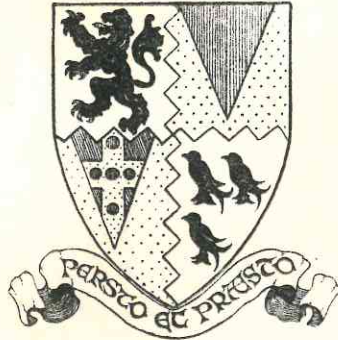


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THE CEDAR CHAPEL

FUTURE visitors to Stowe will look in vain for the Cedar Chapel. Its cedar has gone, and workmen are at present engaged in knocking windows through the lower walls, in preparation for the work of converting it into six studies and a reading-room. The chapel itself has a very desolate appearance. Even the gallery has gone, and the gallery fireplace, suspended half-way up one wall, gives a comical touch to the ruins.

In the "Description of Stowe" (1838) the chapel is noted as being "wainscoted throughout with cedar, adorned with carvings, with a gallery of the same, hung with crimson velvet, under which are seats for the servants." One of its original pulpits bears the date 1707; from this we may conclude that the chapel was not included as such when the house was rebuilt by Sir Richard Temple about 1660. There were ground-floor windows which have been bricked up; the room was then apparently used for other purposes. When Richard, first Viscount Cobham, entered on his extensive programme of alterations and additions in the early part of the eighteenth century, he evidently bricked up the lower windows and converted the room into a chapel. No traces have been discovered of the original decoration of the room between 1707, when presumably the chapel was fitted up, and 1739, when the cedar panelling was first put in.

The "Cedar Wainscot" itself has had a very varied career. We first hear of it in a Spanish prize, out of which it was bought by the Earl of Bath, to fit up the chapel at Stowe, near Kilkhampton, Cornwall—the seat of the Cornish branch of the Grenville family. When Cornish Stowe was pulled down in 1739 the panelling was purchased by my Lord Cobham, brought to Stowe in Buckinghamshire and fitted into the chapel there. The cedar was worked by Michael Chuke and carved by Grinling Gibbons. (For some time nobody in the School could find the latter's "pea-pod" sign; but eventually one searcher, more patient than the rest, succeeded in discovering it.) The remainder of the cedar came from the chapel at Bulstrode, at that time the seat of the Duke of Portland. The panelling has now been removed for the third time, and is being installed in the chancel of the New Chapel; parts of it are also being used in connection with the entrance-screen and the organ front. The pulpit and the communion rail too, are being used. In fact, the architect's drawing of the new chancel calls to mind the end wall of the Cedar Chapel; the panelling, carving and pillars seem to have been re-erected practically *en bloc*.

When the panelling was taken down from the Cedar Chapel, two paintings were discovered behind it on the west wall, each whitewashed over at the top for about a foot. These have thrown much light on the arrangement of the panelling when the cedar was originally put in. When it was first brought to Stowe from Cornwall in 1739, apparently only one tier of it was set up round the walls; this tier was about twelve feet high. Above this, according to a "Description of Stowe" published in 1759, were full-length paintings of Moses, Aaron, St. Peter, St. Paul and the four Evangelists. There were also paintings of the Ascension, the Baptism and the Salutation of the Virgin Mary. The two paintings that have been laid bare are the Ascension and the Baptism. There is a vacant space beside them, whitewashed over completely; it is a matter for speculation as to whether the third painting—that of the Salutation—may not still lie hidden beneath the whitewash.

The "Description of Stowe" published in 1838 makes no mention of the pictures, but tells us that some of the cedar "came from the chapel at Bulstrode, the seat of the late Duke of Portland." Bulstrode was purchased by the Duke of Somerset when the third Duke of Portland died in 1814 and we shall probably be correct in assigning this date to the transference of the Bulstrode cedar to Stowe. Apparently the eight full-length paintings were taken down altogether and the Bulstrode cedar put up in their place to form a second tier of panelling reaching nearly to the roof. About a foot of each of the remaining pictures still showed above the top of the new cedar, and so this was whitewashed over.

Another change that must have taken place about this date concerns the panelling over the Communion Table. According to the "Description" of 1759, "over the Communion Table is a fine Painting of the Resurrection by *Tintoretto*, and over that is the King's Arms finely carved and ornamented." By 1838 *Tintoretto's* "Resurrection" has been removed and "a Copy of the Holy Lamb, by Rubens, in the Wilton Collection," substituted for it. At some later date this, too, was removed and a cedar panel bearing the Ten Commandments put in its place.

Within the rails of the Communion Table there hung, until 1922, the Colours of the First Provisional Battalion of Militia, which, under the command of Richard, Marquess of Buckingham, volunteered for foreign service and joined the British Army in France under Wellington in 1814. In remembrance of the officers and men who accompanied him upon this service, the Marquess placed the Colours in the Chapel, and placed a marble tablet on each side of the gallery door, one recording the presentation of the Colours and the other being inscribed with the names of the Officers and Staff of the battalion, together with a return of the quotas of men furnished to the battalion by the different regiments of militia.

Over the fireplace, to the right of the gallery door, there was in 1838 "a very curious antique Shrine, composed of groupes of figures representing the Crucifixion, brought from Antwerp by the late Thomas Astle, Esq." Opposite the fireplace was a small organ which belonged to James II and was used in his private chapel at the camp on Hounslow Heath. After the Revolution it was conveyed to Winchendon, the seat of the Lord Wharton; and after that house was destroyed it was bought by Mr. Grenville, of Wotton.

The Cedar Chapel was used for School services throughout the first term, after which the School became too big to be crowded into it. After that it was used only for an occasional early service and when the Gymnasium was occupied by the Certificate examinations during the summer. With the opening of the New Chapel next term, even that would have been no longer necessary. The little Chapel would have outlived

its usefulness: it would have retained merely a sentimental and an artistic value. Nevertheless one cannot help feeling sorry that it has gone. Though it will serve a more useful purpose in handing over its decoration to its larger, grander and more dignified sister, there was a charm about it that differs from the charm of the New Chapel. The latter is proud, beautiful and stately; the Cedar Chapel was dainty, charming and endearing.

The two marble tablets from the gallery, which have remained in a corner for a long time wrapped up in sacking, are to go back to their original positions on either side of the door. It is comforting to think that, though the little Chapel is no more, the valour of Lieutenant Malachy Donelan, Surgeon Tobias Ladbroke and their companions-in-arms will still be remembered, and may still "assist in setting an example to their countrymen."

HER MAJESTY'S STALL

The Stoic feels a particular pleasure in announcing that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously offered to present to the Chapel a QUEEN'S STALL which shall bear her name and Arms.

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS EBEN PEMBERTON.

September 15th, 1879 — February 22nd, 1929.

Dr. Pemberton was the School's first Doctor, but he was also much more than that. His interest in everything and everyone here had made him a personal friend of us all, and he had come to seem a member of our community and an integral part of the place. We knew him as a "parent" too, for he was the Father of an Old Stoic and of a Stoic to be.

We numbered only ninety-nine when Dr. Pemberton first took charge of us in May 1923, but he soon had a much bigger family on his hands. We were a troublesome family, too, and in our first Easter Term we gave him some bad cases both of Influenza and of Measles to deal with. We found out then (what we had guessed before) that the man who was looking after us was not only kindly and untiring, but also of first-rate quality as a physician. This has been proved again many times, and

some of us owe more to Dr. Pemberton's skill and his almost intuitive power of diagnosis than we shall ever be allowed to know. In addition, his careful organization, his statistical work, and his determination that everyone should understand the principles of health made him exceptionally valuable as a School M.O.

Yet he was indeed much more than our Doctor, and it is not only or chiefly as such that we shall remember him. When his name is mentioned—and it is mentioned often, for we hardly yet realise that we shall not see him again—we think first of a deep and friendly voice, and then of a large, slightly stooping figure, and of a kindly, wise and sympathetic spirit with which it was a pleasure and a refreshment to make contact. One always felt that one was safe with Dr. Pemberton. His good sense and the resolute charitableness of his outlook made it seem natural and necessary to confide in him. His humour and his knowledge of men made it a pleasure to talk with him, and in times of anxiety his quiet strength gave steadiness and courage to the weakest of us. These are things which we shall not soon forget.

His devotion to his work was known fully only to those who lived at close quarters with him. He was not a strong man physically, and after his serious illness in 1926 the strain became sometimes more than he should have borne. He had a slight attack of Influenza early in February and he insisted on returning to work sooner than he would have allowed any of his patients to do so. He was at Stowe at mid-day on Saturday February 16th, but he admitted that he was not well and agreed to spend the week-end in bed. He quickly became gravely ill, and by eight o'clock on Friday evening, the 22nd, he was dead.

His memory will be held in honour and affection in the School to which he gave so much and in whose service he found his death.

J.F.R.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1929

E. J. OLIVER has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Modern History at Christ Church, Oxford.

R. MACD. BARBOUR has been elected to the Williams Exhibition for Natural Science at Balliol College, Oxford.

P. REID has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Mathematics at Saint Catherine's College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

AS a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's Examination in December, 1928, the following were awarded 'School Certificates':—

A. C. C. Brodie.
G. R. Cheape.
P. D. A. Chidell.
A. R. De Salis.
N. P. H. Dryden.
P. A. J. G. Graham.
W. W. Grey.
P. F. Hornsby.

M. V. Kitchen.
M. G. McBride.
R. de Z. Manser.
L. M. Miall.
C. J. Morny.
R. L. Shepherd.
V. G. Stuart.
G. J. B. Wright.

ON THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE AT STOWE

I have seen lovely things,
Sights without words to express,
Among my wanderings.

I have drunk long and deep
The fount of Quietness
In a cool place of Sleep.

I have been far and wide
Into a land of dreams
With Loveliness beside.

I have seen Gracefulness,
Pure, perfect Gracefulness,
Among the streams.

Simple, and wreathed with Time,
As with a garlanding,
Still, with a grace sublime,

She stands among the streams,
Gentle as evening,
Weaving her dreams.

Weaving and listening
Down by the waters where
Dim twilight gleams.

I have seen lovely things,
Sights without words to declare,
Among my wanderings.

ANON.

STOICA

After being held up for half a term, owing to the loss of one of the photo blocks, the reprint of No. 2 is at last progressing. Copies will be available next term.

The Drums, after several false starts, are now in full swing, and have performed on the Bourbon Field.

Tea rations "for consumption off the premises" are now issued only in exchange for costly coupons, and the cry has gone up from a hundred studies "hands off the people's food!" But we shall no doubt get used to bread tickets as quickly as a previous generation did, and meanwhile the local economists have an opportunity of studying the social effect of a tax on necessaries.

A remarkable feature of the thaw following the long frost was the fact that the ice on the lakes remained solid after the ground became fit for football. On at least one day a game of football was played while skating was in full swing on the Octagon.

MARRIAGE: ARNOLD—HUTCHINS. On December 29th, 1928 at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, by the Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Francis Trevenen Arnold, son of the late Dr. F. S. Arnold and Mrs. Arnold of Painswick to Marjorie, daughter of the late Colonel H. L. Hutchins and Mrs. Hutchins of Berkhamsted.

A cast of the relief which is reproduced in our photograph on another page is being presented to the School by Mrs. A. H. Radice and has been specially made for the purpose.

Miss E. R. Whittington, who has been at Stowe since May 1923 and School Dame since September 1923, is leaving this Term. We shall not soon forget the kindness and sympathy which she has shown to so many of us in these six years, and the whole School will feel the poorer for her going.

The Buckingham Musical Festival was held in Buckingham on February 27th and 28th and March 1st. Dr. Browne and Mr. Watson both appeared as soloists. Stowe was well represented, five Masters taking part in the Festival. The Buckingham Choral Society did well and obtained the highest marks in one of the set Madrigals; they also won the Male Voice Quartet Competition under the Conductorship of Mr. Tatton.

The following lines by an anonymous writer have been discovered at the Sanatorium, entitled:—"Protest anent a Lady-in-Waiting by a Gentleman-in-Waiting—written while waiting."

Sister's cat is calm and canny—	Perched upon the radi-ator,
Just the opposite of me!	Purring patience there to me—
For this waiting in the Sani	Patient ' Poppets ! how I hate her!
Drives me to in-sani-ty.	Who would here a patient be?

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

Feb. 10th. The Rev. H. E. Smith, Vicar of Christchurch, Brixton.
 March 10th. Mr. John Buchan.
 March 17th. Canon B. K. Cunningham, Cambridge.
 March 24th. The Rev. F. J. Sibree, Buckingham.

The system of "Benes" which has now been launched seems capable of a wider application than has yet been given it. For example, *The Stoic* will be very glad to propose for a Bene a publication known as "Shell Shock" which was uttered by Shell B at the end of last term.

Whether the local representative of The Yellow Press which, though not always complimentary, claims to be a complement of *The Stoic*, will qualify for a similar honour, remains at present doubtful.

Some of our readers may not be aware that there are still several copies of the index to Volume II for sale. The index includes a title-page and may be had for sixpence (sevenpence post free).

Mr. C. J. P. Pearson has played regularly for both the 1st Cricket Eleven and the 1st Rugby XV. of St. Thomas' Hospital.

Members of the School have been working on the Habitation since the first week of term, but the frost so seriously interfered with its progress, that the building is not so near completion as was hoped. It will, however, be sufficiently far advanced to enable the first Camp to be held over the Whitsun week-end.

CANTATUM STOICUM

or

AN ELEGY WRITTEN IN THE NORTH HALL.

When Garrett tolls the knell of parting day,
A gloomy crowd troops slowly into tea ;
The masters school-ward plod their dreary way,
And leave the school to poor old George and me.

Then fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,
And Cobham Court a solemn stillness holds,
Save where some master drones his daily rite,
And horrid sounds arise from boys with colds,

Save that from yonder dark scholastic bower
Some querulous Professor doth complain,
"Smith, you have been asleep for half an hour !
Please see that it does not occur again."

Beneath that roof with gilded fruit arrayed,
Whence bunches of bananas chastely peep,
Each with his feet on someone's shoulder laid,
The ruder members of the classroom sleep.

That beastly bell which ushers in the morn,
A book thrown accurately at one's head,
The power house engine that begins at dawn,
No more shall rouse them from their lowly bed.

Let not the Sixth Form mock their humble toil,
Their childish joys and intellect obscure,
Nor prefects hear with a disdainful smile
Their weak excuses, often-tried and poor.

K. S. TOMS.

PRIZE COMPOSITIONS 1929

ALL Prize Compositions must be sent in to the Headmaster on or before Monday, June 17th, 1929.

They must in every case be either typewritten or copied out in the handwriting of someone other than the Competitor.

A pseudonym or motto should be written at the head of each Composition and also on the outside of a closed envelope within which

should be a slip of paper bearing the Competitor's real name. Envelope and Composition should be handed in together.

Anyone who has gained a prize in two successive years is ineligible to compete for the same prize in the following year.

PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE.

One Prize is offered for an English Essay and one for an English Poem.

Subject for an Essay :—

Either THE SIEGE, SURRENDER AND MASSACRE AT CAWNPORE, JULY 1875,

Or ROGER BACON.

Subject for a Poem in English Rhyming Verse :—

Either THE ISLANDS OF THE BLESSED,

Or ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

Or THE UNEMPLOYED.

BARBER READING PRIZES.

Senior (over 16 on July 30th).—Book set : Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part I.
Special Passage : Act I, Scene III.

Junior (under 16 on July 30th).—Book set : St. Luke's Gospel, Chapters 1-5 (Omitting Chapter 3, Verses 24-38)
Special Passage : Chapter 2.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK.

The Prize will be awarded for the Translation of a Set English Passage into Greek Prose.

The English Passage may be obtained from the Headmaster. Any books may be used.

BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.

One of these Prizes will be awarded for the best Translation of a set English passage into Latin Prose, and the other for the best English Essay on a Classical subject.

The English passage for Latin Prose may be obtained from the Headmaster.

The Subject for the English Essay will be :—

"THE GREATNESS OF ROME WAS IMPAIRED RATHER THAN ENHANCED BY CONTACT WITH GREECE." DISCUSS THIS STATEMENT.

Competitors are reminded that Rome did not cease to exist in the First Century B.C.

PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS.

The award will be based on the result of an Examination to be held in June. Intending Candidates should give their names to Mr. Wragg before the end of the Easter Term.

WARRINGTON PRIZE FOR HISTORY.

Subject for an Essay :—

FREDERICK THE GREAT.

BURROUGHS PRIZE.

Subject for an Essay :—

HISTORY SHOWS THAT THE TEACHING OF CHRIST HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL.

HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR SCIENCE.

The Prize will be awarded for an Essay on a Scientific Subject. Candidates should send to Mr. Dewing by May 12th a statement shewing the nature and scope of the Essay which they propose to submit.

The following subjects are recommended, but alternatives suggested by the Candidates will be considered :—

- BIOLOGY. "THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES IN THE WELFARE OF THE EMPIRE."
 CHEMISTRY. "THE VALUE OF CHEMICAL EVIDENCE IN THE ELUCIDATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE ATOM."
 PHYSICS. "THE EVOLUTION OF THEORIES OF ENERGY FROM THE TIME OF NEWTON TO THE PRESENT DAY."

THE STOIC PRIZES

(a) *Essay on a critical subject.*

THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY BY THORNTON WILDER.

From time to time, as the years go by, there are published books which stand out pre-eminently from among their fellows, rising to those heights of excellence which are so seldom attained in the literature of mankind. Such a book, as few of its readers can fail to realise, is Mr. Thornton Wilder's novel 'The Bridge of San Luis Rey.' Perhaps its most noticeable characteristic is its directness of appeal. Since the War there has been foisted upon us such a wealth of "the literature of disappointment," as Mr. C. E. Montague terms it, that it is delightful to meet with anything so agreeable as this book.

We are taken away from the world of today and transported to 18th century Peru, a world abounding in exquisite freshness—a world in which the characters move

naturally—Uncle Pio; Esteban and the Marquesa; Pepita and Don Jaime. The atmosphere is quiet, for it is a small corner of the world through which these pathetic little figures move to their end. For they were very little figures which Brother Juniper saw fall with the Bridge on that eventful day, and I think it is as puppets that we follow their tragic destinies. But we never weary of their histories, mainly, I think, because of one of Mr. Wilder's greatest attributes, his finish of detail. He is able to add so many deft touches that show his exquisite workmanship and sense of perfection. "Uncle Pio said that when they had crossed the bridge they would sit down and rest, but it turned out not to be necessary." Perhaps so much attention is paid to detail because Brother Juniper was so careful in his investigations concerning their lives. But, although the narrative is traced out so meticulously, it loses nothing of its unity. For the story is so closely bound together that one might think it was the tale of one and not five persons that is unravelled. Their lives lost nothing through their connection with each other, but rather gained in interest. For ours is a very intimate knowledge of their actions and ideals, and we feel pity for them as they move down to the Bridge; but perhaps it was best they went no further.

R. A. ATTHILL.

(c) *Descriptive Essay (For the Middle School only).*

"THE LOSS OF THE VESTRIS."

Vrum... Vrum... Vrum...

The electric lamp over the control-board flickers at times, as the incessant vibration disconnects the circuit with an exceptionally sudden twist of the vessel.

A man in overalls, an oil-can in his right hand and a lump of greasy cotton-waste in the other, staggers along the alley-way, the cool breeze from the ventilators playing softly on his forehead. He stops every now and then and squirts a little oil into some part of the vast machinery all around him, the regular and monotonous beat of which is hammering at his brain. Then he straightens himself again, stretches his back, and continues on his unsteady course.

Another man, similarly clad, but visibly cleaner, comes slowly down the iron ladders, the touch of his fingers on the rail at the side bringing forth streams of perspiration from the palm of his hand. As he comes lower, he appears to be feeling appreciably cooler, and soon he has joined his colleague in the cool air below.

The latter looks round with a grunt, and an expression of indescribable relief passes over his face. He is new to the job, and is as yet unused to the maddening throb of the engines. He straightens his back, and puts the oil can and cotton-waste down on a ledge. A few commonplaces are exchanged, and then the younger man, putting his fingers in his ears, staggers along to the foot of the companion-way, and drags himself up them; the very iron seems to exude moisture. He reaches the top, and staggers along a narrow alley-way, at the end of which an electric light burns dimly. Then he turns into a long compartment and rolls on to one of the many bunks which line the side.

After that he lies awake for some time, listening to that incessant, monotonous—
 Vrum... Vrum... Vrum...

* * * *

A bell rang sharply, and the young engineer rolled off his bunk—just in time to see the watertight door down the alley-way close. He was alone, completely deserted by his fellow men, in an empty part of the ship.

He made his way back and tried to gain the ladder leading up to the main-deck, but there it was necessary to descend to another deck before mounting the ladder further along, and the whole of that lower deck was flooded. By now he was up to his knees in water.

He waded back to the sliding door, seized the emergency-spanner from the bulkhead near by, and feverishly started to unscrew the cog-wheel holding the connecting bar between the door and the runners in the bulkhead. The wheel only turned in one direction, so that, once it was disconnected from the bar, the door would slide back.

The horrible Vrum... Vrum... Vrum... had stopped now, but he did not notice it.

The cog was loose by now, and he pressed the bar. The door slid back, and the engineer looked up just in time to see a solid wall of water bearing down on him.....

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A final list of the survivors from the S.S. "Vestris" was drawn up, but the name of K. Harris, engineer, was not among those there.

No more will he be called upon to endure that ghastly, unnerving—

Vrum... Vrum... Vrum...

D. P. CROOM-JOHNSON.

TOC H

On February 24th Mr. Hubert Secretan spoke to the Upper School in the Library for three-quarters of an hour on Toc H. He began by saying that a great deal of doubt exists as to what Toc H really is. It is *not* a Y.M.C.A., an ex-service men's association or a patent soap. Started in 1915 in Poperinghe as Talbot House, it was originally a rest-house for troops of all ranks and arms. Soldiers who entered there laid aside their rank: the house was open to all, from Field-Marshal to private. After the War, men who had known Talbot House wished to perpetuate the spirit of good-fellowship and comradeship that they had found there, and in order to do so they founded the movement known as Toc H (the signallers' abbreviation for Talbot House). There are now branches throughout the Empire.

Mr. Secretan then went on to describe the workings of Toc H and a typical evening branch-meeting. He told us of the two-minute Ceremony of Light with which all meetings open and which commemorates the sacrifice of those who gave up their lives during the War. Toc H is partly an institution for service. Branches are directed by a Jobmaster, who lets members know where young men are needed—some Boys' Club may need a Warden, or someone to take boxing or gym classes; a Scout Troop may need an Assistant Scoutmaster. Toc H also provides accommodation for young men; a Toc H branch is really a young men's club.

While acknowledging that a Public School man's first duty is to his School Boys' Club, Mr. Secretan pointed out that there would be many Old Stoics whose business would keep them from working anywhere near London and ever visiting the Pineapple. If any such Old Stoics wished to do similar work, and were at a loss to know where to begin, Toc H and the Schools' Service Bureau would always show them where they were most needed.

H.P.C.-J.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The Cinema started off this term with two Douglas Fairbanks films: "The Thief of Bagdad" on February 20th and "The Gaucho" on March 9th. The first, although fanciful and a fairy tale pure and simple, seemed to find general favour. If one took the more outrageous miracles with a grain of salt, the film was very entertaining and quite amusing. "The Gaucho" was even more popular; it was exciting and did not impose any great strain on our credulity, although the introduction of a thirteenth-century "Black Doom" struck a false note. For a week or two after this film there was an epidemic of acrobatics and match-striking in the School.

"Q-Ships," shown on March 23rd, has been the best film of the term. It tells the story of the Mystery Ships without fear or favour, putting forward the bare facts and expressing no opinion on them. There is not a single picture or sub-title that in any way censures the Germans or could give offence to them (in fact, German ex-naval officers acted in the film and served as technical advisers), and yet this does not detract from the thrill of the story in any way.

The film shows how the German submarine campaign obtained a stranglehold over our commerce, and how the peril of starvation was averted by the Q-ships. Several ex-Q-ship officers, including Lieut.-Commander Harold Auten, V.C., fought their battles over again for the film. The photography was excellent and included some good pictures of the interior of a German submarine while it was being "depth-charged."

"The Spy" will be shown on April 3rd, the last day of the term. The Panatrophe has proved a "boon and a blessing to men," so far as the Cinema is concerned, and has saved our pianists their usual wrist-breaking task.

H. P. C.-J.

THE STOWE CLUB

Since the last report the Club has made steady progress, as is evident to a visitor who knew the atmosphere of the place and the behaviour of its members in the early days.

The principal items to be reported are the recent and impending changes in personnel. Mr. Dixon was compelled to be away for a short period before and after Christmas, but M. T. D. Patmore came into residence in December and took his place. Since the middle of January B. C. Gadney has joined him. P. A. S. D. Butler has left.

To the deep regret of the Committee and to all who knew him, Mr. Dixon has intimated that he must resign his post as Warden after the end of June owing to business and family reasons. He hoped to be with us for two years, and his departure will be a great loss. But he has most generously offered to come to the Club on one evening in each week for some months, so that he will keep in touch with the work for the direction of which he has been responsible during the past year.

At a meeting of the Committee held on March 19th, Mr. Dixon's resignation was accepted and M. T. D. Patmore was appointed as his successor. B. C. Gadney hopes to be able to continue his residence and work at the Club. These two, with the help of the many Old Stoics who do definite jobs on one or more nights in the week, will carry on the work.

It is felt to be somewhat of a triumph for so young a School to be able to run its Club almost entirely by the services of Old Boys, especially when that Club has not

yet been in existence eighteen months. It is up to us at Stowe to back up those on the spot in every way in our power.

The Hut near the Cobham Monument, which has been in the course of construction since September, is slowly approaching completion. With the addition of a small kitchen at one end and the erection of a partition inside, it will satisfy our requirements for the next two years. Tents and groundsheets have been ordered; blankets and other equipment will be procured during the holidays in readiness for the first Camp over the Whitsun week-end, when about 30 Club boys will be our guests.

Owing to the influenza in Town, parties did not start to visit the Club until early in March. This term four groups will have gone up for a night, from Cobham, Grafton, Chatham and Bruce.

The Stowe Show on December 20th was a great success and the financial result gave the Treasurer much satisfaction. Deep gratitude is due to Mr. Hankinson, the general organizer, to the other Masters who produced the plays or sold tickets, and to all those members of the School who acted in the various sketches and plays, not omitting the Stage Manager.

On December 13th a Dance on behalf of the Club, organised by N. G. Wertheim, was held at the Portman Rooms, and patronized by numerous Old Stoics and friends of the School. The Committee is very grateful to all who contributed to make this such a social and financial success.

At the above mentioned meeting of the Committee it was decided that, for the period of the next three terms, there shall be one "Pineapple Week" only, held during May. If the amount contributed then comes up to expectations, it ought, with assistance from other sources, to enable us to pay our way without a second time asking for a special effort from the School.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT (March 14th).

During the current financial year this fund has received £307.

Expenditure has reached £404, of which £206 represents the part repayment of a loan. A further £200 has yet to be refunded, but, at the present moment, there is a balance of £704 at the bank.

The Habitation has cost £151; there are still some bills outstanding for building material, and a fair sum will have to be spent on camping equipment.

A happy thought led the Stowe Fencing Club to raise £5 to be placed at the disposal of the Pineapple for fencing kit.

ANNUAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT (March 14th).

The Club can well absorb an income of £500; to date it stands at £458. The list of annual subscribers grows slowly and now guarantees £76 a year. The School has contributed £168 since last June.

The Stowe Show was a great success in many ways, not the least being that it made a profit of £165. This was £51 more than last year. Many thanks might be expressed here to Mr. Hart Dyke, who ably managed the finance of the undertaking.

Another most welcome sum came from an Old Stoic, N. G. Wertheim, who handed us £88 as the result of the dance held at the Portman Rooms.

The Epicurean is to be congratulated on making a useful profit on its first number; £1 3s. 6d. has been received from the Editor.

Current expenses total £346, of which £260 has passed through the Warden's Account.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE PINEAPPLE CONCERT

The second Pineapple Concert (or Stowe Show, as it is now called) was given, in the Rudolf Steiner Hall again, on December 20th, 1928. It was felt this year that two performances on the same day would be more convenient both to audience and players than two evening performances, and accordingly there was a matinee and an evening show, both on the same day.

The Stoic commented last year on the variety of the items in the Concert, and this variety was again in evidence in the second programme. Shakespeare for the highbrows (modern dress relieved it of boredom for those who consider Shakespeare dull stuff); comedy for those who prefer a good laugh; "The Monkey's Paw" for devotees of the gruesome; and a burlesque to send us home in a cheerful frame of mind.

Those who liked classical music found their tastes catered for in "Marche Militaire" and a Gavotte, both by Schubert; F. H. F. Banbury and G. J. B. Wright hurled Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" at the heads of the modernists, and the excellent amateur orchestra speeded the ultra-patriotic on their homeward way with the strains of "Land of Hope and Glory." Nothing if not varied!

The modern-dress production of scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew" was a very lively affair. Plus-fours, soda-siphons and cigarettes somehow did not seem out of place; but full-marks go to the page-boy for his neat catch at mid-on. "In the Cellar," a comedy by Gertrude Jennings, needed no preliminary try-out at the School Concert; hot-water-bottles, step-ladders and Albert's ears kept us all well amused. "The Monkey's Paw," by W. W. Jacobs, was a change from the lighter pieces that had gone before and the final scene must have sent thrills up the spine of even the most hardened Wallace fan. The final burlesque—"Darkness and Dawn"—was a very merry skit on traditional melodrama, and cheered us up after the rather tragic ending of "The Monkey's Paw."

Again we cannot discriminate between the various pieces and actors: every actor got the most out of his part; and the programme was chosen and arranged very skilfully. That the show is popular there can be no doubt; the size of the hall is the only factor that limits the size of the audience.

H.P.C.-J.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FOREWORD.

NEVER in the whole history of the School have we had so little football during the Easter Term. Doubtless, if we had been born in 1917, we might have had less, but the dislocation of the programme has been quite severe enough this year, and all true footballers hope that there will never be as much skating again in February and March.

The first round of the House Matches came off up to time, but Bruce and Chandos most inconsiderately played a drawn game. More than a fortnight later, in the brief interval between the cold spells and on a rapidly freezing ground, Bruce won the replay; conditions were far from

ideal, but it was a relief to have got through the first round at last. Another long period elapsed before the semi-finals could be played, but meantime the cross-country race was put in, and we came back to football in the middle of March. The semi-finals and final were played off with only one clear day between, and for the first time we had an outside referee for the final—an experiment which met with general approval.

Grenville again proved themselves invincible and in scoring their sixth successive win brought their total of points in House matches to 513, while 48 have been scored against them. Charles ma. was again the outstanding man in the side, although in the final the team as a whole gave a very sound display. Chatham, the runners-up, were good to a point but lacked thrust in their back division. They played really well in their semi-final against Temple, but in the final they were too much harried and hustled to be able to settle down to an effective game.

The following table shows the complete results of the House Matches :—

First Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
	Grenville (a bye)		
Bruce Chandos	Bruce 12—8 (after a tie)	Grenville 14—0	Grenville 30—3
Temple Cobham	Temple 23—3	Chatham 23—3	
Chatham Grafton	Chatham 30—5		

BRUCE v. CHANDOS.

Played on Friday, February 8th, the result being a pointless draw. Bruce had probably rather more of the game but Chandos played very stoutly and effectively held the Bruce three-quarter line. Bruce had the greater number of scoring chances, but Chandos very nearly pulled off a win when Wilberforce was held up just short of the line.

Teams :—Bruce : I. A. H. Stewart ; G. D. Watson, P. L. Sherwood, A. J. P. Ling, P. B. Bishop ; N. H. Bennett, A. Dunsford ; G. de B. Neilson, R. B. Davis, D. G. Hughes, P. E. M. Holmes, E. J. Boyle, E. F. D. Macpherson, M. A. Pryor, J. McK. Binney.

Chandos : A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer ; G. M. S. Redmayne, R. R. Hammond-Chambers, A. O. S. Keeling, W. H. H. Wilberforce ; G. L. S. Griffith-Jones, R. E. Blandford ; A. R. C. Watson, M. G. Sills, D. de S. Barrow, J. W. P. Ellis, D. E. C. Trench, A. G. A. A. Mackenzie, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis.



SKATING ON THE OCTAGON.



SKATING ON ELEVEN ACRE.



THE INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL.
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TEMPLE *v.* COBHAM.

Played on Friday, February 8th, Temple winning by one goal and six tries (23 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

Temple were much the heavier and more experienced side. For the first ten minutes Cobham held them, but afterwards Temple scored freely, mainly from forward rushes, in which Pritchard was especially prominent. In the second half Josselyn and Gibbon cut through well. For Cobham, Oliver's saving and tackling were remarkable.

Temple led by 12—0 at half time, tries having been scored by Villiers-Stuart, Pritchard (2) and Hotham. In the second half Pritchard scored again and converted his own try, then Campkin kicked a penalty goal for Cobham and finally Gibbon and Villiers-Stuart scored unconverted tries for Temple.

Teams:—*Temple*: M. E. I. Searle; J. A. Hotham, T. F. Cooke, P. B. B. Gibbon, M. F. Villiers-Stuart; H. E. Josselyn, P. J. G. Weir; T. A. G. Pritchard, S. Ward, H. P. Croom-Johnson, A. R. I. Searle, C. H. Frean, R. W. B. Newton, G. F. L. Gilbert, O. P. Croom-Johnson,

Cobham: C. K. R. Bond; J. C. Pfister, E. J. Oliver, B. R. S. Houghton, P. H. Roth; R. L. Blackstone, C. T. Crowe; J. W. Evans, C. M. Heath, J. S. S. Campkin, R. P. Townley, R. M. Peel, J. S. Durlacher, D. S. Campkin, G. W. Emrys-Roberts.

CHATHAM *v.* GRAFTON.

Played on Friday, February 8th, Chatham winning by three goals, one penalty goal and four tries (30 points) to one goal (5 points).

Chatham heeled well from the loose and, with their back division working smoothly, they scored freely. In the second half their wing forwards did some very good things. Grafton stuck to it well but were out-paced.

In the first half Rowlett kicked a penalty goal for Chatham, and Kemp and Stokvis each scored a try. Chatham thus led by 9—0 at half-time. In the second half Kemp, Hart, Heygate, Stokvis and Charlton each scored a try and Rowlett converted three of them. Salamon scored for Grafton and Ferrier converted.

Teams:—*Chatham*: M. A. R. Sutherland; A. R. Samuel, D. F. N. Rowlett, H. V. Kemp, E. Stokvis; R. H. G. Carr, M. Gowing; G. W. Hart, P. H. Heygate, D. N. Willett, M. Lloyd, T. P. Charlton, C. E. J. Weston, T. H. Clarke, H. Wrohan.

Grafton: C. M. Baker; C. E. Salamon, E. W. Sconce, J. E. Linnell, G. J. B. Wright; T. G. W. Ferrier, G. M. Wolfe; C. I. B. Wells, M. Lorimer, R. H. D. Kitchin, P. M. Beech, J. N. Woodbridge, A. G. H. Marr, D. N. Deakin, H. E. Raphael.

BRUCE *v.* CHANDOS.

This tie was played off on Monday, February 25th, Bruce winning by four tries (12 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

The Bruce three-quarter line played well in the first half and brought off some good combined movements. Chandos were superior forward but did not have enough strength behind the scrum to push home their advantage. In the first half Holmes got over for Bruce and then G. D. Watson scored twice, while Griffith-Jones scored a try for Chandos, which A. R. C. Watson converted. Bruce thus led by 9—5 at the interval.

In the second half Bruce continued to have the better of the game, although Chandos brought off some good rushes. Sherwood for Bruce and Barrow for Chandos scored unconverted tries in this half.

Teams:—*Bruce*: I. A. H. Stewart; P. B. Bishop, G. D. Watson, P. L. Sherwood, D. G. Hughes; A. J. P. Ling, N. H. Bennett; G. de B. Neilson, R. B. Davis, B. Tweedy, P. E. M. Holmes, E. J. Boyle, E. F. D. Macpherson, M. A. Pryor, J. A. G. Thwaites.

Chandos: A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer; G. M. S. Redmayne, I. E. Hills, A. O. S. Keeling, R. R. Hammond-Chambers; G. L. S. Griffith-Jones, R. E. Blandford; A. R. C. Watson, M. G. Sills, D. de S. Barrow, J. W. P. Ellis, D. E. C. Trench, A. G. A. A. Mackenzie, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis.

BRUCE *v.* GRENVILLE.

Played on Wednesday, March 13th, Grenville winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

Grenville, although not very well together, especially forward, had more of the game territorially and Bruce did not look dangerous more than two or three times. The marking was very close on both sides and the three-quarter lines did not often get moving smoothly. Dunsford played a very good game and got through a lot of hard work for Bruce. Charles ma., for Grenville, was marked closely and did not get away very much. Whistler tackled very well.

In the first half Charles ma. ran in for a try and Morison scored far out after a loose rush. Clarke converted the latter try with a good kick. In the second half Cameron got over and just on time Whistler forced his way over for the final try.

Teams:—*Bruce*: I. A. H. Stewart; P. B. Bishop, G. D. Watson, P. L. Sherwood, D. G. Hughes; A. J. P. Ling, A. Dunsford; G. de B. Neilson, R. B. Davis, B. Tweedy, P. E. M. Holmes, E. J. Boyle, E. F. D. Macpherson, M. A. Pryor, J. A. G. Thwaites.

Grenville: R. C. R. Clarke; A. C. L. Whistler, H. P. Ryland, F. W. B. Charles mi., C. C. Cameron; J. B. Charles ma., P. P. L. Dillon; H. G. Morison, R. W. McDowell, P. M. Rouse, I. W. Macpherson, J. Duncan, E. R. Allen, P. F. Hornsby, R. H. S. Clouston.

TEMPLE *v.* CHATHAM.

Played on Wednesday, March 13th, Chatham winning by two goals, two penalty goals, one dropped goal and one try (23 points) to one try (3 points).

Temple were without Weir at the base of the scrum and the play of their backs was very unconvincing. Chatham were superior in all departments; their forwards were good in the line-outs and loose scrums and Gowing and Carr made an effective pair of halves. Hart and Heygate were very good in the pack.

In the first half Kemp scored for Rowlatt to convert; then Rowlatt kicked two penalty goals and Samuel scored an unconverted try in the corner.

In the second half Pritchard scored an unconverted try for Temple as the result of a good forward rush, but Chatham went further ahead when Carr dropped a goal. Finally Rowlatt scored beneath the posts just before no-side and converted his own try.

Teams:—*Temple*: M. E. I. Searle; J. A. Hotham, T. F. Cooke, P. B. B. Gibbon, M. F. Villiers-Stuart; G. E. Loxton, H. E. Josselyn; T. A. G. Pritchard, S. Ward, H. P. Croom-Johnson, A. R. I. Searle, C. H. Frean, R. J. Dunsmuir, R. W. B. Newton, G. F. L. Gilbert,

Chatham: M. A. R. Sutherland; E. Stokvis, D. F. N. Rowlatt, H. V. Kemp, A. R. Samuel; R. H. G. Carr, M. Gowing; G. W. Hart, P. H. Heygate, D. N. Willett, M. A. Lloyd, T. P. Charlton, R. A. Gardiner, J. G. Oakey, C. E. J. Weston.

GRENVILLE *v.* CHATHAM.

The final was played on Friday, March 15th, and resulted in a win for Grenville by three goals and five tries (30 points) to one try (3 points).

Chatham were without Sutherland and Grenville were without M. L. Dillon, but otherwise the teams turned out at full strength. Grenville's strength behind the scrum, and especially Charles ma. at fly-half, was the deciding factor in the match; but due credit must be given to the Grenville forwards, who showed infinitely better form than they had done in their match against Bruce and, besides giving their backs a very good share of the ball, played a dashing, bustling game throughout. The Chatham forwards played a very hard game and rushed and scrummaged well, but their back division was on the whole ineffective, owing primarily to the quick breaking and spoiling of the Grenville pack, which supplemented Dillon's repeated smothering of Gowing.

The game started with pressure by Chatham and fumbling by the Grenville backs, who, however, were being given the ball well by their forwards. After a period of play in Grenville territory Charles ma. broke through and, having run from beyond mid-field, scored beneath the posts. Clarke converted. For the remainder of the half Grenville were always dangerous and put on three more tries, two of which were converted by Clarke. First Morison scored after a bustling forward rush; then Allen broke away strongly and gave to Cameron, who scored, and finally Cameron intercepted a pass and got over after a good run, in which he beat several men.

In the second half Charles ma. scored a beautiful try in the first minute, bursting straight through in his own half of the field and beating all the defence. He put Grenville further ahead by two more tries, his pace being too much for the Chatham defence. Cameron also scored after a short dribble. During this half Chatham had a very fair share of the play, when their opponents were not actually scoring tries, and for a period kept the game in the Grenville twenty-five. In a fierce tussle close to the line Heygate, who was outstanding in the Chatham pack, picked up smartly in the loose and went over. Rowlatt had a good shot at goal from a penalty kick and Carr had a drop charged down, but Chatham could not add to their score, although they fought hard to the end.

Teams:—*Grenville*: R. C. R. Clarke, A. C. L. Whistler, H. P. Ryland, F. W. B. Charles, mi., C. C. Cameron; J. B. Charles, ma., P. P. L. Dillon; H. G. Morison, R. W. McDowell, P. M. Rouse, I. W. Macpherson, J. Duncan, E. R. Allen, P. F. Hornsby, R. H. S. Clouston.

Chatham: D. F. N. Rowlatt; E. Stokvis, P. Nicholson, H. V. Kemp, A. R. Samuel; R. H. G. Carr, M. Gowing; G. W. Hart, P. H. Heygate, D. N. Willett, M. A. Lloyd, T. P. Charlton, R. A. Gardiner, J. G. Oakey, C. E. J. Weston.

THE SCHOOL *v.* MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

Played at Stowe on November 28th, the School winning by two goals and three tries (19 points) to one try (3 points).

This was a hard match played in rather bad conditions. Although the School won fairly comfortably, the team, which was still under full strength, was not entirely convincing. Especially in the first half there was a lack of liveliness among the forwards and a good deal of the tackling was far from being severe enough. The halves too at this time were not playing well together and the thirds seldom got on the move. In spite of having most of the game territorially we could score only once before the interval. Gadney at last went away on his own from the scrum and made a clean break-through. G. D. Watson was up to take a scoring pass and A. R. C. Watson converted.

In the second half things went rather better and the School played more as a team. The forwards got the ball back well from the loose and the threes ran with more determination. First Gadney went over for A. R. C. Watson to convert and further tries were scored by Charles, Carr and Sherwood. C. J. P. Pearson, who had basely insinuated himself into the Middlesex team and who, luckily for us, was systematically starved by his centre, scored our opponents' only try—and a very good try it was too. Pearson has developed into a strong player and is the only right wing player the School has met this season who has been able to hold Oliver completely in check. His attack too on the few occasions on which he got the ball was as good as his defence.

Team :—A. Dunsford ; P. L. Sherwood, R. H. G. Carr, F. W. B. Charles, E. J. Oliver ; W. D. McComb, B. C. Gadney ; J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, R. A. Anderson, G. W. Hart, M. Lorimer, A. R. T. Coke, S. Ward, G. D. Watson.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND EXTRA A.

Played at Stowe on December 1st, Richmond winning by three goals and one penalty goal (18 points) to one penalty goal and two tries (9 points).

The School were further weakened for this match by Gadney's being on the injured list. Dunsford came up to scrum-half and there was some further rearrangement among the backs.

The team as a whole did not play at all badly. The forwards were quite good, except that possibly they were not fast enough on the opposing backs. The heeling, however, especially from the loose, was good. Dunsford got the ball away well and our threes often looked dangerous, but the line as a whole just did not have quite the pace necessary to complete the movements.

Richmond fairly early scored two tries, both of which were converted ; the first was the result of a good passing movement ; the second was from a pick-up in the loose near the line. They went further ahead by means of a well-kicked penalty goal. Then A. R. C. Watson kicked a penalty goal and we crossed over ten points behind.

In the second half both sides pressed in turn and Richmond were the first to score. Their left wing intercepted a pass and went right through. We then worked down to the Richmond line and Carr, unable to pass out by reason of opposing players coming back on-side, went through on his own and scored. Near the end Dunsford had to go off hurt for some minutes and G. D. Watson, who had gone out to the right wing, brought off a splendid dribble half the length of the field and scored in the right corner.

The game was always fast and interesting, with good handling on both sides. With a little more pace and thrust behind, that is, with a full side, we might just have pulled off a win.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; P. L. Sherwood, W. D. McComb, R. H. G. Carr, E. J. Oliver ; F. W. B. Charles, A. Dunsford ; J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, R. A. Anderson, G. W. Hart, M. Lorimer, A. R. T. Coke, S. Ward, G. D. Watson.

THE SECOND XV. *v.* RADLEY SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on October 31st, Stowe winning by one dropped goal and three tries (13 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

Stowe started rather badly and Radley were soon eight points up. Very weak defence on the right wing let them in for their second try. The forwards got better together after this and worked back to the Radley twenty-five, where Carr dropped a good goal from some distance out. Murray then ran well on the right and got over twice. As neither try was converted, we led 10-8 at half-time.

In the second half we were the better side ; the forwards got more of the ball and the backs defended better. One try was scored in a *mélée*, the touch-down being got by Stuart.

The team was not very well together especially in the first half, but it improved in this respect as the game went on. Sutherland, the two halves and Heygate all played a very sound hard game throughout.

Team :—M. A. R. Sutherland ; J. D. Murray, R. H. G. Carr, P. P. L. Dillon, A. R. Samuel ; D. F. Crosthwaite, M. Gowing ; C. N. M. Blair, V. G. Stuart, P. H. Heygate, G. D. Watson, D. de S. Barrow, B. M. Napier, P. M. Rouse, D. MacFarlane.

THE SECOND XV. *v.* HARROW SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on November 8th, Stowe winning by two goals, one penalty goal and three tries (22 points) to two tries (6 points).

Harrow had some big men, but Stowe were the cleverer side, especially as regards the backs. The Harrow three-quarters were slow in coming up on their men and gave our three-quarters plenty of room to move. Forward the game was fairly even and towards the end the Harrow pack brought off some good rushes. Stowe however had always something in hand and never looked like losing.

Tries were scored for Stowe by Sills, Carr, Sutherland, Heygate and Murray, and of these Keith converted two. Keith also kicked a fine penalty goal from long range.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; J. D. Murray, A. J. P. Ling, R. H. G. Carr, M. A. R. Sutherland ; D. F. Crosthwaite, M. Gowing ; C. N. M. Blair, V. G. Stuart, D. A. G. Keith, P. H. Heygate, M. G. Sills, A. R. T. Coke, G. D. Watson, D. de S. Barrow.

THE SECOND XV. *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH EXTRA B.

Played at Stowe on November 17th, Stowe winning by three goals and two tries (21 points) to one dropped goal and two tries (10 points).

The Scottish were better forward than the School and brought off a number of good rushes. In the tight however the School got a fair share of the ball and our threes did some good passing. Ling found a gap in the defence and scored the first try, which Keith converted ; he might also have sent Charters in once or twice if he had passed out after drawing his man. Further tries were scored by Blair, who was backing up well, and by Keith (3). Keith scored twice by getting the touch-down in a race for the ball after a kick-ahead and once by gathering and running in from the twenty-five. He converted one try himself and Carr converted another. Gowing played a good game at scrum-half, although he might occasionally have gone away on his own, and Coke, Heygate and Sills were the best of the pack.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; J. W. Charters, A. J. P. Ling, R. H. G. Carr, M. A. R. Sutherland ; D. F. Crosthwaite, M. Gowing ; C. N. M. Blair, D. A. G. Keith, P. H. Heygate, M. G. Sills, A. R. T. Coke, G. D. Watson, D. de S. Barrow, D. MacFarlane.

THE SECOND XV. *v.* RADLEY SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on December 5th, Stowe winning by one penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to nil.

Tries were scored by Murray and Charters, and Keith kicked a good penalty goal.

Team :—M. A. R. Sutherland ; J. D. Murray, A. J. P. Ling, R. H. G. Carr, J. W. Charters ; D. F. Crosthwaite, M. Gowing ; V. G. Stuart, D. A. G. Keith, P. H. Heygate, A. R. T. Coke, G. D. Watson, D. de S. Barrow, D. MacFarlane, P. M. Rouse.

THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE 1929

THE conditions as to the composition of teams and the method of scoring were the same as last year.

There was a small alteration in each of the courses, but these did not materially alter the total length in either case.

Both races were run on March 9th.

The Junior race started first at 2.45 p.m.

The first three to finish were J. A. Hotham, R. T. Basset and C. T. Crowe. All three were close together at the entrance to the Grecian Valley, after which Hotham drew ahead and finished strongly to win by some 6 yards. Inches separated Basset and Crowe.

The places of the winning team—Chandos—were 5th, 7th, 12th, 16th and 17th.

The Senior race started at 3.20 p.m. H. E. Hope, who ran a very well-judged race, finished first, some 5 yards ahead of H. G. Morison. A. R. C. Watson, who was undoubtedly handicapped by a cold, was third.

The outstanding feature of the team results was the excellent performance of the Bruce team, whose places were 5th, 9th, 10th, 14th and 16th.

Points obtained :—

JUNIOR RACE :—				SENIOR RACE :—			
Chandos	...	...	456 Points	Bruce	...	...	693 Points
Temple	...	...	422 "	Chandos	...	...	642 "
Chatham	...	...	416 "	Grafton	...	...	621 "
Grenville	...	...	402 "	Temple	...	...	567 "
Cobham	...	...	380 "	Chatham	...	...	552 "
Grafton	...	...	218 "	Grenville	...	...	498 "
Bruce	...	...	162 "	Cobham	...	...	309 "

Aggregate :—

Chandos	...	...	1098
Temple	...	...	989
Chatham	...	...	968
Grenville	...	...	900
Bruce	...	...	855
Grafton	...	...	839
Cobham	...	...	689

STOWE v. CHARTERHOUSE.

The first cross-country match between the School and an outside team took place at Stowe on Saturday, March 2nd, against Charterhouse. The race was over a three-and-a-half mile course, between teams of eight, with five counting, and the School won by 15 points to 44.

The order of finishing was as follows :—1, A. R. C. Watson (S.); 2, H. E. Hope (S.); 3, D. E. C. Trench (S.); 4, R. H. G. Carr (S.); 5, H. G. Morison (S.); 6, G. G. Money (C.); 7, G. W. Fairbairn (C.); 8, C. E. J. Weston (S.); 9, B. E. Godfrey (C.); 10, A. S. C. Hutton (C.); 11, G. de B. Neilson (S.); 12, J. E. L. Kelly (C.); 13, H. C. S. Trevanion (C.); 14, C. A. Hovenden (C.); 15, R. H. S. Clouston (S.); 16, F. C. L. Matthews (C.).

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions have been made (January 25th, 1929.) :—

To <i>Under Officer</i> .	Sergeant T. A. G. Pritchard.		
To <i>Sergeant</i> .	Corporal H. G. Morison.		
	" M. A. Lloyd.		
	" M. A. R. Sutherland.		
	" D. de S. Barrow.		
	" S. Ward.		
	" D. F. N. Rowlatt.		
To <i>Corporal</i> .	Lance Corporal F. W. Kennedy.	Lance Corporal B. M. Napier.	
	" R. W. McDowell.	" R. C. R. Clarke.	
	" C. E. J. Weston.	" R. de Z. Manser.	
	" T. G. W. Ferrier.	" P. F. I. Reid.	
	" P. Nicholson.	" J. W. P. Ellis.	
	" A. J. P. Ling.	" R. H. D. Kitchin.	
Appointed <i>Lance Corporal</i> .	H. P. Croom-Johnson.	E. R. G. Ripley.	
	T. F. Cooke.	E. J. Oliver.	
	J. Duncan.	C. M. Heath.	
	D. M. S. Parker.	G. M. Wolfe.	
	P. M. Rouse.	J. S. S. Campkin.	
	G. L. S. Griffith-Jones.	E. J. Spurrier.	

The following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in November, 1928 :—

C. N. M. Blair.	M. A. Lloyd.
C. C. Cameron	G. E. Loxton.
J. W. Charters.	W. D. McComb.
R. C. R. Clarke.	R. W. McDowell.
J. A. Dashwood.	H. G. Morison.
J. Duncan.	P. M. Rouse.
J. M. L. Forster.	G. D. Watson.
R. A. Gardiner.	C. E. J. Weston.
G. W. Hart.	G. M. Wolfe.

32 candidates for Certificate 'A' were examined in Part I (Practical), on February 19th, of whom 30 passed.

The Contingent took part in a Field Day at Rousham, 7 miles west of Bicester, on March 7th. The original scheme included the participation of three other schools but, owing to illness, the operations on the day consisted of an attack by the Stowe Contingent (less one platoon) against a series of posts held by the Magdalen College School Contingent and one Stowe platoon.

Although the amount of tactical knowledge gained may not have been great, the weather was ideal, and it was generally agreed to have been a thoroughly enjoyable day. The Contingent will go to camp at Tidworth Park from July 30th to August 7th.

THE RIFLE CLUB

The Shooting Eight has not had such a successful term as was expected. Three postal matches were fired off before the "Country Life" Competition, against St. Paul's School (Feb. 15th: won 529—514), Radley College (March 4th: lost 597—534) and Canford School (March 6th: lost—545—542). The results of the "Country Life" competition (March 12th) were as follows:—

Team.	Group.	Snap.	Rapid.	Total.
T. F. Cooke ...	10	25	41	76
D. C. Powell ...	10	25	40	75
M. A. Lloyd ...	5	25	38	68
R. W. B. Newton ...	10	20	37	67
G. B. P. Trippe ...	10	10	36	56
M. E. I. Searle ...	10	5	37	52
C. J. H. Klingenberg ...	5	10	36	51
C. A. P. Trippe ...	2	5	37	44
	62	125	302	489

LANDSCAPE TARGET.

Team Leader: M. A. LLOYD.

G. B. P. Trippe ...	} 80	R. W. B. Newton ...	} 35
G. S. C. Trench ...		M. E. I. Searle ...	
T. F. Cooke ...	} 50	C. A. P. Trippe ...	} 0
D. C. Powell ...		C. J. H. Klingenberg	
Landscape ...		165	
		489	
Total ...		654	

FENCING

Two main successes overtop the rest. At Oxford, F. J. Walter has not only secured Stowe's first 'Blue' at this University, but distinguished himself particularly in the 'Varsity match by beating the whole Cambridge team. Our other *coup* was also at the expense of the Light Blues, who were beaten here for the first time in March. Of all our rivals, they were the only team so far unbeaten by us. Villiers-Stuart and his men deserve all credit; by defeating the Navy last term they removed the only other obstacle in the way of this new record.

School matches with Eton and Westminster were won during the term. Our only defeat so far is at Oxford on the eve of the 'Varsity Match. Unfortunately, our chances of winning the Individual Foil Cup at the Public Schools' Championship have been impaired by the probable absence of Villiers-Stuart. As he has gone through the team of every school we played and not sustained a defeat, he seemed to stand an excellent chance of winning outright a competition in which he was 5th two years ago, when his skill and reach were not what they now are. In the event of Villiers-Stuart being away, Bartlett and Houghton will lead our attack, which ought to be formidable, though we should stand a much better chance if this were a team and not an individual event.

In the final of the House Matches, Grenville (H. D. H. Bartlett, R. MacD. Barbour and D. R. Forwood) beat Cobham (B. R. S. Houghton, G. A. L. Cheatle and U. B. Walmsley) by 9 victories to 7. Houghton fought extremely well and never lost a foil fight during the competition, but Cheatle failed to repeat his School match form. The Grenville team was more level and was admirably led by Bartlett.

M. F. Villiers-Stuart won the Foil Cup; the Junior Foil Competition is not yet over.

We wish to thank Lady Cheatle very much for her kind gift of two pairs of swords which have been hung in Concord.

THE FOIL CUP.

This was regained, on March 8th, by the captain, M. F. Villiers-Stuart, who had lost by a single hit to F. J. Walter last year. On this occasion, the final pool divided itself into two halves. In the first of these, Villiers-Stuart beat Houghton and Bartlett 3—2: Houghton defeated Bartlett by a similar narrow margin. Lower down, the young guard, Cheatle, McCallin and Mornington, had some close fights among themselves, while they got close enough to the first three to show themselves to be worthy successors of our best swordsmen. Cheatle was the best; he has worked hard, has a pretty style and plenty of effectiveness, though he is apt to fritter this away.

Score:—M. F. Villiers-Stuart, 0 defeat; B. R. S. Houghton, 1; H. D. H. Bartlett, 2; G. A. L. Cheatle, 3; C. S. McCallin, 4; Earl of Mornington, 5 defeats.

THE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER.

(PREVIOUS RECORD: *Won*, 7; *Lost*, 0.)

As last term, we opened with a win against Westminster. They are a much-improved side and ran us up to 23—18 by the close of the match.

As in London last November we owed much to our superiority with the foil. Villiers-Stuart's 3—2 win in the first bout against Hoppé reversed last term's decision, which went against him by the same margin. Houghton and Bartlett too took the

Westminster captain to the last hit. The remainder of the visiting team showed more pugnacity than on previous occasions; the aggressive tactics of White not only non-plussed but beat Villiers-Stuart. All the same, we finished 6 up at the close of the foil event.

The épée went disastrously. Houghton and Villiers-Stuart got 3 wins, though neither of them looked in their best form. Lloyd employed a fatal half-lunge attack and was so slow that he failed to avoid an unbroken series of hits. Bartlett, making his first appearance with this weapon, has speed, and would probably have done better had he not been worried by an unfortunate adverse decision in his opening bout. So, for the first time we went down at épée to Westminster.

Stung by this, the sabreurs did well and beat quite a good side 5—4.

Score :—

Stowe.		FOILS.		Westminster.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 3	F. S. Hoppé	- - - 3		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 3	D. M. Paterson	- - - 1		
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 3	E. F. F. White	- - - 1		
G. A. L. Cheatle	- - 2	M. W. H. Edwards	- - - 0		
	—		—		
	11		5		

Stowe.		EPÉE.		Westminster.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 3	M. W. H. Edwards	- - - 3		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 3	F. S. Hoppé	- - - 2		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 1	D. M. Paterson	- - - 2		
M. A. Lloyd	- - 0	E. F. F. White	- - - 2		
	—		—		
	7		9		

Stowe.		SABRE.		Westminster.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 2	F. S. Hoppé	- - - 2		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 2	E. F. F. White	- - - 2		
R. Mac D. Barbour	- - 1	D. M. Paterson	- - - 0		
	—		—		
	5		4		

Total :—Stowe 23.
Westminster 18.

THE SCHOOL v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

At Oxford, on February 10th, the O.U.F.C. defeated us heavily by 22 wins to 5. Actually they deserved their win and we a certain measure of satisfaction in having put up a gallant fight—nearer than the score suggests—against a very strong side which routed Cambridge three days later.

Curiously enough, we led early in a match which brought us very few wins; for Bartlett beat our own F. J. Walter, and Houghton the Oxford captain, Duncombe-Anderson, in the first series of fights. Afterwards not a single foil fight came our way,

though it looked as though Houghton was unlucky not to beat Anderson. He and Bartlett fought very well, but Villiers-Stuart was wild and outplayed.

A lack of practice made itself evident in our épée work, which failed to make a good show. We won the Houghton—Walter fight, which was as good as ever; but elsewhere bad flèches and clumsy head and wrist work brought about a collapse.

The sabre defeat, 8—1, was at the hands of a more robust and mature side. Actually, several fights went to the odd hit, but only in the Nash—Villiers-Stuart fight did we get the verdict. It was interesting to note that Nash is probably Oxford's best sabreur; but here their men had that very advantage in physical strength which we failed to have against their powerful second and third strings.

Score :—

Stowe.		FOILS.		O.U.F.C.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 1	C. N. C. Twite	- - - 3		
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 1	F. J. Walter	- - - 2		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 0	A. J. Duncombe-Anderson	- - - 2		
	—		—		
	2		7		

Stowe.		EPÉE.		O.U.F.C.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 1	G. Sherrard	- - - 3		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 1	F. J. Walter	- - - 2		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 0	C. N. C. Twite	- - - 2		
	—		—		
	2		7		

Stowe.		SABRE.		O.U.F.C.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 1	A. J. Duncombe-Anderson	- - - 3		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 0	C. N. C. Twite	- - - 3		
R. Mac D. Barbour	- - 0	B. Nash	- - - 2		
	—		—		
	1		8		

Total :—O.U.F.C. 22.
Stowe 5.

THE SCHOOL v. ETON.

(PREVIOUS RECORD: Won, 3; Lost, 1.)

Fought at Eton on February 28th and resulting in a win for the School by 16 victories to 10, this match was brought to so successful a result chiefly by the efforts of the foilists, who won 8—1, our record for this inter-school match. The épéeists were again out of form and lost 3—5. After being taken to the last hit of the last fight, the sabre event went to us by 5 victories to 4, a very satisfactory result as our opponents were a good school side.

The outstanding foilists were Bartlett and Villiers-Stuart, each of whom went through his bouts undefeated. Mayhew, a very pretty swordsman, went down 2—3 to both

Stoics. Houghton fought well and maintained the improvement in foil-form which he has shown this term.

At épée, on the other hand, Houghton was not so formidable as he should have been and Villiers-Stuart made too little use of the flèche which is his one and a very good—attack with this weapon. McCallin did quite well and was unlucky not to get the verdict in his fight with Mayhew.

Glyn's pugnacity and some pretty stop hits by Balmain made Eton a formidable sabre team. Owing to our reverse at épée, the big lead given us by the foils had been reversed and victory was still uncertain. Fights were very even, all going to the odd hit except Villiers-Stuart's bloodless victory over Burrows and his 3—0 defeat by Glyn. With the score at 4 all, and the bout at 2 all, Bartlett's sound parry-riposte gave us victory once again.

Scores :—

Stowe.		FOILS.		Eton.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 3	R. E. G. Mayhew	- - 1		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 3	B. A. B. Burrows	- - 0		
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 2	P. A. Glyn	- - 0		
	—		—		
	8		1		

Stowe.		EPEE.		Eton.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 1	R. E. G. Mayhew	- - 3		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 1	P. S. H. Osborn	- - 1		
C. S. McCallin	- - 1	W. E. Sherston	- - 1		
	—		—		
	3		5		

Stowe.		SABRE.		Eton.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 2	P. A. Glyn	- - 3		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 2	M. S. Balmain	- - 1		
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 1	B. A. B. Burrows	- - 0		
	—		—		
	5		4		

Total :—Stowe 16.
Eton 10.

THE SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The team finished with the best win of all. Cambridge were the only side among our opponents never yet defeated by us, though we tied with them in 1926-7. Here, on March 5th, 1929, we got this "clou" of success by 16 wins to 14.

It must be said at once that Cambridge missed Trinder from their foil and Hohler from their épée side. But Gibson, the C.U.F.C. captain, and Hett fought with both weapons and the side was relatively strong. Our success was due, as it has been throughout the term, to good foil play. The whole Stowe team did well, but perhaps Bartlett

may be singled out for a display classic in its effectiveness and restraint. He neglects his attack too much—a pity, because his attack is good—but none the less he is already a foilist of class.

Throughout the match was extremely close. Gibson's win over Villiers-Stuart was at once discounted by Bartlett's defeat of Hett. Cheatle, neglecting to get inside Buchanan's reach, was beaten 3—1, but Houghton levelled the score when his quick one-two attacks gave him the same margin against Brook. As time went on the School team became more confident and dominated their opponents, except for Gibson, whose magnificent speed and accuracy in attack only let him once be touched by Houghton.

With the foil over we were 2 up; it remained to be seen whether we could stand the course with the épée. As usual of late, we made a bad start, lost 4 of the first 5 fights and so our lead in the match. Then came a great recovery. From 4—1 down we passed to 7—6 up. Cambridge required to win all the remaining fights in order to secure the match. Two years ago they had extricated themselves from a similar quandary. Buchanan's hit on McCallin's shoulder threatened a re-occurrence of events, but Villiers-Stuart landed a flèche on Hett's bib and, although the result was a double-hit, made victory certain. In the last fight of the match, Houghton stopped an attack from Gibson, with a similar result. A great match was won by a small but famous margin.

Score :—

Stowe.		FOILS.		Cambridge University.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 3	J. M. Gibson	- - 4		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 2	R. B. Buchanan	- - 2		
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 2	G. V. Hett	- - 1		
G. A. L. Cheatle	- - 2	R. E. Brook	- - 0		
	—		—		
	9		7		

Stowe.		EPEE.		Cambridge University.	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 2	G. V. Hett	- - 3		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 2	J. M. Gibson	- - 2		
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 2	R. B. Buchanan	- - 2		
C. S. McCallin	- - 1	R. E. Brook	- - 0		
	—		—		
	7		7		

Total :—Stowe 16.
Cambridge 14.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st Round :—Grenville beat Bruce 9—1; Grafton beat Temple 9—8; Cobham beat Chandos 9—4.

2nd Round :—Grenville beat Grafton 9—4; Cobham beat Chatham 9—6.

Final :—Grenville beat Cobham 9—7.

Grenville won the Foils 5—4.

Cobham won the Epée 3—1.

Grenville won the Sabre 3—0 (one fight not fought).

ETON FIVES

On Friday, March 8th, the School played a match against the White Rabbits, a team of Old Etonians, who came over from Oxford. Although losing by 3 matches to none, the School played well against experienced players, and there were some close games, particularly between the second pairs. In this match Carr and Kemp were only beaten by 3 games to 2, after two hours of play.

The School was represented by R. L. Blackstone and J. S. Durlacher, R. H. G. Carr and H. V. Kemp, and A. G. Howland-Jackson and G. E. G. Jackson.

BOXING

Illness interfered sadly with the School Competition this term. There were so few entries that all the contests took place on one day, and even then two competitors were unable to box at the last moment.

There were some close contests nevertheless, and the standard of boxing was much above that of last year. Nelson-Smith and Mackenzie, in a very close bout which went to an extra round, were both quick on their feet and full of spirit. Very close, too, were the contests between Sherrard and Prittie, and Levis ma. and Ward. But the best display of skill was given by Villiers-Stuart. He was very quick, used both hands with effect, and gave Clouston no chance to deliver a heavy blow.

The results were as follows:—

Under 7 Stone.

R. I. Mackenzie beat H. D. Nelson-Smith.

Under 7 Stone 6 lbs.

S. J. H. Sherrard beat H. D. G. Prittie.

Fly Weight.

R. A. Litton was unopposed.

Bantam Weight.

E. F. Waters beat G. R. Cheape.

Feather Weight.

S. Ward beat M. Cargill.

D. G. Levis beat F. O. S. Dobell.

Final:—D. G. Levis beat S. Ward.

Light Weight.

P. H. Heygate was unopposed.

Welter Weight.

P. L. Sherwood beat J. D. B. Doran.

Middle Weight.

M. F. Villiers-Stuart beat R. H. S. Clouston.

Heavy Weight.

T. A. G. Pritchard was unopposed.

The Cups for the best boxers were awarded as follows:—

Class I.—M. F. Villiers-Stuart.

Class II.—N. H. Bennett.

On March 16th we boxed St. Paul's II at Stowe and lost by five events to four.

The first three contests went to St. Paul's, though our representatives, especially R. I. Mackenzie, who was at a disadvantage in weight and height, boxed with great pluck. The next fight was narrowly won by N. H. Bennett. He moved neatly and landed heavily at times with his right, but he scarcely attempted to use his left. This might well have lost him the fight. S. Ward was matched against a clever boxer who could also hit hard. It looked as if he would surely lose, but by sheer grit and constant attack he won.

In the next weight P. H. Heygate had obviously decided that he could not spare time for three rounds, and attacked with such vigour that the fight was stopped early in the second round.

P. L. Sherwood lost narrowly in the next weight.

M. F. Villiers-Stuart was opposed by a heavier and stronger fighter, but began well. Unfortunately, instead of boxing at a distance, he seemed to decide to mix matters, and was too badly shaken in the last round to gain the verdict. Had he boxed, and not fought, he would have won, for he was the cleverer of the two. The last fight was won quite comfortably by T. A. G. Pritchard, who showed good form.

The results were as follows:—

Under 7 Stone.

E. W. Wiseman (St. Paul's) beat R. I. Mackenzie (Stowe).

Under 7 Stone 6 Lbs.

P. Hodgson (St. Paul's) beat S. J. H. Sherrard (Stowe).

Fly Weight.

D. A. Patterson (St. Paul's) beat E. F. Waters (Stowe).

Bantam Weight.

N. H. Bennett (Stowe) beat C. D. Robinson (St. Paul's).

Feather Weight.

S. Ward (Stowe) beat A. E. D. Firman (St. Paul's).

Light Weight.

P. H. Heygate (Stowe) beat S. M. Mischler (St. Paul's).

Welter Weight.

D. Fraser (St. Paul's) beat P. L. Sherwood (Stowe).

Middle Weight.

C. S. Olson, (St. Paul's) beat M. F. Villiers-Stuart (Stowe).

Heavy Weight.

T. A. G. Pritchard (Stowe) beat R. A. Reed (St. Paul's).

GOLF

The draw for the House Matches and the results up to date are as follows :—

1st Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
	Cobham (a bye)	Chandos 3-0	The Final Result will be published next term.
Chandos Grafton	Chandos 3-1		
Grenville Chatham	Grenville 2½-1½	Grenville 4-0	
Bruce Temple	Bruce 4-0		

CRICKET FIXTURES 1929

The following cricket matches have been arranged for next term :—

Sat.	May	18—Old Stoics.
Wed.	"	22—Trinity College, Oxford.
Sat.	"	25—Crusaders.
Wed.	"	29—Free Foresters.
Thurs.	"	30—Oriol College, Oxford.
Sat.	June	1—M.C.C.
Wed.	"	5—Authentics.
Wed. & Thurs.	"	12-13—Westminster.
Sat.	"	15—Cryptics.
Mon.	"	17—Christchurch, Oxford.
Wed.	"	19—Radley.
Sat.	"	22—St. Paul's (away).
Wed.	"	26—I. Z.
Sat.	"	29—Bradfield.

The following matches have also been arranged :—

Sat.	"	25—2nd XI. v. Charterhouse II (away).
Sat.	May	18—2nd XI. v. Old Stoics.
		Colts v. Bradfield Colts (away).
Wed.	"	29—Colts v. St. Edward's Colts.
Sat.	June	1—2nd XI. v. Rugby II.
		Colts v. St. Paul's Colts (away).
Thurs.	"	6—Colts v. Eton Colts (away).
Sat.	"	8—2nd XI. v. St. Paul's II.
		Colts v. Harrow Colts.
Sat.	"	15—Colts v. Radley Colts (away).
Wed.	"	19—2nd XI. v. Radley II (away).
Sat.	"	29—2nd XI. v. Bradfield II (away).
		Colts v. Wellington Colts (away).

HUNTING

The Grafton Hounds met at the North Front at 11 o'clock on Saturday, March 23rd. To a fairly large field Stowe contributed a mounted contingent of 18 and numerous followers on foot or bicycle. The home coverts were drawn blank, due perhaps to the fact that the School Woods and Forests Department got so busy during the previous cold weather. A move was made to Stratford Wood, which never disappoints. From here a fox slipped out and led a nice ring round by Shalstone and Thornbury Thicket, surrendering its life (though possibly there was a change of fox *en route*) in the open not far from the starting-point. This was a fine little hunt over good country, providing jumping enough for the bold and too much for the timid. Stoics were well up at the kill and were presented with trophies of the chase by the Master, Major Williams. Later in the afternoon an old fox was roused close to Dadford and made up through the School grounds in the direction of Stowe Castle, where it went to ground in a large rabbit warren. Another fox from Akeley Wood led the Field up to Stowe Ridings. Here there was some slow hunting in and about the coverts, and finally back through the Tile House domains to the School itself. A kill on the North Front, where trial-heats were being held, would have been a spectacular finish; but this was denied. The weather was too fine and dry for scent to be good. The special Stowe guardian-angel, that always seems to accompany these expeditions and render succour to the fallen, was kept particularly busy. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and one of the best School hunts we have had.

THE LIBRARY

WE desire to acknowledge the following presentations to the Library :—

From Mrs. A. H. Radice :

200 volumes from the Library of the late Col. A. W. Jamieson.

From Lieut.-Colonel Graham Seton Hutchison :

'Silesia Revisited 1929,' 2 copies (The Donor).

'History and Memoir of the 33rd Battn. Machine Gun Corps and of the 19th, 98th, 100th and 248th Machine Gun Companies (Members of the Battalion).

Mrs. Pemberton has very kindly given us three books which belonged to Dr. Pemberton, in memory of him :

'Cricket' (A. G. Steel and R. H. Lyttleton).

'Golf' (Horace G. Hutchinson).

'The Jubilee Book of Cricket' (Prince Ranjitsinhji).

The following books have been bought for the Library :—

'The Structure of Politics at the Accession of George III' (L. B. Namier); 'A History of England, 1815—1918,' (J. R. M. Butler); 'A Short History of England' (G. K. Chesterton); 'England under The Tudors and Stuarts' (Keith Feiling); 'The British Empire' (Basil Williams); 'Histoire Générale' (E. Lavisse, A. Rambaud) Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4; 'The Chartist Movement' (Mark Hovell); 'The Age of Erasmus' (P. S. Allen); 'Elisabeth Farnese' (E. Armstrong); Mémoires de Frédéric II (edited by E. Boutaric and E. Campardon); 'Great Britain and Prussia in the 18th Century' (R. Lodge); 'Disraëli' (André Maurois); 'The World Crisis: Aftermath' (Winston S. Churchill); 'Oraisons Funèbres' (Bossuet); 'On the Edge of Diplomacy' (J. D. Gregory); 'An Outline History of Painting' (S. C. Kaines Smith); Masters of Architecture:—Chambers (Trystan Edwards); Inigo Jones (Stanley C. Ramsey); Vanbrugh (Christian Barman); Hawksmoor (H. S. Goodheart Rendel); Sir John Soane (H. J. Birnstingl). Monographs on Contemporary British Artists:—George Clausen; Augustus John; William Nicholson; Charles Holmes. Sir Christopher Wren (bi-centenary Memorial Volume published by R.I.B.A.); 'Greek Ideals' (Delisle-Burns); The Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. VII.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

On November 26th, Mr. Deane-Jones, Dean of Merton College, Oxford, read a paper on the Byzantine Empire to the Historical Association. He stated that he was giving the case for the defence of an Empire which had suffered as much from the invective of Gibbon as from the onslaughts of the Turks. To ignore Byzantine civilisation was to take a parochial view of history. Its fruits in civil services, art and literature were revealed, light being thrown on Byzantine influence in Italy—Palermo and Venice.

The interests of the people centred round theology and horse-racing—a heretic would run a rival horse against the Patriarch's. The energy not absorbed by these pursuits was expended on the factious quarrels of the Greens and Blues. Revolution and intrigue were a part of the régime. But often, from the conflicting wills of courtier, empress and eunuch, a ruler would arise able to combat intrigue by the sword and to crown himself Emperor. Such ones were Leo the Isaurian and Basil II. They would repel, too, the ever-attacking Arab. For the Byzantine Empire was fighting a perpetual crusade against the Moslem. Alexius has been blamed for the treatment he accorded to the First Crusade, but he only pointed out the need for organisation, and treachery, if treachery there was, can be more easily imputed to the Crusaders than to the Greeks. And it was the sea-power of the Empire which continually frustrated those attacks, the resistance of which was the concern of all Christendom. Gratitude was therefore due to the Empire—and to the Dean.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

On Saturday, December 8th, the Society held its first Visitors' Debate. The speakers on the paper were all ex-secretaries of the S.S.D.S.; all were excellent.

The motion for debate was: "That this House regrets the invention of the automobile." It was moved by Mr. E. D. O'BRIEN, who spoke delightfully for 20 minutes about nothing in particular. He was opposed by Mr. J. M. REEVES, who had something to say, apparently, about everything. On and off the point, he amused the House. Mr. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER, who spoke third, made the best debating speech of the evening. It is easy to see that success is assured for him at the Oxford Union. Speaking fourth and last, Mr. O. H. J. BERTRAM had not much left him to say. But, for his suggestion that we might visit the University by barge we shall always be grateful. In its way this was the happiest thing in a very happy evening.

The motion was defeated in the Upper House by 21 votes to 8, in the Lower House by 32 votes to 13.

Inevitably short, the Easter Term does not leave too much time for debates. Our Society has had three meetings. In the first, speeches were good enough, but the audience too small, in the second the contrast was reversed, and the third was probably the best debate which we have ever had. Much of the success is due to E. J. Oliver (the Secretary), B. R. S. HOUGHTON and G. E. LOXTON (Committee-men), C. D. DULLEY and A. C. C. BRODIE, once comrades, now stage opponents-in-arms, and those loyal and efficient members, R. H. G. CARR, P. L. SHERWOOD and A. DUNSFORD, who seem always to be telling or addressing the house.

Mention has been made elsewhere of our first and very successful visitors' debate.

During the term, A. R. de Salis, T. G. W. Ferrier, Lord Ronald Graham, E. F. D. Macpherson and P. L. Sherwood have been elected members of the Society. While uncertain whether they want more, the officers are certain that they want members who will and must speak at least once a term; the Society can only be vitalised by the active participation in the debates of all those who form it.

Present members of the debating Society come from houses as follows:—Temple, 10; Bruce, 7; Chatham, 5; Cobham, 5; Grafton, 4; Grenville, 3; Chandos, 1.—Total, 35.

The 42nd Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, February 9th, the motion for debate being "That this House welcomes the Formation of a Scotch National Party."

Attendance had been restricted to members of the Society, which, depleted by illness and sideshows, failed quantitatively to do itself justice. The speeches were for the most part well worth hearing.

B. R. S. HOUGHTON felt that separation, if it came, would be on political and not on economic grounds.

R. MACD. BARBOUR opposed the motion. He had apparently read 'Callisthenes' to advantage.

K. S. TOMS made the best speech he has so far delivered in the House. Realising that the Irish had Home Rule at home and in America, he failed to see why they should not have it, too, in Scotland, which is nowadays so largely an Irish Colony.

C. T. CROWE seemed to think that Westminster and the Scottish members were admirably suited to one another.

There also spoke : *For the Motion*, Lord Ronald Graham, E. F. D. Macpherson, A. Dunsford and D. B. Egerton.

Against the Motion, P. L. Sherwood, L. M. Miall, C. H. Frean and C. D. Dulley.

There voted :—	For the Motion	-	10
	Against the Motion	-	5
	Majority for	-	5

The 43rd meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, February 23rd. The motion for debate was "That this House welcomes the immediate construction of a Channel Tunnel." The attendance was large, the speeches not good enough.

E. J. OLIVER, in proposing the motion, hardly reached his best form. This was a pity as he probably has the shrewdest wit and clearest intellect in the House. On occasions—and this was one—he fails to express himself.

C. D. DULLEY helped the debate along the downward path of vapid personalities. Apparently, he regretted them as much as anyone and too modestly introduced them 'faute de mieux.'

J. E. D. IM THURN made an agreeable first speech 'on the paper.'

A. DUNSFORD did still better. He ought to reach the White House, if it is still standing when his time comes.

There also spoke : *For the Motion*, G. F. L. Gilbert, A. C. C. Brodie, J. R. C. Kenyon and B. R. S. Houghton.

Against the Motion, A. R. de Salis, G. E. Loxton, H. P. Croom-Johnson and C. H. Frean.

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>In the Upper House.</i>		<i>In the Lower House.</i>			
For the Motion	-	15	For the Motion	-	24
Against the Motion	-	11	Against the Motion	-	7
Majority For	-	4	Majority for	-	17

The 44th meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, March 16th, when the motion for debate was "That this House is proud of the Police Force." Before an audience as large as could be admitted were delivered some of the best debating speeches we have had at Stowe.

H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, the Hon. Proposer, was level-headed and logical in his argument. He had obviously taken trouble to get a hold of the subject and was clearly appreciated by a House which would have been glad to have heard him more often.

G. E. LOXTON, at last witty without being too personal, delivered the excellent speech of which we always realised he was capable.

A. C. C. BRODIE talked at length—largely off the point. But he was amusing and served as a whetstone for the quips of the President and Mr. Dulley.

A. R. W. STANSFELD did not fulfil expectations. He read most of a speech which was by no means his best.

There also spoke : *For the Motion*, J. N. Weiler, T. G. W. Ferrier, and P. L. Sherwood,

Against the Motion, E. J. Oliver (Hon. Secretary), C. H. Frean, G. F. L. Gilbert and B. R. S. Houghton.

On a division being taken, there voted :

<i>In the Upper House.</i>		<i>In the Lower House.</i>			
For the Motion	-	9	For the Motion	-	23
Against the Motion	-	15	Against the Motion	-	21
Majority Against	-	6	Majority For	-	2

MUSIC

CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society has been practising a number of madrigals and part-songs for unaccompanied singing, Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus and the Chorus 'Come if you dare,' from Purcell's 'King Arthur.' The Orchestra has accompanied the Choral Society in the last two items at several of the practices, and has given valuable support to the singing.

The Choral Society has been about seventy-five strong this term. It is hoped that many more boys will join in the near future, Altos and Tenors being particularly required.

MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Madrigal Society met for the first time on February 27th in Dr. Huggins' rooms. It consists of twenty members and has been meeting once a week. A series of nursery rhymes set to music by Walford Davies and some Choruses out of Bach's Peasant Cantata have been sung. The Society will probably make its first public appearance at the Concert on Thursday, March 28th.

ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra has been rehearsing a number of works, including the first movement of Mozart's Symphony in G minor and a Suite of Dances by Lully. Bach's Concerto for three pianos and strings in C major has also been played, with our three leading pianists taking the piano parts.

The Strings have been reinforced this term by four friends who live in the neighbourhood, who have helped us considerably.

The Wind Department of the Orchestra is being gradually augmented, but the shortage of String players is a problem that will have to be overcome if we are to have a first-class Orchestra worthy of the School. As our two leading Violin players are leaving us this term, the problem is all the more urgent.

A String Quartet has come into being and has been playing regularly every week. It made its first public appearance at the Sunday Evening Concert on March 17th, when a Gavotte and Minuet by Bach were played with great spirit and, on the whole, with very good ensemble and tone. Mr. Saunders has very kindly coached the players.

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS.

A certain amount of variety has been introduced into these Concerts. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Cross have both given us very enjoyable Song Recitals. Bach's Concertos for three and four pianos have also been played, in addition to the usual two-piano music. Mr. Ratcliffe has made his first public appearance and we hope we shall have a chance of hearing him again in the near future.

An important feature has been two programmes given entirely by boys, organised by G. J. B. Wright. The high standard attained at both these Concerts reflects great credit on all who took part. It is hoped that such Concerts will become a regular feature of the School Music. The large audiences which have attended them is a welcome sign for their future. A programme of the second one is given below. The Panatrophe, which has been kindly lent to us by the B.T.H. Company, has also been used on some Sunday evenings.

PROGRAMME BY MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, ARRANGED BY
G. J. B. WRIGHT. (SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 1929).

- I. Grande Fantaisie Russe, for two pianos *Glazounov.*
Pianists—G. J. B. Wright, F. H. F. Banbury.
2. Rondeau in B minor and Bourrée in G for String Quartet
and Piano *J. S. Bach.*
Violins—S. Ward, M. V. Kitchin. Viola—Mr. Saunders.
'Cello—P. L. Wood. Piano—G. J. B. Wright.
3. Piano Solos.—(a) Night in May. K. S. Toms *Palmgren.*
(b) Humoresque. J. C. Commings *Dvorak.*
4. "Mother Goose,"—Suite for two Pianos *Ravel.*
Pianists—G. J. B. Wright, D. G. Hughes.
5. Piano Solos.—(a) Rosemary. G. C. Callender *Frank Bridge.*
(b) Five Variations for Piano. M. V. Kitchin *Glazounov.*
6. Third Set of Miniatures *Frank Bridge.*
(a) Valse Russe. (b) Hornpipe. (c) Marche Militaire.
Violin—M. V. Kitchin. 'Cello—P. L. Wood. Piano—F. H. F. Banbury.
7. Third Movement from Scheherazade, arr. Clarinet and Piano *Rimsky-Korsakov.*
Clarinet—R. H. D. Kitchin.
8. Four unaccompanied dances for String Quartet.
(a) El Saltarello. Anon., Italian 16th cent.
(b) Dance from Overture to Dioclesian *Purcell.*
(c) Dance from King Arthur *Purcell.*
(d) Strawberry Leaves Anon., Elizabethan Period.
9. 'Cello Solo. Largo. *Handel.*
P. L. Wood.
10. Suite for two Pianos *Glière.*
G. J. B. Wright, F. H. F. Banbury.
11. Piano Solos *John Ireland.*
G. J. B. Wright.

CHAPEL SERVICES.

A number of new hymns and chants have been learnt during the term. A welcome feature of the singing has been the tendency to rely less upon the piano. This is all to the good, and will render the change from piano to organ accompaniment next term less difficult. A certain amount of variety has been attained by singing all four of the evening canticles on alternate evenings throughout the week.

RECITALS.

On Sunday, February 24th, the Entente String Quartet gave us a delightful programme consisting of Beethoven's Quartet "The Harp," in E flat, Mozart's Hunting Quartet in B flat and some English Airs, arranged by Darbyshire Jones. The delightful playing of Miss Churton's Quartet made us feel glad that such an accomplished player is teaching the 'Cello at this School.

A large audience attended this Recital.

On Sunday, March 3rd, Mr. Keith Falkner sang to us. He chose an ideal programme and in our opinion gave us an ideal rendering of it. His singing of the Folk-Song "Lord Rendel" will long be remembered by those who heard it. The audience was a small one, and it is a pity that more people could not forgo the pleasures of skating even for three quarters of an hour to hear such a famous singer.

On Sunday, March 24th, Mr. Loris Blofield, who is the leader of the Scottish Symphony Orchestra and a brilliant Soloist, gave us a Recital of Violin Music. In a varied programme—ranging from Couperin to Ravel, de Falla and Bloch—he quickly showed us that he is a master of his instrument. His vivid rhythms, clean part-playing and the easy range of tone-colour at his command made the programme even more attractive than it had appeared on paper. We were lucky to hear him with his gifted wife at the piano.

THE ARTS CLUB

At a meeting held on February 28th J. Melvin and R. H. D. Kitchin were elected members of the Committee and G. J. B. Wright Treasurer. The Annual Exhibition of Work opens on Sports Day and we hope to give an account of it in the next number of *The Stoic*.

On March 7th, some fifty members of the School, including many members of the Arts Club, visited the Exhibition of Dutch Art at the Royal Academy. It was very difficult to get a good view of the best pictures, owing to the vast crowds in the galleries, but by exercising much patience one was able to get some idea, at least, of the marvellous Exhibition. There were no less than forty works by Rembrandt, many of the finest of Vermeer, de Hooch, Gabriel Metsu, the Ruisdaels, Hobbema—indeed all the great Dutch masters. Through the kindness of the Committee we were allowed admittance at half price.

The Exhibition closed on Saturday, March 9th, which accounted for much of the crowding; but we suspect that the presence of the Queen-Mother of Holland augmented it considerably.

Some of our architectural enthusiasts made an attempt to see St. Paul's after visiting Burlington House. We understand that at least two managed to find the Cathedral, and that two others made a prolonged study of the Underground.



STOICORUM PRINCEPS

The bas-relief of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius (the "Chief Stoic") as a boy, which is preserved in the Bargello at Florence and which is now, so far as is known, reproduced for the first time, is a good example of the work of Mino da Fiesole, friend and fellow worker of Desiderio da Settignano. The outstanding qualities of his work are a pure, almost ascetic, spiritual feeling and a bold conventionalisation of detail curiously modern in effect (note the treatment of the wind-blown draperies in the Marcus Aurelius and of the laurel-wreath and hair). The best of the sculptor's early works, executed before 1466, are in the Duomo of Fiesole; there are also some fine altar-tombs in the Badia of Florence and a pulpit in the Duomo of Prato. He is known to have migrated to Rome between 1470 and 1480, and there to have executed the tomb of Pope Paul II (now in the crypt of St. Peter's) and other works. Rome of the time of Marcus Aurelius is said to have abounded in portraits of the beloved young Emperor, familiar to the Roman public since childhood as a priest of Mars and Prefect of the City at the age of fifteen; such portraits were sculptured over doorways or daubed on walls, as the head

of the Duce may be seen stencilled by the humble house-door of any Fascist today. In the archives of the Florentine galleries there is no record of the origin of this bas-relief; one is free, therefore, to imagine that the fifteenth-century sculptor, wandering among the debris of ancient greatness, came upon some broken fragment from the Age of the Antonines and from it evolved what we see here.

THE TWELVE CLUB

Three meetings have been held this term and the following papers read :—

February 2nd.—"The Scholastic Philosophy," by E. J. Oliver.

February 16th.—"The Elizabethan Stage," by P. M. Beech.

March 2nd.—"Old Ways of England," by R. A. Atthill.

March 29th.—"Balzac," by B. R. S. Houghton.

B.R.S.H.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

At a business meeting held on February 3rd J. E. D. im Thurn was elected Secretary and B. R. S. Houghton Committee-man. H. G. Morison, P. D. A. Chidell and W. W. Grey were elected members.

The Society has at last chosen the paper knife which will serve as a token of membership. It promises to cope effectively with the problem of the uncut French book, and though it may claim the qualities of both attractive ornament and useful tool, its powers as a weapon are, fortunately, limited.

Most of the term has been given to rehearsals for the Society's first French play Tristan Bernard's "L'anglais tel qu'on le parle," which was produced on March 23rd. A notice of the performance appears in the "Late News" of this issue of *The Stoic*.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY

The 10th meeting of the Society was held in the Headmaster's rooms on March 21st. The Society had not met for a long time, and more than half the members were new. At a Committee-meeting held on March 18th A. C. L. Whistler, H. D. H. Bartlett, R. H. G. Carr, P. M. Beech, A. R. W. Stansfeld, K. S. Toms, C. M. Heath and H. V. Kemp were elected members, and B. R. S. Houghton was elected to the Committee.

Despite the influx of new members the play which had been chosen—"The Skin Game," by Galsworthy—was a great success, even though the President was so sarcastic about it. He—the President—was an aristocratic and fatherly squire, and E. J. Oliver made a forceful if somewhat high-pitched *nouveau riche*. The Vice-President, as usual, read the stage-directions in a slow and intense whisper, and his manner seemed to be infectious. It is hoped that more than one meeting will be held next term.

R. MacD.B.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE

*An Extract from the Diary of Thomas Barnet,
for 23 years Estate Agent to Lord Kennethmont.*

April 1, 1985.

I awoke with a bad headache this morning, so I decided a run into the country would do me good, as I had been rather over-doing it of late. I could not make up my mind where to go until I remembered that I had not yet seen John's future school at Chilton Foliot, which is, I am told, the best and the most up-to-date of new Government colleges.

The run down was most pleasant, although I was rather nervous lest I should have to interview the Headmaster, as in my day he was called, for my old awe persisted and I had not the least idea what one should ask about on these occasions. However, on arriving at the steps I was met by a smart young fellow who said it was his day on duty and professed to be delighted to show me round.

The first thing that strikes one on entering is the complete silence that envelops the place. Although the college has some three hundred students, the building might have been deserted except for ourselves.

"You see" he said, "we pride ourselves on our modernism. All the buildings of the school have been constructed with double vacuum walls."

We passed out of the round hall and down a long passage lighted by diffused mercuries. On each side were glass doors through which we could see the students working. He invited me into one of these lecture rooms, and I was interested to see that each desk was fitted up with a typewriter, of the silent-action type, of course. The desks were arranged in ascending rows, while at the bottom was the screen, fixed in a nearly semi-vertical position. At the back of the room was the television projecting apparatus, worked by one of the students.

The lecture was being given from New York by R. Grenheim, the distinguished surgeon. It was the first time I had seen him broadcast and I was amused watching his quick, abrupt actions. He is not such a big man as one would have thought from his photographs. The reception was perfect, though a trifle loud, and the lecture was so absorbing that I was quite unwilling to leave. The students were all busy taking shorthand notes when we crept out.

The passages were all lined with rubber. A gay pattern wound its way along the floor, which was very pleasant to walk on, like a thick pile carpet. It is certainly an enormous place, and I should never have found my way about without the help of my guide.

I was very surprised when he asked me if I would like to see the hospital which was run in connection with the school.

It was separated by about three hundred yards from the main buildings, with its own little garden. It was divided into two wards—one for surgical and the other for medical cases. I was shown into the surgical ward by the resident medico.

It consists of a long, high and airy room with each bed separated from its neighbour by a glass partition. The corners of each of these little cubicles were rounded off to prevent the accumulation of dust. A mercury was fixed over each bed with a switch at the bedside. Beside this was fitted a bell-push which lit up an indicator outside, showing that a patient requires attention. Television was laid on to both the wards, thus keeping the people amused. Temperature and nerve charts hung outside each cubicle. The beds were mounted on wheels, so that a patient might be removed

without disturbance. Even as I was talking with the surgeon two nurses entered and quietly wheeled out a man.

"A cancer case," said the doctor. "Would you care to watch the treatment? We have got one of the most modern radium exciters in the country. It is the exact replica of the one at the London Hospital."

I followed him out of the ward and up a short flight of steps. He stopped opposite a small door and, handing me a pair of dark glasses, beckoned me to enter. I found we were in a little gallery looking down into the theatre. The patient lay stretched out on a white operating-table. One of the nurses was rubbing his bare chest with some thick oil, while the operator was adjusting a reflector mask over the patient's face.

"All right," he said, and the exciter was quietly pushed forward. It was a wonderfully delicate machine. Only one light was left burning, throwing some parts of it into deep shadow. Here and there the light caught the little brass projections with which the machine bristled, making the whole glitter like a myriad of tiny windows in some fairy castle. The operator knelt behind it . . . focussing . . . adjusting. A wheel began slowly to revolve and a low drone started.

"Put the light out." A click and we were in pitch darkness. I strained over the edge to watch. Slowly a soft light began to play on the man's chest, which showed up gleaming white. The drone increased as the master-wheel gathered velocity. Slowly the whole body of the man was bathed in a soft, glowing light. I watched the operator. "Click." The light began to concentrate itself on one part of the man . . . gradually the soft beam resolved itself into a rapier-like ray directed at a little circle marked in oil on the man's chest. Deadly and vicious it looked as the machine fizzed and cracked, sparks leaping out in the darkness, lighting up the man's face.

It is verily a death-ray of life. For about as long as one could count fifty it continued, and then abruptly the drone ceased and the lights went up. The patient was lifted back into his bed and wheeled out of the room. The operator took off his mask and replaced the white dust-cover over the machine. For some reason the spectacle had been profoundly moving to me. For the doctor and medical students it was, I suppose, an every-day affair.

On our way back we stopped opposite a door marked *Selecting Room*. Inside, three boys, with headphones on, were busy working a switch-board not unlike one of those old-fashioned telephone exchanges.

"This," my guide explained, "is where all the lectures being broadcast are sorted out and put through to the right rooms. For instance," he said, pointing to a list pinned on to a board, "you will see that the modern language students are doing French this term in class-rooms *M* to *P*. That means that *every* subject is taught them in French. At present they are having a lecture from Paris No. 3, but in a few moments they will be switched over to a special talk by M. Renée at Paris No. 5. It is only by making a very careful selection that it is possible to get the greatest authority on every subject, and the programmes are all mapped out by the Education Board in London, but if the 'Super' thinks some lecture will not be a good one he crosses it out and chooses one elsewhere. We generally think that England is best for Higher Mathematics, America for Engineering and Germany for Psychology, but, of course, that is only a rough guide and the actual discrimination is a difficult matter."

"How many 'supers' do you have?" I asked when we stood once more at the top of the steps.

"Well, we have no fixed number, but at the moment there are about thirty. It is their job to select the programmes and correct all the written work we have to do."

I said good-bye and departed, wondering if after all I had tipped him insufficiently. After all, thirty diges* should be quite enough.

* A Dige is a coin worth about 5s.

I am afraid John will find the standard of work very high if he goes there next term. Still, perhaps he will get the job of showing people round. I am sure he could make it very remunerative.

Thirty diges a person; say three people a day: that's ninety diges a day, seven hundred and . . . Idle speculation, he will never pass the examination!

G. B. HOLT.

LATE NEWS

FENCING.

JUNIOR FOIL COMPETITION.

Fought off on Wednesday, March 20th, this competition resulted in a win for J. M. Greenwood, who beat A. R. W. Stansfeld 4-3 in the decisive bout, after being led most of the way. Stansfeld was second and U. B. Walmsley third.

"L'ANGLAIS TEL QU'ON LE PARLE."

On Saturday, March 23rd, the Modern Language Society gave an extremely spirited production of "L'anglais tel qu'on le parle" by Tristan Bernard—a very happy choice, since the play contains sufficient English to be intelligible to anyone, however scanty his knowledge of French. In spite of the grim, taught-in-six-lessons look upon the faces of the audience, there was no lack of laughter, especially at the embarrassments of Eugène, the "unlinguistic" interpreter, whose inefficiency was the cause of all the trouble.

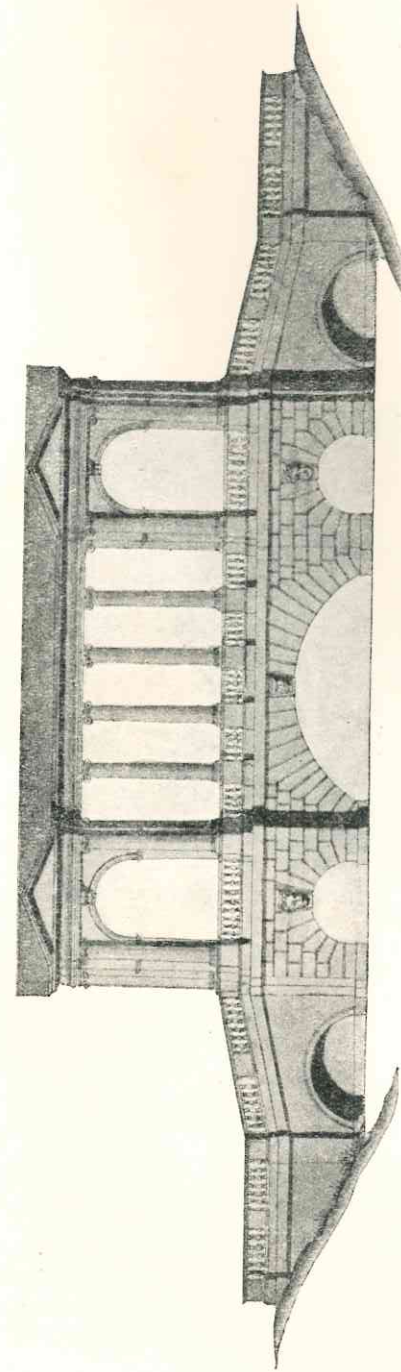
Tribute must be paid to the extremely Gallic appearance and manners of those members of the cast who played French parts. It is always difficult to act the foreigner convincingly, but B. R. S. Houghton, M. V. Kitchin, H. P. Croom-Johnson, P. D. A. Chidell and S. Ward managed it with signal success. The make-up of all the characters was excellent, as were the costumes.

Of the individual actors, B. R. S. Houghton gave a brilliant performance as the young French clerk. His French accent was impeccable, and he kept the audience laughing with his expressive gestures. M. V. Kitchin was screamingly funny as Eugène, the "temporary interpreter who knew no language but his own," managing, by his facial expression alone, to convey a whole world of meaning. H. G. Morison brought down the house with a sketch of an Englishman as seen through French eyes. J. E. D. im Thurn looked charming as Betty Hogson, and played his part well, but was occasionally inaudible. P. D. A. Chidell suffered from the same complaint, at least, at first; later, when he had conquered this defect, his performance was all that could be desired. H. P. Croom-Johnson was brusque and capable as one of M. Bertillon's underlings. S. Ward made the most of a small part, especially when ordered to carry away some luggage, and R. A. Litton gave us the impression that all this talk about the weakness of the gendarmes is nonsense.

Much credit is due to W. W. Grey, stage-manager, and his assistants, J. Drummond and H. R. B. Gauthby, whose able services were indispensable to the success of the evening.

The production was admirably smooth throughout, and the audience gave a well-deserved ovation to Mr. Clifford after the performance.

K. S. TOMS.



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