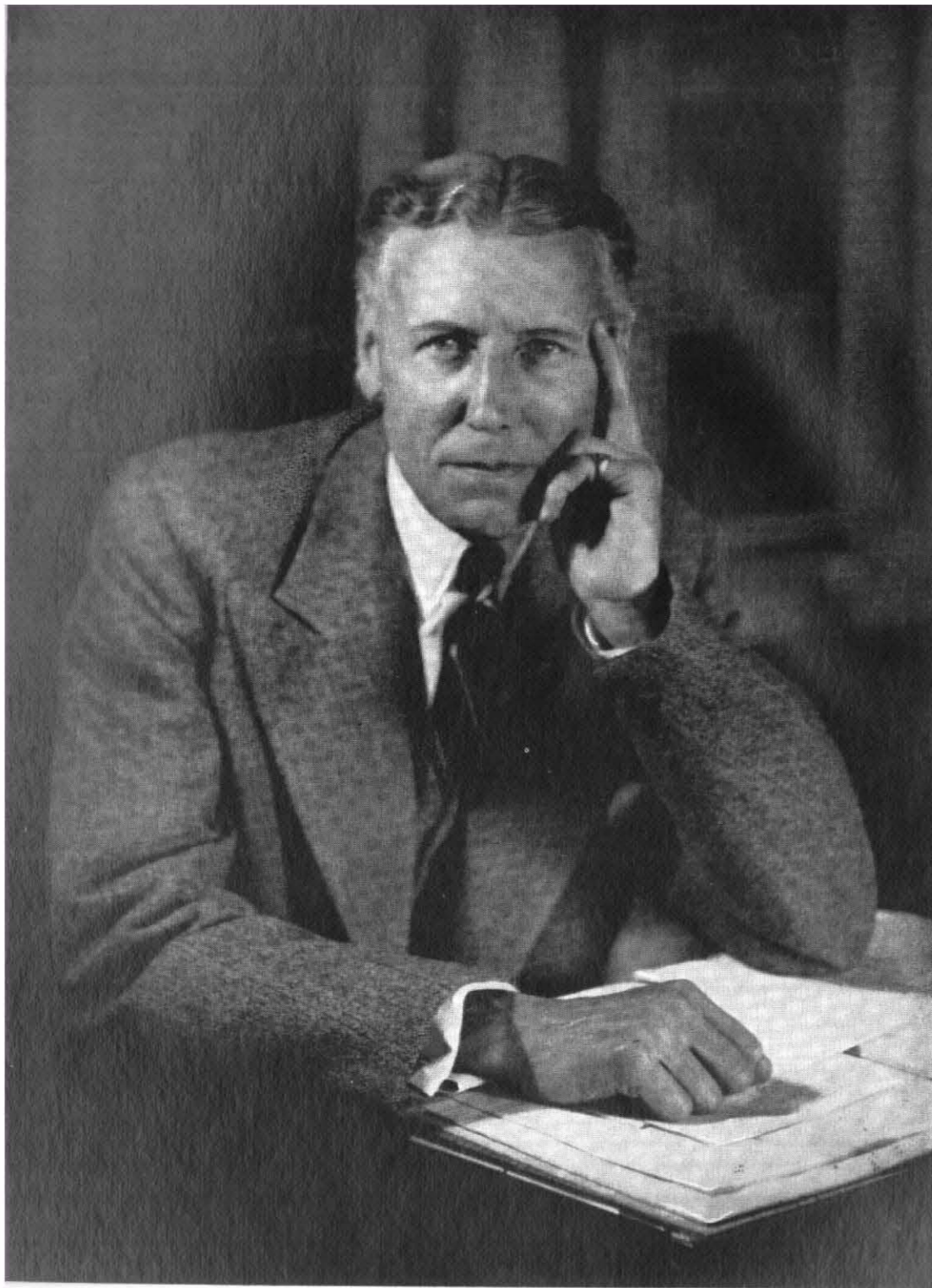


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THE eagerly awaited biography of the first Headmaster of Stowe by Lord Annan was published in October and received immediate and well-merited acclamation; it was appreciatively reviewed in many newspapers and periodicals, and among the reviewers we were delighted to see two former masters, William McElwee (*Sunday Telegraph*) and John Davenport (*Spectator*), and an Old Stoic, Colin Welch, (*Daily Telegraph*). As a result of the appeal published in *The Stoic* in August 1962 memories of ‘J.F.’ had been contributed by over 300 Old Stoics, friends and relations; the material was collated and a draft written by Mr. P. G. Hunter. As Lord Annan says in his Preface, “This book is as much his as mine.”

“Roxburgh of Stowe” is not only of very great interest to all concerned in the history of the Public Schools; it is also a fascinating study of the effect on a new school of a vivid personality. Starting with his upbringing, his education at Charterhouse, Cambridge, and the Sorbonne, and his work at Lancing, Lord Annan shows us how Roxburgh’s ideas were formed and how, against the background of the almost fossilised Public School system of the 1920’s, he was able to breathe new life into dry bones in the sublime setting of Stowe.

His ideas were not as revolutionary as many in other new schools; he did not, for instance, abolish beating or fagging for fear Stowe “should

be thought a freak." What he introduced was freedom,—freedom from bounds, from tradition, from regimentation. Every boy was to him a person, with interests to be developed, with a Christian name and even a birthday to be remembered; and it was as a person—to boys a very flamboyant one—that Roxburgh made his own impact. This book is full of stories that illustrate his personality. Above all he was a very great teacher in the classroom, and countless Stoics were inspired by his love of poetry and architecture and the 'mot juste.' He was, of course, nearly always "putting on an act" with boys, but it was done with style. Perhaps style was what he chiefly practised and preached—style as an outward blossoming over a core of hard work and real values. Certainly Stowe was an immediate success.

Nevertheless there were hair-raising anxieties. The administrative difficulties of running a school in a ducal mansion were enormous, and finance in the early years was a nightmare. Even those who at the time knew something of what was going on behind the scenes must be startled by the chapter "Roxburgh and Warrington", which tells how Stowe was brought to the verge of bankruptcy by the almost unbelievable financial manoeuvres of its self-styled "Founder". And when these difficulties had been overcome and the future was assured, there came for Roxburgh the deep personal tragedy of the War.

He retired in 1949, to Great Brickhill. He returned to Stowe only once, to Dr. Huggins' funeral. He taught at The Old Ride, near Little Horwood, where he was as inspiring as ever in the classroom. But he was tired and ill, and he died within five years of leaving Stowe.

It is easy to criticise him, and Lord Annan has in no way glossed over his failings; but these were all part of his personality, and it was as a person that he achieved what he did. Even when they disagreed with him, those who served under him knew that he was unique and that they would not look upon his like again.

Lord Annan's book does full justice to a great man.

STOICA

School Officials—Autumn Term, 1965.

Prefects:—L. C. J. Wilcox, Head of the School and Head of Bruce; C. N. Hershman (B), Second Prefect; G. J. Burdon, Head of Cobham; N. H. Burton-Carter (C), Prefect of Hall; R. A. Campbell, Head of Chat-ham; W. P. Durlacher, Head of Walpole; P. B. Fisher, Head of Grafton; R. S. Fox, Head of Temple; R. N. Goodchild (C), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. T. McConnell (T), Prefect of Chapel; I. W. McDowell, Head of Grenville; N. J. L. Martin (W), Prefect of Library; A. V. A. Turner (B), Prefect of Mess; C. J. T. Vane, Head of Chandos.

Rugby Football:—Captain, R. N. Goodchild (C); Secretary, C. N. Hershman (B).

Squash Rackets:—Captain, C. J. T. Vane (C); Secretary, M. T. Weston (C).

Fives:—Captain, R. N. Goodchild (C); Secretary, P. N. J. Durey (C).

The following have preached in Chapel this term:—on September 26th, the Headmaster; on October 3rd, the Rev. W. O. Chadwick, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge; on October 10th, the Chaplain; on October 17th, the Rev. R. E. Sadleir, Senior Chaplain, Eton College; on October 24th, A. N. Gilkes, Esq., Director of the Public Schools Appointments Board; on October 31st, the Rev. K. H. Pillar, Warden of Lee Abbey; on November 7th, His Grace the Archbishop of York; on November 14th (Remembrance Sunday), the Rev. R. C. Lucas, Rector of Great St. Helen's, Bishopsgate; on November 21st, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl (B 1939); on November 28th, the Chaplain; on December 5th, the Rev. C. C. W. James, Religious Broadcasting Organizer for the Western Region of the B.B.C., and formerly Chaplain of Stowe; on December 12th, the Rev. C. R. Campling, Chaplain of Lancing College.

The visit of Dr. Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of York, was the fourth occasion on which a reigning Archbishop has been welcomed at Stowe. Two of his predecessors have come from York, Dr. William Temple and Dr. Cyril Garbett, and Baron Fisher of Lambeth came in 1949 when he was Archbishop of Canterbury, to dedicate the War Memorial.

Fifty-one members of the School were confirmed in Chapel on Advent Sunday by the Bishop of Oxford. The Carol Service was held on December 19th.

The Collections in Chapel were :—on September 26th, for OXFAM, £17 19s. 3d.; on October 17th, for the Gladys Aylward Orphanage, £20 5s. 3d.; on November 7th, for the Archbishop of York's 'Feed the Minds' Campaign, £22 6s. 6d.; on Remembrance Sunday, for the Earl Haig Fund, £46 6s. 4d.; on November 21st, for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £19 16s. 8d.; on December 5th, for the Friends of Great Ormond Street, £23 2s. 0d.

In addition Retiring Collections were given to the Society of St. Francis, UNICEF, the Austrian Bible Mission, the Clergy Orphan Corporation, and the Bible Lands Society.

The second Stowe Choirs Festival was held in Chapel on Saturday, October 2nd. This year twenty-six local schools and parishes were represented in a festival choir of about 450 singers.

We record with sorrow the death on September 3rd of Miss L. W. Barge, House Matron of Cobham.

We say farewell this term to Mr. T. Doherty and Mr. R. E. Courtnell. Mr. Doherty will be remembered for his pictures, his stage sets and his rock-garden; Mr. Courtnell for his jazz, his flute-playing and his original methods of encouraging the Band. We wish them success in their separate spheres; the former to develop his artistic interests, the latter on the Music Staff at Rugby, where his father was Bandmaster.

The following have joined the Staff:—Mr. W. St. A. R. Dady, Mr. D. G. Lennard, Mr. R. J. Dennien, Mr. M. P. M. Watson and Mr. J. R. Beckett.

Mr. B. H. Mead was married to Miss Elizabeth Hoad on August 14th, Mr. J. S. M. Morris to Miss Susan Tanner on August 21st, and Mr. O. L. Ridge to Miss Helen May on September 4th.

We announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. B. Kirk on October 17th.

The Myles Henry Prize has been awarded to D. G. St. M. Mills (T). The runners-up were J. M. S. Napier (C), and D. M. Cohen (S).

The Old Stoic Dinner was held on Friday, November 5th, in the Members' Dining Room of the House of Commons. The speakers were Colonel N. A. C. Croft, D.S.O. (C 1925) (President) and the Headmaster.

During the term a system for watering eight of the greens on the Golf Course has been installed. The equipment for this has been generously presented by the Old Stoic Golfing Society. We should like to record our gratitude to them for their interest and support.

A version of Plato's 'Symposium' entitled *The Drinking Party* was filmed in the Summer at the Queen's Temple and was shown on B.B.C. 1 on November 14th. It was produced and directed by Dr. Jonathan Miller.

Among musical events not otherwise recorded in this issue we should mention the visit of the Gloucestershire Organists' Association to Stowe in September, when they heard a recital by Mr. Proctor and Mr. Leach; a concert in December by the Stowe Music Staff at The Downs School, Colwall, and one by Stoics at Akeley Wood School; and the customary Carol Services by the Choir at Paulerspury and Wicken.

An exhibition of drawings made by the Hull School of Architecture during their visit to Buckingham and Stowe earlier this year was on view in the foyer of the Roxburgh Hall in December.

J. A. Bath (W) won the Junior Golf Championship at the Royal Birkdale course in the summer.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

N. J. FORWOOD (G) has been awarded an Open Scholarship in Mathematics with Physics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

N. M. MACLAREN (C) has been awarded an Open Scholarship and Honorary Savory Exhibition in Mathematics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

A. G. PRYS WILLIAMS (C) has been awarded a Mathematical Post-mastership at Merton College, Oxford.

R. A. KREITMAN (C) has been awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at King's College, Cambridge.

G. M. WOLFSON (C) has been awarded an Open Exhibition in Modern Studies at New College, Oxford.

Miss O. R. HILL

To those who knew Rosemary Hill's abounding vitality the news of her death on August 20th after a short illness came as a profound shock. She had been at Stowe since December 1943; she had therefore acted as private secretary to all four Headmasters, and with all but the first she had had the additional task of introducing them to much of what was essential to the running of the School. She did her work extremely well, partly because she was a naturally efficient person, but also because Stowe meant so much to her. Her love of Stowe was also shown in her devotion to the school Tennis, and later to the pack of Beagles which she helped to found and run. In the heyday of Stowe's Tennis it was no unusual thing for her to drive to Wimbledon and back daily throughout the Youll Cup Tournament. Such support must have done much to help the successful teams to their record number of wins. Her energy and enthusiasm did more than anything else to start the Stowe Beagles along the right lines.

Her work with the Buckingham Division Conservative Association made her many friends, and she had indeed a great capacity for friendship, based on a manner which was completely natural and developed by all the experience gained through her long association with Stowe parents, Old Stoics, Stoics, and the many Masters and Matrons met in over twenty-one years.

Her funeral took place at Hilperton, Wiltshire. A Memorial Service, held in the Chapel at Stowe on October 28th, was attended by a large congregation representing her many interests and activities at Stowe and in the neighbourhood; the address, given by the Headmaster, included the following tribute:

"Her loyalty was above reproach, as was her guardianship of all that was confidential and private—a virtue above all others in the buzzing world of littleness of a public school.

"To my mind there is no doubt that no other person knew more about Stowe and Stoics—masters, boys and old boys, parents, local farmers, tradesmen and neighbours—anyone who was at all connected with Stowe. Stowe was her life."

OLIM ALUMNI

LORD ANNAN (T 1935), Provost of King's College, Cambridge, has been appointed Provost of University College, London, and is to take up his appointment next October. On November 16th he delivered the Romanes Lecture at Oxford, on "The Disintegration of Culture."

SIR TUFTON BEAMISH, M.P., (T 1935) is one of the Conservative Front Bench Spokesmen on Defence.

P. T. HAYMAN (S 1933) has been Minister and Deputy Commandant in Berlin since October 1964. He was awarded the C.V.O. after H.M. the Queen's visit to Berlin in May 1965.

D. J. EASTON (W 1959) is Third Secretary at the British High Commission, Nairobi, Kenya.

M. T. D. PATMORE (T 1926) is a member of the working party set up by the National Association of Boys' Clubs to enquire into the effect on the clubs of educational changes which might result from the recommendations of the Newsom Report.

J. G. NASH (C 1951) was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1965.

LT-COL. J. I. G. CAPADOSE, R.E. (T 1943) has been appointed to the Directing Staff of the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

B. P. STRANAHAN (S 1951) has been appointed an Assistant Professor of English at Western Reserve University, Ohio.

A. J. C. HAMP-FERGUSON (W 1961) of Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, again played at scrum-half in the University Match on December 7th.

R. A. DURRANT (W 1965) played for England in the Boys' Golf International against Scotland at Gullane in August.

P. F. BROWN (C 1962) was Captain of Squash Rackets at Southampton University for the season 1964-5.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:—

J. W. L. ADAMS (B 1951) a son on June 19th 1965.

H. D. BINYON (C 1938) a daughter on May 26th 1965.

E. A. BODDINGTON (W 1944) a son on October 2nd 1965.

H. A. C. BODDINGTON (W 1952) a daughter on May 1st 1965.

M. J. BURROWS (C 1955) a son on August 9th 1965.

D. CAMERON (B 1956) a daughter on October 10th 1965.

I. CAMPBELL (C 1955) a son on May 29th 1965, in Canada.

D. C. L. CHIDELL (S 1933) a daughter on September 22nd 1965.

C. F. CULLIS (W 1941) a daughter on May 10th 1965.

F. W. DE MEESTER (B 1947) sons on March 10th 1964 and November 4th 1965.

I. V. DE WESSELOW (C 1948) a son on July 23rd 1965.

G. L. D. DUCKWORTH (C 1949) a daughter on November 26th 1964.

G. B. EDWARDS (W 1958) a daughter on December 2nd 1965.

M. H. EWBank (C 1948) a son on July 1st 1965.

D. V. FANSHAWE (W 1951) a son on February 12th 1965.

M. A. FERGUSON-SMITH (G 1949) a daughter on January 5th 1965.

J. GATTY (S 1955) a daughter on April 7th 1965.

P. M. GIBBS (C 1948) sons on February 16th 1958, October 30th 1959, June 9th 1962 and March 14th 1965.

R. A. GODFREY (C 1957) a son on November 13th 1965.

I. M. HAYNES (C 1954) a son on June 7th 1965.

M. L. HENDERSON (W 1951) a son on January 30th 1965.

W. A. JENKYN-JONES (C 1954) a son on October 29th 1965.

C. G. A. LATHAM (C 1950) a son on July 20th 1965.

F. D. A. LEVITT (C 1954) a son on March 16th 1965.

J. D. F. LOCKHART (C 1950) a son on February 26th 1965.

R. G. MACMILLAN (C 1948) a son on April 20th 1965.

M. A. PERRING (G 1955) a son on April 7th 1965.
 J. W. RANT (C 1954) a daughter on September 22nd 1965.
 S. P. REES (G 1952) a son on August 3rd 1965.
 J. ROCHE (T 1939) a son on February 16th 1965.
 P. M. ROSSITER (C 1950) a son on February 10th 1965.
 C. J. G. SHILLINGTON (C 1957) a son on May 9th 1965.
 I. R. SINCLAIR (C 1956) a son on April 16th 1965.
 T. G. SMALLMAN (G 1957) a son on April 19th 1965.
 P. E. STEVENS (W 1952) a son on July 28th 1965.
 J. L. THORPE (C 1951) a son on January 23rd 1965.
 P. WIARD (C 1954) a daughter on September 16th 1962.

MARRIAGES

J. F. ALEXANDER (G 1954) to Millicent Mary Partington on January 9th 1965.
 M. ANSON (S 1955) to Claire-Elizabeth Seymour Morris on August 10th 1963.
 G. H. ARKELL (S 1955) to Davina Egremont-Lee on November 19th 1965.
 A. CAMERON (B 1958) to Lady Jane Stanhope on October 10th 1965.
 D. CAMERON (B 1956) to Joanna Lee Dillon, daughter of P.P.L.D. (G 1931) on April 3rd 1963.
 D. C. L. CHIDELL (S 1933) to Frances Marigold Askham on August 27th 1963.
 C. E. CLARKSON (S 1957) to Shuna Ann Wallace on September 18th 1965.
 F. W. DE MEESTER (B 1947) to Jenifer Hargreaves on October 6th 1962.
 A. G. V. DOUBLEDAY (C 1961) to Margaret Elizabeth McLure on April 24th 1965.
 G. B. EDWARDS (W 1958) to Diana Milroy Couper on November 21st 1964.
 R. A. GODFREY (C 1957) to Jennifer Ann Abrams on August 15th 1964.
 R. K. B. HANKINSON (W 1958) to Alison Skidmore on June 19th 1965.
 D. A. ILLINGWORTH (S 1947) to Frances Mary Robinson on April 21st 1965.
 R. M. C. LORD (B 1957) to Patricia Ann Hull on September 14th 1965.
 J. G. NASH (C 1951) to Sally Anne Randall on August 11th 1965.
 M. A. PAYNE (S 1956) to Elizabeth Harvieston Brown on March 27th 1965.
 S. ROBERTSON (B 1962) to Christine Ann Churchman on September 11th 1965.
 M. SAMUEL (B 1955) to Heather Watson on October 18th 1963.
 I. R. SINCLAIR (C 1956) to Susan Mary Pollard on August 31st 1963.
 T. G. SMALLMAN (G 1957) to Jane Holloway on April 18th 1964.
 G. C. THOMSON (W 1954) to Sheelagh Sweetman on October 23rd 1965.
 J. C. TYRER (B 1955) to Heather Mary Bunting on April 11th 1964.
 D. S. WATSON (C 1960) to Victoria Jane Sykes on September 23rd 1965.
 P. WIARD (C 1954) to Myra Thomas on November 18th 1961.

DEATHS

A. J. GRAY (T 1942) on September 6th 1965.
 J. H. STRUTT (B 1930) in July 1965.
 H. B. TAYLOR (C 1962) on October 25th 1965.

MUSIC

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th

NEIL BLACK (<i>Oboe</i>)	MR. BURKE (<i>Continuo</i>)
MR. WATSON (<i>Violin</i>)	ELIZABETH WATSON (<i>Viola</i>)
LESLEY MELVIN (<i>Violin</i>)	MR. EDMONDS (<i>Cello</i>)
Concerto in D minor for oboe, violin and strings ... J. S. Bach	
Allegro ; Adagio ; Allegro	
Quartet in E flat major, Op. 51 Dvorak	
Allegro ma non troppo ; Dumka ; Romanze ;	
Finale (allegro assai)	
Adagio from Quartet, Op. 11 Samuel Barber	
Oboe Quartet, K. 370 Mozart	
Allegro ; Adagio ; Rondo (allegro)	

The concert in the Roxburgh Hall on October 10th was an outstanding occasion owing to the brilliance of the playing of Neil Black and the Stowe Quartet.

The evening began with Bach's delightful Concerto in D minor for oboe, violin and strings, which was played with clarity and charm. This was followed by Dvorak's E flat String Quartet, which despite Mr. Watson's powerful advocacy I found less emotionally inspiring than I had been led to expect. The romantic element in the music did not seem to be clearly defined or happily integrated with Dvorak's nationalist sentiments. Samuel Barber's Adagio for string quartet was deeply moving; it was calm, austere, and slightly melancholy, and provided a complete contrast to the other works in the programme. The evening was rounded off with a dazzling performance of Mozart's oboe quartet, which was memorable for the skill of Neil Black's playing.

T.D.

ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, IN THE CHAPEL

Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters
Prelude and Fugue in C (The 'Great') J. S. Bach
Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 3 Herbert Howells
Voluntary No. 1 in D William Boyce
Choral No. 3 in A minor César Franck
Le Berger d'Ahusquy Ermand Bonnal
Fugue 'Ad Nos, ad Salutarem Undam' Liszt

For his recital Mr. Leach chose a very wide range of music, including three major works. For each piece he attempted to achieve an authentic registration, such as the composers of the pieces might have used. In this he was very successful.

Of the two English pieces played, the Psalm Prelude by Howells was, as one would expect, the more successful, since it was composed about 1915, and the Stowe organ is typical of what was being built at the time. The Boyce was good too, although not

so exciting, and the organ was well toned down to the power of an eighteenth-century English instrument.

Playing Bach on an early twentieth-century organ is one of the hardest jobs there is. Most people get around it by pretending Bach was a romantic, and playing things like the Fantasia and Fugue in G minor as though they were by Reger. Mr. Leach cast aside these anachronisms and made an excellent attempt at proper baroque registration; the piece benefited greatly as a result.

Modern French music is no less difficult to make effective. The piece by Ermand Bonnal was one of the most successful of the recital, with the organ sounding remarkably French; in the Franck Choral it was less so. The central *adagio* section was good, but the beginning was lacking in excitement. French organs are the most exciting in the world; neither of the two climaxes at the end of the work were sufficiently impressive; this made the work less enjoyable than it might have been.

This was made up for in the last work by Liszt; this fugue is one of the monuments of nineteenth-century organ music and was the highlight of the recital. It was worth going to the recital just to hear it. One may hope that soon Mr. Leach will give us the Fantasia which should precede this most exciting of fugues.

D.H.B.

CONCERT BY THE MILITARY BAND
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL
Conductor—MR. R. E. COURTNEILL

Medieval Suite	...	...	...	...	...	Morrissey
Fanfare; Dance; Celebration.						
Air	...	...	...	...	...	Handel
Oboe—J. B. WINTLE (C)						
Minuet and March from "The Sorcerer"	...	...	...	...	...	Sullivan
Olé	...	...	...	...	...	Morrissey
Songs:						
The Vagabond	...	...	...	...	...	Vaughan Williams
The Earl o' Moray	...	...	...	...	...	Britten
Yarmouth Fair	...	...	...	...	...	Warlock
A Thanksgiving	...	...	...	...	...	Ireland
WALTER EYLES accompanied by MR. LEACH						
Pipe Dream	...	...	...	...	...	Grundman
Basin Street Blues	...	...	...	...	...
Clarinet—S. T. D. RITCHIE (T)						
Waltzing Clarinets	...	...	...	...	...	Morrissey
K. D. FRAZER (T) R. E. GAMBLE (C):						
S. M. MORETON (G)						
March: Call to Action	...	...	...	...	...	Tausky

The Band Concert was held in the Roxburgh Hall on Sunday, November 7th, was both exciting and interesting. The standard of performance and of performing technique was probably lower than in some previous concerts, but this is accounted for by the

extreme youth of the members of the band. The opening of the concert was most effective and the carefully graded orchestration of the Suite appeared to be one of the pieces most suited to the band. J. B. Wintle's performance on the oboe showed some excellent musicianship, slightly marred however by the dull accompaniment. In contrast to this was the "Waltzing Clarinets" played with exuberance and panache by the clarinetists and most suitably accompanied by the band. For me, however, the musical highlight of the concert came with the two solo and piano groups—first Walter Eyles, accompanied by Mr. Leach, and then S. T. D. Ritchie, accompanied by Mr. Courtnell. The singing of Walter Eyles was very fine though sometimes a little static, but the accompaniment was always lively and musical. The two clarinet pieces, however, seemed to transcend the rest of the concert, in particular the second piece. Here, the two performers seemed to understand so utterly the music that the result was inevitably a privilege for the listener. The concert ended with a stirring and well-played March by Tausky.

R.B.S.

PHILOMUSICA OF LONDON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL
Leader—CARL PINI
Conductor—ANGUS WATSON

Divertimento in F, K. 138	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart
Allegro; Andante; Rondo						
Concerto in G major for Viola and Strings	...	...	...	...	...	Telemann
Largo; Allegro; Andante; Presto						
Viola—MARGARET MAJOR						
Divertimento	...	...	...	...	...	Bartok
Allegro non troppo; Molto adagio; Allegro assai						
Concerto Grosso 'Il Madrigalesco'	...	...	...	...	...	Vivaldi
Adagio; Allegro; Adagio; Moderato						
Serenade for Strings, Op. 48	...	...	...	...	...	Tchaikowsky
Pezzo in forma di Sonata; Walzer; Elégie;						
Finale (Tema Russo)						

When we heard a few months ago that Mr. Watson had been invited to conduct Philomusica of London in three concerts this season, two of them in London and one at Stowe, we were naturally delighted, both because of the honour paid to him and because we should have the good fortune of hearing this distinguished orchestra in the Roxburgh Hall.

The first London concert took place in the Commonwealth Institute on Saturday evening, November 20th, and the many Stoics, masters and wives who went to hear it brought back glowing accounts of its excellence. Not surprisingly therefore the audience in the Roxburgh Hall the following evening was agog with excitement when Mr. Watson appeared to conduct Philomusica in a programme of music for strings which offered something to please everyone, ranging as it did from Telemann to Bartok.

The concert began with a Divertimento by Mozart, written when he was 16. The

brilliant string playing was glorious to listen to, and one short passage of pizzicato playing was particularly exquisite. After this Margaret Major played a Concerto by Telemann for viola and strings which, we were told, was possibly the first viola concerto ever written. The performance of this pleasant work showed that the soloist could play either with great feeling or great gusto depending upon what the music called for, and the excellent tone and sheer volume she was able to wring out of the viola was most impressive.

The music then switched from the 18th century to the 20th, and most of us heard for the first time (unless we had been to the concert the night before) a Divertimento for String Orchestra written by Bartok in 1939. The first and last movements of this work proved to have immediate appeal even for those inclined to find Bartok a trifle heavy going, for much of it is extremely lively and even rumbustious. The middle movement is perhaps the gloomiest I have ever listened to and, as it is supposed to be just that, one must admit that the composer succeeded completely in translating into music his despair at the uncertainty of the future of a Europe dominated by Nazism.

After a short Concerto for Strings by Vivaldi which ended, we thought, before it had any right to do so, we came to the last work on the programme and this for many in the audience was almost certainly the highlight of the evening. For most, if not all of those present, Tchaikowsky's Serenade for Strings gives very great pleasure even when played tolerably and infinite pleasure when played superbly, as it was on this occasion. I cannot agree with Mr. Watson that Tchaikowsky can turn anything into a wonderful tune, including the scale of C major, but the precision, passion, ebullience and (when appropriate) feeling that went into the performance of this work certainly thrilled the audience; and the loving care devoted by conductor and orchestra to that scale of C major was fascinating to watch.

Altogether the concert was a huge success. Carl Pini, who led the orchestra, as well as those who led the various sections, was so obviously first-rate that we almost felt at times that Mr. Watson could have been dispensed with. But having heard him rehearse the concert during the afternoon I know just how large a share of the credit is due to him for interpreting the music and also for enabling a body of extremely accomplished string players to play as a team. We are grateful to him for such a musical treat and hope that next year we shall have another such concert at Stowe.

R.W.

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

JOHN MELVIN (C 1951) (<i>Clarinet</i>)	MR. PROCTOR (<i>Piano</i>)
MR. WATSON (<i>Violin</i>)	ELIZABETH WATSON (<i>Viola</i>)
LESLEY MELVIN (<i>Violin</i>)	MR. EDMONDS (<i>Cello</i>)
Italian Serenade	Wolf
Violin Sonata in A (Op.47) 'The Kreutzer'	Beethoven
Adagio sostenuto—presto; Andante con Variazioni; Finale (Presto)	
Clarinet Quintet (K.581)	Mozart
Allegretto; Larghetto; Menuetto and 2 Trios; Temà con Variazioni	

Three widely contrasting works provided a well-balanced and popular programme for this last concert of the term in the "Music in the Roxburgh Hall" series.

Hugo Wolf's "Italian Serenade," a delightful piece full of wit and melody, was played with great delicacy—it is a pity that it is so short. The massive "Kreutzer" sonata by Beethoven is in a very different mood. The characteristic first movement seems far removed from the rather delicate theme and variations and the presto, which sounds of a later period. The balance between piano and violin was excellent throughout except for a short period in the second movement when the violin failed to come through adequately.

The climax of the evening was the Clarinet Quintet. Mozart's infallible sense of melody is apparent throughout this beautiful masterpiece and John Melvin and the Stowe Quartet did more than adequate justice to it. The balance throughout was perfect and Mr. Melvin's magnificent tone, especially in the low register and pianissimo passages, was worth going a long way to hear.

M.A.B.K.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

THE ORCHESTRA

Leader—J. E. T. TRAININ (C)

Conductor—MR. WATSON

Overture: "Carmen"	Bizet
Valse Triste	Sibelius
Brandenburg Concerto No. 4	J. S. Bach
Allegro; Andante; Presto	
MR. WATSON (<i>Violin</i>)	A. P. SAINER (T) (<i>Viola</i>)
I. W. McDOWELL (G) (<i>Flute</i>)	R. E. LLOYD MORGAN (T) (<i>Viola</i>)
D. N. WESTON (C) (<i>Flute</i>)	T. P. BESTERMAN (W) (<i>Cello</i>)
R. B. SWANSTON (B) (<i>Continuo</i>)	MR. EDMONDS (<i>Cello</i>)
"Karelia" Suite	Sibelius
Intermezzo; Ballade; Alla Marcia	
"Gloria" for Chorus and Orchestra	Vivaldi
Gloria—Et in terra pax—Laudamus te (<i>duo</i>)—Gratias agimus tibi— Propter magnam gloriam—Domine Deus (<i>Soprano Solo</i>)—MERLE FELLOWES-GORDON—Qui tollis—Cum Sancto Spiritu	
Carols (<i>Orchestrated by A. J. W.</i>)	
Personent Hodie	arr. A. J. W.
The Three Wise Men	Cornelius
A Merry Christmas	arr. Arthur Warrell

The grander pieces of Sibelius' music are beyond the resources of a school orchestra but two characteristic and interesting works were included in the end of term concert as part of his centenary celebrations. The orchestra effectively evoked the atmosphere of *Valse Triste*, where the pizzicato playing by the strings was especially impressive. In the *Karelia* Suite things went splendidly when the sleighs finally got under way, and we careered merrily over the snow with a jingling bouncing rhythm that was

most infectious. But the opening section, portraying a wintry landscape, which calls for unaccompanied playing by the brass, soft and very well controlled, was too difficult for the performers; it was, perhaps, a mistake to give them this challenge immediately after a twenty-minute rest, when they were still trying to thaw out yards of frozen pipes.

The main work after the interval was Vivaldi's *Gloria* for chorus and orchestra. I don't share the current enthusiasm for Vivaldi and found some of the choral passages dull, but the two sections for solo voices were extremely moving. The *Laudamus* was very nicely sung by four girls from Thornton College, and the alternating passages on the viola were intelligently played by Lloyd Morgan. Even better was the dialogue between soprano and flute in the *Domine Deus*, an eloquent and beautifully balanced performance on either part. The chorus came into its own in the dramatic *Cum Sancto Spiritu* that finishes the work and in the three carols arranged by Mr. Watson for chorus and orchestra, a varied and lighthearted group which rounded off the programme in a suitably seasonable way.

The most striking item in the programme, however, had nothing to do with either Sibelius or Christmas. It was sufficiently impressive in itself that there should be six boys in the school capable of making up a chamber group with Mr. Watson and Mr. Edmonds for a Brandenburg Concerto but, more than that, they played together with great sympathy, giving a fluent and alert performance that was continuously interesting. Their playing gave me great pleasure and made me feel very proud.

G.B.C.

IMPRESSIONS OF LAMBARÉNE

(The writer of this article was last year's Myles Henry prizewinner, and worked at Lambaréné in accordance with the terms of the Prize.)

During the summer holidays I was privileged to spend seven weeks at the late Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital at Lambaréné in the Gabon Republic. The experiences that I had there put me in the position of being able to see the situation in the hospital in its proper perspective, because the Press has, in many instances, given the wrong impression of its functioning.

The Albert Schweitzer Hospital was founded, on its present site, in 1925, on the principle that it should be run both by and for the Africans whilst being administered and supplied by Europeans. It was Dr. Schweitzer's intention that the philosophy of Reverence for Life should be observed within the precincts of the hospital. These two points have supplied ammunition for those who wish to decry the hospital. In many cases criticism is justifiable, but outright condemnation is unmerited.

Before the Second World War, Lambaréné was staffed by Europeans devoted to the cause of helping the underprivileged of the Gabon and completely loyal to the "grand docteur", Albert Schweitzer. Africans always preferred to go to the Schweitzer Hospital because they could take their families and animals, the former paying for the patient's treatment with their own labour. The animals, contrary to popular belief, do not run free in the hospital, but are carefully herded together and branded by their owners. By 1945 it was an accepted fact that Gabonese, Nigerian, Camerouns and even

Ghanaian patients preferred to use the Schweitzer Hospital rather than the European-run hospitals of their own countries. The atmosphere at the Schweitzer Hospital is that of an African village; even the nurses are ex-patients trained at the hospital. In 1948 Dr. Schweitzer went to the United States to lecture on Goethe and in 1952 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. These two events brought him world-wide fame. With the prize-money he built a village for the lepers in the hospital; as he became more famous, Schweitzer committees were established in many countries, notably the U.S.A., France, Germany, Alsace, Great Britain and Japan. These committees financed the hospital and supplied all drugs and equipment, which had hitherto been paid for by Dr. Schweitzer's income from his books on Bach, Philosophy and Theology. Gradually, as "le grand docteur" grew older, the committees began to take control of the hospital to a greater extent than before. The Press intruded, against Dr. Schweitzer's will, for he shunned glory, and with them came the so-called "glory-boys" who attached themselves to the hospital and Dr. Schweitzer like social leeches. From these two sources come the grisly and basically untrue stories about the hospital. This is not to say, of course, that there did not still exist a large core of loyal, highly skilled European doctors and nurses.

The hospital is not primitive. The operating theatre is one of the most modern in Africa; both it and the main wards are lit and powered by electricity. The Europeans do not live in huts, but in very comfortable single rooms; married couples and their families have two or more such rooms. Drugs and treatment are the most modern available and come from all over the world. Conditions are as near perfect as possible for the European staff and visitors like myself, in the circumstances. Similarly, the wards and accommodation for the patients' families are better than most Africans are used to; the main problem is to teach the Africans the rudiments of hygiene. There is a ward for Europeans, who in many cases would rather be treated at the Schweitzer Hospital than in a European one; there is a similar ward for upper-class Africans. There are facilities at the hospital for maladies ranging from hernia to coronary diseases, from pediatrics to neurology. As far as medical treatment and care are concerned, the hospital is beyond criticism.

Regrettably, the faults of the hospital lie in the attitude of the Europeans to the Africans and in the organisation of the hospital, which is in the hands of the Europeans. The spirit in which the hospital was originally conceived has been abused today. Many of the Europeans are too aloof and cold to the natives; they are inclined to forget that the Gabon is not French (or any other country's) territory but an independent republic. The Europeans also tend to stick together in their own national cliques, contrary to Dr. Schweitzer's original intention. There are many anomalies, e.g., vegetables that are grown in Gabonese soil are for the Europeans only; as a result, some of the more democratically minded Europeans have to blatantly steal vegetables to ensure that the lepers and others get a balanced diet. Many Europeans still despise the lepers; leprosy is merely a non-catching disease that paralyses the nerve endings. In many cases the hospital workers are denied new clothes and household luxuries by the Europeans; this is a travesty of justice, for there are huge supplies of clothes and goods rotting unused in store-huts.

Dr. Schweitzer himself was a patriarchal figure—the Africans regarded him as a real father, and the grief of both Europeans and Africans when he died showed in what great esteem he was held. Messages of condolence came from all over the world to the hospital and to Rhena, Dr. Schweitzer's daughter. The respect the world showed him became clear at the funeral orations and with the wreaths and telegrams that were

sent. Admittedly, Schweitzer the man had faults—a quick temper, a certain intolerance of radicals. Against these faults of character stands his mind—Schweitzer the theologian, Schweitzer the philosopher, Schweitzer the doctor, and Schweitzer the idealist.

Now that Albert Schweitzer is dead, the hospital is undergoing many changes. I was working there at the end of the golden age of the hospital and the beginning of a new era. A running water system has been installed; all the wards and Europeans' rooms have been wired for electricity. The hospital is run by Rhena Schweitzer and a Swiss is chief doctor. This set-up has caused much friction, and many of the "old guard" have left; many patients have also left. The magnetism of the place has died with Schweitzer. However, as long as the new régime maintains Dr. Schweitzer's standards and principles, Schweitzer the man will live on in Schweitzer the ideal.

G.H.W.

“OTHELLO”

Presented by the Congreve Club in Assembly on December 10th, 11th and 12th.

CAST.—**Othello**, the Moor, C. N. HERSHMAN (B); **Brabantio**, father to Desdemona, G. R. I. FELDMAN (C); **Cassio**, an honourable lieutenant, M. J. AVORY (C); **Iago**, a villain, D. G. JONES (G); **Roderigo**, a gulled gentleman, R. E. LLOYD MORGAN (T); **The Duke of Venice**, R. J. HORWITZ (G); **Senators**, F. C. ST. J. MISKIN (G), N. R. KRETTMAN (C), P. R. CHESHIRE (C), P. G. ARBUTHNOT (C); **Montano**, Governor of Cyprus, A. C. WOLFE (G); **Gentlemen**, R. A. LAMPING (C), J. R. S. GREENSTREET (G), C. R. DIMPFEL (C); **Lodovico**, J. R. HARTLAND-SWANN (B); **Gratiano**, A. H. THOMLINSON (W); **Clown**, P. A. SAPER (C); **Herald**, J. A. FINGLETON (C); **Sailor**, C. J. R. BLACK (G); **Messenger**, C. J. WATKIN (G); **First Musician**, T. BASSET (G).

Desdemona, Wife to Othello, GILLIAN SHEDD; **Emilia**, Wife to Iago, ELAINE JARVIS; **Bianca**, a Courtesan, ANGELA GALL.

Producer—MR. J. BAIN

This was a bold production in several ways. *Othello* is a play seldom attempted in schools, and this was its first production by the Congreve Club. For the first time, too, the feminine parts were played by girls. The Secondary Modern School in Buckingham provided three charming and skilful actresses who contributed enormously to the success of the play; after this, it would surely be inconceivable to go back to the tradition of falsetto scrum-halves.

A third innovation was the staging of the play in Assembly. This was extremely interesting. The permanent set was built out from the North door: a curtained-off interior used as council-chamber (in Venice) and as bedroom (in Cyprus). The action



CASSIO and IAGO



OTHELLO



CASSIO, DESDEMONA and EMILIA

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THE DUKE, BRABANTIO,
DESDEMONA and OTHELLO



IAGO and RODERIGO



THE DRINKING SCENE

“OTHELLO”

was played in and in front of this, and occasionally, with striking effect, on its roof (for proclamations, look-outs, etc). Three more entrances were used, the South door and the two houseroom doors, with actors coming through the audience. With the audience sitting very close on three sides this gave an intimacy and a fluidity similar to the conditions of Shakespeare's own time; on the most basic technical level, it was an achievement to co-ordinate the various exits and entrances so well, and the imaginative effect was often stunning, as in the storm and riot scenes. However, there were drawbacks. It was rather like listening to stereo; you needed to be exactly in the middle of everything to get the optimum effect. To the spectator on the fringes, a lot was indistinct, both visually and aurally. Although soliloquies and duologues, obviously, came over more naturally than on a picture-frame stage, groupings were difficult. More than once a semi-circle of characters obscured the central one from much of the audience, for speeches at a time. Nor are the acoustics of Assembly very helpful. But on balance this experiment came off.

I happened to see this in between the two magnificent Stratford productions of *Hamlet* and *Timon*. For all the difference in resources, this *Othello* was not overshadowed. Othello himself was as remote from the old, silly conception of him as a great and pure gentleman, undone by irresistible Evil in the shape of Iago, as David Warner's Hamlet is from the sentimentalised Prince with a Beautiful Soul. Iago, like the witches in *Macbeth*, brings out the evil impulses that are potentially there in the hero already; he doesn't impose evil by magic. This was intelligently conveyed in the playing of both parts. Iago was not a superhuman villain but a clever, warped opportunist. Jones held his audience skilfully and was all the more sinister because of his genial high spirits, but he rightly yielded the limelight to Hershman's Othello, who was excellent. His strong voice and walk, verging on arrogance, and his mannered rolling of the head, conveyed both his authority as a commander and his deficiency as a person; his later disintegration was convincing and powerful. If anything he shouted too much—true, the point is that Othello is irredeemably self-dramatising, but it seems perverse to put over even his sarcasm to Desdemona “I cry you mercy then,/ I took you for that cunning whore of Venice/That married with Othello” by screaming it. This created a certain monotony in the last two acts. But his death was admirable.

All the parts which really counted (and there are fewer in *Othello* than in any other major play by Shakespeare) were strongly cast. Brabantio and Lodovico had the right authority, Desdemona was perfect, Roderigo made something of a difficult part, the only real criticism of Emilia and Bianca is that their youth and prettiness were not sufficiently disguised. Cassio is a crucial part, in terms both of plot and of character—his pride, and his loss of control, foreshadow Othello's. Avory gave perhaps the most subtle performance of the evening. His drunk scene was brilliant. Of the rest, messengers tended to mumble, and senators to be wooden, while the clown, to an outsider at least, was singularly unfunny, but such faults as these are insignificant in retrospect; what one remembers is the energy and the clarity of the whole—in short, the grasp of a producer intelligently in control of the play and of his resources.

C.B.

THE STOWE HOOPOE

This year on September 12th our first Hoopoe was seen by Mr. Floyer, Miss Phillips' brother-in-law, in front of his car, near the lakes. It strutted proudly in front of the car for about twenty yards, every now and then raising its crest. The bird was not at all scared by the car with people in it. After a while it flew off into a tree.

A few days later it was probably seen again. I say probably because the viewer, Mr. Cossins, who lives at the Bell Gate Lodge, thought he saw a brown-coloured magpie fly into a tree, but when he got back to his house he looked it up in a bird book and found out that it must have been the Hoopoe. It was seen again by Mr. Cossins about five times, once eating dung in the middle of the track.

I was told of its presence as soon as I arrived back here at the beginning of this term. For the next few days I went hunting for it every day. I heard it quite a few times 'pooing' in the trees. Then on Saturday, October 3rd, during a thunderstorm, I saw it fly from an avenue of cedars to a large beech tree. It was being followed by a host of jackdaws. I was only about thirty yards away from it as it flew, if that; so I got quite a good view. This was the first hoopoe to be seen by me or recorded at Stowe.

The odd thing about this bird was that it seemed to remain in one place during its long stay on its homeward flight from its breeding ground in the North to the Mediterranean. It left, I think, the day after I saw it.

The last three days of its stay there was continuous rain, which is no doubt why it wanted to leave. It remained for three weeks and two days and was seen about nine times by five people, nearly always in the same avenue or thereabouts.

D.F.M.S.

A ZOO

More animals than usual have been reared and kept in the Biological Laboratories this term, and the small upstairs room has been devoted entirely to them. Owners have given these brief accounts of their animals.

M. M. Tickler (G) brought back a pair of Tumbler Pigeons during the term. They had been separated since the previous August but by using artificial light and warmth to simulate the increasing day-length and warmth of Spring, they were persuaded to pair and fertile eggs were laid.

P. N. J. Durey (C) has two aquaria with terrapins. In one tank there are four young red-eared terrapins, *Pseudemys scripta elegans*, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, with bright green colourations on the shell. In the other there is a pair of Spanish terrapins, *Emys leprosa*, about four inches long, with flexible necks and greyish-green shells. All are active and are being fed on shredded meat.

H. D. Breese (C) owns a jill ferret—a female. This ferret is about eight months old and is a yellowy-white albino. Being an albino she can see better in the dark, an advantage when she is down a rabbit-hole. She is fed mainly on a diet of bread and milk, and meat.

J. S. S. Syrett (W) has two hamsters. One is a five-months-old albino female and the other an eight-months-old 'champagne' male. They have been mated once but with no results.

R. J. P. Houseman (C) found a rook in a field and took him to the Vet., who said that he had a fractured wing-bone. He is fed on scraps and is exercised as often as possible. He is getting better and his wing is healing but it may be some time before he will fly again.

THE STOWE FAIR

The Stowe Fair on July 24th was novel in most senses. It was aimed to interest a much wider circle in the 40th Anniversary Appeal, and to act as a final effort in this stage of the Appeal.

Despite a thunderstorm at lunchtime, about 3,500 people attended; David Niven (C 1927), on a 24-hour visit to England, opened the Fair with a superbly characteristic speech at 2 p.m. A Display of Veteran Rolls Royce and Bentley cars was enlivened by the arrival of the James Bond Aston Martin on the North Front Drive. Assembly was filled with stalls, a Tombola was held on the South Front Portico, and the 34 Sideshows on the South Front stretched to the first Green, and beyond, and included a bucket suspended above the Housemaster of Temple (an attraction which earned over £52, at 2/6 for three throws).

Over £1,000 came from the Auction, including £600 for the painting by David Shepherd (C 1949) of the North Front. (Copies of a print of this and a similar print of the South Front were sold for £481. Further stocks are still available, and by the generous offer of David and Peter Shepherd will continue to raise funds for the Appeal.) The Auction was ably conducted by David Tomlinson, fresh from his triumph in "Mary Poppins."

The whole School and Staff were responsible for raising, on the day, no less than £4,622 4s. od. The Concert of 18th-Century Music on the Friday before and the Beagle Ball on the Saturday night were extra attractions, as well as being valuable fund-raisers.

The Fair Committee would like to thank all those who so generously gave their time and money to make this a success.

LECTURES

The first lecture of the term, given on October 8th by Pastor Pokorny, took the form of a violent tirade against Nazism. The subject of the lecture 'Nazism, Communism and Christianity' was swiftly dismissed in favour of a strongly worded condemnation of the Nazi ideology and cause with which the Pastor had been closely connected before his conversion to Christianity. Descriptions of mass indoctrination and of the wild fervour of the youth movements of Nazi communion were delivered with the force of personal experience. If the lecture painted the picture in tones which were perhaps too dark it certainly succeeded in keeping the normally passive audience interested.

Mr. Max Grossman of the American Embassy arrived on October 20th loaded with lavish pamphlets on American History, American Literature, and the situation

in Vietnam, a generous gift from his country to Stowe. His address on education clearly established the divergences between American education and our own, making, en passant, interesting comparisons between the relative standard of education, the ease of university entrance and the methods of teaching in both countries. Humorous and well-informed, Mr. Grossman gave a successful lecture.

The complex political scene of to-day was little clarified by Mr. A. C. Wilson's address on November 29th. An anecdote about an aircraft and its passengers, after which someone was heard to murmur 'So much for humour', was followed by a long and factual account of treaties and counter-treaties leading to the present NATO agreement. The majority of Stoics emerged knowing little more about contemporary politics but having been amused by the spectacle of a prefect attempting without success to close the banging window-shutters.

A lot of us had been persuaded that Colin James was a very good lecturer and his actual lecture on December 3rd did nothing to dim this image. Although his title 'Broadcasting' may not have been very inspiring, a very valuable and often highly amusing lecture was heard. He brought his subject to life with constant references to his 'noble successor' and many witty stories. His very genial countenance and friendly voice coupled with an interesting account of the B.B.C. and why 'Steptoe and Son' was of more intellectual interest than 'Emergency Ward 10' all amounted to a very worthwhile lecture.

L.C.J.W.

THE LIBRARY

The Library was refurnished at the end of the Summer holidays. The new furniture was designed to provide both greater privacy and comfort and adequate lighting for the reader without at the same time destroying the unity of the room. Despite some gloomy prognostications a successful compromise has been achieved. The furniture is handsome and comfortable and the strip-lighting both over the shelves and over the divided tables has enormously improved working conditions.

As a direct consequence the use of the Library has increased beyond all the most optimistic expectations. Once again, too, the number of books borrowed has grown, almost 3,000 books having been taken out by some 320 boys. This is a fifty-per-cent increase on previous terms.

Over a hundred books have been added to the shelves, including replacements. We are very grateful to the generous donors who made the following presentations:—

The Work of Charles Bridgman and Some Notes of the Work of Bridgman at Stowe, both by Peter Willis (presented by the Author); *The House of Elrig* by Gavin Maxwell (© 1930), (presented by the Author); *Nepal and the Gurkhas* (presented by Major-General W. R. Cox, C.B., D.S.O.); *Contemporary American Poetry*, edited by Howard Nemerov, (presented by Mr. Max R. Grossman, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy); *Roxburgh of Stowe* by Noel Annan, (presented by the Stowe Book Shop); *An Album of Photographs taken on the occasion of the visit to Stowe of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother*, (presented by M. J. Mounsey, Esq.); and *The Odes of Horace in English Verse* by F. W. Wallace (presented by the Author).

The Prefect of Library was N. J. L. Martin (W) and his Library Monitors were J. N. Dixey (B), S. C. Wills (T), T. Basset (G), D. R. Rubin (C), N. I. A. Bartholomew (C), G. N. Crass (C), M. A. Burton (S), I. F. Buchanan (W). They are to be congratulated on being a outstandingly helpful and efficient team.

We should like, finally, to thank Mr. Oliver and his electricians for the hard work against time which they put in to install the lighting for the beginning of term.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This term has been the most encouraging one ever. Tremendous strides have been taken, new fields opened and new contacts made; more and more people are becoming aware of the importance of this "Service," illustrated by the fact that now seventy people are participating, many of them regularly, against about twenty this time last year.

An increasing link-up with the "Toc H" organization of Buckingham culminated this term in a group of us being invited to dine at the Bucks Toc H annual dinner at Wolverton. Although we had the somewhat breath-taking task of listening to eight speeches in one evening, it was very successful.

Interior decorating has been added to our activities and Redfields Old People's Home, together with the Toc H centre in Buckingham, are in the process of a face-lift at the hands of a select band of Stoics. We have spread our wings as far as Winslow and a lot of gardening has been done there. Winslow Hospital has been visited regularly. A considerable amount of gardening has been done for old people in Buckingham and we are hoping to help Toc H organise the Annual Over 60's Christmas Dinner, together with delivering firewood in and around Buckingham.

Over all this has been a successful term; the future is bright and there is still plenty of work to be done.

THE STOWE PRESS

With increasing competence and experience on the part of members the Press is now getting firmly into its stride and this term has produced a wide range of printing requirements. Our main undertaking has been the production of 'Rostrum'. It is no mean task to print a magazine when all the type has to be set by hand, and a lot of hard work has been put in by all concerned. The result is not perfect, but it has given much useful experience.

In addition to 'Rostrum' we have produced cards for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, programmes for the school concert, tickets for the Carol Service, and several other requirements for Houses and individuals.

Membership is necessarily limited because of the size of the printing room and the number of people who can occupy it at any time, but we have a nucleus of regular members who are to be found there most days and many more who appear on Monday afternoons and on one other evening during the week.

Next term we hope to learn about four-colour printing with the help of Mr. Bishop, the Heidelberg representative, and to produce more work for private individuals at Stowe as well as increasing our production of school stationery.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

The Club has had three meetings this term. At the first N. J. Beer and I. W. McDowell gave a most interesting joint paper on 'Satire.'

At the second meeting A. P. Sainer gave a paper on 'Greek and Roman Poetry of Love.' This long paper contained many interesting extracts from ancient writers.

Two guests were invited to the last meeting to discuss 'Utilitarianism.' Mr. A. M. Quinton (T 1942), Fellow of New College, Oxford, and a former member of the XII Club, defended Utilitarianism, and Mr. J. R. Bambrough, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, opposed him. This meeting proved an immense success.

At the beginning of term the following new members joined:—N. M. Maclaren, G. C. S. Gates, K. D. Frazer, J. R. Raish, R. E. Lloyd Morgan. B. Gray and W. A. Daniel were elected as permanent guests at the first meeting of term.

T.B.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

After a lapse of two years a number of interested people have now re-started the School Debating Society.

The inaugural meeting was held on November 7th in the Aurelian Room. J. A. Fingleton proposed "That this House wishes to disown its generation." He was seconded by R. B. Swanston and opposed by D. G. Jones, seconded by G. C. S. Gates. The argument was strong on both sides and after much discussion on the floor of the house the motion was defeated by 35 votes to 20.

In the second debate R. A. Rayner proposed "That the individual is more important than the community." J. N. Dixey seconded the proposition and it was opposed by J. L. Seccombe and D. M. Cohen. A wide range of subjects was covered under pretence of the motion, which was narrowly defeated.

In the future we hope to debate a wide variety of topics and to include outside speakers and debates with other schools. In the past this society has provided for people of widely differing interests and we hope it will get the general support of the Upper School on which its success largely depends.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had three meetings this term. At the first R. G. Burwood-Taylor gave a paper on 'The Geographical Background of Greece and Italy and how it affected their histories.' At the second meeting the Chaplain gave a talk on the holiday he had had in Greece. He showed some fine slides, which he had taken while he was out there. At the third A. P. Sainer gave a repeat performance of the paper he had given earlier on in the term to the XII Club.

M. J. Avory, A. M. Thomlinson, N. C. Ollivant, C. R. F. Kremer, and C. L. K. Graham joined the Society this term.

T.B.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

It was intended to have two lectures this term; unfortunately the first by Dr. A. Watterson, of St. Thomas's Hospital, on "Microscopic Viruses" had to be postponed until May because of the fog. The second, on November 18th, by Dr. C. F. Cullis (W 1941) on "The Physics and Chemistry of Cigarette Smoking" attracted an astonishingly large audience. He described in great detail the statistical and medical evidence of the dangers of smoking, producing a number of alarming and amusing facts in support of his argument. For example, the average length of a cigarette end in the U.S.A. is half as much again as the length of cigarette ends in this country. It is hoped that Dr. Cullis convinced some of his audience that smoking is a dangerous pastime.

There have been seven film shows this term, at which twenty films were shown, on subjects as diverse as nuclear accelerators and insect pests. It is a pity that the attendance at these has been so low.

A party of six boys and two masters visited the Courtauld's works at Coventry on Thursday, December 2nd. The party was taken round the acetate laboratories, where the processes of the manufacture and spinning of cellulose acetate were explained in great detail.

It is proposed to embark on some new ventures in the Science Society. Further details of these will be announced next term.

R.C.P.

THE NUCLEUS

The Nucleus met at the end of the summer term to listen to N. M. Maclaren's paper on paranormal phenomena. The meeting was instructive and fruitful while the results obtained from the society's own experiments were somewhat unexpected.

The Society met on two other occasions. On October 20th, J. Trainin, the newly elected secretary, gave a talk on the somewhat enigmatic subject of stars which vary in brightness, and on November 17th R. C. Peatfield lectured on the poisonous group of substances known as 'alkaloids.' The meetings were interesting and well attended, while the standard of papers submitted was exceptionally high.

Several new members were elected to recoup on losses incurred.

J.T.

THE MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club held its only meeting on Wednesday, December 8th, in Mr. Watson's room. Mr. Courtnell gave an excellent and provocative talk on "Jazz," introducing many members for the first time to this idiom. He spoke on the origins of what Red Nicholls named "Jazz" and went on to explain the importance of early Brubeck, dismissing his later commercial work as irrelevant. A few members will be leaving at the end of this term, but it is hoped that the Music Club soon may open its doors to younger members of the school.

R.B.S.

THE SEDIMENTARIANS

The Sedimentarians this term have come briskly out of hibernation and held two discussions and an invasion of Tudor Hall. In the first discussion, M. P. J. Fielding's attempt to persuade us that life in a cave was worth it gave way before M. C. Farquharson's portrayal of life in the eighteenth century. At the second meeting, C. R. Dimpfl led a discussion on some aspects of the need for civilisation. The highlight of the term was a visit, in assorted attire, to the ladies of Tudor Hall, where some of us deplored the decline in social standards, whilst others preferred to be with it.

C.R.D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

After a lapse of over a year, the Lower Sixth Society 'Symposium' met once more in the Societies' Room under the Presidency of Mr. B. S. Stephan. The Society was ably addressed by P. E. Levy, who gave a lively and interesting paper on dreams. He explained the theories of Freud, Jung and Hall concerning the mind, and discussed their interpretations of various symbols occurring in dreams, which, he said, were usually of an energetic or deeply emotional nature. The Society came to the conclusion that Freud's theories were not strictly correct, since many dreams are not the result of emotional or physical stress, but rather the noting down in the subconscious of any rather bizarre or striking sequences of events, which become strangely distorted in the dream. Other subjects of discussion included the use of hypnotism to penetrate the subconscious, which can sometimes produce strange results. Many interesting stories were told by various members concerning strange powers of the mind possessed by some, and this led to a discussion on extra-sensory perception. The meeting was on the whole stimulating, extending to a wide range of topics, and we all look forward to our next discussion.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Thanks mainly to the work of R. A. Kreitman and Mr. Ridge the darkroom was finished very early in the term. Although the equipment is not in very good condition a lot of people have learnt how to use it and have had much pleasure in learning the hobby of photography.

Mr. Ridge has taken over as master in charge of the society, together with three boys, C. V. A. Bailey, T. Reid and R. A. Kreitman, and we have succeeded in getting the Society back on its feet. A year ago it was virtually extinct, only appearing in the summer to stage the photographic competition, for at that time there was no dark room and there seemed to be no hope of getting one. Now we have got the dark room and we plan to have some sort of competition or exhibition every term.

We will be having a competition next term; entrants should submit four prints on as varied subjects as possible. To make things as fair as possible all prints will have to be either 10 x 8 or whole plate or smaller. The judges will look for originality and versatility in preference to technical competence, although this will be taken into account. NOW is the time to get out and take photographs for it. In other terms the competitions will be biased in favour of some other form of photography; the usual exhibition will be retained in the summer. In future Christmas terms it will probably have something to do with colour slides.

T.R.

C.V.A.B.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

The Club was more active this term than it has been for some time. There was an extremely good attendance at the first meeting and many of these people attended the weekly meetings on Sundays, some being put in the school team.

The matches did not prove to be very successful; those against the Masters, St. Edward's and Mrs. Barr's team were all lost. We hope for better results next term with a fuller programme.

The team included P. G. Austin, D. F. Hill, R. J. Cooper, C. R. F. Kremer, P. E. Bartholomew, N. P. Thomas, R. A. S. Osband, and A. J. V. Doherty.

P.G.A.

FOLK SING

Again this term the paucity of singers has been emphasized by the fact that when two regular players were unable to attend it was found impossible to hold a meeting. This term, therefore, there has been only one meeting, which was a success and everyone enjoyed it.

Next term there will be only one of this term's singers left and he cannot be expected to hold an informal meeting by himself. Unless some of the younger members, who profess great eagerness to learn, break forth into song however bad, the club will fall very sharply into oblivion. A year ago it was warned that this might happen and no heed has been taken. Younger members cannot complain of lack of encouragement but rather of determination; yet it is not difficult to learn to sing and accompany with a guitar. Perhaps any new talent will direct itself to learning other 'folk' instruments besides the guitar.

Once more thanks are due to Mr. Kirk for his excellent songs and to Mr. Latham for the refreshments he supplied.

C.N.H.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

One hundred! At last the membership of the Gramophone Society has reached—and indeed just managed to surpass—this milestone. With a total of one hundred and three members, this is in all respects quite a feat. Indeed, this achievement was reached even with a slight rise in subscription—the first for eight years. Of course, at the same time as congratulating ourselves, and all the House Music Representatives, upon this pleasing record, we can only hope that this progress will be maintained.

During the term the Society obtained and had framed a print of a Music Room Scene, by Vermeer, which is to be hung in the Gramophone Room as soon as conditions make it possible, and which should liven up an otherwise somewhat bare room. We are also still pressing the School to provide us with two respectable arm-chairs—although progress in this quarter is slow.

We are greatly indebted to J. G. Doggart (C 1965) for giving us an excellent recording of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, conducted by Isidore Godfrey. A kind gesture, and one which we would never refuse! Since twenty-three works were added to the Library during the Summer Term, our resources are temporarily (we hope) somewhat drained. Thus little has been added this term. Three records of the works of Chopin are to be added early in January,

together with Verdi's 'Rigoletto'—as soon as the 'A' Level Music Class has heard enough of it.

There is, however, one unfortunate tale which mars our good progress—the fact that all too often good records 'disappear' from our collection, never to be seen again. We have recently lost both the Verdi Requiem and Britten's War Requiem in this manner. In recent years, it has become the custom for the Gramophone Room to be left open at all times, for members' constant use, but if these occurrences recur, it will be unhappily necessary to lock the room, except for set times of borrowing—which I am sure no one wishes. Thus let us simply hope that these practices cease forthwith.

There is every chance that we should continue to flourish as one of the apparently more important Societies in the School, and that our good progress should be maintained in the New Year.

J.A.F.

THE FILM SOCIETY

During the term the Film Society has presented "The General" with Buster Keaton, a most enjoyable silent comedy; "The Face", directed by Ingmar Bergman, which was a complex period piece on the theme of reality; "La Guerre des Boutons", a French comedy about schoolboys; and Clouzot's essay in suspense "The Wages of Fear".

T.D.

THE SCOUTS

BOY SCOUT TROOP

This term has seen the formation of the Boy Scout troop, which new boys will be able to join as an alternative to pre-corps training.

We have started with fifteen new boys. A few have been scouts before and are able to continue their training, whilst the remainder have been working at Tenderfoot and Second Class tests this term. We threw them in at the deep end with a week-end camp at the beginning of term and they began to learn some of the difficulties and pleasures of coping for themselves under canvas and with a wood fire.

It is hoped in the future to have another scoutmaster to look after this troop. In the interim period Robin Dunipace has done excellent work in organising this term's programme.

SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

Our numbers have greatly increased this term and we now have four patrols of seven each. In the early part of the term we managed to do some field exercises and have done some further work on the headquarters building, which should be in full use next term.

The new senior scouts have been working away at preliminary tests ready for their investiture next term, and we have eight candidates completing their first-class tests now after a year in the troop. The path to Queen's Scout should now be the objective of every senior scout and we hope to be producing three or four of these in the next year.

The troop has acquired an old Ford station wagon (with new engine) which we hope will be suitable for use on week-end camps and for some elementary driving instruction and maintenance for the older seniors.

Now we look forward to steady preparation for a summer camp in the Lake District.

C.C.F.

Annual Camp for the Army Section was at Fremington, North Devon. Training was done on Exmoor for the first half of the camp followed by a forty-eight-hour exercise on Dartmoor culminating in an all-night march. In addition to this each cadet fired a course on the open range and visited the Amphibious Warfare Centre at Instow. Here they were shown waterproofed lorries and tanks in action and taken over the water in a D.U.K.W. In their free time the cadets were able to sail from Instow or visit Barnstaple.

The R.A.F. Section had seventeen cadets in camp at Thorney Island. The weather was not as kind as it could have been but they were heartened by seeing H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, who passed through the station after their unrehearsed disembarkation from the Hovercraft that had brought them from the Isle of Wight.

Also during August and September some nine or ten cadets attended continuous gliding courses for their B.G.A. 'A' and 'B' licences and during this term four or five of those who qualified have been flying regularly with the Windrushes at R.A.F. Bicester. We are grateful to the Club and especially to Flight-Sergeant Gough, the Chief Instructor, for making this possible.

R. N. Cadets visited H.M.S. *Excellent* and three cruised to France in H.M.S. *Torquay*.

There is no doubt however that the highlight of the camping season was the obtaining of a Queen's Medal at the Nijmegen 100-mile marches. The team is to be congratulated on a splendid performance.

Field Day, November 3rd, saw cadets everywhere and taking part in a number of varied activities. The R.N. Section had cadets at Portsmouth, with the Royal Marines at Eastney and at sea in a Motor Fishing Vessel from Command Seamanship School. Blackpit Farm had a visit from the Recruits; the Army Section had a shoot at Otmoor, a visit to 16 Bn. R.A.O.C. at Bicester, cadets spending the night doing a compass march scheme in Oxfordshire and weapon-training at Arcott. The R.A.F. Section moved around the countryside on their feet and exercised themselves in a military fashion at intervals.

Most cadets seemed to enjoy themselves but the day was full of contrasts, and it is sad to relate that the number of "column dodgers" is not declining. We still have

that soft core of weaker brethren who boast they "got round the Doctor" and were medical and had a better time at school doing nothing.

The Corps were represented at the Remembrance Sunday Parade at Buckingham by Major R. C. Rawcliffe, the R.S.M., and twenty cadets.

Examination Results :—(R.N. Section) Proficiency : 11 passed, 25 failed.
(Army Section) Proficiency : 24 passed, 4 failed.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term :—

Appointed *Senior Under-Officer* : U.O. C. N. Hershman (B).

Appointed *Under-Officer* : Sgt. P. E. Williams (G).

Promoted to *C.S.M.* : Sgt. R. L. Addleman (G).

Promoted to *Sergeant* : Cpls. H. D. Breese (C), M. P. J. Fielding (G), J. Greenwood (G), R. E. Lloyd Morgan (T), A. C. Wolfe (G).

Promoted to *Corporal* : L/Cpls. I. F. Buchanan (W), B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B), N. G. Rossi (C), S. C. Wills (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporals* : Cdts. J. A. Bath (W), R. J. K. Cooke (C), H. J. H. Durey (C), M. R. Edwards (C), J. J. Forbes (C), M. I. H. B. Forde (W), T. W. Horrell (G), N. R. Kreitman (C), D. M. McCarthy (G), F. C. St. J. Miskin (G), N. J. S. Murray (C), G. M. Schicht (C), A. H. D. Thwaites (B).

R.N. SECTION.

Appointed *Under-Officer* : Coxswain P. B. Fisher (G).

Promoted *Petty Officer* : Leading Seaman J. P. Agnew (W), Leading Seaman N. J. L. Martin (W).

Promoted to *Leading Seaman* : A.Bs. G. J. B. Burdon (C), R. D. Burwood-Taylor (B).

Promoted to *Acting Leading Seaman* : A.Bs. J. S. Aitken (C), R. E. Flanagan (G), D. F. Hill (B), M. G. M. McIntyre (C), C. C. G. Sharp (W), C. N. Weston (C).

R.E. SECTION.

Promoted to *Corporal* : L/Cpls. C. N. O. Capper (C), P. J. S. Gray (T), W. S. Johnstone (W), D. H. I. Silver (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. D. R. Gale (C), T. J. George (C), C. J. Goldingham (C), C. J. G. Henniker-Major (C), H. R. Thornley (W), M. M. Tickler (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cdts. M. E. T. Davies (C), T. D. Everett (G).

R.A.F. SECTION.

Promoted to *Sergeant* : Cpls. N. M. Maclaren (C), M. E. Robinson (W), M. T. Weston (C).

Promoted to *Sergeant* : Junior Cpl. G. M. Sturges (G).

Appointed *Junior Corporals* : Cdts. M. E. Allan (C), A. J. Bolton (C), G. R. I. Feldman (C), D. G. Jones (G), D. A. Lawson (C), J. P. Maclaren (C), M. Marcel (C), B. L. J. Murray (C), A. R. J. Nicholl (B), R. B. Paris (C).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

In a season which initially seemed to hold definite promise the side never realised its potential. Unexpectedly it was not the pack which presented the problems, once it had settled down, but the backs who disappointed—to a certain extent to be accounted for by a lack of experience and confidence at half-back. A narrow defeat by Bedford by the odd penalty goal in three was followed by two decisive defeats by a good St. Edward's side and by Rugby; a victory over Radley and a well merited draw at Oundle restored confidence only for it to be shattered by unhappy defeats at the hands of Cheltenham and The Leys, in both of which we had more than enough of the game to win, and our draw with Durham was very much a moral victory. Of our five non-school fixtures we lost only one, and that by one point; in this fact can be found at least a part of the explanation for our disappointing form—under the pressure of a school game the team, especially half-backs and three-quarters, failed to respond sufficiently and the cutting edge was missing; one consistently felt that we played only as well as we were allowed to play.

However, in a season frustrating from the point of view of results, morale remained remarkably high, and much of the credit for this must go to Goodchild whose highly competent and enterprising play always inspired confidence in those in front of him, even when a nagging injury limited his effectiveness in the later matches; he certainly earned his selection as a reserve for the English Public Schools XV. None of the three-quarters found their best form: Vane and Agnew were never decisive enough—though Agnew used his speed to make occasional good runs—and this produced a lack of confidence in the wings, Burdon and Matthews, who defended stoutly but were hardly ever given the ball with room to move in. Edwards settled down to give a steady service at scrum-half but lacked the essential quick kick, and Spackman, moved to fly-half halfway through the term to provide the required link, got flustered too easily although there were glimpses of his true form especially latterly. Led resoundingly by Hershman, the forwards developed into a well-knit pack which was only beaten by St. Edward's; it was built on a solid front row in which Forde showed definite promise as a hooker.

while Raw matured impressively in all aspects of forward play and took the brunt of the line-out jumping. Laird Craig and Higman supplied a wholehearted drive from the second row and Higman also found the energy to show up well in the loose. Basset foraged and covered well but was not really at home on the later very heavy grounds, while the breakaway forwards, Wills and Dunipace, lively in the loose, defended competently but never quite supplied the second stage attack so necessary to breaking a school defence. Although Agnew and Vane kicked four penalties against St. Edward's, we lacked a steady place-kicker and only one try out of six scored in inter-school matches was converted—a vital deficiency.

There will be particular gaps to fill next season and to Goodchild and Hershman, Matthews and Vane, I would append a special tribute for their three years each in the XV.

1st XV Colours were awarded to :—T. Basset (G), M. R. Edwards (C), M. I. H. B. Forde (W), J. P. Raw (S), R. J. B. Dunipace (T), L. M. Higman (T), G. E. Laird Craig (B), S. C. Wills (T), A. J. C. Spackman (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 16th. Lost 3-6.

There were perfect conditions for Stowe's first inter-school match and a very even hard-fought struggle ensued. After early Bedford pressure had been repulsed Stowe began to gain the initiative and took the lead after ten minutes when Agnew kicked a splendid 45-yard penalty goal. Play remained mainly in midfield with neither side gaining any real predominance. Bedford's elusive half-backs always threatened danger but were well marked, while the Stowe pack now began to win a good supply of the ball, and Goodchild repaid with interest any Bedford attempt to gain ground by kicking. Just before half-time Cornish kicked a good penalty for Bedford.

Much of the second half territorially belonged to Stowe; their pack was winning the ball from scrums and line-outs where Raw, Laird Craig and Basset jumped well, but their three-quarters could not make a decisive break against a strong-tackling Bedford defence which covered splendidly. Only Agnew's high diagonal kicks gave much hope, although once or twice swift handling of the ball did give momentary chances. Stowe had two attempts with penalty kicks which failed, but Cornish again kicked one for Bedford to give them the decisive score. The game continued in the same pattern to the end with the Stowe pack generally superior but their outsides unable to find a way through.

Team :—R. N. Goodchild (C); A. J. C. Spackman (C), C. J. T. Vane (C), G. J. Burdon (C), J. W. Matthews (C); J. P. Agnew (W), M. R. Edwards (C); J. P. Raw (S), M. I. H. B. Forde (W), C. N. Hershman (B), G. E. Laird Craig (W), L. M. Higman (T), S. C. Wills (T), T. Basset (G), R. B. J. Dunipace (T).

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 23rd. Lost 12-19.

Stowe had another hard-fought and exciting match. St. Edward's played some impressively good football and were always quicker on the ball. The half-time score was 14-6 to the visitors, both sides having kicked two penalties—Agnew and Vane for Stowe—and St. Edward's also scoring two tries from loose play, one being converted. Already the St. Edward's pack had achieved supremacy in the tight and were depriving the Stowe outsides of much possession. In the second half Stowe closed the gap to 12-14 with two more penalties by Vane and Agnew, but the St. Edward's outsides, well supplied with the ball from set scrums and the loose, proved much livelier and more inventive and the Stowe line came under considerable pressure; after a series of moves had been resolutely blocked the St. Edward's left wing slipped away from a loose maul to score a try which was converted. The few chances Stowe had were never exploited with any decisiveness, although their backs were always handicapped by a slow heel when they got the ball. One feature of the game was the high standard of the place kicking; only two kicks at goal were missed and 22 points were accumulated mostly from lengthy kicks.

Team :—Goodchild; Spackman, Vane, Burdon, Matthews; Agnew, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, Basset, Dunipace.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RUGBY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 30th. Lost 8-19.

For this game Stowe were unfortunate to be without Matthews on the wing, and a complete re-shuffle of the back division was tried with Agnew and Spackman changing places. Stowe had constant difficulty in holding the two strong-running and elusive Rugby wing three-quarters, although we held the initiative for much of the time. Playing with the blustery wind first half Rugby started well; their centre reacted quickly to a long throw over the line-out which rolled between the opposing back lines and put his right wing away for a try which he converted; ten minutes later a quick heel from the loose saw their left wing put clear to the corner. However, the Stowe pack were beginning to play well with an effective shove in the tight and determined loose rucking, while Goodchild was a tower of strength, driving Rugby back repeatedly with sensible kicking. Just before half-time, after considerable pressure, the Stowe pack pushed over for a try, converted by Vane.

Thus Stowe had every chance—only 5-8 down and now with the wind at their backs—but the Rugby outsides stole the game; their left wing slipped away through several tackles and thin cover to score behind the posts. Stowe came back and scored a good try by Spackman after Edwards had broken on the blind side of a set scrum, but in the last 15 minutes first the right wing was put away by quick passing and then the left wing to score two more tries for Rugby. Thus the difference between the sides lay in the ineffective Stowe tackling, for which we paid a high price, and in the impressive running and handling of the Rugby backs; forward certainly the day lay with Stowe and we very nearly had another push-over try in the second half.

Team :—Goodchild; Agnew, Vane, J. N. Dixey (B), Burdon; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, Basset, Dunipace.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

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

Against a Radley side which had taken St. Edward's unbeaten record the week before we were forced to make three changes in the side, including finding a replacement for Goodchild at full-back. The first few minutes were even enough but soon Radley were beginning to get frequent possession from their forwards, and some useful variation in attack stretched the Stowe defence continually. However, it was from a slow pass in the Stowe centre that Radley intercepted and their right wing crossed in the corner; the kick failed. As the first half progressed so the Stowe side improved, although Radley still had more of the game, and it was often Black, substituting at full-back, who drove Radley back with steady touch-finding. Just before half-time Stowe heeled well, Edwards broke on the blind side and Burdon scored in the right corner—too far out for Agnew to convert.

The sides thus turned round all square, and Stowe gaining in confidence had wind and slope in their favour. The quicker heels now came from the Stowe pack who drove well into the loose rucks and won the initiative for their backs; first Agnew broke on the outside to put Matthews over in the corner; then, after a Radley defender had failed to find touch, the ball was switched quickly across the field to give Agnew a clear run for another try; both tries were too far out for the goal points to be added. Stowe continued to hold the initiative because their forwards, effective in the tight, also showed great liveliness all round, well supported by the hustling of the back row and Edwards at scrum-half, who played a very steady game. Towards the end Radley came back into the game but missed two very reasonable chances from penalties, and failed to profit from a centre break. To the end, tactically, Stowe were superior; it was not a highly skilful game but the more determined and better equipped side on the day won.

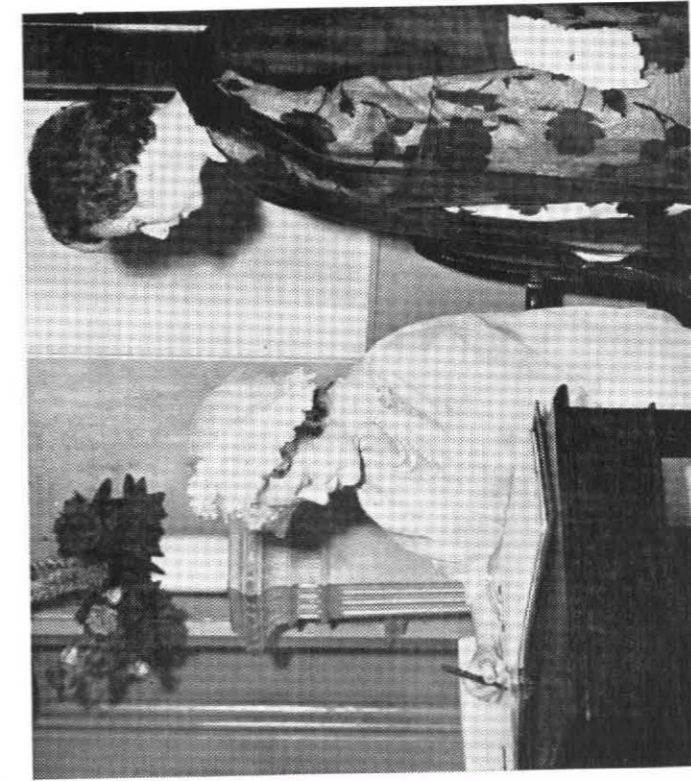
Team:—C. J. R. Black (C); Burdon, Dixey, Agnew, Matthews; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, P. N. J. Durey (C), Basset.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

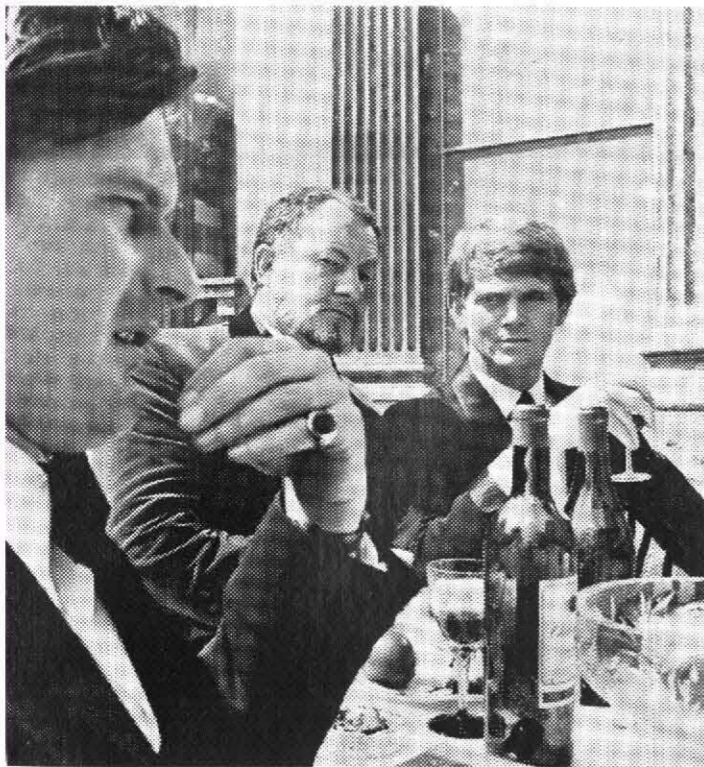
Played at Oundle on Saturday, November 30th. Drawn 0—0.

On the treacherous surface at Oundle, where a foothold was only kept with difficulty, and in a biting easterly wind an inconclusive although always interesting battle was fought out. Both sides had movements worthy of a score but a draw was certainly the right result. Stowe had the advantage of the wind in the first half but could not produce the high kicks which might have discomfited the Oundle defence. After early Oundle pressure had been eased, the Stowe pack settled down to get a good share of the ball from set pieces and to win some good loose heels; ground was gained by Edwards' breaks, well supported by the other backs, and some handling movements were developed by the three-quarters.

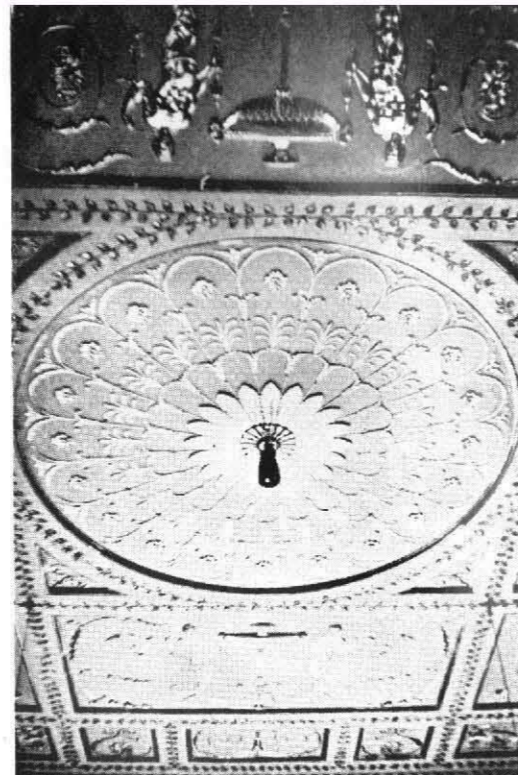
By half-time Stowe had enjoyed some superiority but had not scored and they now had to face the wind. The pack still held their own, but Oundle quickly showed their main gambit—the high kick from fly-half into the 'box,' which but for Goodchild's steady handling might well have brought results. As it was, in the middle of the second half Oundle exerted steady pressure in the Stowe '25', during which Oundle spoilt a scoring movement with a forward pass, missed a penalty kick at goal and forced a succession of five-yard scrums, which Stowe survived only by tenacious marking and tackling. However, Stowe broke away to have their chances—Edwards was almost over the line, Raw was clear, but from a forward pass, and some praiseworthy three-



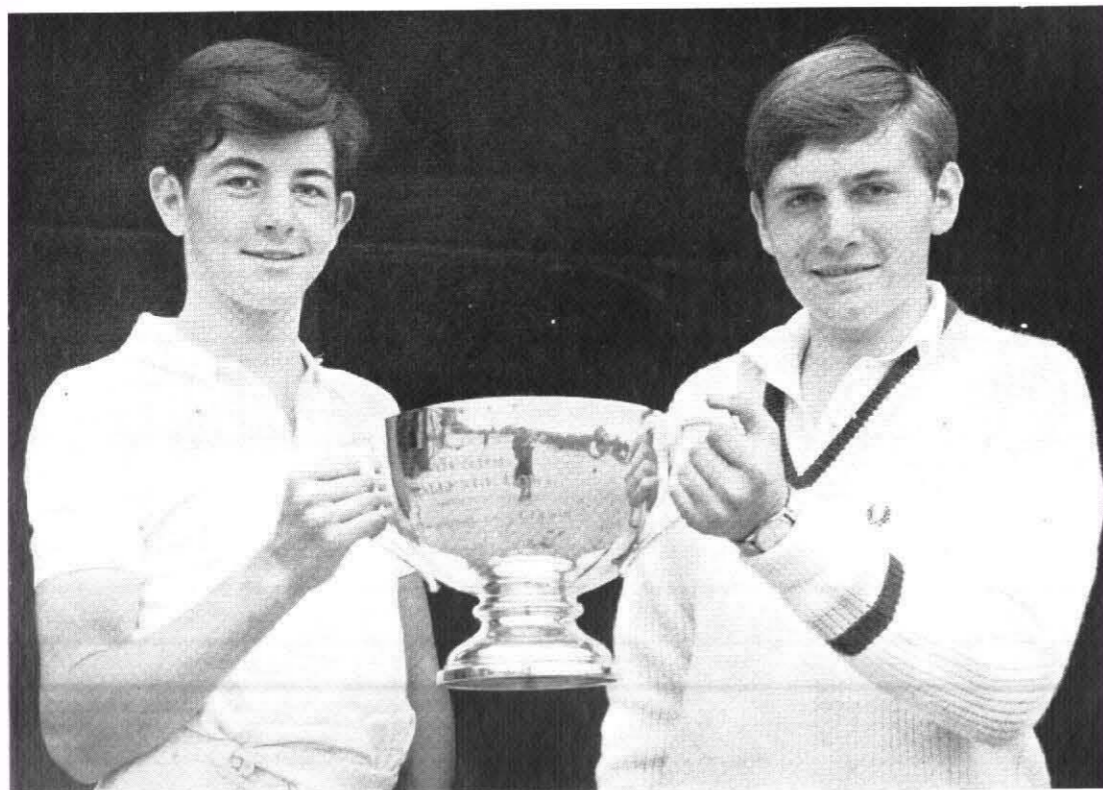
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(See 'Stoica')



The Ceiling of Temple Houseroom
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G. R. BURMAN (W) and S. R. BARNES (G), winners of the Thomas Bowl
for Under-Sixteen Pairs at Wimbledon in July 1965.

quarter movements nearly put Burdon and Matthews away; from a penalty kick on the Oundle '25' the ball proved too heavy for Vane. On the day defence proved too strong—the falling and tackling on both sides were of the highest order and full backs were too competent; the Stowe forwards deserve great praise for holding their own against a good Oundle pack, but the whole side played their part in this creditable performance.

Team:—Goodchild; Burdon, Vane, Agnew, Matthews; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, Basset, Dunipace.

THE SCHOOL v. CHELTENHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 27th. Lost 3—15.

Adaptability and opportunism were the key to success in a game dominated by a strong and bitterly cold wind which made handling in particular extremely difficult, and of these virtues Cheltenham had the greater share. Stowe took the wind first half but Cheltenham seized an early lead when they followed up a penalty kick at goal, forced the ball loose and won the touch-down; this score with the goal points added was probably the crucial one of the game. For much of the first half Stowe held the initiative, well supplied with the ball, especially from the tight where the shove was good, but to little avail. Agnew twice slipped away but the movements were not sustained and Basset crossed the line only to have the try disallowed. Shortly before half-time Stowe pushed the Cheltenham pack over and touched down but with the kick missed Stowe had to turn to face the wind already behind on points.

Cheltenham now applied steady pressure and gained ground continually by putting the ball up in the air and letting the wind do the work. Stowe found it difficult to get the ball away from their '25', even though they were still winning it cleanly much of the time from the pack. Cheltenham's two fast and well-built centres who had threatened danger throughout now showed their ability, but it was from a dropped Stowe pass when Stowe had fought their way into the Cheltenham half that Cheltenham scored, McWhinney hacking on downfield for a try between the posts. Ten minutes later the outside centre Parks crossed after a half-break inside him. Both these tries were converted and Stowe were facing a virtually impossible task in the conditions.

Team:—Goodchild; Burdon, Vane, Agnew, Matthews; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, Basset, Dunipace.

THE SCHOOL v. THE LEYS

Played at The Leys on Saturday, December 4th. Lost 3—11.

The Leys' ground was agreeably dry and firm, which made possible an interesting and open game. Early on they established themselves in the Stowe '25' and after some minutes of pressure kicked a penalty goal for an offside offence in front of the Stowe posts. Already The Leys' centres had shown penetration and thrust and they continued to threaten the Stowe defence, helped by some competent kicking at half-back. However, Stowe worked their way into attack, with good possession of the ball from the tight and loose, although lines-out were even until Vane was able to kick a straightforward penalty to level the scores. Just before half-time The Leys mounted more pressure but Stowe's readiness to fall on the ball and over-eagerness by The Leys saved the situation.

The sides turned round to give Stowe some help from the wind and with good loose heels it seemed that Stowe were well placed to force home their advantage. Yet now,

as so often this season, they flattered to deceive and a stream of clean heels went to waste because there was no tactical direction, no authority apparent in the movement of the backs. Instead it was The Leys who struck; from a set scrum in the Stowe '25' their fly-half cut through to score between the posts and give them an 8—3 lead after five minutes, and twenty minutes later they clinched the result with a competent kick when Stowe were penalised. In the meantime Stowe pressed but never showed any real striking power at half-back or three-quarter, nor was there enough support from the back row in attack. The Stowe pack continued to have the better of it in possession from set pieces, with Forde hooking well against the head, but to no avail—The Leys were quicker to turn a loose ball to good account and their more decisive qualities outside the scrum won the day.

Team :—Goodchild; Burdon, Vane, Agnew, Matthews; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, Basset, Dunipace.

THE SCHOOL v. DURHAM

Played at Stowe on Friday, December 17th. Drawn 3—3.

The School had an extra fixture with the Durham School side who were on tour; unfortunately the game was played during an extremely wet spell and both teams are to be commended for their creditable performance in the mud. Stowe were soon in attack before Durham had settled down, and might well have scored with Forde striking skilfully to give consistent and effective heels. Durham used the wind to force play to the Stowe end and had two penalty kicks at goal, of which the second was successful. Stowe stormed back into attack and Edwards and Spackman fed the three-quarters well; Agnew had a great run from the half-way line which all but brought a score, and then after two successive three-quarter movements had just been held, Stowe heeled again for Vane to drop a fine goal.

The second half saw Stowe with the wind behind them dominate the game—to the extent that only sheer bad luck prevented them achieving a substantial score. Stowe encamped in the Durham half and pressed hard; three attempts at a push-over try were only prevented by the scrum collapsing, two penalty kicks at goal were just wide, Dunipace crossed for a try but the whistle had already blown, and a number of three-quarter movements went near scoring. The Durham tackling and covering were good and Stowe were also disconcerted by an unusual interpretation of the hooking law by the referee which led to a stream of penalties being awarded against us. Durham came back at the end with two dangerous forward rushes, but Stowe must still be wondering what they must do to win a match. Goodchild was in his steadiest form, Vane and Agnew ran purposefully, prompted by their half-backs, while the Stowe pack—with the back row now at its liveliest and Raw jumping well—held the initiative throughout.

Team :—Goodchild; Burdon, Vane, Agnew, Matthews; Spackman, Edwards; Raw, Forde, Hershman, Laird Craig, Higman, Wills, H. J. H. Durey (C), Dunipace.

OTHER MATCHES

Oct. 2nd	v. LONDON SCOTTISH	Lost	8—9
Oct. 5th	v. METROPOLITAN POLICE CADETS	Won	20—12
Oct. 9th	v. OLD STOICS	Drawn	3—3
Nov. 6th	v. RICHMOND	Drawn	6—6
Dec. 11th	v. BLACKHEATH	Won	8—5

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

On the whole this has been a successful season for the 2nd XV. It is an awkward position to be in—constantly supplying replacements for the 1st XV, and inevitably feeling rather "second best." The side has largely overcome this, particularly during matches, if not always during mid-week practices. Team spirit and a real determination to give of their best have been an important and encouraging part of their success.

After two successive captains, Campbell and McConnell, both vital links in the team, had been forced out through injury, P. N. J. Durey led the side with distinction, and he is to be congratulated on welding together an effective pack of forwards, in which the weight of Forbes and Martin, the tireless foraging of Scott-Gall and Anderson and the unflagging covering of H. J. H. Durey all played indispensable roles.

The back division, generalised by Stock and the energetic Taylor at half-back, relied largely upon Black's kicking, Weston's half-breaks and Dixey's advice for its success. At their best, as against Cheltenham, they showed they could run and handle the ball effectively. Dixey occasionally ran powerfully and at the Leys he was largely responsible for the good win the team had there.

The results give a fair indication of the team's performances. Apart from two defeats, one by an excellent Bedford side, the other, perhaps rather against the run of play by a penalty goal, at Oundle, the team proved too strong for most of their opponents.

This is a young team and those who will be here next year could well use their experience to become useful and enthusiastic members of the senior side.

Results:—

v. OLD STOICS	Won	24—3
v. BEDFORD (Away)	Lost	3—6
v. ST. EDWARD'S	Drawn	3—3
v. RUGBY	Won	6—3
v. KETTERING G.S.	Won	9—3
v. WELLINGBOROUGH G.S.	Cancelled	
v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	0—3
v. CHELTENHAM	Won	16—5
v. THE LEYS (Away)	Won	11—3

Team from :—K. G. Buchanan (W), G. R. I. Feldman (C), J. N. Dixey (B), C. J. R. Black (G), M. T. Weston (C), S. A. Stock (W), M. P. Taylor (W), J. T. McConnell (T), P. N. J. Durey (C) (Capt.), N. J. Forwood (G), D. H. R. Dekker (T), J. J. Forbes (C), N. J. L. Martin (W), I. McA. Anderson (T), I. H. Scott-Gall (T), H. J. H. Durey (C), R. A. Campbell (C).

Also played :—J. Miller (C), D. G. St. M. Mills (T), T. A. Clover (C), R. A. Syms (B).

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

This season has been one of particular note for the 3rd for not only have they the best record of any school team, apart from the Colts 2nd team, but they have played with tremendous enthusiasm and vigour throughout the term. Of course it is easier to enjoy one's rugby when winning but much of the credit for the keen spirit and high morale must go to the captain, Baker, and scrum leader, Gray. These two, Baker with his cool direction, and Gray with his drive and ideas, have spurred their team on, even when injuries in senior teams have robbed them of some of their match-winning players. But the whole team must be congratulated on the standard of their play and on their

keenness in practice sessions. They have even been known to do some fitness training after dismissal by the masters concerned.

Although the pack changed slightly from match to match the character of it remained the same. The most memorable qualities have been hard, fast loose scrumming and solid binding or spoiling in the line-outs. Their handling, too, has been well above average. The backs have been well fed and have passed accurately and kept the ball moving. Clover at centre and Edwards at scrum-half have proved elusive runners though occasionally they have defeated their own side's efforts to keep with them. The defence of the three-quarters was weak at the beginning but has improved steadily during the term.

In fact the regular members and the occasional replacements can all be proud of their season's efforts.

Results :—

Sat.,	Oct. 16th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Won	13—3
Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	8—32
Sat.,	Oct. 23rd	v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL (Home)	Lost	6—8
Sat.,	Oct. 30th	v. TOWCESTER G.S. (Home)	Won	13—10
Sat.,	Nov. 13th	v. OXFORD COLTS (Home)	Won	19—6
Sat.,	Nov. 20th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Won	6—3
Sat.,	Nov. 27th	v. BLOXHAM (Home)	Won	20—0

Team :—From M. P. J. Fielding (♣); N. G. Rossi (♣); D. G. St. M. Mills (T); T. A. Clover (♣); C. R. Dimpfl (♣); R. A. Syms (B); A. R. M. Baker (G); S. R. Edwards (W); R. E. Flanagan (♣); C. S. Livermore (W); M. M. Ticker (G); M. J. Ivory (C); M. J. P. Martin (W); P. B. Fisher (♣); J. L. Seccombe (W); P. J. S. Gray (T).

Also played :—R. A. Rayner (♣).

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

The cold figures of this term's results are a poor reflection on the spirit shown by the team during the season. All the players without exception have improved their play considerably. On several occasions they were facing a higher XV from another school, and their final match was a victory over Shiplake Court 1st XV. This was a game played in foul conditions, and the team's ability to handle the ball came in for some praise from the opponent's spectators.

There have been a number of people who might have played in the 4th XV, and it is due to their enthusiasm as much as to that of the team members that this term's rugby has been enjoyed by so many.

Results :—

Sat.,	Oct. 16th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Drawn	0—0
Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	6—15
Sat.,	Oct. 30th	v. M.C.S. BRACKLEY (Home)	Lost	9—17
Sat.,	Nov. 20th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Lost	0—17
Sat.,	Nov. 27th	v. ABINGDON (Home)	Lost	8—11
Sat.,	Dec. 4th	v. SHIPLAKE (Away)	Won	9—6

Team :—B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B); P. J. Elliott (C); M. G. M. McIntyre (C); J. M. Earle (♣), R. A. Stormont (G); A. P. Greig (T); D. Channing Williams (C); T. Reid (B); A. J. Downing (♣), C. C. G. Sharp (W); A. P. A. McDonagh (♣), P. D. Walker (C); J. G. Bibra (C); D. A. Lawson (C); J. R. McDonald (C).

Also played :—M. D. Beaumont (T).

THE COLTS

Results which include only two wins in seven matches can scarcely add up to a vintage season, but the form of the Club this term, like the weather, has been rather variable. We have had more than our fair share of incapacitating injuries, and the fact that Napier, the Captain, was missing for the first seven weeks had far-reaching effects on the morale of the team and on the pattern of play, which had to be modified in his absence.

This having been said, it is still puzzling to see how a Club which played so wholeheartedly with such enthusiasm and purpose in its practice games could fail to notch more wins. The scoring potential was certainly blunted by injuries to Ashcroft and Garnier as well as to Napier earlier in the term, but too often in matches the team seemed content to play the game of the opposition and not to assert its own pattern, and the two drawn games and the two defeats are the price we paid for our inhibitions.

Members of the Club did not seem to have grown appreciably heavier or bigger since last season and at first it seemed the pack would have to rely on mobility rather than strength to win the ball. However, as the season progressed the forwards became moulded into a very effective scrummaging force and won a lot of 'good ball' in the set pieces—this was as well, for the mobility of the pack as a whole was limited and in particular the back row, lacking nothing in courage and determination, did lack speed.

Outstanding among the forwards were Heaslop, a tower of strength in the tight and line-out, and Lugg, the hooker, who, from being a reluctantly converted wing forward at the start of the season, became not only a very good striker of the ball but also the best loose forward and most improved player in the team. Barnes led the pack quietly and without fuss, and everyone played hard and never let the side down.

Outside the scrum our strength lay in the halves and in Burman the Vice-Captain and full-back. The latter scarcely put a foot wrong all season and proved a morale-boosting last line of defence. Bullock, standing in during Napier's absence as fly half, was never happy in that position, but played superbly in his rightful place when his partner returned. He had to suffer quite a battering on the heavy ground at the end of the season, when he showed courage and great natural ability. Napier is a footballer of great potential, who as well as initiating most of the attacking moves on the field was also a magnificent cover-tackler. He should go far in the game and, if he can improve his tactical kicking, he will go very far indeed.

All the remaining three-quarters had their good days but seemed too hesitant and lacking in confidence to do themselves justice. However, Ashcroft and Lownes, in particular, should challenge strongly for higher honours.

As to the matches themselves, the two wins were clear-cut and the two draws were a fair result on the day. Of the defeats, the matches against Rugby and Bedford—despite the score—need never have been lost, but at Cheltenham we went down to a very good team who played constructive rugby with commendable purpose.

A word of praise too must be given for the second team who won on each of their outings and whose devotion to duty and enthusiasm did much to make the practices so valuable and enjoyable.

Results :—

Sat.,	Oct. 16th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Lost	0—22
Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Drawn	9—9
Sat.,	Oct. 30th	v. RUGBY (Away)	Lost	3—12
Sat.,	Nov. 13th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Drawn	3—3
Sat.,	Nov. 20th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Won	6—0
Sat.,	Nov. 27th	v. CHELTENHAM (Away)	Lost	0—16
Sat.,	Dec. 4th	v. THE LEYS (Home)	Won	9—6

2ND TEAM

Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Won	9—6
Sat.,	Nov. 13th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Won	13—3
Sat.,	Nov. 27th	v. CHELTENHAM (Away)	Won	9—8

Team :—G. R. Burman (W); V. A. Lownes (G), L. M. Dweck (S), C. C. Ashcroft (C), S. C. Garnier (T); J. M. S. Napier (C), P. C. Bullock (B); J. A. C. Heaslop (W), D. G. Lugg (W), D. R. Gale (C), S. R. Barnes (G), D. C. B. Lake (S), W. G. Cheyne (C), T. P. Randsley (W), S. B. Penfold (B).

Also played :—R. A. J. Bennett (G); R. A. Lamping (C); J. P. Withinshaw (S).

Colts Stockings were awarded to :—Napier, Burman, Bullock, Heaslop and Lugg.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

To have ended the season with such success would have seemed unthinkable in October. In the earlier stages the side found it difficult to think in terms of winning, and though there were patches of good play, these were wrecked by moments of sheer folly and periods of wilting lethargy. Paradoxically the 2nd XV has been the strongest and most enthusiastic for years and thoroughly deserved its victories over St. Edward's and Radley. Both to them and to the team itself belongs much credit for the gradual but steady growth of spirit and cohesion which has characterised the last weeks.

Both Bedford and St. Edward's had strong sides and in both matches, though Stowe held their opponents for periods, all the thrust came from the other team, who took advantage of our generous defensive gaps. Oakham's weakish team, playing for most of the game without its captain, should have been beaten more decisively, and though morale was higher against Rugby silly defensive blunders cost us the match.

Against Radley things began to look different. With fourteen men the Stowe side took on new life and more than held its own, but the match had already been lost when an early six-point lead had been allowed to slip away. Oundle came on a fearful day of rain and received a lesson in how to use the conditions. Bloxham could not cope with the new-found confidence, and The Leys, who played a very spirited game, went down to another good performance.

It has taken time for this side to knit together—indeed only four players have kept in their original positions. Amongst the latter von Bergen was a tower of strength, not only in the pack but also as an increasingly good captain. The forwards finally became a well-drilled and hard-working unit, of which Balmer, Jenkins, and the former centre, Simpson, were the outstanding players. The main striking force was at wing, where Ormrod's elusiveness and Arbuthnot's speed served us well. Curiously enough the three-quarter line worked best in wet conditions with intelligent kicking above all from Atkin-Berry. Nicholl's move to full-back was an unqualified success and Thynne,

who replaced him at scrum-half, shows increasing promise and great courage. This is now a side which could go on to do well as Colts, though one urgent need is a place-kicker.

Results :—

Sat.,	Oct. 16th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Lost	0—19
Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	0—22
Tues.,	Oct. 26th	v. OAKHAM (Home)	Won	11—5
Sat.,	Oct. 30th	v. RUGBY (Away)	Lost	0—16
Sat.,	Nov. 13th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Lost	9—13
Sat.,	Nov. 20th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Won	9—0
Sat.,	Nov. 27th	v. BLOXHAM (Home)	Won	32—0
Sat.,	Dec. 4th	v. THE LEYS (Home)	Won	6—0

Team from :—M. T. von Bergen (C) (Capt.), R. E. T. Nicholl (B), P. G. Arbuthnot (C), R. W. Heyman (T), R. D. M. Atkin-Berry (C), H. B. J. Ormrod (C), M. W. Whitton (B), R. G. G. Thynne (C), J. P. W. Yerburch (B), S. W. Balmer (C), C. P. Follett (C), E. P. Lycett Green (T), I. A. R. Jenkins (B), J. H. Dalrymple-White (S), A. M. A. Simpson (W), R. H. B. Stephens (T).

Also played :—S. J. Fafalios (C), P. M. C. Dunipace (T), N. D. Colebrook (T), J. F. A. Dawton (T), J. E. Hood (B), W. R. Peters (C), C. N. Rainer (C).

2ND TEAM

Thurs.,	Oct. 21st	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Won	21—10
Sat.,	Nov. 13th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Won	36—6

UNDER 14 CLUB

A noticeable lack of talent and weight this year has shown itself in the results. With one or two notable exceptions there has been little life in the Club and the most depressing aspect has been the general lack of enthusiasm in Club games. Losses were recorded against St. Edward's, M.C.S. Brackley, Bedford, and Radley, and a draw was achieved in an under-8½-stone match against St. Edward's.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The features of the first round were the effects of the seeding of four Houses, and the drawn-out struggle between Temple and Grafton. It might have been even better if the seeding had placed Chandos and Walpole in different halves of the draw. Yet it was a pity that either side had to win in this particular struggle. In the mud on the Thursday neither side could score, even in the twenty minutes of extra time. The next day saw Grafton score a try in the first half, only to have victory snatched from them two minutes from time.

Bruce beat the seeded Chatham, and Walpole and Chandos proved much too good for Cobham and Grenville.

The semi-finals saw another prolonged struggle, this time between Chandos and Walpole. The sides simply cancelled themselves out. Each move was countered in the very poor weather conditions of both the days. This was, with all due respect to Temple,

the Final before its time. It was tragically ironical that the one mistake of the Walpole captain, Agnew, who had played superbly, resulted in the winning Chandos try.

The Final was played, as each round had been, in rain and mud. Chandos kicked off with the wind, and Vane soon put them ahead with a penalty goal. The play was kept remarkably open, and a break by Channing Williams resulted in a try by Lamping, converted by Vane. Matthews then ran very strongly to round the opposition and score, but Vane's kick hit the post. In the second half Temple were unable to use the wind as effectively as Goodchild had been able to do, and the ground became a quagmire. Spackman scored a final try for Chandos, but Rubin was only finally brought down by Higman just short of the line, after a fine run. Goodchild was thus able most deservedly to end his rugby career at Stowe as Garrett had done last year, as captain of the winning House team.

Chandos	}	Chandos 20—0	}	Chandos 3—0 (after replay and extra time)	}	Chandos 14—0
Grenville						
Walpole	}	Walpole 18—0	}	Chandos 3—0 (after replay and extra time)	}	Chandos 14—0
Cobham						
Temple	}	Temple 9—3 (after replay and extra time)	}	Temple 9—0	}	Chandos 14—0
Grafton						
Chatham	}	Bruce 9—0	}	Temple 9—0	}	Chandos 14—0
Bruce						

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The age limit of 15½ left it impossibly difficult to seed any side with fairness, and it did bring some very close and exciting struggles. In the first round, Bruce showed their clear superiority, Walpole gave Cobham a very good game, and Temple and Grafton imitated their seniors by fighting it out in extra time. Grafton managed to win this game, but they were perhaps unfortunate in losing to Chatham, for whom von Bergen played an excellent game, after leading for most of the time.

The Cobham-Bruce semi-final showed the value of the extra experience of Bullock, and the effectiveness of the Bruce pack, as well as the opportunism of Whitton in intercepting a pass to the fly-half to score. For the losers Atkin-Berry kicked well and How led his pack with determination.

The final was too one-sided to be a great game. Chatham were also hampered by the injury of Wyllie after 15 minutes. Follett, McDonald and Neilson played with courage and skill, but they were up against too powerful a combination. McNeice, Thomas and Mason scored tries, and Bullock converted two of them and scored two more himself.

Teams.—Bruce :—R. E. T. Nicholl ; F. J. Elvins, A. T. McNeice, A. D. W. Mason, C. J. G. Thwaites ; M. W. Whitton, P. C. Bullock (Capt) ; J. P. W. Yerburch, G. Bedas, C. H. D. Earle, J. E. Hood, I. A. R. Jenkins, A. C. Keal, D. A. G. Ireland, N. P. Thomas.

Chatham :—M. M. Wyllie ; C. S. M. St. G. Vane-Tempest, R. N. Preston, J. G. Neilson, D. J. Nelson-Smith ; H. G. A. Robinson, C. A. McDonald ; R. S. Moss, S. P. M. Wright, R. M. Scott, C. P. Follett, S. E. Burrett, A. R. M. Crass, M. T. von Bergen (Capt.), R. B. Bishop.

Walpole	}	Cobham 9—5	}	Bruce 9—0	}	Bruce 21—0
Cobham						
Grenville	}	Bruce 21—0	}	Bruce 9—0	}	Bruce 21—0
Bruce						
Temple	}	Grafton 3—0 (after extra time)	}	Chatham 5—3	}	Bruce 21—0
Grafton						
Chandos	}	Chatham 9—0	}	Chatham 5—3	}	Bruce 21—0
Chatham						

OTHER SPORTS

SQUASH RACKETS

Seniors :—Played 10, Won 5, Lost 5.

Juniors :—Played 2, Won 2.

The standard of squash this term has been average only, though we have had virtually the same team as last Spring. There were fewer really good games than before, and the 'fight' that is needed to win matches seemed to be absent from our players. All members of the team had their good days—C. J. R. Black (G) against University College, Oxford, R. N. Goodchild (C) against the Old Stoics and Mill Hill, C. J. T. Vane (C) against the Escorts, and M. T. Weston (C) against the Old Stoics. But these good games did not come often enough, and at times one got the impression that not enough determination was being put into the game ; too many points were thrown away by hitting the tin ; too often our players were content to be beaten before the last point was played. Last Spring term it was quite a different story, and unless we find some fight and will to win, we will miss Vane and Goodchild more than we need.

Of the Juniors, N. J. Shelley (G) has improved considerably ; the standard of his play is now high. He played regularly for the senior team, and if he continues in the same vein he will become a very good player. N. R. Kreitman (C) and C. J. G. Henniker-Major (C) filled the other two Junior places very competently by winning both their matches.

Wins were recorded against Mill Hill (4-1), The Escorts (3-2), Cheltenham (3-2), Leicester University (5-0), The Royal Latin School (5-0).

We lost to The Jesters (0-5), Eton (1-4), University College, Oxford (2-3), Tring (1-4), The Old Stoics (2-3).

The Juniors beat both Eton and Mill Hill by 3 games to 0.

FIVES

This term the Fives team have been the strongest of all the recent teams. With five old Colours and few matches clashing with Squash matches on the same day we have indeed been lucky, though regrettably we lose four of the colours to the outside world at the end of the term.

A record of five losses and four wins may therefore not seem too successful, but it must be remembered that we have played some very strong clubs, and two of the stronger schools, Harrow and King Edward's, Birmingham. Therefore the results are not too discouraging, and it is well worth noting that the first pair lost only once during the term, and then in five games to Harrow.

R. N. Goodchild (C) and N. H. Burton-Carter (C) have done most creditably as first pair. Their best achievement was to beat the King Edward's first pair. Goodchild is a forceful volleyer and very accurate around the pepper-pot. He must keep up his fives after he leaves here, as must Burton-Carter, who, although troubled by tennis elbow, was useful support to Goodchild with his quick reflexes.

The second pair, P. N. J. Durey (C) and C. J. T. Vane (C) improved through the season, as did the third pair, J. W. Matthews (C) and W. J. Durlacher (W), who provided lighter-hearted entertainment, combined with occasional good play.

With Chandos monopolising senior fives, a league was begun to encourage juniors in other houses to play. This provided keen competition, and the Colts pairs promise well for the future.

Results :—

v. OLD EDWARDIANS (Home)	Lost	1—11
v. OLD WESTMINSTER CITIZENS (Home)	Won	2—1
v. KING EDWARD'S FIVE WAYS (Home)	Won	2—1
v. OLD CHOLMELEIANS (Home)	Won	1—1 (on games)
v. OLD BERKHAMSTEDIANS (Home)	Lost	1—2
v. HARROW (Away)	Lost	1—4
v. KING EDWARD'S, BIRMINGHAM (Away)	Lost	1—2
v. JESTERS (Home)	Lost	0—2
v. Old Stoics (Home)	Won	1—1 (on games)

Winners of Junior Leagues : P. C. Bullock and R. H. J. de C. Moore (B); Runners-up : P. E. Bartholomew and R. A. Lamping (C); Winners of Junior Housematches : Temple beat Bruce (2—0).

As R. N. Goodchild is leaving, P. N. J. Durey has been elected Captain for next term.

BASKET BALL

Thanks to the efforts of the Secretary the club has shown more enterprise in its fixtures this term, taking on more formidable opposition from some of the better sides in the county. Results have therefore been poor but some useful experience gained, especially as we have been somewhat short of true ability and height. We have managed to consolidate our own defence quite adequately, but have not mastered the technique

necessary to make the breaks against a well organised opposition, nor has our shooting for the basket from close in been certain enough. In attack too much has rested on the individual talents of Goodchild and Rapelye in particular, with some support from Vane, Lownes and Edwards.

Results :—

v. THE MASTERS	36—30
v. THE MASTERS	28—37
v. R.G.S. HIGH WYCOMBE (Home)	24—100
v. R.G.S. HIGH WYCOMBE (Away)	19—73
v. THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL (Away)	16—30
v. AYLESBURY G.S. (Home)	40—58
v. THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL (Home)	28—8

Team from :—R. N. Goodchild (C) (Secretary), S. R. Edwards (W), V. A. Lownes (G), A. P. A. McDonagh (G), P. Y. Rapelye (B), S. A. Stock (W), C. J. T. Vane (C),

Also played :—J. P. Agnew (W), J. W. Matthews (C).

SHOOTING

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Long-range activities this term have necessarily been limited by the weather, but we have had practices every Friday afternoon on the school range and on Field Day had a successful day's shooting at Bisley, which will be very useful experience for new members of the Club. Several potentially competent shots have been discovered and we have a total of twenty in the Club, many of whom have competition experience.

A. C. Wolfe (G) has been appointed Captain for the year. R. P. K. Carmichael (W) earned his N.R.A. 'Skilled Shot' badge at Bisley.

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This term the .22 shooting has witnessed a greatly improved standard, but the slightly disappointing results were probably due to the fact that we shot off over thirty matches and in so doing we aimed at too hard a target. The adverse weather conditions did nothing to aid us in our fixtures.

An unusually low score, for us, spoilt our results in the Schools' Small-Bore Rifle match in which we were placed 87th out of about one hundred and fifty schools. In the actual inter-schools matches we only won just over half of our fixtures. The teams were :—

1st VIII.—P. B. Fisher* (G), A. C. Wolfe* (G), T. A. Clover (C), A. I. Nicholson (G), N. G. Rossi (C), A. C. Cooper (G), J. E. T. Trainin (C), T. R. Harris (T).

2nd VIII.—P. D. Walker (C), N. D. Jamieson (G), A. V. Hope (G), R. C. Unwin (C), R. G. Davis (C), P. V. Beazley (B), M. W. Whitton (B), M. E. Allan (C).

* School Colours.

SAILING

A new commodore and secretary were appointed this term, J. S. Aiken (C) and M. D. D. Duckham (W) respectively, the previous holders of these posts having left in July.

Two matches were planned for this term, but Bloxham were unable to raise a team. R.M.N.S. Wokingham were beaten at Stowe on November 27th.

On October 30th-31st a mass turn-out of most members and several non-members was arranged. Five separate races were held on the Saturday, with the finals on Sunday. J. T. Burgess (W) won the non-members' prize, and chose a year's free membership. Aiken won the members' prize.

A second-hand Graduate has been bought, and is being delivered after Christmas. Meanwhile the Club is building a Graduate from scratch in the school workshops. At the time of writing it has just been put "on the floor."

The flagpole was finally raised at the beginning of term, and the bridge has been renovated, otherwise no alterations have been made to the island.

The following sailed against R.M.N.S. Wokingham:—Aiken, M. E. Allan (C), Duckham, M. D. Fischer (C), D. W. Cheyne (C), C. S. Vane-Tempest (C).

THE STOWE BEAGLES

As will be seen in the obituary, the death of Miss Hill, our founder-Secretary, has come as a great and sudden blow. We are indebted to Colonel Pinchbeck for taking over her responsibilities despite his many other School activities.

All fifteen couples of entered hounds are in good condition and have been hunting well together. Owing to a general decrease in the hare population and poor scenting conditions we have had few long hunts. However, an exceptionally good day was had from Warren Farm, Finmere, where Major and Mrs. Temple generously entertained us. Later the meet at Pattishall provided an excellent hunt of ninety minutes in a strong wind. We are only sorry that not all those Stoics who have wanted to beagle were able to because of our shortage of transport. We extend our thanks to the R.M.A. Sandhurst pack for the gift of a hound.

We have the misfortune to lose A. V. A. Turner (B), who has been Master for over two years. He will be handing over to S. M. Moreton (G) at the end of this term.

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