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EDITORIAL

A recent leading article in *The Times* quoted an American source which denounced school magazines as 'boring in their inevitable stereotypicality of regimented subject matter'. To a complete stranger to the school this is bound to be so; the only items likely to be of any interest to an outsider will be the 'contributions', if they have any literary merit, the editorial, if it is a general one, and perhaps the odd photograph. *The Stoic* at present is trying to provide something for everyone connected with Stowe; perhaps this is too wide a brief; perhaps in trying to serve too many different functions it cannot be master of any; perhaps there is too much emphasis on, say, sports reports, and not enough on original creative articles; above all, perhaps too few people care enough about the contents of *The Stoic* to express their opinions to the Editor either verbally or in the form of a letter to the magazine. In any event *The Stoic* cannot exist except as an empty shell without the active interest and constructive criticism of Stowe.

However, it does seem that things are beginning to move. More articles have been submitted this term, a few members of the School have made suggestions for improvement, and a correspondent has put into words something that will in any case be implemented in the near future, namely greater control of, and hence more involvement with *The Stoic* by members of the School.

The circulation of this magazine is in fact fairly wide, and it is not only for the sake of internal interest that we must disprove the theory that, to quote once again *The Times'* leading article: 'A school whose interior monologue is too boring is probably a boring school'. Stowe is most certainly not a boring school, and *The Stoic* should and must be an accurate reflection.

STOICA

School Officials—Autumn Term 1966.

Prefects :—W. P. Durlacher, Head of the School and Head of Walpole ; J. T. McConnell, Second Prefect and Head of Temple ; T. Basset, Head of Grenville ; T. A. Clover, Head of Chatham ; H. J. H. Durey, Head of Chandos ; M. R. Edwards (C), Prefect of Chapel ; G. R. I. Feldman (C), Prefect of Hall ; C. A. Frean, Head of Cobham ; B. A. Marshall-Andrew, Head of Bruce ; C. J. Watkin, Head of Grafton.

Rugby Football :—Captain, S. C. Wills (T) ; Secretary, M. I. H. B. Forde (W).

Squash Rackets :—Captain, N. J. Shelley (G) ; Secretary, P. G. Austin (G).

Fives :—Captain, W. P. Durlacher (W) ; Secretary, A. J. C. Spackman (C).

We record with regret the death on July 30th of Sir Aynsley Bridgeland, a Governor since 1961. Sir Aynsley was a considerable benefactor to Stowe. He provided a capital sum the income from which has already paid for the redecoration and restoration of Bruce, Grenville and Chandos houserooms and will enable others to be improved in the future. The rebuilding of our magnificent Chapel organ was almost entirely due to his generosity.

The following have joined the Staff :—Mr. R. Bottone, Mr. T. James, Mr. D. W. Manley, Mr. C. D. Mullineux (T 1952), Mr. P. J. Parsons, Mr. R. W. Street, and Mr. P. Millward, who has returned after two years teaching at Mkwawa High School, Iringa, Tanzania.

We offer a rather belated welcome to the Rev. H. F. Hodge and Mrs. Hodge. Mr. Hodge, as well as being a member of the Staff, is the Priest in Charge of Stowe Parish. We regret this omission in the July issue of *The Stoic*.

Mr. M. D. Seymour was married to Miss Philippa Davies on September 3rd and Mr. D. G. Lennard to Miss Yvonne Denley on July 30th.

We announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dobinson on October 9th.

The Old Stoic Dinner was held on Friday, November 4th, in the Members' Dining Room of the House of Commons. The speakers were Colonel N. A. C. Croft, D.S.O., (C 1925) and the Headmaster.

The Myles Henry Prize has been awarded to W. G. Cheyne (C) and the School's berth for 1967 on the schooner *Sir Winston Churchill* to J. P. Withinshaw (C).

A conference entitled 'The Challenge of Industry' was held on October 21st and 22nd and was attended by members of the Sixth Form.

The Congreve Club play was *Chips with Everything* by Arnold Wesker and was presented in the Roxburgh Hall on December 9th and 10th.

The School Choral Society and an augmented Orchestra and soloists gave a performance of *Messiah* by Handel in Chapel on December 10th.

Sixth Form Lectures this term were given by Dr. J. D. J. Havard of the British Medical Association on 'Drinking and Smoking'; by David Shepherd (C 1949) on 'An Artist's Travels to Arabia with the R.A.F.'; and by Dr. E. L. Munden, a lecturer at Leeds University.

CHAPEL NOTES

The following have preached in Chapel this term :—on September 25th, the Headmaster ; on October 2nd (Harvest Festival), the Chaplain ; on October 9th, the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool ; on October 16th, the Bishop of Stockport ; on October 23rd, F. G. R. Fisher, Esq., Headmaster of Bryanston School ; on October 30th, the Rev. C. J. Rogers, Rector of Honiley ; on November 6th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl ; on November 13th (Remembrance Sunday), the Rev. E. G. Midgley, Dean of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford ; on November 20th, the Rev. Professor Ian Ramsey, now Bishop of Durham ; on December 4th, the Rev. F. H. Palmer, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge ; and on December 11th, the Rev. H. F. Hodge.

Seventy members of the school were confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham on November 27th, Advent Sunday. The Carol Service is being held on December 18th.

Collections have been given this term to the following charities:— the Turkish Earthquake Fund; Christian Aid; the Liverpool Cathedral Building Fund; the Archbishop of York's 'Feed the Minds' Campaign; the Clergy Orphan Fund; the Church Missionary Society; Guide Dogs for the Blind; the Earl Haig Fund; the Church Army; Dr. Barnardo's Homes; the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital; and the Church of England Children's Society.

UNIVERSITY AWARD

R. E. LLOYD MORGAN (T) has been awarded a Choral Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge.

OLIM ALUMNI

P. T. HAYMAN (G 1933) has been appointed Assistant Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON (T 1929) has been appointed Assistant Director-General of the British Council.

F. N. H. WIDDRINGTON (G 1938) has been appointed High Sheriff of Northumberland for 1966-67.

R. C. H. RUSSELL (G 1939) is Director of Hydraulics Research Station, Ministry of Technology.

G. S. ATKINS (W 1939) is President of the West Surrey Law Society.

O. G. TAYLOR (C 1945) is Head of Production Planning (Sound), B.B.C.

J. R. McDOWELL (G 1930) is Chief Engineer of the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

BRIGADIER D. A. H. TOLER (G 1939) is Commander, 4th Guards Brigade.

LIEUT.-COMMANDER K. A. LOW (C 1949) recently assumed command of *H.M.S. Palliser*, a frigate attached to the Fishery Protection Squadron, and his Gunnery Officer is LIEUT. A. C. GRATTAN-COOPER (W 1961).

C. F. CULLIS (W 1941) has been appointed Professor of Chemistry at City University, London.

R. B. J. GADNEY (G 1959) is a Research Fellow in the Centre for Advanced Visual Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been awarded a scholarship by the Josephine de Karman Trust.

M. V. RYMER (W 1962) gained a First in Modern Studies at Trinity College, Dublin.

W. M. PEACOCK (G 1950) won the Prince of Wales Cup in the International 14 ft. Dinghy Class for the second time. His crew was N. M. J. ELLAM (C 1949), who has twice previously crewed the winning boat.

R. P. PEARCE (G 1963) won the prize for the fastest time and achieved a faultless course in the *Daily Telegraph* 'Golden Horseshoe' competition, a test for horse and rider over sixty miles of rough country in the Pennines.

MAJOR-GENERAL F. A. H. LING, D.S.O., C.B.E. is General Officer Commanding 54 (East Anglian) Division.

J. D. A. LANGLEY has been appointed Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews for a four-year term of office beginning in May 1967.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:—

G. S. ATKINS (W 1939) a daughter on March 21st 1965 and a son on July 14th 1966.

J. V. BARTLETT (T 1945) a son on September 29th 1966.

J. M. G. BEST (T 1927) a daughter on May 6th 1966.

M. L. BOOTH (G 1958) a daughter on February 25th 1966.

M. E. P. CROSS (G 1953) a daughter on July 18th 1965.

P. R. CUTFORTH (G 1952) a son on November 2nd 1966.

C. J. S. DAVIES (T 1951) a son on February 4th 1966.

A. G. V. DOUBLEDAY (C 1961) a son on April 16th 1966.

J. M. FIMISTER (W 1944) a daughter on May 3rd 1966.

K. A. HENDERSON (C 1953) a daughter on August 24th 1965.

T. M. HOBDAV (C 1954) a son on May 10th 1966.

R. T. V. HUNT (W 1957) a son on April 16th 1966.

R. E. C. MARTON (C 1959) a son on September 7th 1966.

R. J. McCAY (C 1956) twin daughters on October 9th 1966.

A. G. MORISON (G 1957) a daughter on August 16th 1966.

D. M. PEARLMAN (W 1953) a daughter on June 14th 1966.

D. H. G. PEPPER (B 1956) a son on July 11th 1966.

T. G. SHEARER (C 1956) a daughter on December 30th 1964.

J. A. SUTTON (T 1957) a son on February 26th 1966.

A. R. WILLIAMS (G 1953) a son on February 4th 1966.

MARRIAGES

G. F. ARBIB (T 1962) to Moya Josephine Bradley on May 16th 1966.

D. C. CAMPBELL (G 1952) to Elizabeth Cooper on April 30th 1966.

R. O. COBHAM (G 1954) to Susan Townsend on April 11th 1966.

P. R. COWDY (T 1957) to Elizabeth Patricia Waring McKee on September 16th 1966.

P. N. W. DUDLEY (W 1958) to Vivien Daphne Cass on October 10th 1964.

R. M. T. EARLAM (W 1956) to Ann Barbara Green on September 17th 1966.

J. M. FIMISTER (W 1944) to Mary Forsyth Stoddart on July 31st 1965.

T. R. FINLOW (B 1957) to Dorothy Purvis on May 7th 1966.

W. P. FOSS (C 1961) to Susan Collin Moore on September 8th 1966 in Nigeria.

J. H. GOODHART (W 1954) to Fiona Bowes-Lyon on January 4th 1966.

- N. A. S. HUGHES (B 1962) to Patricia Gale on May 28th 1966.
 T. M. IRVINE (T 1950) to Anne Beatrix Tynte on May 23rd 1966.
 THE HON. T. A. JOCELYN (B 1960) to Fiona Alice Cairns on November 12th 1966.
 J. M. KNOWLES (T 1954) to Joan Phillips on October 6th 1963.
 J. D. LEAK (T 1961) to Jane Evelyn Thompson on April 23rd 1966.
 P. M. MAHON (B 1961) to Rosamond Ann Warburton Jackson on December 3rd 1966.
 J. H. H. MASSEY STEWART (W 1951) to Penelope Norah Lynex on November 28th 1964.
 A. A. MERCER (C 1956) to Jennifer Ann Spratt on June 13th 1964.
 R. I. MONTGOMERY (W 1955) to Elizabeth Anne Abel on May 1st 1965.
 N. G. MORGAN (W 1957) to Diana Mary Manners on October 22nd 1966.
 A. G. MORISON (G 1957) to Elizabeth Ann Bulow on September 4th 1964.
 D. H. G. J. PEPPER (B 1958) to Alison Pike on July 4th 1964.
 J. P. PHILLIPS (C 1939) to Sally Blackmore on August 12th 1966.
 V. V. POPE (G 1955) to Judy Jennifer Pike on July 2nd 1966.
 G. M. A. SATCHWELL (G 1954) to Jennifer May Morris on July 30th 1966.
 J. H. SEARLE (C 1958) to Penelope Scott-Edeson on October 1st 1966.
 T. G. SHEARER (C 1956) to Felicity Jean Pyke on December 30th 1964.
 I. A. H. SITWELL (B 1963) to Rosemary Ann Hall on July 16th 1966.
 P. H. K. STEVENY (T 1953) to Virginia Margaret Farrer on October 15th 1966.
 A. F. STONE (T 1959) to Helga Maria Schönwiese on August 26th 1966.
 J. A. SUTTON (T 1957) to Dale Stevens on October 24th 1964.
 R. M. TULLOCH (B 1953) to Rosemary Werden Wilson on July 16th 1966.

DEATHS

- C. S. CREED (T 1925) on July 17th 1966.
 Charles Creed, the well-known courturier and founder member of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers, was one of the original ninety-nine Stoics.
 R. C. FARWIG (C 1928) on June 29th 1966.
 A. F. KITSON (C 1927) on August 11th 1966.
 R. J. MELLS (C 1956) on July 18th 1965.

A NEW HISTORY OF STOWE

In the 1930's Mr. Gilling-Lax, then Housemaster of Grenville, undertook to write Stowe's history, drawing together into one volume all he could discover about the family, the house and the gardens; but war came before he could complete his work, and in 1943 he was killed on active service with the R.A.F. He left a typescript draft of his book, now in the school library, which is an invaluable source of information for anyone interested in Stowe's past, and which Mr. Macdonald used for the early chapters of his *Stowe: House and School*. But the book itself was never published, and it would no longer be sensible to bring it out, for so much fresh information has come

to light in the last twenty-five years that many of Mr. Gilling-Lax's conclusions would need to be modified.

Scholarship on both sides of the Atlantic has contributed to this. In America research has concentrated chiefly on the political and social history of the Stowe families, drawing on the enormous collection of papers that were sold in 1921 and are now in the Henry E. Huntington Library in California. English scholars have also covered this ground, but with growing awareness that landscape gardening is one of England's greatest achievements—indeed one of the only two major art-forms invented in England (the other being Perpendicular Gothic)—attention has been focussed on the gardens of the eighteenth century, particularly those of Stowe, which are among the most influential ever to have been laid out. Many people have had a share in this, but appropriately an Old Stoic, Laurence Whistler, has been one of the pioneers: his book, *The Imagination of Vanbrugh and his Fellow Artists*, is of major importance in this field, and successive articles by him in *Country Life* have clarified the phases of Stowe's development.

Landscape gardening has now become a popular subject, and hardly a week goes by without the publication of some new book, often lavishly illustrated. Inevitably many of these are written by less scholarly authors, but it is disturbing to see the same elementary errors about Stowe repeated time after time. The moment has come to attempt again what Mr. Gilling-Lax set out to do thirty years ago, and so it is planned to write a new history of Stowe, from the earliest times to the great sale of 1848, taking account of all recent research. Ultimately this may appear in book form, but at present a series of termly articles is projected for *The Stoic*. The task has been undertaken by Mr. G. B. Clarke and Mr. M. J. Gibbon (G 1929), who have enlisted the help of Mary Edmonds, F.S.A.

They do not expect to write a definitive account. Indeed, it is doubtful if this can ever be done for a place whose history is so complex as Stowe's. But they hope to assemble the known facts in a convenient form, to point out where future research would be useful, and to elicit further information. The series will begin in the March issue of *The Stoic*, and the provisional titles of the articles are printed below.

1. Ancient and Mediaeval Stowe (to 1572)
2. The Early History of the Temple Family (to 1675)
3. Sir Richard Temple's House and Gardens
4. Viscount Cobham's Life and Career to 1717
5. Bridgeman's Garden and Vanbrugh's House
6. Cobham's Later Life; Kent and the Elysian Fields; Gibbs and the Eastern Vista;
7. } the Grecian Valley; Lancelot Brown
8. The Interior of the House to 1750
9. Earl Temple (1) 1749—60; Borra
10. Earl Temple (2) 1760—70; the Remaking of the Landscape
11. Earl Temple (3) 1770—79; the Rebuilding of the House
12. The Interior of Earl Temple's House
13. The First Marquis of Buckingham; Valdré and Soane; the Gothic Library; the Library; the Egyptian Entry, etc.
14. The First and Second Dukes; Queen Victoria's visit; the Great Sale of 1848
15. Guide Books, Family Papers and Documents

MUSIC

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, JULY 10th

EDWARD WALKER (*flute*) VICTOR ROBINSON (*oboe*) JOHN MELVIN (*clarinet*)
 ROBERT FERRY (*basoon*) JAMES DIACK (*horn*) MR. WATSON (*violin*)
 ELIZABETH WATSON (*viola*) MR. EDMONDS (*cello*) FRANCIS BAINES (*bass*)
 MR. PROCTOR (*piano*)

Piano Trio No. 21 in C major (1792) Haydn
 Adagio pastorale—vivace assai; Andante molto; Finale
 (presto)
 Trio for Horn, Violin and Piano, op. 40 (1891) Brahms
 Andante—poco piu animato; Scherzo; Adagio mesto;
 Finale
 Grand Nonett, op. 31 (1813) Spohr
 Allegro; Scherzo; Trios I and II; Adagio; Finale

The Piano Trio that opened the concert has a typical Haydn simplicity and directness. The gentle pastoral introduction leads into a gay dance-like *vivace* followed by an exquisite singing *andante* and a finale full of wit and exuberance: an appetizer for the more serious and emotional Horn Trio by Brahms. This work is full of varying tone-colours and intensities to which each instrument makes a full contribution in its own characteristic way. The horn in particular has a beautiful and deeply moving part especially in the tragic first and third movements, and then changes character completely in the 'hunting' finale.

It now seems traditional to include in the last concert of the school year a work for more than the usual group of instruments and this year Spohr's Nonett was the happy choice. This work deserves more acclaim than it seems to have had; although light-hearted in character it is by no means entirely superficial and there are some interesting experimental harmonies and combinations of tone-colour throughout. There are some dark moments but generally this is a happy work, easy music to listen to and enjoy, and it was obvious from the final applause that this unusual choice had been very much appreciated.

M.A.B.K.

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

PATRICIA CLARK (*Soprano*)
 MR. WIGGINS (*Trumpet*) MR. WATSON (*Violin & Conductor*)
 MR. BOTTONE & MR. JAMES (*Piano*)
 Orchestra of Celli:—

PATRICIA BENHAM, EDITH CHURTON, ELIZABETH DE LA MARE,
 MR. EDMONDS, OLGA HEGEDUS, CHRISTOPHER LEBON,
 JOHN SHARPE, GILLIAN STEEL.

Bachianas Brasileiras No. 1 for Orchestra of 'celli Villa-Lobos
 Introduction (Embolada); Preludio (Modinha) Fugue (Conversa)
 'Hark the echoing air' for soprano, trumpet & strings Purcell
 'They tell us that love's mighty powers' Purcell
 'Let the bright Seraphim' Handel
 Concert Aria: 'Bella mia Fiamma, Addio' Mozart
 Sonata for two 'cellos and piano Handel
 Andante; Allegro; Largo; Allegro.
 Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 for soprano and eight celli Villa-Lobos
 Aria (Cantilena); Dansa (Martelo).

The concert opened with an exhilarating work by Villa-Lobos, probably the most well known of his compositions for unusual groups of instruments. This came over exceptionally well, the eight 'cellos being superbly integrated during the first two movements, with Mr. Edmonds' solo giving the latter a stirring highlight. Although the programme indicated that the work was inspired by Bach, the similarity seems somewhat vague and obscure.

The next three pieces were performed by Patricia Clark, accompanied by a correctly subdued small string ensemble, square piano and trumpet, which all blended perfectly. In both the Purcell items, the balance between the soloist and orchestra was excellent, the former having a powerful voice of exceptional clarity, rapid vibrato and perfect pitch. The third item by Handel was a faster moving and brighter work, and was sung with stimulating precision, the runs and crescendos being most effective.

After the interval, Patricia Clark continued with Mozart's Concert Aria "Bella mia Fiamma, Addio," This she sang in Italian, and by the nature of the Aria was able to express greater emotion and expression than before. The applause following this work indicated the audience's glowing appreciation of her talent.

The last work by Villa-Lobos, although a well known classical highlight, is difficult to perform effectively as the mood and tempo are constantly changing. Hence, much praise must be accorded to the performers and their conductor for the superlative rendition of this complex work.

O.L.R.

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

MR. WATSON (*Violin*) MARY VERNEY (*Piano*)
 Violin Sonata in E flat, Op. 12 No. 3 Beethoven
 Allegro con spirito; Adagio con molt' espressione;
 Rondo (Allegro molto).
 Violin Sonata in A major, Op. 13 Fauré
 Allegro molto; Andante; Allegro vivo; Allegro quasi
 presto.
 Violin Sonata in D minor, Op. 108 Brahms
 Allegro; Adagio; Un poco presto e con sentimento;
 Presto agitato.

This Concert had been awaited with more than usually pleasurable anticipation, and it did everything to exceed even this anticipated pleasure. The programme was particularly well chosen, with the lighter Fauré Sonata separating the more powerful Beethoven and Brahms.

The Beethoven began with a limpid lyric movement, and it was clear that violin and piano were combining and blending most successfully. The Adagio which followed was in the finest tradition of Beethoven slow movements—essentially noble, and ending with a very perfect 'dying fall'. The final Rondo was pure gaiety unleashed and running riot. One could not imagine a better opening for any concert.

With the Fauré Sonata we were translated to a completely different world. The work, like the Brahms which followed, is symphonic in form, with four movements instead of the usual three, and it was full of the greatest sweetness and delicacy in the first two movements, with some really melting strains in the opening movement, and rich full-blooded beauty in the Andante. The scherzo-like Allegro was light and frothy with some very pert conversation between the instruments, while in contrast the final movement was tempestuous to a degree, with the storm starting in the keyboard and then passing to the strings. The whole work was eminently civilised. Fauré's latest work has been described as the music of a retired ambassador. At this early stage the elegance and refinement of the music may have indicated such a future, but this first Violin Sonata, written when he was thirty-one, is full of youth and vitality.

After the interval came the Brahms Sonata in D minor. This is the last and greatest of his three violin sonatas, and is dominated by the piano more than the other two which tend to be imaginative and lyric rather than dramatic works. The opening movement seems to pose a question to which a very firm strong answer is given. A beautiful central section leads back to the question and answer, and the movement ends with all settled and secure. The Adagio contains one of Brahms' most exquisite slow lyric melodies, with the violin playing in its lowest register and sounding more like a miniature 'cello than a viola. The whole episode is one of haunting beauty, and it was most beautifully played. The Scherzo was very reminiscent of Brahms' friend Schumann in its blend of strength and sweetness—a real Florestan and Eusebius performance. The last movement was fine powerful music with a beautiful middle section and a great strong finale.

It seems strange that so eminent a musician as Darius Milhaud should be unable to find any redeeming virtue in the music of Brahms. If Beethoven resembles Goethe as an artist, Brahms can certainly be compared to Schiller, and praise can scarcely be higher than that.

It was a remarkable feat for our two accomplished hosts to play such a long and varied programme with so little time between the works. Their success can be measured by the sheer delight they gave to their whole audience, while the quality of the programme may be gauged by the fact that everyone seemed to have a different favourite among the three Sonatas. It was a truly memorable evening, and one that caused us to leave the Roxburgh Hall with even more gratitude and admiration than usual.

A.M.

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

THE STOWE QUARTET

(MR. WATSON, LESLEY WHITE, ELIZABETH WATSON, MR. EDMONDS)

BRUNO SCHRECKER (*'cello*) MR. BOTTONE (*piano*)

Sonata in D major for 'cello and piano	...	...	...	J. S. Bach
Adagio ; Allegro ; Andante ; Allegro.				
Quartet No. 17 in F major, Op. 135	...	...	...	Beethoven
Quintet in C major, Op. 163	...	...	...	Schubert

An unusually large audience filled the Roxburgh Hall in anticipation of a first-rate programme. The Bach 'cello sonata, deceptively simple but full of what one has come to expect as the usual Bach subtleties, preceded the strange Beethoven Quartet No. 17—his last. In the first movements Beethoven seems to be recalling moments of doubt and dilemma in his earlier life while viewing them now as problems solved. He goes on to produce lighter and more lyrical music—if it were not for the first movement and the opening bars of the last, an unknowing listener might be forgiven for attributing the work to Dvorak or Schubert. Undoubtedly the attraction of the programme for me and I suspect for many was the Schubert Quintet ; there are no dilemmas here, a perfectly constructed major work of magnificent proportions. Moments of inspiration abound, combinations of 'cello and viola and two 'cellos playing in thirds were particularly memorable, and the feeling of despair apparently in the background for much of the time comes to a final climax on the last shattering chord.

A word must be said about the Stowe Quartet. We have become so accustomed to hearing such first-class playing that we tend to take it for granted, but if an amateur may be excused from commenting I should like to record appreciation and venture to suggest that the standard is now higher than ever—may they continue to give us such pleasure.

M.A.B.K.



ROSTRUM EDITORIAL

At the request of the editors, the editorial of 'Rostrum' is reproduced here.

It is always difficult to follow a set of editors who have launched a magazine and run it successfully for a year. Hence comparison, as far as form and content go, is always inevitable, but we ask not to be judged on previous editions.

We feel that the purpose of *Rostrum* has very largely been misunderstood by the school in general, and especially by the masters. (We hope they will understand this time!). The purpose of *Rostrum* has been, and still, is plainly and simply, to amuse the school; it is not meant particularly for the masters—*Rostrum* should not be a vehicle for serious literary talent; in this respect, we have *Germ*, an extremely worthwhile magazine, to which we condescendingly extend out paternal interest and approval.

There is little doubt that there has been a great increase in literary enthusiasm at Stowe (owing to the painstaking efforts of the previous editors) as is witnessed not only by the vast number of contributions that we have had, but also by the flourishing of the aforesaid *Germ*.

We should like to repeat that *Rostrum* is mainly a satirical magazine and we hasten to add that, as in all satirical magazines, the views of the articles printed are not those of the editors.

Finally, we should like to say that although active interest has been greatly increased, Stowe's talent still remains largely hidden.

In lazy Apathy let Stoics boast
Their virtue fix'd; 'tis fix'd as in a frost,
Contracted all, retiring to the breast;
But strength of mind is exercise, not rest.

C.L.K.G.
P.E.L.
C.J.S.
C.R.F.K.
N.J.S.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Sir,

To encourage members of the school to have an interest in *The Stoic* would it not be possible for the present editor to build up an editorial body composed of Stoics to aid him in the compilation of this magazine, possibly with a view to eventual control by Stoics? The publication of *Germ* this November seems to have shown that Stoics can be prevailed upon to write by other Stoics for inclusion in a journal, or literary supplement. If such material of substance was included in *The Stoic* it would become more than merely 'The Stowe Sports and Social Review'.

Yours etc.,

J. T. McCONNELL.

[As has been suggested in the Editorial, things are looking up when a correspondent thinks it worthwhile to write to the Editor with a constructive criticism—or even to write to the Editor at all. The main answer to this letter is contained in the Editorial, but let it be said again that greater control of *The Stoic* by Stoics is the aim in the near future. It is most encouraging to see magazines such as *Germ* appearing, indicating untapped talent, and *The Stoic* is at all times willing and eager to consider contributions from all members of the School, past and present.—EDITOR]

THE 'CHALLENGE OF INDUSTRY' CONFERENCE

This conference, run by Mr. Mark Wolfson, the Management and Training Adviser of the Industrial Society, took the form of lectures and group discussions and was attended by a hundred and forty members of the Sixth Form, the object being to inform, and to dispose of the distorted ideas that many have about industry and industrial relations.

The three lecturers were Mr. Mark Wolfson, Mr. Tim Scriven, who is the General Manager (Administration) of Morganite Carbon Ltd., and Mr. Jack Lucas, the South-Eastern Regional Organiser of the Transport and General Workers Union. After each lecture the conference broke up into groups of ten, each group under one of fourteen group leaders drawn from a wide variety of industries. Discussion was centred on case studies relating to the subject matter of the lectures and selected by the group leaders.

Of the lecturers, Mr. Wolfson gave a general picture of industry and the work of the Industrial Society; Mr. Scriven's lecture, 'A Management Point of View', concentrated on managerial duties and problems likely to be faced by young managers; Mr. Lucas gave a general idea of Trade Union organisation and effectiveness and illustrated his talk with graphic descriptions of union-management problems and methods of solution. His lecture was perhaps the most interesting since it dealt with a side of industry that few people can know about, least of all while still at school.

The last item was a panel session in which the three speakers answered questions prepared by the groups in their discussions, thus obviating the danger of 'woffling' and talking for too long on a single topic.

The general opinion of the usefulness of the conference was most favourable. The organisation was such that people were not being 'talked at' all the time and had plenty of opportunity to air their own views and ideas on a very wide range of topics in the company of people actually working in industry. If anything the group discussions were more valuable than the lectures, but the lectures served to provide a good basis for discussion, and as was to be expected most of the questions in the panel session were concerned with Trade Unions and industrial relations which Mr. Lucas was able to answer with wit and authority.

We are most grateful to Mr. Wolfson and his team and were pleased to hear that several of the group leaders felt that the conference was as valuable to them as it was to us.

HEBRIDEAN INTERLUDE

The Hebrides, the farthest Hebrides, have always held a certain mystical charm; their remoteness and solitude arouse one's curiosity and conjure up visions of lawless countryside, wild moors; gushing burns, rowan trees and rocky crags. Innumerable myths are associated with each 'cold Isle'—tales of the Blue People of the Minch, strange stories of shipwrecks and drowned sailors all go to make up the folk lore that casts a mysterious veil over these enchanted Islands.

Tinned rhubarb constituted a regular part of our diet—we lived under canvas with our tents pitched in the vicinity of a disused croft, which was situated on the edge of Loch Bhalamus, Isle of Lewis. With the croft as our base we lived for two weeks in comparative comfort—thanks to the rhubarb—surrounded by the wilds of our remote

position. Our only contact was a radio link with a neighbouring lighthouse, the only civilisation for a considerable distance.

Various projects were attempted with varying success during our time there—one of our tasks was to draw up a tide chart for the Admiralty. This was extremely successful until a force 12 gale and a spring tide swept the tide pole away. Other projects included the excavation of ruined crofts, botanical survey, ornithological study, geological research, stalking, shooting and fishing—in fact nearly everything our situation could afford.

The Blue People of the Minch are still there—sunken vessels lie silent, the moors are quiet, nothing stirs—but these men live to tell the tale:—R.J.D., J.B.D., Dirk Dekker, Mike Martin, Miles Henniker, Mike Jeavons, Gerard Hodge, Tony Nicholl, Fabian Miskin, The Schools Hebridean Society and all.

F.C.St.J.M.

A VISIT TO BILLY GRAHAM

Some months ago I was asked by a friend of mine if I would like to go and hear Billy Graham at Earls Court. My obvious answer was no, because I thought to myself 'Who wants to go and listen to a phoney American who gets up and speaks about God and religion? How terribly boring it must be;' However, I thought again, and decided I would go and see what it was like; since then I have had no regrets.

A party of about thirty boys set out from Stowe on a wet and miserable afternoon at about four o'clock. All the way there I was wondering just what I was in for. We arrived at Earls Court a little after 6 p.m., and another friend and I had a snack supper and then went inside the vast building. The place was crowded, we only had seats in the wide-screen television annex, but my friend and I decided to try to get into the main arena, so we queued for a quarter of an hour and were lucky enough to get two single seats; all the unoccupied seats were given away at 7.15, regardless of whether they had been reserved or not.

At last the moment came when Billy Graham himself appeared; everywhere was hushed. He said a few words about the service, then we went on to sing 'When I survey the wondrous Cross', and the third verse was sung by the people in Leeds who were joined up to us by close-circuited television, and we listened. Then the lesson was read, followed by a talk by a young school-teacher, on how he first saw the light of God. After another hymn Billy Graham got up and started talking; his words were so catching and moving, especially when he spoke of Blind Bartimaeus, that it sounded so pathetic but true. Billy Graham is just an ordinary man, but with one extra thing, the gift of preaching the word of God, and how well he did it! After he had spoken for some time, he asked all 'enquirers' to come forward to his dais. My friend and I went up, and many other Stoics either went up to the dais or up to the screen in the television room. I have never been so moved as in the minutes while we waited silently for everyone who wished to come forward. Then all together we prayed, and then were led round the back, where each of us had a counsellor who talked to us about St. John's Gospel, and gave us some quotations to learn and a Bible-study course to follow. After we had met him, we were introduced to an Adviser, who asked us why we had come forward.

What an evening it was; It showed that there was another side to the world besides sex and sin if we follow in God's path.

R.E.W.W.

THE ART SCHOOL

Work began this term in the fresh atmosphere of the newly redecorated Art School. Paintings have naturally reflected the large clear areas of colour around them and become fields of a new set of harmonies and relationships. Sculpture has taken a precise form and almost clinical balance. When the display and hanging system is complete the main studio will function fully as an Art workshop.

Since the installation of the kiln and potters' wheels, and with the array of dustbins, plastic jugs and buckets, more and more boys have spent interesting and rewarding hours in the Art School. Two boys have begun a course to Advanced Level in Pottery, and it is pleasing to find interest among younger boys who are quickly developing an ability to throw.

Pottery has become a major adventure in the Wednesday evening sessions with Mrs. Kirk inspiring and guiding an enthusiastic group of adults and boys through the basic steps of the craft. The Wednesday evening sessions have suddenly become charged with life and enthusiasm, and on the other side the painters have continued steadily, working almost entirely from a series of portrait subjects.

Boys in the Third forms entered pictures and posters in the Buckingham Road Safety Competition held on October 15th. There were good entries from many schools, and T. M. Heron (G) distinguished himself by winning first prize in his particular age group, with a poster executed with clarity and boldness. On November 19th, several boys offered their paintings and drawings for sale in Buckingham, in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign. An oil-painting by R. A. S. Osband (T) was bought for twelve guineas, and drawings by J. G. Eades (G) and C. G. Bazeley (G) sold for less but equally appreciated sums.

The Rouault exhibition at the Tate Gallery was visited by a party of Art School members on November 4th. The freedom in Rouault's painting, and his great Art which finds its source in the character of the most humble personalities and events, was a revelation to those who saw it. It was interesting to note, however, that the influence of this exhibition on the painting in the Art School was small compared with the influence of the Gauguin exhibition visited last year.

The Exhibition of Stoneware Pottery by Bill and Vicki Read opened in the foyer of the Roxburgh Hall on November 28th. There has been mixed reaction to this work. Modern Studio Pottery is not generally appreciated in this country, but a surprising number of boys have shown enthusiasm for the design and quality of the pots on display. The exhibition has been visited by members of the public and by art experts in State Education.

A collection of works by contemporary artists has been loaned to the Art School by P. R. Crabbe (G 1941). Outstanding in interest is a relief in nails by David Partridge, noted for a composition in a similar technique which hangs in the Tate Gallery. Two sculptures, a figure composition in cold-cast bronze by Hanford and a welded aluminium maquette by Pope, together with several paintings and designs have given a varied picture of professional art today, and have stimulated a variety of comments from boys as they come and go from the Art School.

On the occasion of his talk, "An Artist's Travels to Arabia with the R.A.F.", David Shepherd brought a large number of his paintings and sketches which remained on exhibition in the Art School over the weekend. Boys had an opportunity to meet

David Shepherd and discuss painting and his work. The paintings, which in many cases were displayed beside the prints taken from them, formed the most comprehensive selection of his work to be exhibited. To meet a highly professional and successful painter against the background of his own work has been an unforgettable experience for many. One was struck most by his open-minded approach to life and society, and the deep sincerity of his work.

Sorel Films Ltd. held their preview of the John Piper film on September 29th. This is so far the best film in a series introducing the life work of major living personalities in Art. Unfortunately, in shortening the film to a suitable length for television showing, the Stowe sequences, along with several others, have been removed in the finished film. It is hoped, however, to obtain the film in its original state for showing at Stowe in the near future.

W.St.A.R.D.

EXHIBITION OF STONEWARE POTTERY

It was a revelation to visit Bill and Vicki Read at their home and studio in Winslow, where one walks from kitchen to kiln room with the feeling of complete harmony. We savoured coffee from cups which might almost have been just removed from the shelves of their display room.

The house itself was an ingeniously converted cowshed, and used large areas of pine planks with glass-studded loop-holes, and pieces of their own work scattered tastefully on floors and tables.

The exhibition was on display in the foyer of the Roxburgh Hall, over a series of surfaces balanced on high-fired bricks from Lyttelton House which brought out the quality of the finish of the high-fired clay.

The forms were diverse, ranging from simple ashtrays to large dishes with a diameter of over two feet and to the almost classic coffee set. Here and there stood immense and majestic 'pebble pots,' their name derived from stones of the same shape found in Cornwall, where the Reads have spent a good deal of their time.

The stoneware clay is of particular interest to Stoics for we have worked only with earthenware. The Reads' stoneware is by nature very basic, but because of this is more striking, especially with the grog and sand, which is essentially part of the clay. We can also learn a great deal from the high quality reduction glazing, which is at the moment going through its teething process in our own pottery efforts.

The use of natural coloured oxides, and the advantages of reduction firing, give surfaces which are reminiscent of ancient Chinese formulae and are the fruits of experience and inspiration.

A.P.A.Mc.D.

TO CROSS THE WATER

Europe is a lure for many Englishmen, not only Harold Wilson and George Brown, but a number of Stoics also feel the attraction of the Continent, especially during the summer holidays. Accordingly, two of our number packed rucksacks with the minimum of clothing but the maximum of sterling and boarded a number seventy bus out of London, determined to hitch-hike to the Cote d'Azur, ignoring the slogan 'It's quicker by train'.



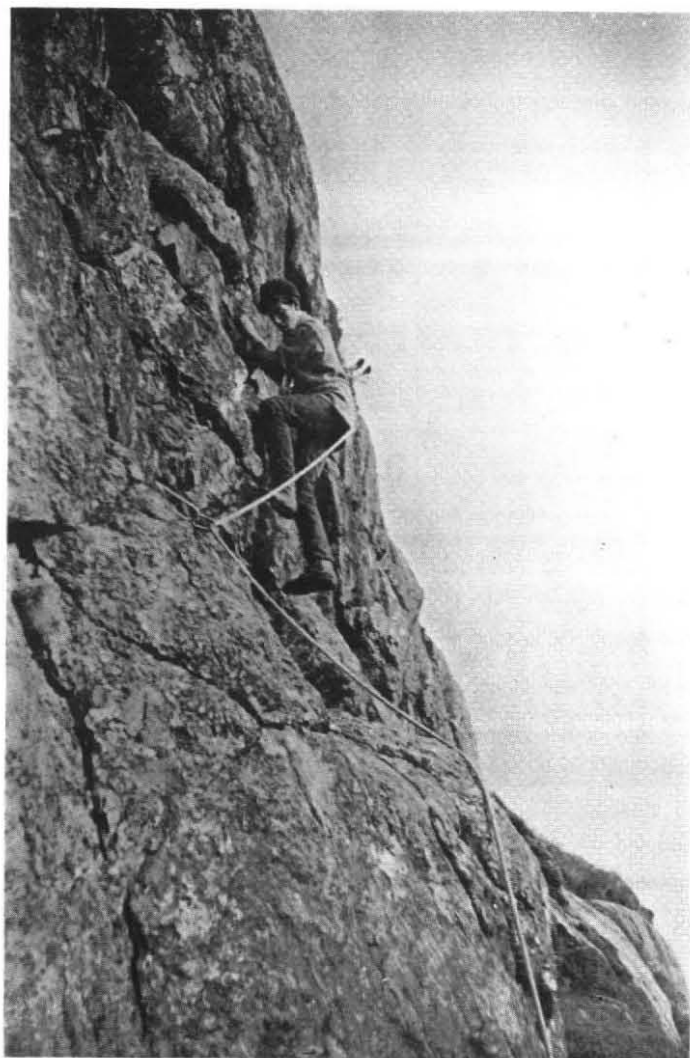
Why should . . .



. . . England . . .



. . . tremble ?



HEBRIDEAN CLIMB



SCOTTISH CRUISE



It is quicker by train, but it is perhaps more instructive and certainly more interesting by foot. We learnt the true meaning of 'urban sprawl' as we crawled through the interminable southern suburbs of London. We learnt the delight of the hard jolting floor of a Bedford van, packed full of hitch-hikers, motoring into Brighton on a warm sunny afternoon. We discovered the horror of the South Coast in the tourist season, and we learnt to hate the selfish tripper in his 'groggle-box' doing seventy along the coast road towards Eastbourne who wouldn't stop for us. We learnt the meaning of a 'last resort' as the bus shuddered down the hill into Newhaven, and, finally, a small sense of achievement at the end of our first day.

Bangers and mash and tea for dinner; our last English meal for many weeks and therefore to be savoured, and as 11 p.m. drew near, we boarded the ferry for Dieppe, a sinister customs officer having asked us if we had any more than fifty pounds in our pockets even though we looked little better than tramps.

A rush for seats on the boat, cigarettes and fortification for the journey, take off our shoes for perhaps the last time, and a little rest before Dieppe. Three in the morning and the ferry docks, quickly ashore and straight through the customs, out of the station and into the town. About ten groups of hikers come off the boat too, but, after passing the deserted town square at 3.30, we never see any of them again. A long slog up the hill out of Dieppe in the chill pre-dawn with streams of family G.B. cars labouring past, all going south, but not one thinking of stopping. At last, outside the town we rest for a few minutes and then, as the French morning traffic gets under way and the sun comes up over the corn-fields of Picardy, we too turn south.

J.L.S.

THE LIBRARY

The number of books borrowed maintains its high level, and a slightly larger proportion of the School is making use of the lending section. Ninety-four books have been added to the Library during the term—among them a number of exceptionally welcome presentations which we acknowledge with gratitude.

Presented by J. C. Saunders, Esq., M.A., *The Oxford Dictionary of Etymology* (edited by C. T. Onions); by Professor George B. Tatum of the University of Pennsylvania (one of the joint Authors), *The Arts in America: The Colonial Period* (by Louis B. Wright, George B. Tatum, John W. McCoubrey and Robert C. Smith); by the Author, *From Utrecht to Waterloo* (by S. R. Atkins); by J. F. McMaster (T 1966), *The Rocks Remain* (by Gavin Maxwell); by four Swedish Scouts who stayed with the Stowe Senior Scout Troop at Stowe and in the Summer Camp, *Malmö* (text by Lennart Tomner and Olle Helander with photographs by Erik Liljeroth); by Grenville House, *The History of Garden Design* (by Derek Clifford).

Also on permanent loan from Stowe C.C.F. (Naval Section), the Library has received a copy of *Jane's Fighting Ships* for 1958—1959.

G. R. I. Feldman (C) has been Prefect of Library, with as House Representatives:—J. C. Gordon-Finlayson (B), S. C. Wills (T), P. G. Austin (G), J. E. T. Trainin (C), A. J. Downing (C), J. B. Wintle (C), A. I. Nicholson (G), and W. C. D. Landa (W).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The annual winter term re-organisation, and the need to maintain obligations on existing commitments both curtailed expansion somewhat this term. Stowe and Dadford graveyards, however, did receive attention for the first time in addition to regular visits to a number of new 'clients'. Redeployment of houses to assignments new to them gave added vigour to projects, as in the case of 'Redfield' Old Peoples' Home. There, where Christmas decorations and carol singing are also being undertaken, and at Evenley Hall Orphanage, music was provided by the Temple House 'Group' on several occasions. Winslow Hospital was visited, and gardening, painting and general help were carried out at many homes in Buckingham.

As a part of the attempt to publicise our activities in the area, an article compiled by Stoics appeared in the local paper. It is hoped that this will encourage those who require help to apply for it. If this does come to fruition our future programme should be very full.

This opportunity must be taken to thank all volunteers, especially House Representatives, who have worked energetically in running their prospective projects. Above all we are indebted to Mr. C. P. Macdonald for the time and work he has expended in overseeing and encouraging Community Service since he has been in charge.

VERSE

SANATORIUM

Suddenly silence was broken :
The newcomer leapt up and cried :
" You're dying ! "—and after he'd spoken
He went to his bedroom and died.

The next week was just like a nightmare :
We mourned, then we joked ; but we knew
As we walked in the beautiful night air
That the newcomer's outburst was true.

Before, we had lived in illusion :
We had planned for our futures outside,
And been happy, despite our seclusion . . .
Then the newcomer leapt up and cried :

" You're dying, you're, all of you, dying ! "
And we hated intolerant Fate.
Then the newcomer died in his bedroom,
And we sat with false faces to wait.

P.E.L.

REUNION

I was cast away from your angry breast
Which heaved in the early morning breeze,
I was cast away and dead—
Was it the beauty of the foaming waves,
The silver warriors gathering speed
To crack metallically on the dumb, cold rock
Which bled sea-blood in silence ?

I was cast away ; and I knew all love
Was hopeless : for the marriage was made.
It was too late, too late :
The vows, the ring, the blessing, the kiss
Were made ; and I sat there bodiless.
The savage setting had become the suitor.
I was cast away and dead.

Then the sea rose up in the morning gale
And the warriors grew, and grew, until
Life was a space of rock
And Death was the silver walls of foam,
And you clung to me in fright and I felt
Our souls, unhindered, walking the waves.
And I knew that the bond was broken.

P.E.L.

PYLONS

Pylons marching coldly through the fields of August Surrey—
Intruders, silent envoys of the new vital age.
Nearby a cheerful chaffinch sings in blithe unknowingness.
He will soon learn.

Following each other over miles of open country—
Harsh, iron warriors in never-ending train
Stretching from the old world to new, concrete starkness.
When will it stop ?

On the horizon stands another heartless framework
Just like his brother, just like the next.
The sun hotly rises behind that furthest dummy.
What lies beyond ?

. . . . Iron flares up in the ruddy morning sunlight—
Could there be a beauty in that parasitic line ?
Spar blends with spar to an angular achievement :
Could there be hope ?

P.E.L.

"Integer vitae scelerisque purus
non eget Mauris iaculis neque arcu . . ."

Horace : I. xxxii.

The spotless man who's free from every crime
Needs not a Moorish dart, nor bow, nor quiver
Loaded, Fuscus, full of poisoned shafts,
Whether he journeys by the sweltering Syrtes,
Or through the cheerless Caucasus, or where
Hydaspes, famed in stories, broadly flows.
For once, when I was wandering through the woods
Far beyond the boundaries of my farm,
My cares sent from me, hunting-spears at home,
When praise of Lalage swelled from my throat,
A wolf ran from me : no such monster dwells
In martial Daunia, that land of oaks,
Nor in dry Juba's land, famed nurse of lions.

Place me now on the lifeless northern plains
Wherein no tree revives with summer's breeze,
And where grey, gloomy sky and dark mists brood ;
Or place me 'neath the sun's too near approach
In lands in which it is denied to dwell ;
Yet shall I ever sing of Lalage,
My sweetly-laughing, sweetly-speaking lady.

A.P.S.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

Mr. A. Macdonald took over the vacant post of president for a year at the beginning of the term. Mr. J. C. Saunders, the former president, was presented with two silver candlesticks at the last meeting of the summer term. This meeting took the form of a Victorian evening and marked the conclusion of Mr. Saunders' three years as president of the XII Club.

There have been two meetings this term and we look forward to a third during the last two weeks. G. C. S. Gates (C) read a paper on 'Surrealism' at the first meeting. The surrealist movement, various eminent surrealists in the fields of art and literature, and a rendering of 'Desolation Row' by Bob Dylan were presented to the members during this comprehensive outline of an important twentieth century cultural revolution.

J. E. T. Trainin (C) gave the next paper on 'Alchemy'. This paper provided a fund of historical anecdotes which diverted the members for its duration.

T.B.

THE MUSIC CLUB

The Club's first meeting of the term took place on November 25th, and took the form of a concert given by the Club for members of the school and others. The fifty-minute programme included works by Bach, Mozart, Handel, Brahms, and Chopin, and featured the first performance of B. L. J. Murray's (C) "Dithyrambic Fantasia".

It is hoped that a second meeting may be held on December 13th which will be complementary to, rather than competitive with the Music Society's Music Scholars' concert to be held on the 16th.

It is with regret that we lose a number of very able members this term, and we wish them luck for the future.

C.N.W.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Classical Society will have met twice this term. The first meeting was addressed by N. C. Ollivant (W) who read an informative paper on Greek religion, tracing it from its origin in Crete to the fusion of the male Northern Sky gods and the female Cretan Chthonic goddesses. A second paper on Greek theatre is expected from A. P. Sainer (T) whom we thank for his year's service as secretary. D. W. Cheyne (C) has been elected secretary in his place.

D.W.C.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This term the Science Society has been quite active. There have been six film showings on fortnightly Thursdays and two lectures, 'Lipid Chemistry' and 'Chromotography', by Dr. Hitchcock of Unilever; and 'Guided Missiles' by Mr. Hiles, of the British Aircraft Corporation.

The number of members attending the films has been extraordinarily high; for one film showing on nuclear bomb testing, sixty-four people attended. The audience for the lectures has also been good.

The Science Society is not only confined to attending lectures and films. Many projects have now been started which are facilitated by the fact that there is now a permanent projects room. Various people have built radio-transmitters and receivers and a project is underway to give people a chance to use a radio transmitter as there is hope of getting a 'ham' station functioning. Other projects under way include an engine test-bed, a wind tunnel and a spectrometer. There is also some study being done in the field of electric discharge and plating in high vacuum conditions.

D.S.E.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Archaeological Society was officially recognised last summer term at the end of which it published the first number of its Journal of Archaeology and Ancient History. This magazine will be published every term (details from the honorary secretary). Since then it has had two expeditions and is about to have its third in conjunction with the Patricians (Vth form Theological Society). The first was to Verulamium, the second to the British Museum, and the third to the Observer's Masada exhibition in London.

The Society's inaugural dig is still in progress, though stagnating at the moment due to weather conditions.

The Society started out with a mere dozen members and has since then grown to fifty-two members, including twenty-nine Stoics, nineteen supporting members from outside and four honorary members.

The Committee, which consists of the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and Archivist, and two members, after hearing of the floods in Italy, have decided to launch an appeal for funds to help restore damaged art treasures.

P.I.B.

THE PATRICIANS

As its members commenced their second year, the Augustinian Society was faced with a problem. Should they retain their old name, which was traditionally linked with a first-year society, or find a new one? After much discussion, the latter was agreed, and after even more, the name 'Patricians' was adopted. The decision was strengthened—and one or two reluctant members finally convinced—by the providential discovery that the name of the father of St. Augustine of Hippo was in fact—Patricius!

This decision taken, the society resumed its normal policy. Several members gave notable papers on notable saints, and Mr. J. Fletcher returned to address the society on 'Folly'. We look forward at the time of going to press, to a joint expedition, with the Archaeological Society, to the Festival Hall, to see the Masada Exhibition.

Altogether this has been another successful term.

R.A.J.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

We have only managed to hold one debate this term at which "The Church of England is a pagan institution" was proposed by G. C. S. Gates, seconded by J. T. McConnell and opposed by W. V. E. Waldron, seconded by J. E. T. Trainin. The main speakers had a good deal to say and the power of the excellent historical sketch by Gates was reflected in the voting. After a great deal of speaking from the floor, the motion was carried by 28 to 13 with six abstentions.

Next term we are hoping to have a full programme with three or four debates in which outside speakers will be included. We should welcome any offers to give a main speech.

R.D.

THE FILM SOCIETY

Four films have been shown during the term under the auspices of the Film Society. The first was 'The System', directed by Michael Winner and starring Oliver Reed and Jane Merrow. It revealed some of the characteristics of the summer-time life of an otherwise sleepy South Coast holiday resort, revealing the slightly cynical view of the director towards many of our modern social habits. 'The Jokers', to be released in February, is Michael Winner's latest film and will probably be well worth a visit. 'Marnie' is possibly so well known as to defy further comment, but, nevertheless, it suffices to say that Alfred Hitchcock preserves all his talent for suspense in this film.

'The Cardinal' and 'Peter and Pavla' completed the programme. The former traced the life of a Roman Catholic Priest in America's Deep South, and the problems which were put before him. The latter was a study by Milos Forman of some of the aspects of teenage life behind the Iron Curtain. It emphasised the problems that teenagers face in love, sex, work and parents and assured a Stoic audience that the problems *they* face are universal, even among the Communists.

J.L.S.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has had a fairly busy term and in spite of hold-ups in the supply of equipment several projects are well under way. With the loan of a mercury-vapour moth trap we hope to carry out a continuous survey of the moths of the district over several seasons—new entomologists will be welcome next term!

Many of the younger members have shown an interest in the bird life of the area and have managed to establish a system of recording all species seen and hope to do much more systematic work on nesting species next term.

Two tropical tanks have been set up in the laboratory and have been the centre of much interest. We hope to build up an extensive collection of fish and carry out breeding with them.

The main bulk of the term's work, however, has been on the Nature Reserve, and in particular the construction of a trout hatchery. The Nature Reserve is to be situated in and around the lower Oxford Water below the dam, which has, incidentally, had to be extensively repaired owing to fears of inundation. The Reserve consists of a badly silted-up lake with adjoining plantations of conifers and mixed hardwoods. Many interesting fungal species have been recorded and in the New Year we hope to make a complete botanical and zoological survey of the whole area.

The main reason for having a Nature Reserve is to provide an area of cover which is relatively undisturbed to afford habitats for many birds and small mammals which get driven from other areas of Stowe by clearing and the continued presence of people. The area will be closed off, thus allowing the shy species to nest and breed. We are hoping to build hides for observation purposes and keep records of the small mammals.

The trout hatchery is under construction and will eventually consist of a brick-built structure containing several tanks in which we can hatch out the ova of the trout and raise them to small alevins and eventually release them into the Oxford Water. The ova will come initially from the trout farm, but we hope eventually to breed from native stock.

In the New Year we hope to co-operate with outside Natural History Societies and make visits to other nature reserves. The need for enthusiastic new members, however, is great and we welcome anyone who is really interested in natural history to come along on Monday afternoons.

J.B.D.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This term has been different from others in that, though the membership has decreased slightly, there has been a great increase in the percentage of senior members; thus we are able to build up a reserve of capital after the expenditure of last term. The new armchairs mentioned in the last report have been acquired and are in regular use by leg-weary Stoics.

A few records have been added this term, mainly replacements for lost or badly scratched ones. There is now a very wide range of records available to members of the school; and despite the decrease in membership, a greater number of records are being taken out than ever before.

Thus the general trend is hopeful and with the help of various members of the music staff it is hoped that more interest in this valuable society will be promoted amongst the junior members of the school.

H.C.F.

THE GUN CLUB

Shooting has continued each Monday afternoon, the most popular sizes of gun being 12 and 20 bore although this term the first 28 bore has appeared. We have acquired two new traps which throw birds notably faster than the old ones, individual scores seem to have suffered in consequence.

In the summer term a match was held against the Old Stoics which was won by the Old Stoics, mainly due to the expert shooting of R. A. Brown (C 1961). The House Competition later in the term was won by Temple.

We continue to benefit on occasion from the tuition of Mr. E. T. Peacock.

A.R.P.

THE SEDIMENTARIANS

This esteemed body has gathered together twice this term, but with the intention of a final fling after the University Entrance Examinations.

On Wednesday, 26th October, a paper entitled 'Affairs of State' was read by the eminent Captain of Rugby Football, S. C. Wills, who employed his rare combination of brains and brawn to provide an illuminating and entertaining evening.

Three weeks later, T. G. E. Kilpatrick, a former secretary of the society, came to deliver an imaginative and well-informed talk on 'Confrontation in Malaysia', from which he has just returned after spending three military years in the jungle.

Although a large proportion of last year's members have now escaped from the confines of Stowe into the outside world, the new group has succeeded in preserving the traditional flavour of Sedimentarian wit.

This has been occasionally re-invigorated by our president, who has controlled the proceedings with his usual intrepidity.

D.M.C.

THE FOLK SONG SOCIETY

Two meetings had to be cancelled this term because of a lack of performing talent although we are never short of listeners. At the third meeting however, some talent appeared although many other prospective performers did not come at the last minute. Many members profess a passive interest in folk music but few are prepared to make the effort and actively produce something; this is a pity for although some initial effort is required to become proficient at accompanying oneself on a guitar or banjo or any other instrument this is amply rewarded by the great reservoir of folk music available to be played, sung, and enjoyed by those with only a modest musical ability. Perhaps we shall see some braver and more active members next term.

M.A.B.K.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term a subscription fee of 10/- was levied and with this and £16 that we already have we hope to be able to buy the new enlarger that the society needs so badly. The present ones are very much on their last legs, the 2½ ins. × 3¼ ins. model is now virtually unserviceable.

Stowe has been invited to join in a Postal Portfolio by Marlborough. Six schools or so will be contributing to this, with six photographs from each school. The Stoics who will be entering prints will probably be A. R. Richardson (G), R. M. M. Morrison (G), M. A. K. Parkes (W), M. T. Metcalfe (C), C. V. A. Bailey (G) and T. Reid (B). There will probably be a competition next term in which these six and any others who would like to will be asked to submit photographs.

Three members have submitted photographs for the "Junior Photographer of the Year" contest this year.

C.V.A.B.
T.R.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

The response to the presence of the club in the school has improved enough to enable us to run two teams, though with the pressure of other school events it has not been possible to fix a permanent club evening.

This term four first team matches have been played, 2 won and 2 lost; the second team has won one and lost one, captained ably by J. E. T. Trainin (C) who played several times for the first team.

A victory was scored over Douai, and narrowly over the Masters in a very exciting match which was won on the last hand. An "A" team, without P. A. Cardiff (G) and C. R. F. Kremer (C) lost disappointingly to Radley after gaining a substantial lead in the first half. The termly match against the Stowe Ladies was for the first time divided into two teams of four, which meant that instead of an overall defeat, the 2nd team won comfortably and the 1st was soundly beaten.

On going to print, a 1st and 2nd team match against M.C.S. Oxford was still to be played and during the next holidays a pair will be representing the school in a competition at the Boys' and Girls' Exhibition.

After two years as secretary P. G. Austin (G) leaves the club; his place is to be taken by his partner in the first pair, R. J. Cooper (G). Hopes are very good for the future, A. J. V. Doherty and V. J. M. Hill (G) are both young and have good potential. R. A. S. Osband (T) filled the last place in the second team.

P.G.A.

THE OXFORD WATER

The Upper Oxford Water, which was first stocked with trout some three years ago, has again been fished regularly by some twenty boys this year. Catches seem to have been less impressive than the previous year but fish up to a pound have been taken regularly. There is little evidence of any breeding and the lake will have to be stocked annually. A small trout hatchery is being constructed by members of the Natural History Society which it is hoped will help towards this. A large number of carp and roach are in evidence and the lake will have to be netted again soon.

The dam at the bottom of the Upper Lake showed signs of disintegration earlier this term but repair work has been undertaken by members of the fishing club under the direction of M. M. Jeavons (B) and M. M. Carter (C).

A.R.P.

STOWE PRESS

The Society welcomes Mr. Horne as the new Master-in-charge. Mr. Kirk, who did much to start the Press working in its first two years, left last term to take over as Editor of *The Stoic*. The working conditions have been greatly improved with the repainting of the room and the installation of better lighting. For the originality of the colour-scheme we are indebted to the imagination of Mr. Horne and the expert advice of Mr. Dady, who has also often been very helpful in other ways.

After some teething trouble, a programme has been developed for more efficient running of the actual machine. In consequence a comparatively large number of orders were executed this term. Programmes, tickets, magazine covers, and innumerable

other commissions were printed in quantity. We are glad to see Mr. Kirk's confidence as he has already put in an order for letter-headings.

The generous donation by A. de F. Mellor (B 1948) of composing sticks, furniture and oddments at the end of last term has greatly speeded up and eased the labour of typesetting by hand. N. P. Kaye (G) and R. G. Dixon (C) in particular have been very helpful with this task. Unfortunately D. G. St. M. Mills (T) and D. M. G. Pearce (T), the 'founder-members', have been unable to devote so much time as in the past because of their University Entrance examinations. They will be missed when they leave at the end of this term.

J.N.T.



C.C.F.

In the R.N. Section, six cadets attended a land-based camp at H.M.S. *St. Vincent* and four cadets went to sea with the 17th Frigate Squadron. A fuller report appears elsewhere. In the Army Section, seven officers, the R.S.M. and 47 cadets attended camp at Magilligan Point, Northern Ireland, of which a full report appears elsewhere. Field Training was carried out in the Sperrin Mountains and R.E. Watermanship training on Lough Neagh. In the R.A.F. Section, two boys successfully completed the Proficiency Gliding course in the Summer holidays. At the end of the Summer term all four candidates passed Advanced proficiency and nine out of fifteen candidates passed proficiency.

The term has been largely spent on training leading up to examinations to be held on December 14th. A full and varied Field Day was held on October 19th; twenty-five R.N. Cadets went to sea from Portsmouth on H.M.S. *Berwick* which was taking part in a Seaday Demonstration for the Staff College with H.M.S. *Tiger*, H.M.S. *Dido* and a fleet oiler. They saw a display of R.N. weapons in use today; strike aircraft, anti-submarine helicopters and mortars, submarines, fast patrol boats and guns. The remainder had a land battle at Stowe. In the army section part of Proficiency went for a map reading exercise in rain and mist on the Malvern Hills; another part trained under the instruction of the Ordnance Corps at Bicester, as also did the Junior Leaders. The Signals Section went to the Imperial War Museum in London, and the remainder trained locally.

The R.A.F. Section sent a party flying to R.A.F. Gaydon; another party at Cambridge failed to get off the ground, but they have since managed to do so at R.A.F. Bicester. The R.A.F. Section has also held a series of lectures on Fridays on aspects of the R.A.F. given by Old Stoic airmen.

We welcome Captain C. D. Mullineux (T 1952) and Flight-Lieutenant D. W. Manley to the Corps this term. Mr. R. W. Street and Mr. P. J. Parsons have also been lending a hand on Field Day and other occasions.

The following appointments and promotions were made this term:—

R.N. SECTION

Promoted to *Coxswain*: J. L. Seccombe (W).

Promoted to *Petty Officer*: C. N. Weston (C).

Appointed *Acting Leading Seaman*: J. C. Bibra (C), J. M. Burnell-Nugent (G), A. C. Cooper (G), E. C. F. Hodge (C), P. C. M. Madden (G), J. C. de la T. Mallett (G), J. H. C. Watson (G).

ARMY SECTION, GENERAL DUTIES

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. D. M. Cheyne (C), H. J. H. Durey (C), J. C. Gordon Finlayson (B), W. T. Partridge (C), R. E. K. Thornley (C), A. D. H. Thwaites (B).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. R. A. J. Bennett (G), P. C. Bullock (B), W. G. Cheyne (C), J. J. Forbes (C), M. J. Hartnell Beavis (T), T. R. Harris (B), D. C. B. Lake (G), R. A. Lamping (C), N. J. S. Murray (C), A. J. Taylor (G), J. C. Treadwell (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets J. B. Buckingham (G), G. R. C. Blackmore (C), R. P. K. Carmichael (W), R. J. Charlton (C), L. M. Dweck (S), S. D. Eades (G), J. A. G. Heaslop (W), N. C. Ingram (S), J. R. Priestley (C), S. W. Shepherd (S), R. G. G. Thynne (C), C. J. G. Thwaites (B).

Appointed *Acting Lance-Corporal*: Cadets F. J. Elvins (B), Z. C. Manasseh (B), V. A. Lownes (G), C. T. S. Prestwich (T), A. R. Richardson (S), M. W. Whitton (B).

ARMY SECTION, SPECIALIST PROMOTIONS

ROYAL SIGNALS PLATOON

Appointed *Under Officer*: Sergeant C. J. Watkin (S).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpl. H. C. Frazer (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: A/L.Cpl. C. J. Wells (T).

ROYAL ENGINEER TROOP

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. S. A. J. English (C), D. R. Gale (C), C. J. Goldingham (C), H. R. Thornley (W).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets H. O. Garai (C), J. R. Green (W), M. T. Metcalfe (C), D. A. Keeling (C), W. V. A. Waldron (S).

MOTOR TRANSPORT PLATOON

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpl. M. J. P. Martin (W).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpl. P. J. Elliott (C).

H.Q. ADMINISTRATION

Promoted to *Company Quarter Master Sergeant*: Sergeant R. E. Lloyd Morgan (T).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpl. P. E. Dawson (W).

R.A.F. SECTION

Appointed *Under Officer*: Sergeant D. M. Cohen (S).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. I. McA. Anderson (T), G. R. H. Ehrlich (S), A. I. Nicholson (S), A. J. C. Spackman (C), P. D. Walker (C).

Promoted to *Corporal*: J/Cpls. M. E. Allen (C), A. J. Bolton (C), R. C. M. Collisson (S), D. S. Everall (S).

Promoted to *Junior Corporal*: Cadets P. J. Argles (C), C. J. Macmillan (S), N. J. Shelley (G), N. C. Woodbridge (S).

MAGILLIGAN CAMP

Amid usual end of term chaos the Stowe contingent graciously departed in two Army buses, bound for Bicester station. The train journey to Heysham was uneventful except for the temporary disappearance of a certain Stoic in Birmingham, who it seems, considered the completion of his mid-day meal more important than catching the next train. That night hordes of high-spirited cadets boarded *The Duke of Argyll* which duly steamed out into the muddy waters of the Irish Sea towards Belfast. By noon the following day we had arrived at our destination, full of apprehension, alacrity and C.C.F. sandwiches.

The rest of the day was spent exploring and unpacking. To the disappointment of many sociable Stoics the camp seemed to be situated in the centre of desolation with

only small, grassy fields and the occasional thatched farmhouse for miles around. However, we soon forgot our troubles and prepared for the days to come.

Monday was devoted to an eight-mile warming-up exercise over the attractive but typically waterlogged countryside.

On Tuesday morning we received valuable instruction in modern signalling techniques and those boys in the Signals Section keenly attempted to demonstrate their skill to those around them. On the range that afternoon we learnt the art of firing 7.62 m.m. S. L. Rifles with varying success and in the evening were driven to Coleraine where we were fortunate enough to sample the rather limited nightlife of a small Irish town.

With Wednesday came the climax of our training and we spent the day climbing over several moss-covered mountains, all of which had magnificent views, but most of us were too exhausted to appreciate them. At last we reached the field where we were to spend the night. Here, one seemingly mentally deficient member of the party suddenly realized that he had left his boots 12 miles further back on the summit of a mountain. How he accomplished this is still a mystery. Tents were, for the most part, quickly erected and we settled down to a rather draughty night.

On the following morning we packed up the camp and returned in time for an early lunch. In the afternoon we went sightseeing to another nearby town and the famed Giant's Causeway on the majestic North Antrim coast.

On Friday a forty-mile excursion took us to the Royal Engineer Depot on Lough Neagh where we planned a midnight, waterborne assault upon a small, overgrown island. The object however, was "to occupy all Leprechaun gun emplacements" and although a valiant effort was made by all, we were forced to return with this aim unaccomplished.

We arrived back at camp on Saturday just in time for the kick-off of the World Cup Final and spent many a minute with eyes glued to the N.A.A.F.I. television. The other party watched the match sitting on a cottage floor in the Sperrin Mountains.

Monday was to be our last day and after lunch we packed our kitbags and left the camp for the last time.

I am sure all boys will remember Magilligan and its adventures for a long time to come and would like to thank all those who made the camp as enjoyable as it was.

A.B.J.

SCOTTISH CRUISE

During the last summer holiday, Cadets Brooking, Burnell-Nugent, Vane-Tempest and Tomlinson gave up a week of the soft life in order to partake of the bracing sea air on board H.M.S. *Scarborough* (a Naval frigate).

We met at Waterloo Station where we boarded the train. Every seat was occupied before the first of the hundred and eighty cadets arrived, and as we were almost last, we had a bit of a job getting on. We were obliged to stand in the corridor for the entire four-hour journey whilst a stream of short, fat, wheezing old ladies and frightened old men with felt hats on squeezed past us. We ate a frugal lunch out of paper bags and stood with glassy-eyed expressions staring at the passing scenery. When we arrived at Plymouth we were herded into coaches and driven off at high speed to the harbour.

There were four frigates on the exercise, with forty-five cadets on each. We were due to sail the following afternoon, so our first night was spent in the calm of the

harbour. This enabled us to get familiar with our hammocks without the inconvenience of the deck being inclined at twenty or thirty degrees to the horizontal.

I had taken the precaution of stocking up with a quantity of tranquilisers before the voyage, a measure which I was very grateful for in the days to come. I took one every six hours except when we were at anchor, and it really paid dividends. I am not usually a good sailor at all, but during that trip I did not once feel ill, even though at times the weather was quite rough and a lot of others were rather green.

After about the first half-hour's chaos on board, the Stowe contingent was walking down a passageway when a member of the ship's company walked past us calling out our names. We told him who we were, and he gave us a letter. This was the last thing we were expecting, and it proved to be very useful to us. It was from S. Jackson who had been in Bruce House until about a year ago. He has made the Navy his career, and is at present an officer cadet. He has been on H.M.S. *Scarborough* for some time previous to us, and had left a letter with a member of the crew to give to us. It was six pages long, and gave us details of what to do and what not to do, and details of what most of the officers and crew we would be meeting were like. This was an enormous help, as it meant that we had a flying start over everybody else. Whilst others did not know who anybody was or what they were like, we had them taped almost down to the names of their girl-friends in Plymouth!

We were divided into four different groups, and the person in charge of the group we were in was a leading seaman called Byles, known to us either as 'Boils' or 'Bowels' depending on how we felt towards him. He was a tough character who was permanently irritable as were quite a lot of the crew. It did not take long for me to discover that the irritable ones were married and the contented ones were not. I pitied the married men, as they only saw their wives for about two or three weeks each year. An unusually brusque person in the boiler room told me that it was the ideal life if you were single, but if you were married, it wrecked your married life.

We sailed up the West of England to a sea-loch called Loch Alsh, right in the middle of nowhere, where we spent two days. During the first day, we had a sailing regatta in two parts—morning and afternoon. Each frigate had four boats, a 'Montague' whaler, a 'Three in One' whaler, a 'Bosun' dinghy, and a fourteen-footer. I watched the morning regatta, and took part in the afternoon one, both of which H.M.S. *Scarborough* won. The afternoon regatta started straight after lunch; Brooking and myself went in the 'Three in One'. The course was round all four frigates, which was quite a long way. Our first mishap took place while we were rigging; namely that of a fire extinguisher going off all over us. Eventually we were away, and at the end of the first lap we were winning. We were not sure if we had to do two laps or not, so we decided we would, to be on the safe side. This was a great mistake, because one by one all the other boats went in and half way round we were completely becalmed. The idea behind calling it a 'Three in One' is that it has three forms of propulsion, diesel engine, sail and oars. We decided to use the engine—the engine decided it would not be used. By this time we were in low spirits, although we had won our class. We got out the oars and started to row. Rowing one of these whalers with two people is not an easy business due to its bulk and weight. Frustrated by this slow method of transport, I gave one colossal heave on the oar, and the blade parted company with the shaft. The proud 'Three in One' was reduced to a miserable 'Half in One,' and our spirits dropped to zero. When we had completed the half-mile back to the ship, the sailor we had with us told us that it had to be put on the port boom. This means that the boat is left in the water, and is tied to a rope dangling down from a 'log'

fixed to the deck. There is a rope ladder attached to this boom which is the sole method of gaining access to the ship once you have made fast down below. The deck, I may add, is some thirty feet above sea-level at this point. Once you have ascended the ladder, there is eight feet of boom between you and the deck along which you have to make your way. There is, admittedly, a thin piece of wire running from the end of the boom to a point about four feet above deck level, and this is your only aid, with the use of which you are expected to walk along the boom. Should one of your wet gym-shoes happen to slide on this slippery pole and you were to fall, you would not be met by the cushioning effect of water, but by the shattering hardness of Admiralty-built whalers. I have no head for heights, and I can truthfully say that those two minutes taken in getting back on board were just about the most frightening in my whole life. We normally considered the tea on the ship to be pretty ghastly, but the cup of tea and the cigarette I had after that experience were the best I have ever had.

On the way back we performed an exercise known as 'Transfer by Jackstay.' By this method it is possible to transfer people or stores from one ship to another. The four frigates did this in pairs. They steamed along, side by side, eighty feet away from each other, at fifteen knots. A rod with a light nylon line attached to it was fired from a rifle to the receiving ship. The jackstay, which is a thick piece of rope, is attached to the end of it and pulled across. They also attach various distance lines and telephone wires to help with the operation. The jackstay is held taught by manpower to allow for relative movement between the two ships. A 'dead' weight is pulled across to make sure that it is quite safe, and then transference of personnel begins. We transferred about fifteen people, and then interchanged with the other frigate and became the supplying ship.

We arrived back in Plymouth in the early morning, gave up the bracing sea air, and resumed the soft life of the holidays once again.

R.R.T.

SCOUTS

A quiet term in many ways with little outside activity apart from a Campcraft competition early on in the term, which was dogged by illness, and eventually cancelled due to appalling weather. At the beginning of term the Troop was abuzz with thoughts of the new uniform, a much more practicable outfit with 'long trousers', unfortunately this was not to be, the news eventually leaked out that the new uniform was not to be released until October 1967. Containing themselves with patience the Troop got down to the work of the term, including badgwork, a lot of Pioneering projects, and several outdoor exercises. Towards the latter half of term, thanks to the help of two seniors who have been assisting with instruction, the scouts have been getting some idea of what scouting is all about.

Field day this term consisted of a morning assignment on bicycles, in which patrols had to discover various facts about local industries and churches; this turned out to be quite stimulating, and new contacts were made with local people. Lunch was cooked at Thornborough Mill, thanks to a very co-operative farmer, and the day rounded off with a map-reading exercise ending up at Stowe; only one patrol succeeded in reading their maps properly, although all were back in time for tea!

Next term sees the entry of several new members and it is hoped that we shall be taking part in more local activities, and making new friends in the district.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Two victories and two draws in eight inter-school matches is not an impressive record but it is perhaps a true reflection of a season dominated by recurrent injuries in what was never more than an honest-to-goodness XV. At one stage in the season there were eight 1st XV players unavailable and in twelve matches twenty-four positional changes had to be made, so that team selection became a weekly necessity and there never developed a settled side in any sense of the word; all three of those who captained the side were in turn injured.

Yet with sparse success this was a XV of which one never felt ashamed; a heavy defeat by Bedford, because of defensive lapses, was followed by a moral victory against St. Edward's and a hard-fought draw at Oakham, and they led Rugby until Stowe lost their hooker at halfway. They lost narrowly to Radley and Oundle, both through being beaten forward, but came back to deserved success with victories over Cheltenham and a hitherto successful Leys side.

Early on, the three-quarters presented the greatest difficulty—offensively and defensively—and just as the midfield defence had been improved, Spackman, the best-equipped footballer in the side, succumbed to injury for the rest of the season—perhaps the most serious loss of all. Yet this had its compensations, for Napier, after some very uncertain games when first moved to fly-half, matured effectively later on; Ashcroft and Burman were both prepared to learn and showed improvement to become a steady and reliable pair of centres; the wings were given comparatively few chances but were not sufficiently prepared to look for them. Buchanan defended stubbornly and consistently, even if he lacked any real polish, while Bullock, brought in at scrum-half at an early stage, although missing several games through injury, thereafter proved a 'natural', resourceful and quick to react even when given bad possession. Forward, problems developed because after holding our own in the first matches despite a light pack, we were decisively beaten by Radley and Oundle in the tight and loose scrummages; thus although Forde hooked skilfully the outsides often received the ball on the retreat and the only good possession from the line-outs came through using the long throw when the weather made this possible. The one consistent feature was the hard tackling, tireless covering and persistent foraging of the back row of Dunipace, Durey and Basset, their mobility being well supported, especially by the quick breaking of Forde and Scott-Gall.





1st XV Colours were awarded to :—C. C. Ashcroft (C), K. G. Buchanan (W), H. J. H. Durey (C), J. J. Forbes (C), J. M. S. Napier (C), I. H. Scott-Gall (T), M. J. Ivory (C), P. C. Bullock (B), G. R. Burman (W), J. A. C. Heaslop (W), J. C. de la T. Mallett (C), T. P. Randsley (W).

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, October 15th. Lost 3—17.

In an attempt to tighten the defence Buchanan was moved to centre, Burman filling his place at full-back; Bullock displaced Edwards at scrum-half. After recent heavy rain the ground was soft at Bedford, but the ball remained dry and conditions were therefore reasonable. The early exchanges were even, but Bedford soon showed that they had the more penetrative outsides, and from a loose scrum their fly-half cut through to give the right wing a try half-way out. The Stowe forwards, however, were gaining some good possession from line-outs and rucks, competently supported by the kicking of their half-backs Spackman and Bullock. Play tended to be dominated by touch-kicking by both sides, but just before half-time Bedford scored again after their forwards seized on a charged down kick by a Stowe defender and crossed in the corner.

Playing with the wind, Stowe soon reduced the deficit when Spackman broke from a loose scrum on the Bedford twenty-five, and drew the defence to put Dunipace over. But with the score 6—3 Bedford struck decisively; weak tackling in the centre let Bedford in for two tries in ten minutes, and by now the home pack had won the initiative. The last fifteen minutes saw great pressure by Bedford and shortly before the end another centre break brought a further try. Stowe's midfield defence was proved very weak, and limited attack did nothing to relieve the pressure. The forwards, especially Forbes in the line-out played resolutely enough in the first half, but lost some of their drive later. In a game in which for much of the time Stowe had nearly an equal share, it was Bedford's ability to seize their chances which turned the scales decisively.

Team :—G. R. Burman (W); J. C. de la T. Mallett (C), J. A. Napier (C), K. G. Buchanan (W), T. Basset (G); A. J. C. Spackman (C), P. C. Bullock (B); I. H. Scott-Gall (T), M. I. H. B. Forde (W), D. H. R. Dekker (T); J. J. Forbes (C), M. J. Ivory (C); S. C. Wills (T), H. J. H. Durey (C), R. B. J. Dunipace (T).

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S

Played at St. Edward's on Saturday, October 22nd. Drawn 6—6.

With two changes in the side necessitated by injury to the captain, Wills, and to Forbes, and two recent heavy defeats, Stowe went to play the unbeaten St. Edward's XV with the odds against them. However, from the first whistle the Stowe side, especially their forwards, produced such spirit and vigour, that St. Edward's never settled down. Harried and spoiled by tight marking, St. Edward's were forced into errors; after ten minutes Forde kicked a penalty from in front of the posts, after Spackman had gone close with a longer attempt, and this gave Stowe much needed confidence. Up until half-time the talented St. Edward's backs were never allowed to look dangerous, the Stowe tackling in midfield being appreciably better than last week, and Buchanan

steady as a rock at full-back. Just before half-time a dropped pass in the St. Edward's centre was seized upon by Ashcroft who raced away to score but too far out to be converted. Once Mallett was put away up the touchline, only to be baulked by a desperate high tackle.

In the first twenty minutes of the second half Stowe continued to have an equal share of the game, although the weight was beginning to tell against them in the tight. A period of pressure on the St. Edward's line almost brought another score as Spackman prompted several attacks, but several times play was scrambled away. As time went on St. Edward's began to gain the initiative with their half backs at last beginning to shake themselves free from Stowe's marking, especially as they were getting better possession. Even then it was only in the extra five minutes which the referee mistakenly allowed at the end that St. Edward's scored twice; as the Stowe defence wilted through tiredness, twice the St. Edward's backs handled to score in the right corner and to draw level—a bitter disappointment for Stowe.

To single out any individuals in a Stowe side which played above itself would be invidious, but Dunipace and Basset in the back row and Buchanan and Bullock outside stood out, although all the pack played like heroes.

Team :—Buchanan ; Mallett, Napier, C. C. Ashcroft (C), V. A. Lownes (G) ; Spackman, Bullock ; Scott-Gall, Forde (Capt.), Dekker ; J. A. C. Heaslop (W), Avory ; Dunipace, Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. OAKHAM

Played at Oakham on Tuesday, October 25th. Drawn 3—3.

For Stowe's first visit to Oakham with their First XV, again there were enforced changes on both wings, Randsley and Ormrod coming in to play their first matches. Early on, the Oakham pack won some clean possession from set-pieces, and their speedy backs threatened danger. Too many times Stowe failed to clear to touch with faulty kicks, but Bullock and Spackman gradually relieved the pressure by shrewd use of the blind side. After twenty minutes' play, with Stowe forwards now winning more of the ball, although limited in the tight by the effective Oakham shove, Forde kicked a straight penalty to put Stowe ahead. Dangerous breaks by the Oakham out-sides were spoilt by careless handling and Stowe held their lead until half-time.

Although the Stowe pack were still not as lively or as forceful as in their previous match, Stowe pressure might well have brought a further score, Dunipace twice broke in the loose and made powerful runs, only to be held near the line, but the three-quarters never looked like penetrating. Stowe were certainly beginning to get a better supply of the ball from the line-outs but were still not getting enough loose heels ; and a spate of penalty kicks against them drove them back on the defensive.

Oakham pressure built up as Stowe missed chances to clear their line and a penalty kick at goal missed narrowly. Having kept out several dangerous movements from scrums within their twenty-five, thanks to good covering by the back row and Bullock, in the last minute of the game Stowe yielded to quick passing from a short penalty and the Oakham left wing outpaced the defence to score in the corner.

Team :—Buchanan ; T. P. Randsley (W), Ashcroft, Napier, H. B. J. Ormrod (C) ; Spackman, Bullock ; Scott-Gall, Forde, Dekker ; Avory, Heaslop ; Dunipace, Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. RUGBY

Played at Rugby on Saturday, October 29th. Lost 5—24.

Stowe went to Rugby with Edwards returning at scrum-half for the injured Bullock. Although Rugby had won all their nine matches so far this season, Stowe were soon into their stride, and although as usual conceding weight in the tight they made up for this with some determined rucking. Both sides seemed tentative in the earlier stages and as the first half wore on it was Stowe who looked more dangerous, especially from kicks ahead for the wings by both Spackman and Napier. Stowe's confidence seemed to grow and after Forde had forced his way almost to the line, the resulting ruck gave Edwards at scrum-half his chance to dive over for a try which Forde converted. However, Stowe's gremlin was again very much in evidence and almost immediately Forde, their captain and hooker, had to retire injured, a serious loss.

Thus the second half saw Rugby begin to develop an effective handling game with virtually guaranteed possession from every set scrum and the lion's share from line-outs. Stowe's tackling, hitherto very solid, was now stretched as Rugby indulged in constant backing up, their great virtue. First a penalty reduced their arrears and then their fly-half was allowed to penetrate decisively. Further tries followed as the Stowe defence was overwhelmed by sheer numbers, despite brave tackling by Buchanan and the centres in particular. Without possession and faced now by a rampaging Rugby side, Stowe could only fight till the final whistle. For the second week in succession fate seemed to rob them of what appeared until half-time to be a reasonable chance of victory.

Team :—Buchanan ; Randsley, Ashcroft, Napier, Ormrod ; Spackman, M. R. Edwards (C) ; Scott-Gall, Forde, Dekker ; Avory, Heaslop ; Dunipace, Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 12th. Lost 0—3.

Forde, Forbes and Mallett were now all able to return to the side, but Spackman was now unfit to play through a nagging injury. In an extremely hard fought and tight game with a wet ball, Radley always looked slightly more dangerous and narrowly deserved their three point victory. The early part of the game saw Stowe win the initiative, but although establishing themselves in the Radley twenty-five, already Radley were getting an effective shove in the tight, and at this stage getting the better of the line-out. The Stowe three-quarters, reshuffled once again because of injury, never looked like making a decisive break, but a number of attacking kicks threatened the Radley line ; from one of these the Radley full-back fumbled and Mallett was there to dribble over the line, only for the ball to be unluckily knocked forward. That was to prove Stowe's best chance of a score in the first half, and in the meantime the Radley backs, receiving the ball cleanly from set scrums and rucks, were beginning to pose a threat, particularly their fly-half and speedy outside centre, but the Stowe defence held firm.

The second half opened with ten minutes of very tight play by both sides along one touch line. Stowe found it difficult to get the ball away quickly enough from the set-pieces despite Forde's capable hooking and although now beating Radley in the line-out, and their half backs could not break free of the Radley marking. In time Radley forced their way into the Stowe twenty-five and had several attempts to score

a push-over try which only just failed; under strong pressure the Stowe three-quarters and back row tackled splendidly. Radley continued to press, winning a number of clean heels from the loose, but still the Stowe cover defence kept them out, until finally the Radley fly-half dropped a good goal. With ten minutes left to draw level, Stowe made great efforts to regain the initiative, but although winning the ball more cleanly now, there was still no real life at half-back and some useful opportunities were lost, especially after the Radley full-backs was again shown to be very fallible to the high ball.

Stowe learned that good tackling and sheer determination are not enough; attack, after all, is the best form of defence and there was never any flair shown behind the scrum to take the weight off an overworked pack.

Team :—Buchanan; Mallett, Ashcroft, Burman, Randsley; Napier, Edwards; Scott-Gall, Forde, Forbes; Heaslop, Avory; Dunipace, Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 19th. Lost 0—3.

Bullock, fit again after injury, returned at scrum-half, but once again rain came to render conditions difficult and there was little open rugby. For the second week running Stowe came up against a pack which dominated the tight scrums and had the better of the loose, and their half-backs had difficulty against a lively back row. The early stages were controlled by Oundle who with clean possession established themselves near the Stowe twenty-five, but not trusting their three-quarters preferred to use the high kick up the middle or back to the forwards. Stowe dealt adequately with these very limited tactics but could rarely break free from the stranglehold imposed by Oundle's possession. In one Stowe attack Basset went near to a try when he charged down an Oundle defender's kick, and Forde was short with a kick at goal.

Nor did the second half produce much more incident. For some fifteen minutes Oundle pressed and had a succession of scrums near the Stowe line, all of them held despite having to give ground in the tight. We still saw nothing of the Oundle three-quarters who remained conspicuously white on this muddy day, but at last yet another scrum saw Oundle attempt to push over and half-wheel to give their wing forward a chance to pick up and plunge over in the corner. For the last fifteen minutes Stowe came back with spirit, their pack now winning a reasonable share of the ball and their outsides at least trying to run the ball, but never making a decisive break, though once a kick by Burman when his wing was half clear possibly lost a score. No-side came with Oundle narrow winners, deserving their success simply through forward domination.

Team :—Buchanan; Mallett, Ashcroft, Burman, Randsley; Napier, Bullock; Scott-Gall, Forde, Forbes; Heaslop, Avory; Dunipace, Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. CHELTENHAM

Played at Cheltenham on Saturday, November 26th. Won 3—0.

At the last minute Forde was unable to play and was replaced by Lugg as hooker and Dunipace as captain. For the first part of the game Stowe established themselves in Cheltenham territory and after a high kick by Napier had been fumbled by the Cheltenham defence, Basset set up a dangerous movement with the loose ball, but the final pass went astray. Cheltenham fought their way back, helped at this stage by more of the ball from the set scrums, but could offer little more than ineffective kicking,

with which Buchanan, in particular, dealt capably. Both sides lacked thrust in the three-quarters and even with a dry ball and firm ground much of the game was spent in touch-kicking to gain ground; at this the Stowe half-backs showed themselves superior. Several times the Cheltenham scrum-half was caught in possession by Bullock, and Dunipace was there to dribble on, while Stowe were now using the long ball in the line-out, but it was not turned to any aggressive purpose. Stowe created more chances, but at this stage neither side looked like scoring.

The pattern in the second half was similar, although now the Stowe pack were gaining better possession from the tight and the loose rucks. Durey had a fairly long kick at goal and was short, but Stowe were gradually building up the pressure. First Mallett was put away and kicked ahead too far, and then from a good heel in the middle of the Cheltenham twenty-five Ashcroft made an outside break for Mallett to score in the corner, too far out for Durey to convert. Stowe continued to look more lively, especially at half-back, and Ashcroft was held only just short of the line. In the last few minutes Cheltenham got into the Stowe twenty-five but their only attacking gambit was the kick ahead and these were cleared with little trouble.

This was a poor game with little attacking idea or talent shown by either side, but Stowe deserved their win if only because they produced the few effective three-quarter movements and because they kicked to better purpose; they were again served particularly well by the back row—in attack and cover defence.

Team :—Buchanan; Mallett, Ashcroft, Burman, Randsley; Napier, Bullock; Scott-Gall, D. G. Lugg (W), Forbes, Heaslop, Avory, Dunipace (Capt.), Durey, Basset.

THE SCHOOL v. THE LEYS

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 3rd. Won 11—5.

The Captain of the XV, Wills, returned—in place of the injured Dunipace—and on a bleak day with a northerly wind and snow in the air Stowe chose to face the elements first. After five minutes a passing movement gave Mallett his chance on the Stowe right and, kicking ahead, he won the race to the touchdown. Durey kicked a fine goal from the touchline. However, The Leys soon stormed back and with their pack winning useful possession their thrustful outsides threatened danger. Running the ball from a penalty their forwards created a chance for their wing-forward to crash over for a try which was also converted. Play remained even with Stowe dealing competently with The Leys' pressure until Randsley, picking up a dropped pass from The Leys' centres just outside his own twenty-five, raced away up the left touchline to score a thrilling try.

That was to give Stowe a great advantage because resisting The Leys' attacks up till half-time, they turned round and began to use the wind far more effectively. The pack won an increasing amount of the ball and Bullock and Napier at half-back came into their own, kicking constantly to keep The Leys back on their heels and probing their defence. At last Bullock broke from a loose scrum and put Napier in with a clear break to the line. Thereafter Stowe retained control, pegging The Leys in their own half for the most part, although The Leys did for a time press towards the end, but steady tackling—especially by Burman and the back row—kept them out. Thus Stowe completed their season on a high note, winning a game which they always controlled, and in which they snapped up their chances.

Team :—Buchanan; Mallett, Ashcroft, Burman, Randsley; Napier, Bullock; Scott-Gall, Forde, Forbes; Heaslop, Avory; Wills, Durey, Basset.

OTHER MATCHES

Sat., Oct. 1st	v. LONDON SCOTTISH	Won	6—3
Tues., Oct. 4th	v. METROPOLITAN POLICE CADETS	Lost	3—12
Sat., Oct. 8th	v. OLD STOICS	Lost	9—28
Sat., Nov. 5th	v. RICHMOND	Lost	3—5

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

As the results show this has been a rather disappointing season with some rather large scores against. One thing which has contributed to this is the almost continual change in the team. As usual any injury in the 1st XV is bound to affect the teams below and this year they have had more than their fair share. However, the team themselves must take a large share of the blame, particularly for the number of points conceded against Rugby and Wellingborough.

The midfield tackling, never very strong, sometimes appeared non-existent and the forwards' covering was often too slow to be effective. This tackling greatly improved with the advent of Elliott and Dweck from the 3rd XV and when the forwards realised they had a major part to play in defence. It was also apparent that the team were not so happy playing away and possibly the results would have been better had they not had a run of four away games in a row.

On the credit side it can be said that two wins in the last three matches showed that the team did eventually settle down and play some good rugby. Marshall-Andrew at full-back was consistently steady and courageous and all the three-quarters were prepared to have a go when given the chance. They always looked more dangerous when Edwards was playing at scrum half. His strong, accurate service, if a little slow, did give them the opportunity to run with the ball, and he also worked hard in defence.

The strength of the side should have been, and sometimes was, in the pack. When Dekker joined the side and took over leading the scrum he set a tireless example to the others. Together with Martin and Lugg he always looked fast and aggressive in the loose scrums, a department in which the team were seldom beaten. Hope, although obviously inexperienced, caught the ball well in the line-out and improved with every game. On their day, all the forwards were capable of good rugby, but inconsistency too often spoilt it. Anderson had a difficult job, captaining a team that was different almost every week, but he persevered and kept the spirit up so that at least they were able to finish the season with a flourish.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 8th	v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Lost	6—12
Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Lost	3—11
Sat., Oct. 22nd	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	0—18
Sat., Oct. 29th	v. RUGBY (Away)	Lost	0—58
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. KETTERING G.S. (Away)	Drawn	3—3
Tue., Nov. 15th	v. WELLINGBOROUGH (Away)	Lost	0—27
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. OUNDLE	Won	15—3
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. CHELTENHAM (Away)	Lost	0—17
Sat., Dec. 3rd	v. THE LEYS (Home)	Won	8—0

Team from :—B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B); G. R. I. Feldman (C), T. A. Clover (C), L. M. Dweck (C), P. J. Elliott (C); H. R. Thornley (W), M. R. Edwards (C); D. H. R. Dekker (T), D. G. Lugg (W), D. R. Gale (C), M. J. P. Martin (W), R. E. A. Hope (C), I. McA. Anderson (T) (Capt.), S. R. Barnes (G), J. G. Bibra (C).

Also played :—M. M. Jeavons (G), E. N. L. Silver (C), D. M. McCarthy (G), J. R. McDonald (C), M. C. S. Wardell (T), W. G. Cheyne (C).

THE THIRD FIFTEEN

The pattern of the season has been a varied one with the high points at either end and something of a depression in the middle. Like many other School sides the variation has been largely due to a long run of injuries which has meant that for several matches the 3rd XV has never had the same side, and the consequent disruption has been unsettling for those players who have stayed firm. It has also made it difficult to develop the sort of tactics which a stable side could have achieved. All this said, however, the general picture has been far from gloomy, and some fine rugby has been played. Bibra led the side with enthusiasm before he was promoted into the 2nd XV, and from then the pack responded to the cultured Glaswegian tones of Cohen. Encouraged by the fainting gasps of an Old Stoic side in the first match which was comfortably won the side generally found themselves fitter than their opposition if a little reluctant to show their paces from the first whistle. O'Farrell has set off the three-quarter line well from fly-half, and he and McCarthy, latterly at inside centre, have combined to provide some penetrating moves, and Garnier, the other centre, has scored some exciting individual tries. It will be a long time, too, before we forget the run of 'Hancock' Mills from his own twenty-five yard line, round the opposing pack, with a short kick past the wing and full-back, to touch down by the corner flag.

Silver often out-hooked his opposite numbers, and, even at times, the referee, but what the side has lacked most of all has been a successful jumper in the line-outs. Many others have pushed and tackled well to provide what has been, all in all, a season of some success.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 8th	v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Won	11—6
Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Won	16—5
Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Lost	3—21
Sat., Oct. 22nd	v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL (Home)	Lost	3—8
Sat., Oct. 29th	v. TOWCESTER G.S. (Away)	Lost	0—9
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. OXFORD COLTS (Away)	Drawn	11—11
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	0—37
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. BLOXHAM (Home)	Won	10—3

Team :—P. D. W. Nicholl (B); M. C. S. Wardell (T), S. C. Garnier (T), D. M. McCarthy (G), D. G. St. M. Mills (T); C. G. O'Farrell (C), W. G. Cheyne (C); D. M. Cohen (C), E. N. L. Silver (C), M. M. Jeavons (G), P. D. Walker (C); P. Reid (B), S. B. Penfold (B); S. S. How (C), J. R. McDonald (C).

THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

The 4th XV this term have made good progress and certain individuals have shown such talent as to carry them into the star-strung portals of the fifty. On the whole an interesting if not very successful season. We have played six matches of which three were lost, one was drawn and two won.

The season opened with a match at Bedford which we only just lost and the fighting spirit of the team became evident. Against St. Edward's we fared a little better and the hard fought match resulted in an honourable draw. Better still we beat the team from M.C.S. Brackley. At Oundle our blood was up in the last ten minutes of the game, but alas, too late, and we suffered our heaviest defeat. Our second win came against Abingdon, and although the score should have been much higher, we did well to maintain our equilibrium in a trying match. The final match of the season came

against a well drilled side from Shiplake ; in spite of many promising attacks by Stowe we just failed to win.

It would be invidious to mention individuals, but suffice it to say that the team, although lacking in talent, played with a fire that was encouraging to see.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Lost	3—6
Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Drawn	3—3
Sat., Nov. 5th	v. M.C.S. BRACKLEY (Home)	Won	5—3
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	3—22
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. ABINGDON (Home)	Won	11—3
Sat., Dec. 3rd	v. SHIPLAKE (Home)	Lost	3—5

*Team from :—*A. J. Downing (C) (Capt.), C. R. F. Kremer (C), C. J. Watkin (S), T. M. Hills (B), G. R. C. Blackmore (C), C. R. S. Manson (C), P. C. M. Madden (C), E. C. F. G. Hodge (C), J. L. G. Newmark (T), R. W. Whittinghill (C), N. W. H. Taylor (C), C. A. McDonald (C), R. A. J. Bennett (G), P. A. Cardiff (S), R. E. Lloyd Morgan (T), R. A. Lamping (C), T. N. A. Telford (C), C. J. G. Henniker Major (C), S. E. Smith (W), R. J. Charlton (C).

THE COLTS

Six defeats and one win indicate that this has been a disappointing season, and this time at least, statistics are not misleading, although they fail to tell the whole story. The season started off full of promise, with perhaps no indication of any outstanding player but at least the prospect on paper of a good team. However, the paper prospects and the promise shown in practice matches were never in evidence in school matches and the only features evident in the first match and which became exasperatingly clearly defined as the term wore on were the conviction that opponents—whatever their true standard and ability—should always be treated with deferential respect and an utter disregard for scoring chances that were either created by or presented to the team. The plain facts are that with the exception of the match at St. Edward's, where the team found itself rather unluckily 13 points down in as many minutes and subsequently lost confidence and disintegrated, in every other encounter the Colts had appreciably more scoring opportunities than their opponents and steadfastly refused either to take advantage of them or to learn from the way in which their opponents made the most of their chances. To say that the results of this season should have read six wins and one defeat is no fanciful thought but can serve as some measure of the frustration of those who have followed the team this term.

Of the forwards, von Bergen, the captain, has always given of his best, setting a fine personal example, and he has been well supported by Balmer, the hooker. The rest of the pack have all had their good spells but there has been a touch of the dilettante about them all and there has been a clear need for resolute and effective wing-forwards.

The backs have frankly disappointed. Nicholl at full-back is clearly a promising player, but this season he has at best been ponderously dependable and poor positioning and a lack of basic speed have occasionally landed him in trouble. The rest of the three-quarter line have never done themselves justice. Arbuthnot's speed has been put to effective use on only two or three occasions ; Heyman lacks speed, but has shown some penetrating ability ; Thynne playing out of position at fly-half has never been altogether happy ; Colebrook at scrum-half has been tough and courageous but is not yet sufficiently co-ordinated to make the best of a good ball and nothing has been seen of Atkin-Berry's strength and speed or Ormrod's elusiveness.

A great disappointment too has been that, despite the willingness and ability of some, and the courage and determination of a very few others, there has been little effective challenge for first team places. Perhaps the one consolation to be found is that the potential in the XV latent at the start of the season has been largely unrealised and it is still there to be tapped in the future ; however, it will be tapped effectively only when the individuals concerned have come to terms with themselves, rid themselves of their inferiority complex and begun to learn the satisfaction that comes with playing determinedly to the best of their ability.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Lost	6—9
Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	0—35
Sat., Oct. 29th	v. RUGBY (Home)	Lost	3—8
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Won	12—6
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. OUNDLE (Home)	Lost	0—6
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. CHELTENHAM (Home)	Lost	8—10
Sat., Dec. 3rd	v. THE LEYS (Away)	Lost	5—9

2ND TEAM

Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Lost	5—11
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. RADLEY (Home)	Won	9—3
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. CHELTENHAM (Home)	Lost	0—17

*Team :—*R. E. T. Nicholl (B) ; P. G. Arbuthnot (C), R. W. Heyman (T), D. M. Atkin-Berry (C), H. B. J. Ormrod (C), R. G. G. Thynne (C), N. D. Colebrook (T), E. P. Lycett-Green (T), S. W. Balmer (C), I. A. R. Jenkins (B), J. E. Hood (B), A. A. Macpherson (G), R. H. B. Stephens (T), M. T. von Bergen (C) (Capt.), J. H. Dalrymple-White (S).

*Also played :—*J. F. A. Dawton (T), A. M. A. Simpson (W).
Colts Stockings were awarded to von Bergen.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

After their dismal showing last year as Under 14's it was to be expected that the Junior Colts should take time to become a rigger club in any true sense of the word. At first there seemed to be barely any talent, little speed and a complete lack of fire. Practice games were bloodless canterers only occasionally sparking into momentary life. As the season advanced the situation improved, but, although there were encouraging times when the team played above themselves, these were never protracted enough to bring success.

In the first four matches 177 points were scored against us, a bleak record relieved only by twenty minutes of dogged grit in the second half against Bedford. All the more gratifying and surprising, then, was the new spirit which could so nearly have brought a draw or even a win against Radley. This match was as much a delight to watch as the next, against Oundle, was a disappointment in which a good start degenerated into a limp collapse. The pattern was repeated in the next two matches. A hesitant first half led to a really determined effort to make up for lost time against Bloxham and we hoped for success at The Leys, but despite the forwards' hard play they could not cover the disastrously inept mistakes in the backs. Even so, one must give credit to a side which was prepared to come back after the earlier massacres when it looked as if it was playing in the wrong league.

With too little speed, bulk and skill, the backs have been tentative in attack and very vulnerable in defence. One must, however, mention Lucas's pluck in impossible situations, Scholfield's handling and growing tactical sense and above all the beautifully

swift and accurate service of Parkinson, a mid-season discovery. The pack improved greatly in the loose but remained less effective in set scrums and line-outs. Wright has grown into an extremely swift hooker and he and Diesbach have begun to generate real heat in the loose. Sturman and Edwards are useful opportunists. Ireland, who at one time virtually *was* the scrum, has at all times led with tremendous example, but he must learn to impose his will on the side with voice as well as verve.

The second team was thrashed by St. Edward's and beaten in a closer game with Radley. They have played with good cheer and enjoyment, but once the team became established they provided little challenge and few dependable reserves.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Lost	0—46
Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home)	Lost	0—48
Tues., Oct. 25th	v. OAKHAM (Away)	Lost	8—42
Sat., Oct. 29th	v. RUGBY (Home)	Lost	0—41
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Lost	3—8
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. OUNDLE (Away)	Lost	0—32
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. BLOXHAM (Home)	Won	25—0
Sat., Dec. 3rd	v. THE LEYS (Away)	Lost	0—17

Team :—D. A. G. Ireland (B) (Capt.), J. C. B. Lucas (G), H. A. Blair Imrie (C), R. M. Withinshaw (S), A. E. How (C), R. G. Sessler (C), B. B. Scholfield (G), J. E. S. Parkinson (W), S. P. M. Wright (C), J. N. R. Diesbach (B), R. K. Hay (C), J. W. Goodwin (W), C. S. Edwards (W), D. E. Richards (W), M. E. Sturman (S).

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN CLUB

The Under-fourteen XV has enjoyed a very successful season. Lucky in that there were a number of players who were physically big for their age, the team nevertheless developed a rugby sense which at times belied their years. The virtues of hard tackling and falling in defence were made clear to them in their first match by a Bedford side which lacked their ability but conceded only one try. The team seems to have learned one important lesson; that rugby is a game that must be played hard from the very first whistle, and apart from a slack period against Radley when they found themselves 3—8 down after scoring first, they showed a team spirit and a will to win that was most gratifying.

The scoring potential lay with a useful midfield triangle, but in all games they would be the first to thank their forwards for a good supply of the ball, especially from the loose where the two wing forwards played consistently well. In the tight too the forwards usually won the ball, but in the line-out there was too much reliance on size and not enough on learning to time a jump and protect the catcher.

One of the promising features for future years was the availability of good players in the second XV. They also won their three games and in more barren years would have given a good account of themselves in more elevated company.

The success of the two sides may be attributed to several factors but above all to a willingness to listen, the desire to win, and the spirit to play clean, hard rugby.

Results :—

Sat., Oct. 15th	v. BEDFORD (Away)	Won	11—0
Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Won	10—6
Sat., Nov. 5th	v. M.C.S. BRACKLEY (Home)	Won	29—0
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Won	22—8
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Won	15—0
Sat., Nov. 26th	v. ABINGDON (Home)	Won	14—0

2ND TEAM

Thurs., Oct. 20th	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away)	Won	6—3
Sat., Nov. 12th	v. RADLEY (Away)	Won	15—0
Sat., Nov. 19th	v. BEDFORD (Home)	Won	14—0

Team :—R. G. G. Carr (C), A. G. Henry (C), S. A. McNair (G), A. W. B. Comber (G), M. H. R. Cobb (W), D. A. H. Wright (T), J. G. Rowe (C), A. I. J. McGregor (C), A. J. B. McKay-Forbes (W), M. E. Shirley-Beavan (G) (Capt.), A. S. Crabbe (C), P. H. Guest (B), I. A. Thomson (C), M. J. D. Manley (T), S. M. B. Dixey (G).

Also played :—A. J. M. Carmichael (W), M. J. Brain (T), R. D. G. Carter (B).

SQUASH RACKETS

This has been a most disappointing term, on the whole. For the first time for years the school had a team largely of *a priori* squash players, but in spite of this play went against us. We are a young and relatively inexperienced team, but this cannot be considered the only reason for our poor record this term. What things amount to is really a complete lack of determination to win—especially when in a winning position. We have also been guilty of giving up, when there is little hope of victory; this is bordering on the pathetic. Unless we find some guts, some refusal to be beaten, from somewhere, things look ill for the future. Philip and Henniker-Major have shown some of this fight, and this almost certainly accounts for why the latter has our most successful record of the term. Shelley, the captain, has had a most unfortunate term, though he has turned in a couple of good performances—notably against Harrow and Cheltenham.

Results :—

Won :—v. Cheltenham (3—1); Bradfield (4—1).

Lost :—v. The Jesters (0—5); St. Edward's (2—3); Harrow (0—5); Tring (1—4); The Escorts (1—4).

Team from :—N. J. Shelley (G); P. G. Austin (G); T. Basset (G); C. J. G. Henniker-Major (C); C. L. K. Graham (C); R. M. Philip (B); W. P. Durlacher (W).

FIVES

There are two types of fives player: the type who plays fives and every other game possible as well, and the type for whom fives is the only game. It seems such a pity that over the years, our team relies so much on the former variety; in other words the rucker players.

Fives, at Stowe, at present, is very much a minor game. It is almost impossible for a rucker player to escape a practice to play in a school fives match. Apparently it is difficult to find time to practise fives and there is a feeling of apathy, when, after a hard rucker match on the Saturday, a rucker player is asked to play fives on Sunday.

But it is true that until the fives team makes sure of at least one good practice a week, they will not be a strong force in the Schools Fives world. Also they need non-rucker players. There must be an opening for those who can devote themselves to practising several times a week.

However, playing a fixture list of strong club sides, it is, of course, not surprising that a battering was received. Also, with A. J. Spackman (C) and S. C. Wills (T) injured for most of the matches, we were deprived of two of our top players. However, W. P. Durlacher (W), the captain, and S. C. Garnier (T) always played with spirit, P. C. Bullock (B) possesses much ability, and given luck, and less injuries, we hope for better things next term.

LAWN TENNIS

YOULL CUP

It is a long time since Stowe had no interest in the Youll Cup after the Tuesday of the Schools' Wimbledon week. In fact, it was a most disappointing tournament for us.

The team had had a very successful summer term, winning all but one of their school matches, and perhaps this success made the two chosen pairs somewhat overconfident. Anyway, at no stage did either of them play up to form and at no stage did either pair seem to think it possible that they could lose. Against Kent College, a rather patchy victory was gained, after M. T. Weston (C) and S. R. Edwards (W) beat what was meant to be a strong first pair. In the second round, we succumbed to a fairly strong team from Nottingham High School, the match running to a deciding singles.

Emanuel School won the tournament for the second year running and Rugby won the Junior event, promising strong competition for the future. However, Stowe should be strong next year but will have no reason to be overconfident.

Team :—M. T. Weston (C), S. R. Edwards (W), G. E. J. Clarke (G), P. Y. Rapelye (B).

CRICKET

1ST. XI AVERAGES

		BATTING					
		<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>	
C. J. R. Black	...	12	1	475	124	43.00	
J. N. Dixey	...	12	2	293	64*	29.30	
B. S. Davies	...	8	0	124	36	15.50	
W. P. Durlacher	...	12	0	181	62	15.08	
J. P. Raw	...	9	0	135	46	15.00	
A. P. Greig	...	10	2	104	33	13.00	
S. A. Stock	...	11	0	124	33	11.27	
I. F. Buchanan	...	11	1	95	36	9.50	
		*Not Out					
		BOWLING					
		<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>	
C. J. R. Black	...	192	51	447	45	9.93	
S. T. D. Ritchie	...	68	6	213	15	14.20	
J. N. Dixey	...	117	39	464	23	2.02	

HOUSE MATCHES

Once again the general standard of Senior House matches was weak. Grafton won the cup very easily and the only performance of note was Black's 154 against Temple, his century coming in eleven overs.

The Junior standard was more encouraging and there were some good batting performances, notably from Bullock who made 249 for twice out. Bruce's strong colts contingent enabled them to win fairly comfortably to give them a hat-trick, winning the rugger, hockey and cricket cups during the school year.

SENIORS

FIRST ROUND

- { Chatham 62 (Burton 5 for 36 ; Black 4 for 25).
{ Grafton 71 for 2 wickets.
- { Grenville 44 (Dixey 8 for 21).
{ Bruce 46 for 3 wickets.
- { Chandos 39 (Buchanan 5 for 20 ; Stock 4 for 15).
{ Walpole 40 for 1 wicket.
- { Cobham 54 (Greig 4 for 22 ; Scott-Gall 4 for 28).
{ Temple 54 for 2 wickets.

SEMI-FINALS

- { Grafton 236 (Black 154 ; Greig 7 for 94).
{ Temple 59 (Burton 6 for 24).
- { Bruce 105 (Smith 7 for 26).
{ Walpole 79 (Marshall-Andrew 7 for 43).

FINAL

- { Bruce 84 (Philip 32 not out ; Burton 5 for 52).
{ Grafton 85 for 3 wickets (Davies 32 not out).

JUNIORS

FIRST ROUND

- { Chandos 145 (Spurrier 93 ; Nicholl 7 for 30).
{ Bruce 158 for 4 wickets (Bullock 75 not out).
- { Chatham 147 for 7 wickets (Goodhart 33).
{ Grafton 132 (Collier 36 not out).
- { Grenville 320 for 6 wickets (Barnes 104 ; Eades 45 ; McNair 41 ; James 39 ; Comber 35).
{ Walpole 88.
- { Cobham 62 (Russell 7 for 18).
{ Temple 63 for 4 wickets.

SEMI-FINALS

- { Chatham 160 (Neilson 64).
{ Grenville 102 (Bishop 6 for 32).
- { Bruce 218 (Nicholls 84 ; Bullock 64 ; Olafson 5 for 86).
{ Temple 150 (Prestwich 56 ; Mason 6 for 56).

FINAL

- { Bruce 218 (Bullock 110 ; Nicholl 40 ; Follet 6 for 84).
{ Chatham 60.

ATHLETICS

THE SPORTS

Conditions for the Inter-House Sports were not those that could reasonably be expected of the elements at the end of July. High gusty winds blew on both days and although the sun shone on the second half of the programme the cold and damp of the first day can be read into many of the performances.

The struggle for the cup was soon seen to be between Grenville and Cobham but although Grenville had some fine individual performances, the greater strength in depth of Cobham told in the end, and they emerged comfortable winners.

Of the individuals, Fielding at last came into his own and ran three very fine races in the Open middle-distance events, and his mile record was a very good performance in the blustery conditions. Miller, Mills, Baker and Honeyman-Brown also did well and recorded double wins. Thomas, Randsley, Hodge and Lownes were the outstanding athletes in the Under 17 events and Thomas in particular deserves special mention since he was the only competitor in any age group to win all four events for which he was entered. Arbuthnot, Simpson, Rainer and How of the Juniors showed fine form and considerable promise.

INTER-HOUSE CUP

1, Cobham, 245 pts. ; 2, Grenville, 202 pts. ; 3, Temple, 147 pts. ; 4, Grafton, 140 pts. ; 5, Chatham, 89 pts. ; 6, Bruce, 74 pts. ; 7, Walpole, 71 pts. ; 8, Chandos, 51 pts.

Individual Results :—

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, J. Miller (C) ; 2, T. Bassett (G) ; 3, J. C. Mallett (S) ; 4, A. M. Brodie (C) ; 5, R. A. Stormont (G) ; 6, P. E. Williams (G). Time, 10.5 secs.
 220 Yards—1, T. Bassett (G) ; 2, J. Miller (C) ; 3, J. C. Mallett (S) ; 4, R. D. Kinahan (T) ; 5, A. R. Baker (G) ; 6, A. M. Brodie (C). Time, 23.2 secs.
 440 Yards—1, T. Bassett (G) ; 2, R. D. Kinahan (T) ; 3, N. D. Rossi (C) ; 4, A. R. Baker (G) ; 5, P. J. Elliott (C) ; 6, J. G. Bibra (C). Time, 53.0 secs.
 880 Yards—1, M. P. Fielding (S) ; 2, M. Reed (G) ; 3, W. V. Waldron (S) ; 4, S. C. Wills (T) ; 5, P. B. Fisher (S) ; 6, F. C. Miskin (S). Time, 1 min. 59.3 secs.
 Mile—1, M. P. Fielding (S) ; 2, M. Reed (G) ; 3, W. V. Waldron (S) ; 4, P. B. Fisher (G) ; 5, V. S. Lane (G) ; 6, B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B). Time 4 mins. 26.2 secs. (*New Ground Record*).
 2,000 m. Steeplechase—1, M. P. Fielding (S) ; 2, P. B. Fisher (S) ; 3, S. C. Wills (T) ; 4, F. C. Miskin (S) ; 5, H. D. Breese (C) ; 6, M. A. Burton (S). Time 6 mins. 16.6 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles—1, D. G. Mills (T) ; 2, J. M. Earle (S) ; 3, N. D. Rossi (C) ; 4, L. M. Higman (T) ; 5, R. D. Kinahan (T) ; 6, C. A. Frean (C). Time 17.2 secs.
 200 Yards Hurdles—1, D. G. Mills (T) ; 2, N. D. Rossi (C) ; 3, P. E. Williams (G) ; 4, L. M. Higman (T). Time, 25.2 secs.
 High Jump—1, J. Miller (C) ; 2, P. C. Madden (C) ; 3, C. R. Dimpfl (C) ; 4, L. M. Higman (T) ; 5, R. D. Kinahan (T) ; 6, R. G. Collisson (S). Height, 5 ft. 5 ins.
 Long Jump—1, A. R. Baker (G) ; 2, J. Miller (C) ; 3, A. J. Spackman (C) ; 4, P. J. Gray (T) ; 5, C. R. Dimpfl (C) ; 6, R. A. Syms (B). Distance, 19 ft. 8 ins.
 Triple Jump—1, A. R. Baker (G) ; 2, J. M. Earle (S) ; 3, P. J. Gray (T) ; 4, N. D. Rossi (C) ; 5, D. G. Mills (T) ; 6, A. H. Thwaites (B). Distance, 39 ft. 5 ins.
 Pole Vault—1, J. M. Earle (S) ; 2, A. H. Thwaites (B) ; 3, D. G. Mills (T) ; 4 (equal), R. J. Grantham and L. M. Higman (T). Height, 10 ft.

Weight—1, C. Honeyman-Brown (G) ; 2, J. C. Mallett (S) ; 3, C. J. Black (S) ; 4, C. A. Frean (C) ; 5, J. G. Bibra (C) ; 6, J. P. Raw (S). Distance, 40 ft. 10 ins.

Discus—1, C. Honeyman-Brown (G) ; 2, C. A. Frean (C) ; 3, P. C. Madden (C) ; 4, M. J. Martin (W) ; 5, R. L. Marcus (C) ; 6, C. J. Black (S). Distance, 118 ft.

Javelin—1, I. McA. Anderson (T) ; 2, S. C. Wills (T) ; 3, J. C. Gordon-Finlayson (B) ; 4, I. A. Buchanan (W) ; 5, C. Honeyman-Brown (G) ; 6, R. S. Fox (T). Distance, 155 ft. 6 ins.

UNDER-SEVENTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, N. P. Thomas (B) ; 2, V. A. Lownes (G) ; 3, C. C. Ashcroft (C) ; 4, M. C. Wardell (T) ; 5, J. M. Napier (C). Time, 11.3 secs.
 220 Yards—1, N. P. Thomas (B) ; 2, T. P. Randsley (W) ; 3, C. C. Ashcroft (C) ; 4, M. C. Wardell (T) ; 5, B. J. Boulton (G). Time, 24.4 secs.
 440 Yards—1, T. P. Randsley (W) ; 2, C. G. O'Farrell (C) ; 3, J. P. Withinshaw (S) ; 4, A. T. McNeice (B) ; 5, C. J. Henniker-Major (C). Time, 55.4 secs.
 880 Yards—1, T. P. Randsley (W) ; 2, B. J. Karen (W) ; 3, C. G. O'Farrell (C) ; 4, N. P. Evans (C) ; 5, R. M. Gransden (G). Time, 2 mins. 10.1 secs.
 Mile—1, E. C. Hodge (C) ; 2, B. J. Karen (W) ; 3, N. P. Evans (C) ; 4, G. G. Wright (S) ; 5, N. S. McGuigan (T). Time, 4 mins. 56.8 secs.
 1,000 m. Steeplechase—1, E. C. Hodge (C) ; 2, R. M. Gransden (G) ; 3, N. P. Evans (C) ; 4, H. G. Brooking (C) ; 5, G. G. Wright (S). Time 3 mins. 10.6 secs.
 110 Yards Hurdles—1, P. G. Arbuthnot (C) ; 2, S. J. Fafalios (C) ; 3, P. M. Dunipace (T) ; 4, P. C. Bullock (B) ; 5, A. H. Thomlinson (W). Time, 15.9 secs.
 High Jump—1, J. M. Napier (C) ; 2, T. R. Stephens (C) ; 3, A. H. Thomlinson (W) ; 4, T. M. Hills (B) ; 5, C. G. O'Farrell (C). Height, 5 ft.
 Long Jump—1, N. P. Thomas (B) ; 2, M. Marcel (C) ; 3, D. R. Gale (C) ; 4, D. G. Lugg (W) ; 5, T. P. Randsley (W). Distance, 19 ft.
 Triple Jump—1, N. P. Thomas (B) ; 2, J. M. Napier (C) ; 3, I. A. Jenkins (B) ; 4, D. R. Gale (C) ; 5, M. Marcel (C). Distance, 39 ft. 1 in.
 Pole Vault—1, P. C. Bullock (B) ; 2, J. M. Napier (C) ; 3, A. V. Hope (G) ; 4, N. P. Evans (B) ; 5, A. D. Mason (B). Height, 9 ft.
 Weight—1, V. A. Lownes (G) ; 2, C. C. Ashcroft (C) ; 3, C. R. Kremer (C) ; 4, S. C. Garnier (T) ; 5, S. R. Barnes (G). Distance, 46 ft. 3 ins.
 Discus—1, C. C. Ashcroft (C) ; 2, V. A. Lownes (G) ; 3, H. B. Ormrod (C) ; 4, S. R. Barnes (G) ; 5, J. P. Yerburch (B). Distance, 136 ft. 5½ ins.
 Javelin—1, V. A. Lownes (G) ; 2, S. C. Garnier (T) ; 3, D. A. Keeling (C) ; 4, A. V. Hope (G) ; 5, C. R. Kremer (C). Distance, 139 ft. 7 ins.

UNDER-SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, P. G. Arbuthnot (C) ; 2, R. H. Stephens (T) ; 3, M. T. von Bergen (C) ; 4, N. D. Jamieson (G) ; 5, S. J. Fafalios (C). Time, 10.7 secs.
 220 Yards—1, P. G. Arbuthnot (C) ; 2, R. H. Stephens (T) ; 3, M. T. von Bergen (C) ; 4, J. F. Dawton (T) ; 5, S. J. Fafalios (C). Time, 24.3 secs.
 440 Yards—1, A. M. Simpson (W) ; 2, M. T. von Bergen (C) ; 3, J. S. Kilpatrick (C) ; 4, D. M. Atkin-Berry (C). Time, 56.4 secs.
 880 Yards—1, A. M. Simpson (W) ; 2, R. W. Heyman (T) ; 3, C. N. Rainer (C) ; 4, J. S. Kilpatrick (C) ; 5, N. S. McGuigan (T). Time, 2 mins. 10.6 secs.
 Three-quarter Mile—1, R. W. Heyman (T) ; 2, C. N. Rainer (C) ; 3, R. G. Burdon (C) ; 4, P. M. Dunipace (T) ; 5, J. Moreton (G). Time, 3 mins. 42.4 secs.
 High Jump—1, C. N. Rainer (C) ; 2, J. S. Kilpatrick (C) ; 3, D. M. Atkin-Berry (C) ; 4, A. V. Hope (G) ; 5, P. M. Dunipace (T). Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.
 Long Jump—1, C. N. Rainer (C) ; 2, J. S. Kilpatrick (C) ; 3, I. A. Jenkins (B) ; 4, P. R. Wolfe (S) ; 5, J. F. Dawton (T). Distance, 16 ft. 5 ins.

UNDER-FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards—1, A. E. How (C); 2, H. A. Blair-Imrie (C); 3, V. J. Hill (G); 4, J. H. Robinson (G); 5, P. J. Lankester (C). Time, 11.9 secs.
 220 Yards—1, A. E. How (C); 2, H. A. Blair-Imrie (C); 3, V. J. Hill (G); 4, A. W. Comber (G); 5, D. E. Richards (W). Time, 27 secs.
 440 Yards—1, A. E. How (C); 2, J. H. Robinson (G); 3, A. W. Comber (G); 4, R. G. Burdon (C); 5, P. J. Mersey (C). Time, 61.2 secs.
 880 Yards—1, R. G. Burdon (C); 2, C. J. Smith (C); 3, P. J. Mersey (C); 4, R. N. Stephenson (C); 5, J. Moreton (G). Time, 2 mins 26.3 secs.
 80 Yards Hurdles—1, V. J. Hill (G); 2, J. P. Withinshaw (G); 3, D. N. Weston (C); 4, C. J. Pearson (G); 5, J. A. Jewell (C). Time, 13.6 secs.
 High Jump—1, D. N. Weston (C); 2, S. B. Bedford (G); 3 (equal), R. D. Carter (B); J. E. Parkinson (W); B. J. Emrys-Roberts (C). Height, 4 ft. 4 ins.
 Long Jump—1, H. A. Blair-Imrie (C); 2, J. H. Robinson (G); 3, C. J. Smith (C); 4, S. A. McNair (G); 5, V. J. Hill (G). Distance, 16 ft.

THE E. J. WEBB CUP

The E. J. Webb Cup for outstanding athletic achievement in 1966 has been awarded to M. P. J. Fielding (G) 1966.

SAILING

It had been hoped that this term, with less sailing possible, good progress would have been made with maintenance and the building of the new Graduate. Unfortunately, support for this sort of activity has dwindled to a faithful few. The number working on the boats reduced so drastically at half-term that it was necessary to hold a General Meeting to consider whether it was worthwhile continuing to build the new boat. A number of members seemed unwilling to undertake any work that was not of immediate benefit to themselves; but it was pointed out that, had this attitude been at all prevalent in the past, the club would have ceased to exist long ago. After a vote it was decided to continue building the boat and work is now proceeding in a more purposeful way.

Several improvements have been made to the club and its equipment during the term. The bridge across to the island finally collapsed and was rebuilt in concrete by the Bursar's staff; a set of terylene sails has been bought to replace a sadly worn cotton set; a new plastic cover has been bought for Graduate 411 and a group of keen members have cleared the undergrowth from behind the hut.

Little sailing has been done this term. We had one match against Bedford but it was abandoned due to lack of wind. A series of club races has also been attempted but although the wind has been good, it has been too cold for most members.

Club Officers were:—

Commodore—J. S. Aiken (C); Secretary—M. D. D. Duckham (W).

GOLF

Results from the end of the Summer term were as follows:—
 HOUSE MATCH FINALS:—

Seniors: Chatham beat Chandos 3—2.
 Juniors: Grenville beat Cobham 3½—1½.

The Penfold Cup was retained by B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B).

SHOOTING

Open range .303 shooting is one of those sports in which you persevere in spite of the weather; that is until rain, snow, hail or high water render the target invisible. At the Schools' Meeting at Bisley this year this did in fact happen and in the worst conditions for forty years, two of the events, the Public Schools' Snap and the 'Marling' were cancelled—unprecedented happening. Since we had spent several hours practising these particular competitions it was somewhat disappointing, especially as at that stage of the meeting we could not have got any wetter than we were.

In the Ashburton itself our scores at 200 yards were reasonable, considering the appalling conditions, but at 500 yards two members of the VIII had disastrous shoots due to wet rounds—one of the two managed three misses over the top of the target, an episode he will be pleased to forget but we hope learn from. Our final score of 439 was our lowest for three years but even so placed us 80th out of 100 schools—a drop of only 10 places on last year. Even so this was disappointing; we had the talent to climb well above last year's position, it was just that we had little experience of shooting 'in the wet'.

In the Cadet Pair event (also shot in the rain) we scored 117 and were placed a fairly creditable 31st out of 89, only 10 points behind the winners, both members shooting consistently but perhaps a little below their best form. In the individual events, A. C. Wolfe (G) came 9th out of approximately 800 entries for the 'Gale and Polden Rifle' (the aggregate of best scores at 200 and 500 yards) and 22nd in the 'Iveagh' (the best score at 500 yards). A. V. Hope (G) came 22nd and R. P. K. Carmichael (W) 89th in the 'Wellington' (the best score at 200 yards). P. D. Walker (C) was placed 63rd in the 'Gale and Polden Pistol' competition and Hope won himself a prize in the clay-pigeon contest.

Colours were awarded to P. D. Walker (C), C. J. Watkin (G), T. R. Harris (B), A. C. Cooper (G), J. R. S. Greenstreet (G), R. P. K. Carmichael (W), and R. C. Unwin (C).

The following also shot for the School during the season: A. I. Nicholson (G), M. W. Whitton (B), P. V. Beazley (B), R. J. K. Cooke (C).

The Captain of Shooting, A. C. Wolfe (G), administered the team effectively and always set high scores for others to match as well as proving an efficient coach. P. D. Walker (C) has been appointed Captain and A. I. Nicholson Secretary for the coming season.

Our excursion to Bisley on Field Day this term has unearthed more hitherto undiscovered talent and we look forward to starting in earnest next term.

SCULLING

This Winter term has not been one of vast activity on the part of scullers. An unfortunate accident soon after the beginning of term put out of action one of the pair of skiffs which thenceforth spent most of the term under repair at the workshops. The remaining skiff was therefore rather over-subscribed on certain days, and activity was somewhat restricted as a consequence. This occurrence highlighted our need for a third skiff, which it is hoped will be forthcoming in the near future. N. P. Evans (C) will be Captain of Sculling next year, and we look forward to the prospect of a successful season.

SWIMMING

Competitive swimming this term has been confined to those boys who qualified last term to represent Buckinghamshire in the Divisional and National Championships. A County 'training week-end' was organised in the first week, and six boys from Stowe took part in this venture.

On October 8th, the Divisional Championships were held in Oxford, and two Stoics, P. L. Ashcroft (C) and T. Reid (B) qualified for the National Championships. These were held at Cardiff on October 28th and 29th, and competition proved too strong for both Ashcroft and Reid, both of whom came sixth in their heats.

A Buckinghamshire Intermediate and Junior fixture was arranged against Berkshire, at Reading, on November 25th. Stowe here had five representatives, all of whom found the pace too hot for them. One promising feature of this match, however, was a plucky swim by J. B. Farrer (C), who recorded a personal best time for the 110 yards Intermediate backstroke.

It is in competitions like these that we really feel the need for an indoor swimming pool.

FENCING

The fencing this term has been unsuccessful in that we have lost all four matches, though only narrowly to Rugby, where in fact we won more hits than our opponents. However, the team is a young one and few of its members had previously had any match practice. The experience gained this term has led to a marked improvement in the standard of fencing and indicates a promising start to the season. Special credit must go to Richardson and Shepherd, who have fenced steadily and improved well. The younger section of the club flourishes, and there is plenty of promise for future years.

There was some keen fencing shown by many of the participants in the house matches which were held this term, Grafton putting up a competent performance to win both the Sabre and Senior Foil team cups.

The Individual Foil cup was won by L. M. Dweck (C), after a play-off with Shepherd and Richardson. It is a pity that he has been unable to fence in any of our matches.

The following have fenced for the school this term :—

1st Team :—N. J. S. Murray (C); A. R. Richardson (C); S. W. Shepherd (C); P. A. Viton (C); R. M. Francis (C); P. Smith (C); C. J. Smith (C).

2nd Team (foil) :—R. S. Moss (C); P. J. Lankester (C); J. D. Storey (W).

Results :—

v. ETON	Lost 3—24
v. RUGBY	Lost 4—5
v. NORTHAMPTON F.C.	Lost 10—22
v. BRADFIELD	Lost 8—19

LEAGUES

The Summer League Competition took a new form this year, consisting of both hockey and cricket games between houses. The idea was to cater for all the varied talent which is not employed by Clubs during the summer, and this it fulfilled, much of the credit going to Sid Jones, who saw to it that pitches were always ready for play.

Games were played throughout the term as weather permitted, and the last match of the competition was completed a week before the end of term. Thus, every House played every other in 'A' and 'B' Leagues at both Cricket and Hockey. The cup, awarded on the combined result, was comfortably won by Chatham with 51 points out of a possible 56. Grafton were second with 36 points, and Bruce and Cobham were equal third with 30.

STOWE BEAGLES

We are grateful to Mr. Pedder who has taken over the job of Secretary from Mr. Pinchbeck.

A second-hand Bedford van has been acquired this year in which Stoics are transported to meets, the Hounds are towed behind in a trailer built by our kennel-huntsman.

Hounds were paraded on Speech Day last term and the puppy-show and the Hunt Ball which followed it on July 23rd were a great success.

We have had some good hunts this term, notably from Canons Ashby, Helmdon, Brackley Grange and Halse; so far hounds have accounted for six and a half brace of hare.

Two new whippers-in have been appointed: C. J. E. Bartholomew (W) and R. E. W. Wainwright (B). We are also grateful to R. E. Gamble (C), D. B. Jones (C) and W. N. Russell (B) for helping in the kennels.

We have nineteen couple of hounds in kennels at the moment and three couple of puppies out at walk. Improvements at the kennels are to be carried out during the Christmas holidays financed by the fund in memory of Miss Rosemary Hill.

In September hounds were taken by P. F. Wood (B) to his home in Yorkshire where he killed three brace of hare in six days hunting, they will be taken to Somerset for ten days hunting after Christmas by the Master, S. M. Moreton (B).

We are grateful to the Old Berkeley and Sandhurst Beagles who have given us hounds; four couple have been drafted to the newly-formed Oaston Beagles.

1ST XI HOCKEY FIXTURES

Sat.,	Feb. 4—	ALDENHAM	Away
Thurs.,	Feb. 9—	CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WANDERERS	Home
Sat.,	Feb. 11—	THE LEYS	Away
Tues.,	Feb. 21—	HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI	Home
Sat.,	Feb. 25—	BRADFIELD	Home
Tues.,	Feb. 28—	RADLEY	Away
Sat.,	Mar. 4—	OXFORD UNIVERSITY OCCASIONALS	Home
Sat.,	Mar. 11—	PANGBOURNE	Home
Tues.,	Mar. 14—	ST. EDWARD'S	Away
Sat.,	Mar. 18—	MILL HILL	Home

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