (Senior Pole Vault), Clifford (Senior Discus), and J. W. Matthews (C) (Senior 200 yds. Hurdles), all recorded best performances but failed to qualify for the final round. However, Rice (Senior 220 yds.) and Kinahan (Senior 120 yds. Hurdles) in their first year in the Senior age-group not only finished very close seconds in the final of their individual events, but, together with Thomson and R. Herbert, of Langley Grammar School, formed the winning quartet in the 4 × 110 yds. Relay.

As a result of their performances Rice (220 yds. and 4 × 110 yds. Relay), Kinahan (120 yds. Hurdles and 4 × 110 yds. Relay) and Thomson (4 × 110 yds. Relay) were selected to represent England in the Schools' International Match against Scotland, Wales and Ireland in Cardiff at the end of July. This is a remarkable achievement which few schools can boast and no Public School can equal and Rice, Kinahan and Thomson deserve the highest praise.

Colours were re-awarded to: Rice, Clifford, Ashcroft, Kinahan, Fielding, Macdonald, Dawson.

Colours were awarded to:—Sutton, Thomson, M. C. A. Wyvill (T).

Representative Colours were re-awarded to Rice and awarded to Kinahan and Thomson.

Results :

SENIORS

- v. OLD STOICS. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 64 pts. ; 2, Old Stoics, 50 pts.
- v. DENSTONE and MALVERN. At Denstone.
1, Denstone, 121 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 117 pts. ; 3, Malvern, 43 pts.
- v. OAKHAM. At Oakham.
1, Stowe, 81 pts. ; 2, Oakham, 68 pts.
- ACHILLES RELAYS. At Stowe.
4 × 110 yds. 1, Stowe, 43.8 secs.
4 × 220 yds. 1, Stowe, 1 min. 32.8 secs.
4 × 440 yds. 2, Stowe, 3 mins. 36.6 secs.
4 × 880 yds. 3 equal, Stowe, 8 mins. 18.6 secs.
4 × 120 yds. Hurdles. 4, Stowe, 1 min. 18.3 secs.
- v. ST. ALBANS and MILL HILL. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 142 pts. ; 2, Mill Hill, 62 pts. ; 3, St. Albans, 58 pts.
- v. MARLBOROUGH and ROYAL MASONIC. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 132 pts. ; 2, Marlborough, 107 pts. ; 3, Royal Masonic, 42 pts.
- v. RUGBY. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 87 pts. ; 2, Rugby, 27 pts.

JUNIORS

- v. WHITTLEBURY SENIORS. At Stowe.
1, Whittlebury, 59 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 54 pts.
- v. DENSTONE and MALVERN. At Denstone.
1, Stowe, 146 pts. ; 2, Malvern, 58 pts. ; 3, Denstone, 45 pts.
- v. OAKHAM. At Oakham.
1, Stowe, 64 pts. ; 2, Oakham, 63 pts.
- ACHILLES RELAYS. At Stowe.
4 × 110 yds. 4, Stowe, 47.6 secs.
4 × 220 yds. 3, Stowe, 1 min. 39.8 secs.
4 × 880 yds. 4, Stowe, 8 mins. 51.2 secs.
- v. ST. ALBANS and MILL HILL. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 122 pts. ; 2, Mill Hill, 76 pts. ; 3, St. Albans, 46 pts.

- v. MARLBOROUGH and ROYAL MASONIC. At Stowe.
1, Stowe, 115 pts. ; 2, Royal Masonic, 94 pts. ; 3, Marlborough, 52 pts.
- v. RUGBY. At Stowe.
1, Rugby, 59 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 53 pts.

SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL MATCH

In the Quadrangular Schools' International match held in Cardiff on July 25th, N. K. Rice came 3rd in the 220 yds., and J. H. G. Kinahan 2nd in the 120 yds. Hurdles. Rice, Kinahan and A. S. Thomson were also in the winning 4 × 110 yds. Relay team.

THE SPORTS

The Sports this year were held on the Wednesday and Saturday of the last week of term when the weather was fine and the track firm and fast. Seven new records were established and two were equalled—of these pride of place must go to the two Pole Vault records. A. P. B. Sutton (T) cleared 11 feet in the Senior event and J. M. Earle vaulted extremely well to clear 9 ft. 6 ins. and add 9 ins. to the Junior record. S. C. Wills continued his winning run and added 10 ft. to the Junior Javelin record. On the track the oldest-standing record of 11.3 secs in the Under-15 100 yards was well beaten by J. Miller (C), who recorded 10.9 secs., and was also bettered by the next two runners. Miller also added $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the Under-15 Long Jump record. M. Reed (G) underlined the steady improvement he has made this year by cutting his own Under-16 880 yds. record to 2 mins. 4.9 secs ; and it was a fitting end to the first day of the Finals to see N. K. Rice slice three-tenths of a second off his own Senior 440 yds. record.

Although some individual performances were outstanding the standard in most events, particularly on the track, was high and a larger number of 'A' level standards were gained than ever before. The Inter-House competition soon developed into a struggle between Temple and Grenville but the strong Temple Seniors together with the higher scoring allotted to Open events eventually made Temple clear winners.

Results :—

OPEN EVENTS

- 100 Yards—1, N. K. Rice (C) ; 2, A. S. Thomson (T) ; 3, M. F. A. Mellersh (C) ; 4, S. Buckingham (C) ; 5, D. A. Sharp (W) ; 6, T. St. F. Jackson (T). Time, 10.3 secs.
- 220 Yards—1, Rice ; 2, Thomson ; 3, J. H. G. Kinahan (T) ; 4, R. C. Clifford (S) ; 5, Buckingham ; 6, Mellersh. Time, 22.7 secs.
- 440 Yards—1, Rice ; 2, Thomson ; 3, J. W. Matthews (C) ; 4, I. B. Whitecourt (W) ; 5, D. R. Evans (B) ; 6, A. Mc F. Kennedy (W). Time, 50.6 secs. (*School Record*).
- 880 Yards—D. J. Dawes (G) ; 2, R. U. Dawson (C) ; 3, C. M. B. Charles (G) ; 4, I. J. Macdonald (S) ; 5, M. P. J. Fielding (S) ; 6, Kennedy. Time, 2 mins. 1.9 secs.
- Mile—1, Fielding ; 2, Dawes ; 3, Macdonald ; 4, Kennedy ; 5, Dawson ; 6, Charles. Time, 4 mins. 34.7 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles—1, Kinahan ; 2, J. P. Gronow (G) ; 3, Matthews ; 4, R. M. Cook (C) ; 5, Jackson ; 6, P. E. Langford (B). Time, 15.4 secs.
- 200 Yards Hurdles—1, Kinahan ; 2, Matthews ; 3, Barham ; 4, A. P. B. Sutton (T) ; 5, B. L. Perryman (B) ; 6, Black (C). Time, 23.9 secs.
- High Jump—1, Kinahan ; 2, Sutton ; 3, R. G. Parkinson (W) ; 4, P. M. Robinson (G) ; 5, R. Howard (C) ; 6, Black. Height, 5 ft. ins. (*Equals School Record*).
- Long Jump—1, Jackson ; 2, Gronow ; 3, Barham ; 4, H. P. Raymond-Barker (T) ; 5, Parkinson ; 6, Perryman. Distance, 20 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Triple Jump—1, Barham ; 2, Gronow ; 3, Clifford ; 4, Jackson ; 5, Perryman ; 6, G. J. Burdon (C). Distance, 40 ft. 6 ins.

Pole Vault—1, Sutton; 2, M. A. L. Ashcroft (C); 3, A. C. Box (S); 4, A. N. Cowdy (S); 5, Parkinson. Height, 11 ft. (*School Record*).

Shot—1, Ashcroft; 2, A. G. Fyfe (S); 3, Clifford; 4, J. M. Partridge (C); 5, G. D. Seal (S); 6, G. A. Ward (W). Distance, 41 ft. 7½ ins.

Discus—1, Clifford; 2, Ashcroft; 3, C. C. Parker (W); 4, A. Zaphiriou (T); 5, C. P. Freen (C); 6, Fyfe. Distance, 130 ft.

Javelin—1, Raymond-Barker; 2, Mellersh; 3, M. C. A. Wyvill (T); 4, N. E. Gardner (B); 5, J. R. S. Pringle (B); 6, G. D. Seal (S). Distance, 159 ft. 7 ins.

UNDER-SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, T. Basset (G); 2, B. L. Olorenshaw (C); 3, G. St. M. Mills (T); 4, M. P. Weston (C); 5, R. A. Stormont (G). Time, 10.7 secs. (*Equals School Record*).

220 Yards—1, Basset; 2, Miller; 3, Stormont; 4, Weston; 5, D. G. Jones (G). Time, 23.8 secs.

440 Yards—1, Basset; 2, R. A. Syms (B); 3, A. R. M. Baker (G); 4, P. J. Gray (T); 5, T. A. Clover (C). Time, 53.8 secs.

880 Yards—1, M. Reed (G); 2, Syms (B); 3, L. V. S. Lane (G); 4, S. C. Wells (T); 5, E. A. C. M. Morgan (T). Time, 2 mins. 4.9 secs. (*School Record*).

Three-quarter Mile—1, Reed; 2, Syms; 3, Lane; 4, Wills; 5, Morgan. Time, 3 mins. 27.1 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles—1, Mills; 2, L. M. Higman (T); 3, P. J. H. McCarthy (G). Time, 16.3 secs.

High Jump—1, C. R. Dimpfl (C); 2, Higman. Height, 5 ft.

Long Jump—1, Syms; 2, Gray; 3, Barker; 4, Clover; 5, Jones. Distance, 18 ft. 0½ in.

Triple Jump—1, Gray; 2, J. M. Earle (S); 3, Mills; 4, Basset; 5, Baker. Distance, 38 ft. 0¼ in.

Pole Vault—1, Earle; 2, J. M. S. Napier (C); 3, Mills; 4, Higman. Height, 9 ft. 6 ins. (*School Record*).

Shot—1, C. Honeyman Brown (G); 2, J. C. de la T. Mallett (S); 3, V. A. Lownes (G); 4, M. J. P. Martin (W); 5, Wills. Distance, 42 ft. 2½ ins.

Discus—1, Honeyman Brown; 2, Lownes; 3, Martin; 4, J. T. McConnell (T); 5, R. A. Rayner (S). Distance, 131 ft. 7 ins.

Javelin—1, Wills; 2, Honeyman Brown; 3, I. McA. Anderson (T); 4, Lownes; 5, S. A. Stock (W). Distance, 152 ft. 11 ins. (*School Record*).

UNDER-FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, J. Miller (C); 2, J. C. de la T. Mallett (S); 3, A. J. C. Spackman (C); 4, J. M. Earle (S); 5, I. H. Scott-Gall (T). Time, 10.9 secs. (*School Record*).

220 Yards—1, Mallett; 2, Miller; 3, Spackman; 4, A. M. C. Brodie (C); 5, M. C. S. Wardell (T). Time, 25.1 secs.

440 Yards—1, P. J. Elliott (C); 2, J. G. Bibra (C); 3, J. J. Forbes (C); Brodie; 5, A. R. L. Nicholl (B). Time, 56.7 secs.

880 Yards—1, Elliott; 2, Bibra; 3, Forbes; 4, Nicholl; 5, H. J. H. Durey (C). Time, 2 mins. 14.1 secs.

80 Yards Hurdles—1, Spackman; 2, Earle; 3, R. D. Kinahan (T); 4, P. G. Arbuthnot (C); 5, A. V. Hope (G). Time, 12.1 secs.

High Jump—1, Miller; 2, P. C. M. Madden (G); 3, J. C. Simpson (G); 4, A. H. Thomlinson (W); 5, Scott-Gall. Height, 5 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump—1, Miller; 2, Spackman; 2, Scott-Gall; 4, Mallett; 5, Elliott. Distance, 18 ft. 5¾ ins. (*School Record*).

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

1, Temple, 293 pts.; 2, Grenville, 255 pts.; 3, Grafton, 164 pts.; 4, Chandos, 130 pts.; 5, Cobham, 126 pts.; 6, Chatham, 116 pts.; 7, Bruce, 60 pts.; 8, Walpole, 45 pts.

LAWN TENNIS

This has been no more than an average season for Stowe tennis, with roughly an equal number of wins and losses. At the beginning of term the prospects looked good. Three of last year's first VI—R. J. McDonagh (S), the Captain, P. J. Holder (G), the Secretary, and N. D. Raw (S)—were still here. So were S. R. Edwards (W) and M. J. Avory (C), who reached the semi-final of the Public Schools' under-16 tournament last July. In addition, N. J. Durlacher (W), D. A. Herbert (C) and M. T. Weston (C) were running these five very close in practice. The only thing lacking, apparently, was established pairs.

The team started well, with wins in the first four school matches. The first match was against Eltham, who had knocked us out of the Youll Cup last year, and who still had their two best players from that team. The Stowe first pair, McDonagh and Raw, played sensibly and with determination in a very tight match against the Eltham first pair, and won by 7—5 in the final set. This was sufficient to give Stowe victory by five matches to four. The second fixture, against Mill Hill in London, also produced a good result. The score was three matches all after the second round, but all three matches were won in the final round. Avory and Weston, the second pair, beat the Mill Hill first pair, and A. P. A. McDonagh (S) and D. F. Hill (B), the third pair, beat their second pair—both in long and hard-fought games.

Compared to these, the result against Uppingham was disappointing. McDonagh and Raw did not drop a set, yet we only scraped home by five matches to four. This was the first real sign of undue dependence on the first pair. So this pair was rested against Radley, who were known to be weak, to see how the others reacted. Holder and Herbert tried hard and, although they made a lot of mistakes, played effectively enough together to win two matches against the opposition's first and second pairs. Durlacher and Edwards, and Avory and Weston, won enough matches to ensure a Stowe victory against a Radley team that was obviously very short of practice, but neither pair was at all impressive. Far too often one player was at the net, while his partner stayed on the baseline. This is a weak formation, for doubles partners must always work 'parallel' to each other. Tennis played with one up, one back, may look good, but it wins very few points against pairs who have thought about tactics.

By this stage of the season there were other disturbing signs. Doubles partners must develop a certain rapport; they must each play on the assumption that the other man is trying his hardest, and is going his best to win. It should be elementary psychology not to glare at your partner when he has played a bad shot, or raise your eyes to the heavens, or make deprecatory noises. This, surely, will simply make him play worse—through trying too hard, or getting fed up himself. It is also poor psychology to walk about the court as if your partner did not exist, to forget to pass him balls to serve with, never to say a word to him. For better or for worse, almost all school tennis is double; and a doubles pair should be at least as tightly woven a unit as any hockey or rugby team.

These inherent weaknesses were suddenly and painfully exposed in the Eton match. Stowe were unbeaten then, Eton were looking for their first win. McDonagh and Raw won three matches, never even being taken to an advantage set. The other two pairs could not muster one win between them.

Nine days later we played our first fixture with Felsted. It is a long journey, nearly 80 miles; and three possible players asked to be excused on the grounds of working for exams. Our first visit was marred by the weather; it was very damp all afternoon

and we were lucky to play at all. In this match Avory and Edwards played together for the first time this season. It was a poor start, but on the basis of their good form last year they were given another chance against Bradfield.

Bradfield came to Stowe and won 8-1. It must be many years since Stowe lost a school match so decisively. The Bradfield team is quite exceptionally strong this season, however, and our team played as well as they could. McDonagh and Raw registered the only success in the first round, against their third pair, but were then outclassed by the first pair, thus losing their first match of the season.

Against Repton, Avory and Edwards took over as first pair, because of injury. They won two matches, and the other two pairs both beat the Repton third pair, but this was not quite enough. At Rugby we started the match with a round of six singles. With the Stowe players unaccustomed to the extra pace of grass courts, these went badly, and Holder was the only winner. The doubles that followed were good tight games, however, and were shared at three matches all. In the last school match of the term, the team gained a very welcome win over Nottingham High School.

As may be seen from the results, a large number of 'A' VI, 2nd VI, and Junior VI matches have been played. The School contains an exceptional amount of young talent at the moment, and every opportunity has been taken to give them match experience. With this in mind, we entered for the Glanvill Cup. Stowe last played in this national schools' competition about 15 years ago, and withdrew because the extra matches clashed with established fixtures. This difficulty was still there, but was avoided by fielding an 'A' side, containing at least one young pair. Against Slough G.S. the 14-year-old pair, G. R. Burman (W) and P. C. Bullock (B), won the deciding match in fine style against a pair of 17-year-olds. In the second round, however, the Windsor G.S. team were just too strong.

The four juniors who have played most regularly are A. P. A. McDonagh, Burman, H. R. Thornley (W), and A. H. Thomlinson (W); there are several others at or near this standard who have only been able to play occasionally because they are in cricket teams. In all, 28 players have represented Stowe at lawn tennis this summer.

Results :-

1ST VI.

- May 16th v. ELTHAM. Home. Won 5-4.
McDonagh and Raw, won 3.
Durlacher and Edwards, won 1.
Holder and Weston, won 1.
- May 21st v. MILL HILL. Away. Won 6-3.
R. J. McDonagh and Raw, won 3.
Avory and Weston won 2.
A. P. A. McDonagh and Hill, won 1.
- May 30th v. UPPINGHAM. Home. Won 5-4.
McDonagh and Raw, won 3.
Durlacher and Edwards, won 1.
Holder and Herbert, won 1.
- June 2nd v. RADLEY. Away. Won 5-1.
Avory and Weston, 3-6, 4-6; 6-3; 6-2, 6-2.
Holder and Herbert, 9-7, 9-7; 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; 6-3.
Durlacher and Edwards, 3-6; 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; 6-0, 4-6, 7-5.
- June 6th v. OLD STOICS. Home. 1-0 (Rain).
McDonagh and Raw, 6-0, 6-1;
Holder and Herbert, 2-6, 2-5;
Avory and Weston, 8-6.

- June 9th v. ETON. Away. Lost 3-5.
McDonagh and Raw, 6-3, 6-1; 6-4, 6-4; 6-3, 6-2.
Holder and Herbert, 2-6, 1-6; 3-6, 3-6; 6-4, 5-7, 6-8.
Durlacher and Weston, 0-6, 2-6; 8-6, 4-6, 3-6; 6-4, 3-6.
- June 18th v. FELSTED. Away. Lost 3-4.
McDonagh ma. and Raw, 6-1, 3-6; 6-1, 6-3; 6-1, 6-2.
Avory and Edwards, 3-6, 1-6; 1-6, 1-6; 2-6, 6-5.
Durlacher and McDonagh mi., 2-6, 5-6; 5-6, 2-6; 6-4, 6-3.
- June 20th v. REPTON. Home. Lost 4-5.
Avory and Edwards, 1-6, 8-6, 8-6; 5-7, 3-6; 6-1, 6-0.
McDonagh mi. and Thornley, 2-6, 6-8; 2-6, 6-4, 2-6; 6-1, 6-1.
Holder and Burman, 4-6, 2-6; 2-6, 7-5, 1-6; 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
- June 23rd v. BRADFIELD. Home. Lost 1-8.
McDonagh and Raw, 3-6, 0-6; 7-5, 6-8, 2-6; 6-1, 6-2.
Avory and Edwards, 0-6, 0-6; 2-6, 3-6; 5-7, 2-6.
Durlacher and Herbert, 0-6, 1-6; 4-6, 2-6; 4-6, 3-6.
- June 25th v. RUGBY. Away. Lost 4-8.
Singles lost by 1 match to 5.
Doubles:
McDonagh and Raw, 2-6, 7-5, 2-6; 6-3, 8-6.
Avory and Edwards, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.
Holder and C. J. T. Vane (C), 2-6, 1-6; 5-7, 5-7.
- July 2nd v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL. Home. Won 6-1.
McDonagh and Raw, 6-1, 3-6, 3-6; 6-2, 6-3; 6-2, 6-3; 6-3, 6-1.
Edwards and Avory, 2-6, 10-8; 6-3, 6-0; 3-6, 8-6, 7-5.
Herbert and Weston, 11-9, 6-8; 6-1, 0-6, 6-4; 6-4, 6-4.
- July 19th v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home. Lost 3-6.
July 26th v. THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN. Home. Lost 3-6.

'A' VI AND 2ND VI.

- May 26th v. NORTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Won 5-4.
June 6th v. OLD STOICS. Home. No score—rain.
June 11th v. OAKHAM. Home. Lost 3-6.
June 13th v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won 6-3.
June 25th v. WELLINGBOROUGH. Away. Won 6-3.

JUNIOR VI

- June 2nd v. RADLEY. Away. Won 3-1.
June 13th v. BLOXHAM. Home. Won 4-0.
June 23rd v. BRADFIELD. Home. Lost 1-3.
June 25th v. RUGBY. Away. Drew 2-2.
July 2nd v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 2ND VI. Home. Won 5-3.

GLANVILL CUP

- 1st Round
May 23rd v. SLOUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Won 2-1.
2nd Round
June 9th v. WINDSOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost 0-3.

YOULL CUP

- 1st Round A bye.
2nd Round v. DULWICH. Won by 3 sets to 2.
R. J. McDonagh and N. D. Raw, 0-0, 9-7.
M. J. Avory and S. R. Edwards, 6-3, 0-6, 4-6.
3rd Round v. RUGBY. Lost, 0-2.
McDonagh and Raw, 10-8, 2-6, 4-6.
Avory and Edwards, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6.

THOMAS BOWL (UNDER-16 COMPETITION)

Stowe I—A. P. A. McDonagh and H. R. Thornley.
1st Round Beat EPSOM II, 6—0, 6—0.
2nd Round Beat MARLBOROUGH I, 6—4, 6—8, 6—3.
3rd Round Lost to EMANUEL I, 2—6, 1—6.
Stowe II—G. R. Burman and S. R. Barnes.
1st Round Beat MILL HILL I, 6—4, 6—4.
2nd Round Beat ST. GEORGE'S, WEYBRIDGE II, 6—0, 6—0.
3rd Round Lost to SOLIHULL I, 1—6, 5—7.

SWIMMING

During the last few years it has not infrequently been said that the modern Stoic lacks the ability and the determination to overcome adversity. These critics should have paid a visit to our cold and primitive swimming place any day during this last term.

It has also been said that our water and contents give us an advantage in home matches. This is a fact, but we do on occasions win away as well.

This term has been a good one for the statistician. Ten individual event records have been broken and four relay records. The seniors have won all their school matches and the juniors have lost one. Nevertheless you have to be an incurable optimist (or something of an eccentric) to train in a lake and hope to make the finals of competitions like the Bath Cup or the Public School Medley Races. We like to think that we are optimists. This year we were 12th in the Bath Cup and 10th in the Medley Race on heat ratings, out of a field of 42.

Disappointing when you consider the work that went into daily training sessions, but there was a certain satisfaction derived from doing better than many famous swimming schools such as Bishops Stortford College and the Leys School with their plush indoor baths.

R. F. D. Stow (C), our Captain, and C. L. Barnard (B) as swimmers have towered above the rest. Stow with 65.2 secs. for the 100 yards backstroke to his credit and Barnard consistently under the minute for the 100 yards freestyle have records to be proud of and neither have been beaten in school matches. Swimmers of this calibre are an asset to any team but they cannot win matches by themselves. They need support on the day and competition in training. This year they have had both.

P. J. Barclay (C), although he would never admit it, has worked hard and his speed and technique has improved in every match. R. E. Flanagan (S) although still a junior has proved a useful and versatile swimmer. He has at some time or other during the term represented the school in every event and his incredible fifty yards in the relay at Malvern certainly won us a key race. R. B. English (C) is a young and inexperienced competitor who has had varying success. His butterfly still lacks polish but it has power and he should "come good" in the future. Like Flanagan he is still under sixteen. D. G. Remington (G), T. Taylor (W) and D. R. Smith (W) as second strings have never given up and have usually beaten their opposite numbers. P. N. J. Durey (C) and M. P. Taylor (W) have swum gallantly when required and hold much promise for next year.

Of the junior team C. C. G. Sharp (W) is strong and has slowly improved his style. He now holds the under-sixteen records for 200 yds. and 100 yds. and just missed a

place in the Bath Cup team. J. H. Flanagan (S) has shown a useful turn of speed since he got over his tonsillitis and J. R. McDonald (C) has proved to be a breast-stroke swimmer who really has the will to win. P. L. Ashcroft (C) and M. G. M. McIntyre (C) have won more junior butterfly and backstroke races than they have lost and with swimmers like H. J. H. Durey (C), J. L. G. Newmark (T), D. M. Cohen (S), P. J. S. Gray (T) and G. P. H. Horner (C) in the background the future indeed looks bright.

Results :—

<i>Seniors.</i>			
Thurs., June 4	v. ST. EDWARD'S	Home	Won 63—37.
Tues., June 9	v. BEDFORD	Home	Won 42—14.
Thurs., June 11	v. OUNDLE and WELLINGBOROUGH	Away	Won 76—60—25.
Thurs., June 18	v. MALVERN	Away	Won 53—25.
Thurs., June 25	BATH CUP		Stowe were 12th.
Fri., June 26	v. VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY	Home	Won 44—34.
Sat., June 27	PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDLEY RACE		Stowe were 10th.
Sat., July 4	v. RUGBY	Home	Won 43—26.
<i>Juniors.</i>			
Thurs., June 4	v. ST. EDWARD'S	Home	Lost 33—34.
Thurs., June 11	v. OUNDLE and WELLINGBOROUGH	Away	Won 60—31—23.
Thurs., June 18	v. MALVERN	Away	Won 34—29.
Sat., July 4	v. RUGBY	Home	Won 39—17.

SWIMMING SPORTS

OPEN EVENTS

200 Yards Freestyle—1, C. L. Barnard (B) ; 2, C. C. G. Sharp (W) ; 3, R. F. D. Stow (C). Time, 2 mins. 24.0 secs.
100 Yards Freestyle—1, Barnard ; 2, Sharp ; 3, D. G. Remington (G). Time, 50.8 secs.
50 Yards Freestyle—1, Barnard ; 2, Sharp ; 3, Stow. Time, 25.4 secs. (Record).
200 Yards Breaststroke—1, P. J. Barclay (C) ; D. R. Smith (W) ; 3, P. McNab (C). Time, 2 mins. 48 secs. (Record).
100 Yards Breaststroke—1, Barclay ; 2, Smith ; 3, McNab. Time, 73.4 secs. (Record).
100 Yards Backstroke—1, Stow ; 2, T. Taylor (W) ; 3, M. P. Taylor (W). Time, 72.8 secs.
50 Yards Backstroke—1, Stow ; 2, T. Taylor ; 3, Smith. Time, 31.4 secs.
100 Yards Butterfly—1, Smith ; 2, Remington ; 3, Stow. Time, 78.9 secs. (Record).
50 Yards Butterfly—1, Barnard ; 2, Smith ; 3, Durey (C). Time, 32.7 secs.
100 Yards Individual Medley—1, Barnard ; 2, Stow ; 3, Sharp. Time, 67.9 secs. (Record).

UNDER-SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards Freestyle—1, R. B. English (C) ; 2, H. J. H. Durey (C) ; 3, P. L. Ashcroft (C). Time, 61.8 secs. (Record).
30 Yards Freestyle—1, R. E. Flanagan (S) ; 2, English ; 3, Durey. Time, 27.0 secs. (Record).
100 Yards Breaststroke—1, J. R. McDonald (C) ; 2, J. L. G. Newmark (T) ; 3, H. R. Thornley (W). Time, 31.1 secs.
50 Yards Breaststroke—Newmark ; 2, Flanagan ; 3, D. W. Cheyne (C). Time, 37.8 secs.
50 Yards Backstroke—1, Flanagan ; 2, M. G. M. McIntyre (C) ; 3, Ashcroft. Time, 35.5 secs.
50 Yards Butterfly—1, English ; 2, Ashcroft ; 3, Flanagan. Time, 31.9 secs. (Record).
25 Yards Butterfly—1, Ashcroft ; 2, English ; 3, T. Reid (B). Time, 13.9 secs. (Record).
100 Yards Individual Medley—1, Flanagan ; 2, English ; 3, Ashcroft. Time, 72.5 secs. (Record).

UNDER-FIFTEEN EVENTS

50 Yards Freestyle—1, J. H. Flanagan (G); 2, D. M. Cohen (G); 3, G. P. M. Horner (C). Time, 29.2 secs.

25 Yards Freestyle—1, Flanagan; 2, Cohen; 3, Horner. Time, 13.0 secs. (Record).

50 Yards Breaststroke—1, M. J. P. Martin (W); 2, M. Marcel (C); 3, J. N. Temple (T). Time, 39.4 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke—1, Flanagan; 2, R. E. Gamble (C); 3, L. M. Dweck (G). Time, 34.2 secs.

25 Yards Butterfly—1, Cohen; 2, Marcel; 3, Martin. Time, 17.4 secs.

75 Yards Individual Medley—1, Flanagan; 2, Cohen; 3, J. A. C. Heaslop (W). Time, 51.3 secs. (Record).

Overall Results:—1, Walpole, 146; 2, Grafton, 86; 3, Cobham, 73; 4, Chandos, 72; 5, Chatham, 53; 6, Bruce, 51; 7, Grenville, 31; 8, Temple, 29.

The Senior Cup was won by Walpole, 118, and the Junior Cup by Grafton, 83.

Walpole beat Chandos by 4 goals to 3 in the Senior Water-Polo Final and Chatham beat Temple by 2 goals to 1 in the Junior.

The Cup for the Swimming Relays was retained by Walpole.

GOLF

THE MICKLEM TROPHY

At Woking Golf Club, April 15th—16th. Stowe was drawn against Charterhouse, the holders, in the first round and lost by the odd match. It was soon apparent that Benka and Gupta, the Charterhouse two top strings, were too strong for Burnett-Hitchcock and Jeffreys, but O'Connor and Marshall-Andrew restored the balance with good wins, the latter despite a 2-hole penalty for carrying 15 clubs. Then all depended on the result of the last match, which Clarkson, sadly out of touch, finally lost at the 17th.

On the second day, Stowe scored two good victories over Eton and Wellington to win the subsidiary tournament for the second year running. Wilcox played for Clarkson on the second day and both O'Connor and Marshall-Andrew won all three of their matches.

Team.—C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B) G. M. T. Jeffreys (G); B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B); T. R. O'Connor (G); R. B. Clarkson (G); C. J. Wilcox (B).

Results:—

v. CHARTERHOUSE	Lost	2—3
v. ETON	Won	3—2
v. WELLINGTON	Won	4—1

SUMMER TERM

In some ways this has been a frustrating term for Stowe golfers; the new course beckoning but forbidden, the old course truncated and unlovely. Buckingham Golf Club has again been the home course for the Eight and two enjoyable fixtures have been held there. The Fathers took their revenge for last year's defeat, Stowe perhaps underestimating their elders and paying the inevitable penalty for over-confidence. We were again the guests of the Buckingham Ladies for a combined Foursomes com-

petition, the scoring by handicapped Stapleford producing some high scores and a close and exciting finish.

In the absence of any player of outstanding ability, the standard of play of the top six members of the Eight, who have formed the regular team, has been fairly uniform. This has been due partly to the failure of the three Old Colours to mature as match players, both temperament and technique being vulnerable to pressure, but also to some sound improvement by the younger players. O'Connor, having strengthened his short game, has done well throughout the term and has been awarded his Colours, and Durrant's promise was rewarded when he won the Penfold Cup at Tadmarton Heath with a scratch Stapleford score of 26. The last two places in the Eight went to Hartley and Forwood after strong competition. Burnett-Hitchcock has captained the team with infectious cheerfulness and enthusiasm, and has reason to be satisfied with the results of School matches over the year, in which Stowe has won 5, halved 1 and lost 1.

The Eight.—C. D. Burnett-Hitchcock (B); G. M. T. Jeffreys (G); R. B. Clarkson (G); T. R. O'Connor (G); R. A. Durrant (W); C. R. Dimpfl (C); R. R. Hartley (C); N. T. Forwood (G).

Results:—

v. ELLESBOROUGH G.C.	Halved	2½—2½
v. FATHERS	Lost	1½—2½
v. BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL	Halved	3—3
v. DUNSTABLE DOWNS G.C. JUNIORS	Lost	2—4
v. OLD STOICS, at Stowe	Lost	2—4
v. MASTERS	Lost	2—3
v. UPPINGHAM	Won	3½—2½
v. RADLEY	Won	4½—1½
v. SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE G.C. JUNIORS	Lost	2—4

In the Senior House Match Finals Chatham beat Grenville 3—2, and in the Junior Bruce beat Chatham 4—1.

SAILING

The Public Schools Sailing Competition organised by the Bembridge Sailing Club was held for the second time in April with twelve schools taking part. Stowe was represented by N. J. R. Holloway (C) and J. M. Short (C). The first race started in a force 6 wind with the boats double-reefed, and Holloway was at first well up with the leaders but later fell back to finish eighth. Later in the day the wind strengthened further and the afternoon race had to be abandoned. In contrast, the next day was extremely calm and sailing was only just possible. In the first race in the morning, which was a crews' race, the different conditions did not improve our chances and Short again came eighth. The final race was sailed in almost total calm, Holloway drifting over the line a poor eleventh. Stowe's final placing was tenth equal. The races are sailed in the Bembridge One-Design Class, of which there are only twelve boats in the world.

This term we have had twelve sailing matches. The first against Rugby at Stowe was marked by uncertain wind which for once assisted the visitors more than Stowe.

We had good sailing against Bloxham at Boddington Reservoir but an inexperienced Stowe team were heavily defeated. One of the best races of the term was a triangular meeting with Radley and St. Edward's at Radley; sailing in Graduates Stowe were second with Radley first. In excellent conditions at Aldenham Reservoir we were defeated by a very experienced Harrow team, but we managed to win against Oundle at home in a meeting marred by too many protests by both sides while against Bedford a protest settled in favour of Bedford gave them the victory. We took a relatively junior team to race against the Cadet Sailing Club at Bedford, but we found the still younger girls of the club more than a match for us.

Results :—

- v. RUGBY, at Stowe. Lost. Stowe, $38\frac{1}{4}$ pts., Rugby $41\frac{1}{4}$ pts.
- v. BLOXHAM, at Boddington. Lost. Stowe 31 pts., Bloxham $47\frac{1}{2}$ pts.
- v. RADLEY and ST. EDWARD'S, at Radley. Stowe 66 pts., St. Edward's $59\frac{1}{4}$ pts., Radley $71\frac{1}{2}$ pts.
- v. HARROW, at Aldenham. Lost. Stowe 51 pts., Harrow $66\frac{3}{4}$ pts.
- v. OUNDLE, at Stowe. Won. Stowe $57\frac{1}{2}$ pts., Oundle $55\frac{1}{4}$ pts.
- v. BEDFORD, at Bedford. Lost. Stowe $40\frac{1}{4}$ pts., Bedford $48\frac{1}{2}$ pts.
- v. BEDFORD CADET SAILING CLUB, at Bedford. Lost. Stowe 34 pts., Cadets $41\frac{1}{2}$ pts.

The Helmsman's Tankard was won by A. G. L. Wingfield (B).

This term sailing has counted as an exercise and about twenty boys have sailed regularly each week. The clubhouse has been painted by members of the club, and at the time of writing we are making the preparations for laying concrete around the clubhouse.

The final of the House Matches, Chatham versus Grafton, was eventually sailed on Monday, July 20th, a hot sunny day with a very light variable wind.

In the first race, a well-sailed Grafton boat won in tricky conditions with its teammate bringing up the rear of the fleet. However, two rather unfortunate protests, lodged by the winning Grafton boat, ended in its disqualification. This gave Chatham a substantial lead from which Grafton was unable to recover even though they came in a hard-fought first and second in the second race.

*Result :—*Chatham $22\frac{1}{4}$ pts.
Grafton $18\frac{1}{4}$ pts.

SCULLING

Stowe was represented at two regattas this term; Wallingford and Stratford-on-Avon. At Wallingford on May 23rd, C. P. Murdoch, M. C. Farquharson and J. L. Seccombe were all beaten in the first round, and it was clear that the shortness of the Stowe lake handicapped the development of stamina.

At Stratford Murdoch and Seccombe were entered and had a much better day. Murdoch beat a competitor from St. Luke's College by 1 length, and Seccombe beat a member of Keble College by 2 lengths. In the 2nd round both met each other and

Murdoch had a narrow victory. Murdoch then lost in the quarter-final to a sculler from Stratford-on-Avon.

All the present leading scullers will be here next year, and so the prospects are more hopeful.

The House matches were won by Temple, whose team consisted of Murdoch, Farquharson, Dekker, and Scott-Gall. The Yarwood Plate for the best individual time went to Murdoch.

ARCHERY

The following were in the team of four this term:—P. E. Williams, captain (G), H. P. Lloyd Morgan (T), R. J. Cooper (G) and V. A. Lownes (G). M. Marcel (C) also shot for the team. For the last two matches the extra places went to C. R. F. Kremer (C), M. J. Hartnell-Beavis (B), S. M. Argles (C) and C. R. H. Archer (T). This term we have been most fortunate to be coached by Mr. E. H. Smith, who, although he is a paraplegic, has taught us an immense amount; we are very grateful to him.

Results :—

- v. FINCHLEY ALBANIAN ARCHERS. Away. Stowe lost by 698 points.
- v. FINCHLEY ALBANIAN ARCHERS. Home. Stowe lost by 594 points.
- v. RADLEY. Home. Stowe lost by 475 points.
- v. FOREST SCHOOL. Home. Stowe lost by 478 points.
- v. BORDER BOWMEN. Home. Stowe lost by 24 points.

The Inter-House match was also shot this term and was won by the highest individual score put forward by any House.

*Results :—*1st, Grenville, P. E. Williams, 404; 2nd, Temple, H. P. Lloyd Morgan, 290; 3rd, Grafton, R. J. Cooper, 261; 4th, Cobham, C. R. F. Kremer, 259; 5th, Walpole, T. D. Delahooke, 141.

Blue Blazers were awarded to P. E. Williams and H. P. Lloyd Morgan.

THE STOWE BEAGLES

Early in the term we sent two teams of three to run in a Foot Point-to-Point organized by the Farley Hill Beagles. The course was more testing than we, in this relatively flat part of the country, had imagined, and our first string R. A. Weston (C) came in 8th, the Eton and Wellington teams taking the first six places.

Our Puppy Show was held at the Queen's Temple on July 11th and eight couple of puppies were judged by Mr. P. Burrows, Master of the Bolebroke Beagles, and Ted Parry, Kennel-Huntsman of the Old Berkeley Beagles, Mrs. Drayson kindly presenting the cups. There were about 150 people present and it was a most successful afternoon.

The pack was paraded on Speech Day and we took some hounds over to Hillesden Church Fête for a hound-judging competition. The beagles also made a brief appear-

ance in the outdoor performance of *A Midsummer-Night's Dream*.

Two couple of hounds went to Peterborough, the premier hound-show in the country. These were from among the first which we have bred ourselves and we were very pleased to be awarded 3rds in the Unentered Doghound Class and in the Class for Doghounds not exceeding 14½ inches.

A litter of six puppies was born at the end of June, and shortly afterwards the Sandhurst Beagles kindly gave us three more of the same age which our bitch fostered. These will all be ready to go out to walk some time in September.

A great deal of hard work has been put in at the Kennels this term in the way of re-decorating and general tidying up, and the Hunt Staff have received much help with this from the Monday Extras and Pre-Corps parties.

Hounds are going to Dorset with A.V.A. Turner (B) in the last week-end of August for ten days, and then on to his Joint Master, M. H. Wood (B), near Guiseley, Yorkshire, for the last ten days of the holidays. They both hope to have some hunting if the expected early harvest materialises, and information about Meets can be obtained from Turner at Milbourne St. Andrew 255 and from Wood at Guiseley 3695.

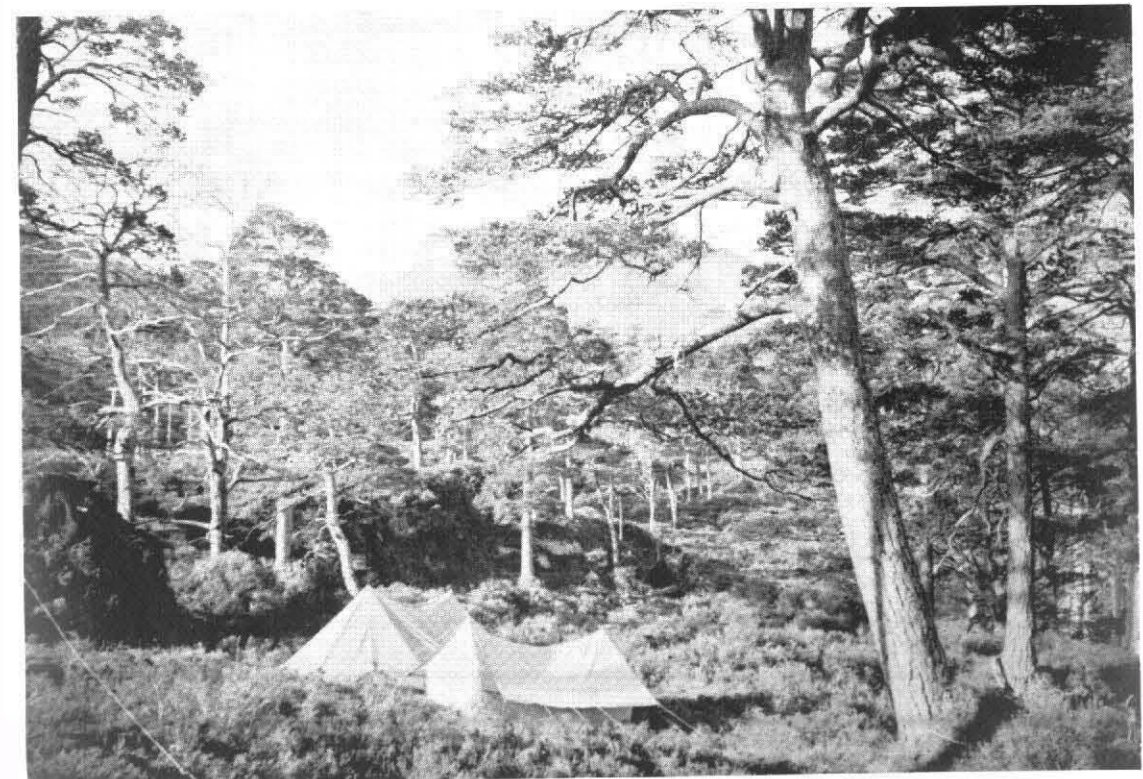
P.T.

The result of the P.T. Competition was as follows :—1st, Temple ; 2nd, Grafton ; 3rd equal, Bruce and Grenville ; 5th, Chandos ; 6th, Chatham ; 7th, Walpole ; 8th, Cobham.

THE LAURUS CUP was won by Grafton.

1ST XV FIXTURES 1964

Sat.,	Sept 26—	LONDON SCOTTISH	Home
Tues.,	Oct 6—	METROPOLITAN POLICE CADETS	Home
Sat.,	Oct 10—	OLD STOICS	Home
Sat.,	Oct 17—	BEDFORD	Away
Sat.,	Oct 24—	ST. EDWARD'S	Away
Sat.,	Oct 31—	RUGBY	Away
Sat.,	Nov 7—	RADLEY	Home
Sat.,	Nov 14—	RICHMOND	Home
Sat.,	Nov 21—	OUNDLE	Home
Sat.,	Nov 28—	CHELTENHAM	Away
Sat.,	Dec 5—	THE LEYS	Home



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