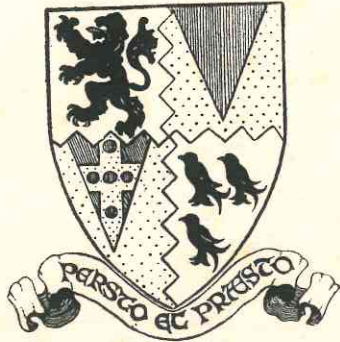


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THROUGH THE COOKING CLASS

A YULETIDE LOG

THE Queen of Hearts looked narrowly at Alice; so narrowly that her eyes seemed to meet. "I suppose I really ought to try" Alice said at last. "You must try" the Queen replied crossly. Alice felt a little nervous because she had never made tarts before. "What do you make tarts with?" she began timidly. "Nothing" the Queen snapped; but her mouth was too full for the remark to have its proper effect, so she swallowed the tart quickly. "Stupid child; your table-manners are shocking and you haven't even any idea of mathematics. Why! even the Rabbit knows that!" Alice was too nervous to protest, especially as the White Rabbit put his head in the door and sneezed just then. Alice began opening all the cupboards, one after another. She had a vague idea that Nothing ought to be done up in blue paper packets, one-pound or two-pounds sizes, like sugar, but of course it wasn't; so she put an empty saucepan on the fire. The Queen appeared to have forgotten all about her, so Alice felt sure she was doing right. "How do I know when it's done?" said Alice after a pause. "You don't!" the Queen replied testily, throwing the kitten into the fireplace, "only a fool could ask a question like that!" Alice went on stirring.

There is a place where heroism and cowardice meet; where fear of retreat cries "On!" and vices wait on virtue. The frame of mind in which Alice baked her tarts is one in which Editorials are written. The recipe for tarts was in the White Rabbit's book which he had lost; an

even more obscure convention defines an Editor's task. If tradition is a product of good living we may infer that the *Stoic* lives well. Tradition, even if it is a habit of no fixed habits such as the Hatter boasted, is as important an adjunct of institutions as aroma of cigars or references of a cook-general. By tradition a sonnet has fourteen lines; by tradition a judge carries a nosegay; by tradition an editorial should have length but no breadth, form combined with a minimum of substance. "I only wish I had such eyes" the King remarked peevishly. "To be able to see Nothing! And at this distance too! Why, it's as much as I can do to see real things by this light!" Perhaps the difficulty of seeing Nothing explains the *Stoic's* traditional affection for numbers. The claims of twenty-one were obvious; twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty, thirty-three and thirty-nine, if less obvious, were no less useful. But no one could pretend that forty-one is a promising number. In the first place nothing divides into forty-one. It has no romantic appeal. It has none of the magic power which belongs to multiples of eleven and fifteen. There are forty-shilling tailors and fifty-shilling tailors; but no one would buy a forty-one shilling suit. Forty-one is a hollow hungry sound: an echo of January in December.

Where do flies go in the winter-time? Nobody knows; and where are the Ephemerae? Perhaps we should have stopped the gap with a Bumper Christmas Number. The possibilities of holly-leaves amongst the Temple martlets are inviting. A competition to choose a local Father Christmas would be sure to find support. But on the whole *The Stoic* has a conservative public; it is the public which would bewail the passing of the House of Lords and resent the presence of a serial in the *Times*. It has a due sense of propriety in all things. Even our projected map had to weather a period of suspicion. "Yes, it's a very good beehive," the Knight said in a discontented tone, "one of the best of its kind. But not a single bee has come near it yet. And the other thing is a mouse-trap. I suppose the mice keep away the bees or the bees keep the mice out, I don't know which." "Time for us to move on," said the Hatter impatiently.

F.B.R.

SPEECH DAY

The School's twelfth Speech Day was held on Saturday, July 25th, and the Marquess of Willingdon (former Viceroy of India) gave away the prizes.

In his speech, the Headmaster drew attention to a new landmark which the School was about to pass. After September it would no longer be true that Stowe was younger than any of its boys. He referred to the renovation of the Main Building now being carried out, and mentioned the starting of an Endowment Fund.

The Chairman of the Governors (Dr. A. W. Pickard-Cambridge), before introducing Lord Willingdon, paid a tribute to his own predecessor, Lord Gisborough, and reviewed recent and prospective developments.

Lord Willingdon outlined the opportunities for imperial service, and in particular stressed the advantages of the Indian Civil Service. In conclusion, he urged the importance of religion as the real basis of life.

Sir Maurice Hayward, K.C.S.I., moved a vote of thanks to Lord Willingdon.

Visitors had the opportunity of watching cricket, lawn tennis, shooting and other sports during the afternoon, and there was also a concert in Assembly. In the evening there was a performance of "Henry IV, Pt. II" at the Queen's Temple. An account of this will be found elsewhere.

HOUSE SYMBOLS

Below is a table of the new House Symbols introduced recently. In the 'Olim Alumni' section, we also give the year in which each person left the School. The new symbols are as follows:—

Bruce	B	Gill Sans Type.
Temple	T	Gill Sans Type.
Grenville	G	Gill Sans Type.
Chandos	C	Gill Sans Type.
Cobham	Ⓒ	Old English Text Type.
Chatham	Ⓖ	Lombardic Type.
Grafton	Ⓖ	Old English Text Type.
Walpole	W	Gill Sans Type.

It will be observed that, taking Houses in their order of foundation, Gill Sans type has been used in the first instance; in the second instance (where more Houses than one have the same initial) Old English Text; and, in the third instance, Lombardic.

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT WATERFORD NEVILLE.

Died 25th August, 1936.

Herbert Neville came to Stowe at its opening in 1923 and worked as Art Master and Librarian till illness overtook him in 1934. In 1924 he married Miss Marjorie Gardner, and his two sons, M. H. R. Neville and F. M. R. Neville, were entered for the School at birth.

His labours for the Library were in the literal sense creative, because it fell to him to form and arrange our collection of books, which remains substantially as he left it. But his best work was done in the "Old Art Room" which he contrived to make the centre of the School's artistic existence. Many Stoics owe to Herbert Neville a new interest and a new sense of values, and some owe to him a new course of life.

The old building in which he achieved so much was worthy neither of him nor of his work. It seemed specially cruel therefore that his health broke down just before the new studios were completed.

But he never grumbled about that or about the increasing helplessness which his illness caused. His patience and his humour never deserted him, and he retained to the end the qualities which had made him so beloved at Stowe.

THOMAS BARRY HUNTER.

Born 26th August, 1915.

Died 3rd September, 1936.

Pilot Officer T. B. Hunter, R.A.F. (Grafton, 1930 to 1932) was killed in Palestine on September 3rd, 1936. A letter from an Old Stoic gives the following details:—

"We were held up by a very strong Arab band who were on top of a hill. They were well organized and well armed and were shooting much too straight to be comfortable. It was very difficult to make any headway, so we asked for air assistance. Barry arrived and by his accurate machine-gunning and bombing made it possible for us to reach the top and disperse the band, with very few casualties to ourselves. Unfortunately, to get the best effect he was obliged to fly very low, which he unhesitatingly did, with the result that his controls were shot away and he himself was hit. He crashed in a wadi.

I got to know Barry very well in Egypt this last summer and we used to do a deal of sailing together. He was a most delightful companion and his death leaves a very great gap. He was proving himself to be a first-rate pilot and his Com-

manding Officer and the remainder of his Mess regret his passing very much indeed. However, it was a damned good way to go, and I anyhow shall never forget him, as he undoubtedly saved the lives of a good many of my men."

PETER HELYN HEYGATE.

Born 11th November, 1911.

Died 7th September, 1936.

Peter Heygate went to Chatham House in September 1925 and left in December 1929. Immediately after leaving School he was given a Short Service Commission in the Air Force, and was a Flight Lieutenant working at No. 3 Flying Training School at Grantham when he was blown out to sea by the storm of September 7th.

He was distinguished in most branches of Athletics. In his second term he played Rugby Football for his House, and in his last year gained 1st XV colours. He represented the School at Boxing, but his reputation as a boxer was not confined to Stowe. He made his mark too in Running and Swimming.

Peter always wore a smile and never lost his temper even in the Boxing Ring. He did not know what fear was, and his cheery, manly nature won him many friends.

His courage, coolness and power of quick decision well fitted him for the Air Force, and had he lived, he would, one feels, have had a fine career in the Service. *Sed Dis aliter visum est.*

E.H.E.

CATULLUS XXXI

O Sirmio, of islands all most fair,
And headlands, under either Neptune's reign,
Whether in peaceful lake or mighty main,
Rejoicing I behold thee, freed from care;
For scarce can I believe that Thynia drear
Is safely quitted, and Bithynia's plain.
And what is sweeter than departed pain,
When the glad mind lays down its load of fear?
When we, all worn with wandering, come home,
And on the bed we've longed for sink to rest:
For this sole prize 'tis good so far to roam.
Thy lord once more is with thee, Sirmio blest,
Rejoice! Rejoice thou, Lydia's dimpling foam!
Laugh with the laughter that a home knows best.

P.E.R.E.

STOICA

School Officials—Christmas Term, 1936.

Prefects :—N. B. Robinson (T), Head of the School; J. G. Nicholson (G); H. C. Corbett, ma. (B); P. Sherrard (C); A. H. P. Hope (G); M. Jebb (C); P. L. D. Frankenburg (C); R. V. P. Adams (W); J. V. R. Birchall (T); J. E. D. Chamier, ma. (C); H. R. Davies (B); B. H. V. Paget (C).

Monitors :—G. W. Pirie (G); P. C. H. Morris (G); D. A. Jefferson, ma. (G); L. G. McKean (G); F. B. Richards, ma. (T); A. Allan (W); I. C. S. Munro (B); B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C); M. C. Watson (T); B. D. Henry, ma. (C); H. Yellowlees, ma. (C); J. P. Stephens (W); I. R. Robertson, ma. (B); N. S. Brown (G); K. F. E. Woods (G); A. R. Jennings (C); R. S. Darby (C); W. S. Oliver (C); J. R. S. Peploe (C); M. R. Jackson (T); T. L. Dewhurst (B); P. Howson (C); D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (G); J. O. H. Beamish (T); R. M. M. D. Lucas (B); G. B. Cobb (W); A. G. Buchanan, ma. (W); M. E. Bardwell (C); R. B. McGrigor (W); A. C. Bartley, ma. (G); J. Farquharson (C); R. H. Gethin (C); M. A. Graham (G); K. J. S. Ritchie (T); M. H. Blundell, ma. (G); D. D. Demarest (C); R. N. Barclay, ma. (C); J. F. G. Fletcher (T).

Captain of Football—H. R. Davis (B).

Hon. Secretary of Football—J. P. Stephens (W).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

October 18th. The Rev. G. C. Streatfeild, M.A.

November 15th. The Rev. F. W. Dillistone, M.A., B.D.

A Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, December 4th, when the Bishop of Buckingham (The Rt. Rev. P. H. Eliot) confirmed a hundred and seven members of the School. This is the largest number ever confirmed at one time at Stowe.

The following Masters have joined the Staff this term: Mr. C. R. Allison, Mr. E. Dungey, Mr. A. B. E. Gibson and Mr. R. L. Wakeford. Monsieur G. A. L. Poteau has also come for a year.

It is with great regret that we lose Mr. J. A. Tallent, who is deserting the Lion of Bruce for the Bulls and Bears of the Stock Exchange. We know him in the three-quarter line and wish him equal success among the sixteenths.

Full reports of Football will be found elsewhere. It has been a very successful season. Harrow, Radley and Bedford have all been beaten; and a very strong Oundle side, early in the term and when our backs were reduced by absence and injury, beat us by a single point. On October 31st, the School had five teams in the field and all won their matches. A fitting crown to all Mr. Tallent's hard work and interest.

The annual Old Stoic Dinner was held at Grosvenor House, London, on Saturday, December 5th. The guest from Stowe was Mr. Clifford. Eighty-nine Old Stoics were present. Speeches were made by N. A. C. Croft and N. G. Annan.

The Grafton Hounds met at Stowe on Saturday, December 5th.

A unique "Bobbery" Pack, belonging to Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Bart., met at Stowe on Wednesday, November 25th.

Yet another homestead is being built, in the neighbourhood of Grafton. Who will give an Inter-House Crawling Cup, for juniors up to the age of one?

R. A. Riess (W) rode at the International Horse Show at Olympia again this season, but for the first time as a Stoic.

A new system of fire-escaping has been introduced. The School, instead of making for the ground by the quickest possible route, now congregates on the roof. This is good training for a potential Casabianca.

On the other hand, a new Operators' Box has been built in the Gymnasium Cinema on distressingly fire-proof lines. It has however enabled the Gymnasium to be insured.

The following Representative Colours were awarded at the end of last term :—

For Shooting : R. B. McGrigor (W), M. H. Franklin (C).

For Swimming : H. C. Corbett (B).

The following have been awarded First Fifteen colours :—

B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (G), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), A. H. P. Hope (G) (all re-awarded) ; P. Sherrard (C), N. B. Robinson (T), D. A. Jefferson (G), A. C. Bartley (G), J. E. D. Chamier (C), W. W. Cheyne (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), M. E. Bardwell (C), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. C. Watson (T).

The following have been awarded Second Fifteen colours :—

P. Sherrard (C), D. A. Jefferson (G), R. R. Oakey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), W. W. Cheyne (C), H. C. Corbett (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), P. H. Koelsch (B), P. C. H. Morris (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C), D. D. Demarest (C), T. R. Gaskell (W), M. P. Robinson (G), B. H. V. Paget (C), M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), C. W. Dawes (B), J. Roche (T).

The following have been awarded Third Fifteen Stockings :—

R. V. P. Adams (W), B. D. Henry (C), C. D. Earle (B), P. R-H. Hastings (T), I. C. S. Munro (B), P. Spencer-Thomas (W), J. H. Weir (B), K. F. E. Woods (G), J. Farquharson (C), A. R. Merchant (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. P. Robertson (T), W. A. M. B. Stewart (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B), P. M. Syrett (C), M. A. Graham (G).

The following have been awarded Colts Stockings :—

J. C. Drew (C), G. T. Hugill (C), B. J. G. Kaye (G), J. M. Thomson (C), P. E. Waugh (G), A. G. Way (B), J. L. Rolleston (C), I. McC. Tait (G), J. D. Whitby (B), D. A. Yellowlees (C), P. J. Diggle (C), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), J. M. Henry (C), L. J. Eastwood (G).

At the Army Examination held in June 1936 the following Stoics and Old Stoics were successful. Into Woolwich :—M. E. Fletcher (C) (top), W. P. Lunn-Rockliffe (C), J. R. Hunter (G), G. F. Gethin (C), A. J. Gordon (C), J. M. Mayne (C). Into Sandhurst :—A. H. Campbell (C) (third), P. C. Mitford (C), H. J. MacLiesh (C), H. R. Holden (B), J. S. Wood (T), C. R. F. Hamilton (C), M. W. Barron (G).

CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's examination in July, 1936, the following obtained Certificates :—

Higher Certificates :—D. R. Barbour, J. V. R. Birchall, M. H. Blundell, M. H. Bullock, J. E. D. Chamier, E. S. Chapman, B. G. Dalziel, R. C. W. Dampier, J. R. C. Elmslie, J. A. Forbes, E. G. Gilbert, R. E. W. Harland, M. R. Jackson, M. Jebb, G. L. Le Bouvier, H. W. Mance, W. McD. Morison, B. H. V. Paget, G. W. Pirie, I. O'D. Preston, E. L. Shannon, S. E. Smith, W. A. M. B. Stewart, H. N. Straker, C. F. Tracy.

School Certificates :—R. A. P. Allsebrook, R. H. Anstey, C. A. Ashcroft, G. R. C. Atwood, R. G. A. Barclay, R. N. Barclay, G. R. L. Barron, C. W. Bartley, P. F. Bassett Wilson, R. A. L. Black, D. M. Bolton, L. U. Borenius, J. K. H. Broadwood, J. C. Brunel, J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall, the Hon. M. S. Buckmaster, J. W. Busk, J. E. S. S. Cable, A. J. McD. Cameron, O. Cheape, R. B. Chidell, P. B. S. Cooper, A. R. Coventry, L. G. Darling, C. W. Dawes, J. H. de Burgh, I. H. Dick, J. N. Dixey, J. C. Drew, H. S. L. Dundas, G. K. Eaton, R. Evans, R. A. Evans, R. G. Falconar-Stewart, D. B. B. Fenwick, J. H. Ferguson, P. W. Forsyth, M. G. Fox, J. C. G. Francis, J. B. Frankenburg, R. I. Fraser, A. K. Frazer, M. D. Fyfe, D. Gardiner, D. J. I. Garstin, M. L. Graeme, M. W. G. Greenley, B. A. J. C. Gregory, P. R-H. Hastings, J. N. Henderson, E. B. S. Hewitt, P. A. C. Holden, J. C. I. Hooper, P. L. Ingham, R. D. Jay, P. M. Jeavons, I. E. T. Jenkin, P. Johnstone, L. C. La T. Jolivet, B. J. G. Kaye, G. W. A. Keir, R. E. Lang, N. Q. Lawrence, H. C. Lowcock, T. L. Martin, G. C. Maxwell, H. A. Mitchell, E. B. Moore, C. G. Murray, C. M. O'Rorke, L. T. Parsons, J. P. Phillips, M. J. Poulton, D. B. Reid, K. G. Rice, the Hon. H. M. Ritchie, J. Roche, the Hon. G. W. Rodney, the Hon. J. F. Rodney, E. N. Rolfe, H. C. I. Rome, R. C. Roxburgh, R. C. H. Russell, J. F. Sandberg, D. V. A. Sankey, H. F. Sassoon, M. B. Scholfield, I. R. L. Shaw, D. A. H. Toler, A. A. Vickers, P. R. Westall, J. D. Whitby, S. J. Whitwell, R. H. Widdows, F. N. H. Widdrington, E. M. Wood, G. Yerbury.

OLIM ALUMNI

GENERAL.

MR. J. D. G. NIVEN (C, 1929) has scored a great success as Bertie Wooster in the recent Wodehouse film. His reputed (and now refuted) engagement is discovered to have been made in Hollywood rather than in Heaven.

MR. A. C. G. HESKETH-PRICHARD (C, 1934) was recently saved from a watery grave when bringing a yacht from Holland to this country. When all other signals of distress had failed, his Old Stoic tie attached to the mast immediately brought all neighbouring shipping to the rescue.

In the recent A.D.C. production of "Maria Marten," at Cambridge, MR. S. H. G. KAYE (G, 1934) played the title part. MR. J. D. BUCHANAN (W, 1935) and MR. D. G. FELCE (G, 1935) were also in the cast. MR. J. T. MELVIN (G, 1933) was Business Manager, and MR. L. L. PYMAN (G, 1934) was in charge of the stage lighting arrangements.

ACADEMIC.

MR. C. J. MACPHERSON (G, 1932) and MR. J. McTURK (B, 1932) were among the candidates nominated in August 1936 for appointment "by selection" to the Indian Civil Service under the new scheme of recruitment.

MR. J. H. P. GAUVAIN (G, 1933) has been awarded the Shuter Scholarship at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

MR. J. C. DUNDAS (C, 1933) was awarded a First Class in the Final School of Modern History, at Oxford, in July.

MR. R. G. C. KINAHAN (T, 1934) has been awarded a Scholarship of £250 by the Vintners' Company of London.

ATHLETIC.

MR. B. C. GADNEY (G, 1928) captained the British Rugby Team which toured the Argentine in the Summer. The team won all its matches, scoring 399 points to 12. He also captained the Probables Team in the first English International Trial.

MR. F. J. WALTER (C, 1928) was a member of the British Ski Team at the Olympic Games this year.

MR. D. N. DEAKIN (G, 1930) won the High Jump at the Inter-Services Championships in July.

MR. P. C. CONRAN (B, 1931) won his first and second round matches in the Amateur Squash Championship this December.

MR. P. D. WARD (B, 1931) was eleventh in the Final of the 5,000 Metres Race at the Olympic Games in Berlin last August.

MR. A. A. H. RADICE (T, 1933) was a member of the Oxford University Fencing Team which has just visited Germany.

MR. J. G. WRIGHT (G, 1934) was a member of the Cambridge Cross-Country Team which ran against Oxford at Horton Kirby on December 12th.

MR. P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) is Captain of the Cambridge University Golf Team this year, and MR. G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934) is Secretary. MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) has also been awarded his Blue, and MR. R. B. BOULTER (G, 1934) has played on several occasions. MR. I. EARLE (C, 1934) has been playing regularly for Oxford.

MR. E. P. R. JOURDAIN (C, 1934) again ran a Half-Mile for Oxford in the University Relay Races.

MR. J. M. N. PIKE (C, 1934) has played Rugby Football for Cranwell in all matches.

MR. A. E. DE LA T. MALLETT (B, 1935) played in the Seniors and in the Final Rugby Trials at Cambridge.

MR. K. P. P. GOLDSCHMIDT (C, 1935) has again played Rugby Football for Hampshire.

MR. C. E. THORNTON (G, 1935) coxed a University Trial Eight at Cambridge.

MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936) scored 98 not out for the Public Schools against the Army at Lords in August. He then played in the Walker Cup and reached the fifth round of the American Amateur Golf Championship. MR. P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) reached the fourth round.

MR. J. D. MCKEAN (G, 1935) won the Pole Vault in the Seniors' Sports, at Cambridge, with a vault of 10 ft. 9 ins.

MR. P. R. SPENCER (G, 1936) played in the Freshmen's Rugby Trial at Cambridge, leading the forwards with "savage cries and primeval zest." He also played twice for the University. MR. I. K. WHITE-SMITH (B, 1936) also had a Freshmen's Trial.

On July 12th, the Old Stoic Golfing Society beat the Old Bedfordian Golfing Society by 8½ matches to 3½.

ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. C. A. C. BOWEN (C, 1926) to Miss E. M. Blackmore.

MR. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927) to Miss M. M. Hall.

MR. A. A. GRUMBAR (C, 1928) to Miss O. Zeffert.

MR. P. DE G. H. SEYMOUR (C, 1928) to Miss H. Crickmay.

MR. A. R. C. WATSON (C, 1929) to Miss M. J. Saxton.

MR. C. J. H. KLINGENBERG (C, 1929) to Miss M. D. Hick.

MR. H. W. NORMAN (G, 1929) to Miss S. Rind.

MR. C. S. MCCALLIN (C, 1930) to Miss E. M. Mackenzie.

MR. D. R. ENGLISH (B, 1930) to Miss P. M. Ralston.

MR. C. C. CAMERON (G, 1930) to Miss H. M. Rahr.

MR. A. R. DE SALIS (B, 1930) to Miss N. M. Welch.

MR. W. J. DAVIS (B, 1930) to Miss P. J. Logan.

MR. H. D. H. BARTLETT (G, 1931) to Miss D. Stanbury.

MR. P. F. HORNSBY (G, 1931) to Miss J. Bond.

MR. R. A. GORDON (C, 1931) to Miss A. Vesey.

MARRIAGES.

MR. E. R. COX (G, 1925) to Miss E. E. Finlay, on November 28th.

MR. A. H. WIGHT-BOYCOTT (B, 1926) to Miss B. M. Lawrence, on September 15th.

MR. J. R. M. BOND (B, 1927) to Miss U. M. B. Long-Price, on January 8th.

MR. D. S. BRAMLEY (T, 1927) to Miss M. S. Duckett, on July 25th.

MR. G. A. GRIFFIN (T, 1927) to Miss E. M. B. Olding.

MR. H. F. JACKSON (C, 1928) to Miss D. A. d'Engelbronner, on September 12th.

MR. J. H. MUIR (C, 1928) to Miss E. M. Dundas, on October 24th.

MR. M. V. KITCHIN (C, 1929) to Miss M. E. Rothen, on November 5th, 1935.

MR. R. W. CHAPIN (B, 1929) to Miss A. P. Whitney Martin, on September 12th.

MR. R. C. R. CLARKE (G, 1929) to Miss U. N. Cadman, on September 17th.

MR. K. D. MIALL (B, 1929) to Miss Y. V. F. Cox, on September 17th.

MR. R. A. P. TEMPLE (T, 1930) to Miss L. G. de Lotbinière, on September 24th. (At Montreal.)

MR. H. WROHAN (C, 1931) to Miss E. Vargo, on July 29th.

MR. V. R. PARAVICINI (C, 1931) to Miss L. Maugham, on July 22nd.

THE VISCOUNT MAITLAND (G, 1933) to Miss H. Perrott, on October 29th.

BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. F. P. B. SANDERSON (C, 1926), a son, on October 5th.

To the wife of MR. G. F. NOXON (C, 1926), a son, on July 29th.

To the wife of DR. R. A. ANDREWS (C, 1926), a son, on October 31st.

To the wife of MR. B. W. DAY (T, 1926), a son, on October 11th. (In India.)

To the wife of MR. C. M. LANGLEY (B, 1927), a son, on October 20th.

To the wife of MR. J. N. FEATHERS (G, 1928), a son, on July 15th.

To the wife of MR. M. V. KITCHIN (C, 1929), a daughter, on December 2nd. (In Switzerland.)

To the wife of MR. P. M. BEECH (G, 1931) a daughter, on August 12th.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, Carlisle Street,
Edgware Road, N.W.8.
December 1936.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

During the last few months the Club has enjoyed a period of great activity; it is several years since it has been so busy and popular amongst the boys of Marylebone. The Winter months are always the busiest, but the degree of popularity is largely governed by the Warden and his assistants.

The Club has been running a Senior and a Junior football team, and so far the Seniors have not been beaten. Boxing is very popular, and this is probably due to the trainer who now comes and gives his valuable advice and assistance; in a match against the Harrow Mission the Club was beaten by five points to four.

An Old Boys' Club has recently been formed and two rooms in the basement have been furnished and allotted to them; they have a membership of thirty-six. They run a football team which has been doing very well, winning most of their matches. This section of the Club is self-supporting financially, and they are so well off that they have been able to buy a wireless set out of their funds.

This Christmas the members of the Club and the Old Boys' Club are giving a party to the young boys of the neighbourhood. This party is being organized and financed entirely by the boys themselves.

A Club committee consisting of Club captains and other officials has recently been formed, with the idea that the policy of the Club should, to some extent, be directed by the boys themselves; it is working fairly satisfactorily and the members of the committee feel that they have some personal responsibility for the well-being of the Club.

A small committee of London Old Stoics has been formed, principally to assist in the general organization of the Club, but also with the object of stimulating the interest of past and present members of Stowe in the activities of the Pineapple. A series of topical talks for the older boys is being arranged, and if any Old Stoic would like to come and lecture or take part in the discussions, the Warden or myself will willingly supply further information. Another activity of this new committee is to try to arrange for Old Stoics to come to the Club on Saturday nights to meet the boys from their own House who come up at the week-ends. It has been fairly satisfactory, but it is difficult to get in touch with Old Stoics who have recently left. If anyone would like to come to the Club on the day that a party of boys from his House is coming up, the Warden would be very pleased to give him full particulars.

Stoic visitors have been fairly numerous but not very regular; what we want is a number of Old Stoics to come round to the Club regularly either once a week or once a fortnight; however, we are only too pleased to see any Old Stoic who cares to visit the Club even if he can only stay a very short time. Visitors from Stowe this term have included the Headmaster and Mr. Hamer.

A party of boys visited Stowe on November 14th, played the usual football matches, and were royally entertained, as they always are by the School. The Seniors won their match 5—1, and the Juniors lost theirs 2—3.

Another Stowe Show is being produced at the Duke of York's Theatre on Friday, December 18th, at 2.30. At the time of writing there are still a great number of tickets available, and the Club hopes that Stoics and friends of the School will support this Show with the same enthusiasm that they showed last year. By the time your readers see this letter it may be too late to book seats, but there will be plenty available at the box-office, even if they are only in the gallery.

The London Federation are sending visitors to the Club who want to see how a Boys' Club should be run; this is sufficient proof that the School has reason to be grateful to the Warden, Mr. MacNicol Smith and his two assistants, Mr. Hone and Mr. Betts; and all they want now is that Stoics and Old Stoics should come and see the Club which financially they support so admirably.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

MAINLY FINANCE.

The Stowe Club is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the School, the Staff, and friends of Stowe for its income. A membership of 150 is barely provided for in normal times. At present, in spite of every sound economy, its slender capital is being drawn on to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management the less exacting. The Club has no salaried officials, and the boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

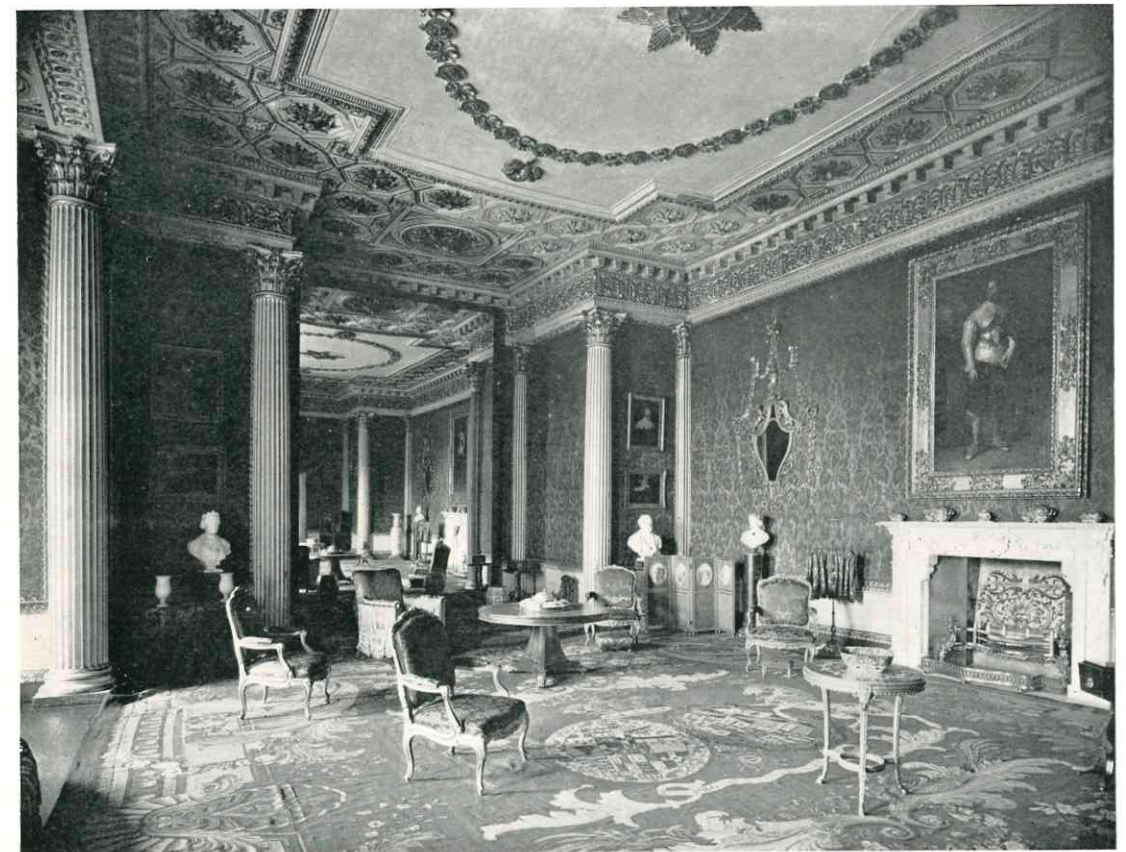
Particulars of the subscription list are entirely private to me. Any sum of money, no matter how small it may seem, and especially if it can be sent regularly, will be gratefully received. Bankers' orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques and postal orders are most welcome too. Gifts in kind (*e.g.*, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Carlisle Street, N.W.8.

The Warden would be glad also if anyone employing labour would remember that the Club can often supply good boys for certain types of work. He naturally asks no more than that employers should give Club boys the opportunity of applying for vacancies.

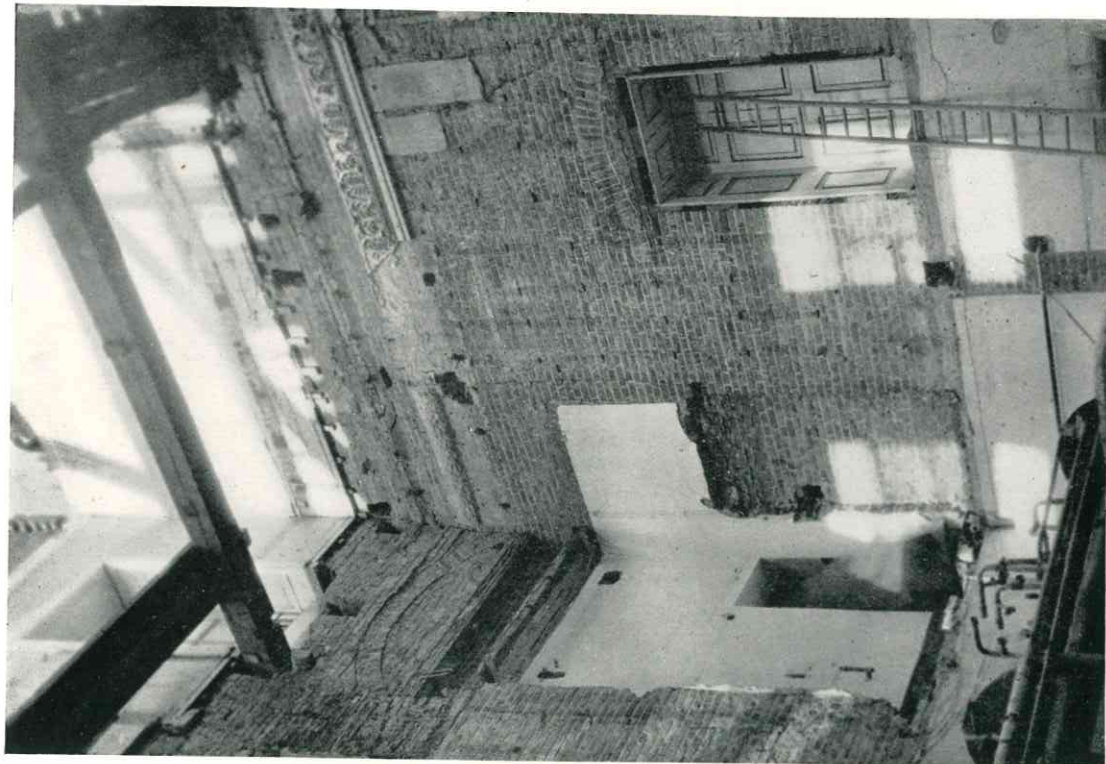
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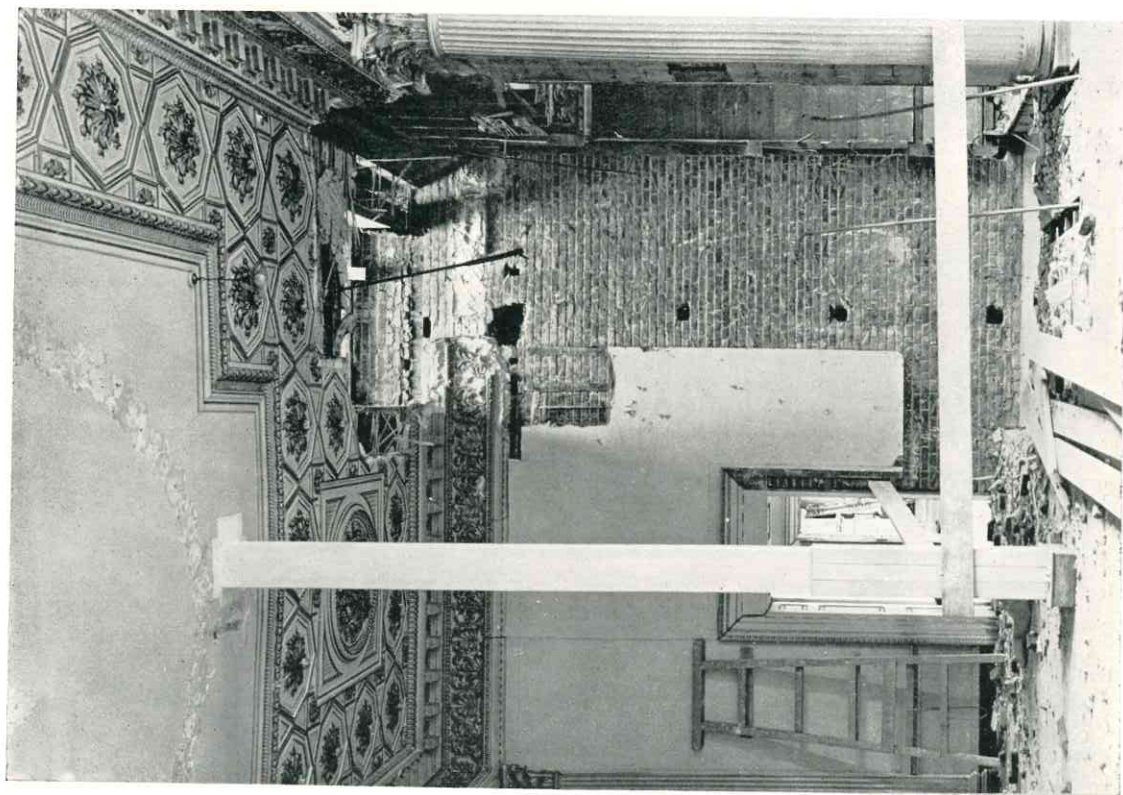


THE GARTER ROOM, 1920



[J.F.R.]

THE GARTER ROOM
SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1935



THE GARTER ROOM
AUGUST 4TH, 1935

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CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

CHRISTMAS TERM.

		£	s.	d.
The Pineapple has received during this term :—				
Collection, September 27th	... ..	16	0	0
Holy Communion Collections (July 12th to Nov. 29th)	... ..	10	8	8
		£26	8	8

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS

		£	s.	d.
Balance from Summer Term	... ..	6	4	7
Collection, July 26th (for Children's Country Holiday Fund)	... ..	19	11	9
Collection, October 25th	... ..	11	17	4
Collection, November 8th	... ..	11	7	6
Collection, November 22nd	... ..	10	10	6
		£59	11	8

EXPENDITURE

		£	s.	d.
Payments for flowers and other expenses	... ..	6	14	11
Children's Country Holiday Fund	... ..	19	11	9
Mission Work in Africa (per the Rev. G. C. Streatfeild)	... ..	5	5	0
Stowe Church Restoration Fund	... ..	5	5	0
East End Mission (Christmas gifts to the poor)	... ..	5	5	0
Police Court Mission	... ..	5	5	0
National Children's Home and Orphanage	... ..	5	5	0
Balance to Easter Term and to Reserve Fund	... ..	7	0	0
		£59	11	8

For the Committee,
J. M. TODD, *Hon. Treasurer.*
T. C. P. BROOK.

3-12-36.

NOTE: The special collection for the Samaritan Fund on December 6th realized £16 13s. 9d.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1st XV. Played, 12. Won, 7. Lost, 5.

THIS was certainly one of the best sides the School has produced and it may claim with some justification not to have been bettered since the School started. Though the actual record may not suggest this, it is by the results of School matches that a team can be judged. Early in the season against Oundle, who were to remain unbeaten, we were defeated only by the difference in a dropped goal and a penalty goal. At this time also we were without D'Arcy-Irvine. Afterwards Harrow, Radley and Bedford were each defeated in turn, Radley being unbeaten by other Schools. An interesting point about the season was that in no single match were the School at full strength.

At the beginning of the season the great difficulty was to discover a suitable leader for the forwards. Just when Fletcher was settling down well he had the misfortune to break a finger against Harrow. Jefferson, however, took over with success and set his forwards a fine example in the line-out. The pack improved a great deal in the second half of the season in both set and loose scrums. It was never quite fast enough when backing up in attack or when covering in defence. All the forwards worked hard, particularly Fletcher and Robinson. Chamier quickly learnt his duties on the "blind" side and Stephens' tackling and saving were always useful, though he hardly fulfilled last year's promise in the rest of his play. Bardwell, who took Fletcher's place, was awarded a sixteenth colour.

After the return of McKean and D'Arcy-Irvine the three-quarters developed rapidly and by the end of the term were an excellent combination who were not afraid to try their various tricks. The one weakness was a tendency amongst the mid-field players to delay their passes. Davis, despite the cares of captaincy, maintained his promise of last year and was of inestimable value to the side, particularly in School matches. He found a more than useful partner in Sherrard, and in the combination of these two lay the secret of the side's success. Bartley showed great possibilities on the wing, but Hope, though sound in defence, developed a fatal tendency to hesitate in attack. McKean and D'Arcy-Irvine both took time to settle down after their return, but were sound alike in attack and defence. Cheyne's fielding at full-back was inclined to be uncertain but his tackling was good.

The records of the Second and Third Fifteens, who between them lost only one match out of fifteen played, prove that the standard of rigger in the School generally has never been higher. The success of the Second Fifteen was undoubtedly due in great measure to the appointment of a permanent master in charge, and Mr. Macdonald is to be congratulated on the team he produced. The forwards were a hard-working lot, with Nicholson a useful leader and captain. Of the rest, Koelsch and Jennings could always be relied on, whilst the back row was very effective. The three-quarters and halves had a good combination, Oakey and Scholfield both having played in the First Fifteen with success. But the secret of the team's merit was that, unlike teams of former years, it played as a side and not as fifteen individuals.

The rigger for the School has been on much the same lines as last year. The Leagues were played during the last three weeks and an account of these will appear next term. In the earlier half of the term, Clubs were again taken by senior boys, and apart from the usual number of 'medicals' worked smoothly, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Hamer and McKean.

THE SCHOOL v. ROSSLYN PARK "A"

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 3rd, the visitors winning by four tries (12 points) to nil.

Considering that this was the first match of the season the School did quite well against a strong side. The forwards held their own both in the set and loose scrums, though the heeling was inclined to be slow at times. The three-quarters, who were without McKean and D'Arcy-Irvine in the centre, were outpaced and lacked cohesion in their attacking movements. On one or two occasions an individual breakaway threatened danger.

In the first half tries were scored for the Park by Comyn, Haddon-Cave and Tomlinson. Just before half-time, however, the School rallied, and with more determination Hope might have scored in the corner.

After the interval, the three-quarters' defence improved considerably and the Park were only able to add one further try. For the last twenty minutes the School managed to keep out their heavier opponents.

Team :—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), A. C. Bartley (G), M. P. Robinson (G), A. H. P. Hope (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); J. F. G. Fletcher (T), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), N. B. Robinson (T), A. R. Jennings (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), P. C. H. Morris (G), J. P. Stephens (W).

Referee :—Mr. J. A. Tallent.

THE SCHOOL *v.* R.A.F. APPRENTICES, HALTON.

Played at Halton on Saturday, October 10th, the School being defeated by one goal and five tries (20 points) to three tries (9 points).

Playing with the wind in the first half Halton made full use of their opportunities and scored five excellent tries, chiefly through good backing-up amongst their three-quarters. The School forwards, though they hooked the ball quite successfully, were frequently shoved off it again, whilst the passing of the backs was very weak. They were further handicapped by Cheyne being off the field for a time with concussion. The only score by the School in this half came from a neat slip-away on the blind side by Davis, Oakey taking the scoring pass.

In the second half the School played up well, scoring two tries to their opponents' one. The forwards were quicker on to the ball and the backing up throughout the side improved considerably. Davis and Stephens were conspicuous for their tackling. After ten minutes Nicholson dribbled through from twenty-five yards for a good try and soon afterwards Stephens went over after pressure on their line. The School continued to press, and had Bartley passed out to his wing a further score must have resulted.

Altogether this was a delightful game to watch played in perfect conditions. The School did badly in the first half but rallied well afterwards. With the two regular centres playing the score might have been very much closer.

Team :—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), A. C. Bartley (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. H. P. Hope (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); J. F. G. Fletcher (T), H. C. Corbett (B), G. W. A. Keir (W), N. B. Robinson (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), J. G. Nicholson (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), J. P. Stephens (W).

THE SCHOOL *v.* MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, October 14th, the School winning by two penalty goals (6 points) to one try (3 points).

The return of McKean brought the School their first victory of the season. Although scarcely fit he strengthened the mid-field play which had been so weak in the previous matches. The forwards also gave an improved display in the set scrums though still very sluggish in the loose.

The only score in the first half came from a penalty goal kicked by Fletcher. After the interval Magdalene improved and scored a good try. A few minutes before time Fletcher kicked another penalty goal to give the School victory in a rather uninteresting game. Brown (late of Grafton) made several excellent runs for the losers.

Team :—A. C. Bartley (G); A. H. P. Hope (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), L. G. McKean (G), R. R. Oakey (C); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); J. F. G. Fletcher (T), H. C. Corbett (B), M. E. Bardwell (C), N. B. Robinson (T), M. C. Watson (T), J. G. Nicholson (G), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W).

Referee :—Mr. A. D. Matthews.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 17th, Oundle winning by one dropped goal and one try (7 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

The School playing with the wind pressed in the first half, and after fifteen minutes were rewarded with a penalty goal by Sherrard. Soon afterwards Oundle attacked and from a cross-kick by Butler one of their forwards scored an unconverted try. Five minutes before the interval Davis slipped away on the blind side and scored a clever try from the twenty-five yard line.

Oundle pressed almost continuously in the second half and eventually Rhodes dropped a goal in front of the posts. This ended the scoring, though Oundle ruined several chances by faulty handling.

A gusty wind spoiled this game and there was a great number of dropped passes. The Oundle forwards were superior in the set scrums and covered well in defence. The three-quarters were evenly matched, Davis, as usual, getting through a great deal of work at the base of the scrum. Though the score was very close, Oundle deserved their success. The essential difference between the two teams was the superior combination of backs and forwards both in attack and defence on the Oundle side. This was undoubtedly due in part to the fact that they had played several more matches than the School.

Team :—A. C. Bartley (G); R. R. Oakey (C), L. G. McKean (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. H. P. Hope (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); J. F. G. Fletcher (T), H. C. Corbett (B), D. A. Jefferson (G), N. B. Robinson (T), M. C. Watson (T), J. G. Nicholson (G), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W).

Referee :—Mr. B. Tolton.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 24th, the School winning by three goals, one penalty goal and two tries (24 points) to one dropped goal and one try (7 points).

For the first twenty minutes of this game the play was very scrappy on both sides. Once again the School took some time to settle down and they were hopelessly ineffective both inside and outside the scrum. After Oriel had opened the scoring with a dropped goal, the School retaliated with a penalty goal by Fletcher. From this moment the School began to improve, and before the interval Scholfield and Frankenburg added tries, Fletcher converting one.

After half-time Stowe played really attractive football and the three-quarters gave their best exhibition of the term to date. Getting the ball frequently from the forwards they carried out their movements at top speed. After Oriel had crossed for a try, Scholfield got three more for the School, Fletcher converting two. Scholfield played well and these tries were all the result of resolute running and the ability to see an opening. Gaskell made an adequate substitute for Sherrard at fly-half.

Team :—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), L. G. McKean (G), R. R. Oakey (C); T. R. Gaskell (W), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), H. C. Corbett (B), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), M. C. Watson (T), N. B. Robinson (T), D. D. Demarest (C), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), J. G. Nicholson (G).

Referee :—Mr. I. A. Clarke.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 31st, the School winning by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

Heavy rain had fallen before the match and the ball became very difficult to handle. The School settled down sooner than their opponents and pressed for most of the first half. Hope, playing an improved game on the wing, scored two unconverted tries after good openings by McKean and Sherrard.

In the second half, Richmond's superior weight began to tell and their forwards used their feet to great advantage. Eventually Carter scored for them in the corner, after a neat round of passing by the backs. Soon afterwards they appeared certain to score again when their wing three-quarter suddenly grounded the ball three yards short of the line when well clear. Aided by this piece of fortune the School managed to hold on to their lead until the end.

This was not a very good game to watch owing to the number of mistakes made by both sides. The School forwards, however, should have learnt a great deal about wet-weather football and on the whole came out of the ordeal against their heavier opponents with credit.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), L. G. McKean (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), R. R. Oakey (C); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), H. C. Corbett (B), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), N. B. Robinson (T), A. R. Jennings (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), J. P. Stephens (W).

Referee:—Mr. J. A. Tallent.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Harrow on Saturday, November 7th, the School winning by one goal (5 points) to nil.

Conditions for this game were far from ideal, a strong wind blowing straight down the field and making handling difficult. Despite this it was an exciting match with very keen tackling on both sides. The Harrow forwards were superior to the School pack and brought off several excellent rushes. In the set scrums Stowe held their own in the first half but during the last twenty minutes seldom got possession. Stephens was outstanding for his tackling and of the rest Robinson and Fletcher played a good game.

The School held a definite advantage at three-quarter and but for an inability to finish off their movements must have scored at least one more try. Davis was in his best form at scrum half and Sherrard brought off one or two fine saves. The rest of the line all did well in defence but only occasionally were they able to force an opening in attack.

Playing with the wind in the first half, the School attacked for most of the time. On two occasions tries seemed likely, first when Sherrard went right through and gave a poor pass to Hope, and secondly when McKean made a good opening only for the final pass again to go astray. Half-time came with no score and the School having to face a strong wind.

After the interval Davis began to influence the run of the play with several neat slip-aways. After a good rush and quick heel by the forwards he went over for the only try of the match, which was well converted by Fletcher. Harrow made several

desperate attempts to score after this, but the School defence just managed to hold out in an exciting finish.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), L. G. McKean (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. H. P. Hope (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), H. C. Corbett (B), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), M. C. Watson (T), N. B. Robinson (T), J. E. D. Chamier (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W).

Referee:—Mr. C. H. Gadney.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OLD STOICS.

This game was played at Stowe on Saturday, November 14th, the Old Stoics winning by two goals and one dropped goal (14 points) to one try (3 points).

The School took a long time to settle down and the Old Stoics, taking advantage of this weakness, scored two quick tries through Brown and Matthews; Albery converted both tries with good kicks.

Helped by the wind in the second half, the School did much better and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. The Old Stoics, however, went further ahead when McAfee, receiving a pass from a loose scrum, dropped a neat goal. The School never relaxed their efforts, which were eventually rewarded when Hope scored in the corner in the last minute of the game.

There was a great struggle amongst the forwards, and the School pack, well led by Jefferson, managed to hold their heavier opponents. Spencer, last year's captain, was easily the outstanding forward on the field.

The quick marking of the Old Stoics seemed to demoralize the School outsiders and in consequence many passes were dropped. Once again there was an interesting duel at scrum-half between two Davis brothers, this year W. J. turning out against his brother.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); R. R. Oakey (C), L. G. McKean (G), M. B. Scholfield (T), A. H. P. Hope (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), G. W. A. Keir (W), M. C. Watson (T), N. B. Robinson (T), J. E. D. Chamier (C), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), J. P. Stephens (W).

Old Stoics:—R. C. R. Clarke (G); R. B. Matthews (B), L. A. McAfee (B), H. P. Ryland (G), A. E. James (G); G. E. T. Brown (G), W. J. Davies (B); M. Ling (B), P. R. Spencer (G), A. F. R. Porcher (C), J. A. Dashwood (G), E. R. Farnell-Watson (C), A. C. R. Albery (G), J. N. Feathers (G), I. K. White-Smith (B).

Referee:—Mr. A. D. Matthews.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BLACKHEATH "A."

This game was played at Stowe on Saturday, November 21st, under ideal conditions and resulted in a win for the School by one goal, one dropped goal and three tries (18 points) to one try (3 points).

Although there was little to choose between the two packs of forwards, the School three-quarters, strengthened by the return of D'Arcy-Irvine, gave a delightful display and were far too good for the Club outsiders.

The School, quicker into their stride than in previous matches, soon scored in the corner through McKean after a fine movement. The Club equalized with a try due to some bad tackling by the School. Good backing-up by the forwards led to a try by Stephens, which was converted by Sherrard. Chamier ended the scoring in this half with a try after following up well.

During the second half the Blackheath forwards made a great effort but were well held. Sherrard dropped a goal after receiving the ball from a loose scrum and soon afterwards scored from a well placed kick ahead. This ended the scoring and one of the best displays given by the School this year.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (G), A. C. Bartley (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), G. W. A. Keir (W), N. B. Robinson (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), J. E. D. Chamier (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), J. P. Stephens (W.)

Referee:—Mr. A. D. Matthews.

THE SCHOOL *v.* LX CLUB.

This game was played at Stowe on Saturday, November 28th and resulted in a win for the visitors by one goal, one dropped goal and two tries (15 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

When the LX Club were nine points up in as many minutes and were pressing continuously, it looked as though the School was in for a big defeat; but gradually the forwards asserted themselves and began to get the ball from the loose scrums. Half-time came with no further addition to the score, and when shortly afterwards Sherrard kicked a penalty from an easy position there was just a chance that the game might be saved. However, a scrambling try by one of the forwards and a really grand run by Hinds, their left wing, which ended in a further unconverted try, put the issue beyond all doubt.

The School played pluckily against heavier and faster opponents, and the tackling of the backs was excellent. Altogether it was quite a meritorious performance and a game from which the team ought to have learnt a great deal.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (G), A. C. Bartley (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), N. B. Robinson (T), M. C. Watson (T), J. E. D. Chamier (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W.)

Referee:—Mr. R. W. Skene.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, December 2nd, the School winning by two goals and one try (13 points) to one try (3 points).

This was an excellent game to watch despite a heavy ground and strong wind. The School forwards played their best game of the season and gained possession frequently both in the set and loose scrums. Chamier, Keir and Robinson were conspicuous, though all did well. Behind the scrum Sherrard and Davis had a good understanding at half. The centres were inclined to delay their passes too much, and

several promising movements were spoiled by this tendency, since Radley possessed two big centres for defensive purposes. Bartley ran well on the wing and both Hope and Cheyne did some good defensive work.

Playing with the wind in the first half Stowe pressed, and after twenty minutes Sherrard went right through for a good individual try which he converted himself. Soon afterwards came the best try of the match, when D'Arcy-Irvine carved out an opening and passed to McKean who in turn handed on to Bartley. The latter running really well scored far out in the corner. Just before half-time Sherrard ought to have added three more points for the School with a penalty goal.

After the interval Radley pressed hard for fifteen minutes but failed to score, being unable to finish off their movements. As at Harrow, Davis now began to threaten with several slip-aways on the blind side. From one of these in his own half he made an excellent opening for Chamier, who had to run almost half the length of the field before scoring a try converted by Sherrard. Stowe continued to be dangerous, but just before the end a Radley rally was rewarded with a try by Mackarness.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (G), A. C. Bartley (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), N. B. Robinson (T), M. C. Watson (T), J. E. D. Chamier (C), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W.)

Referee:—Mr. T. Burke.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD SCHOOL.

Played at Bedford on Saturday, December 5th, the School winning by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

Heavy rain overnight had made the ground very treacherous, though the day was fine and sunny. For the first twenty minutes the School pressed almost continuously, but could not score, chiefly owing to Bedford's sound defence. The forwards heeled well from set and loose scrums and Sherrard was able to set his three-quarters moving. Bartley was nearly over once in the corner and Davis also went near. Gradually the Bedford forwards improved and after a good rush and quick heel they scored far out on the right. The School rallied well but could not score, and the interval found Bedford with a lead they scarcely deserved on the run of the play.

For the first ten minutes of the second half it was nearly all Bedford, but their three-quarters were too slow. Then the School forwards began to improve again and with more of the ball the three-quarters showed their superiority. After a good movement to the left Sherrard fielded a poor kick from Bedford and running out to the right, away from the defence, scored an excellent try. Though he finished under the posts, he was unable to add two points. Play now became very exciting and fluctuated a great deal. Eventually, when only a few minutes remained, Davis slipped away from the scrum and handed to McKean who in turn passed to Bartley. The latter, running close to the touch-line, with a clever swerve past the full-back, scored in the corner to give the School a well-earned victory.

This was an interesting game and had it been played under better conditions the score would probably have been greater in the School's favour. The forwards, who had three colours missing, stuck to their task well against a good pack. Ritchie, Keir and Bardwell were conspicuous on several occasions and Jefferson led with great effect. Nicholson was a useful substitute for Chamier.

The three-quarters took a little time to settle down in the mud, but man for man were faster than their opponents. Bartley played a grand game on the wing and the halves as usual were very sound. Both centres also gave an improved display on their showing against Radley.

Team:—W. W. Cheyne (C); A. H. P. Hope (G), B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine (C), L. G. McKean (G), A. C. Bartley (G); P. Sherrard (C), H. R. Davis (B); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), M. C. Watson (T), A. R. Jennings (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), G. W. A. Keir (W), J. P. Stephens (W).

THE SECOND XV v. BRACKLEY.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 3rd, Stowe winning by one goal and six tries (23 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

The Stowe forwards did well in the tight, but not so well in the loose. The Brackley backs were weak and tries were scored by Scholfield (2), Arbuthnot (2), Nicholl, Keir and Koelsch, Jefferson converting one.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); G. W. A. Keir (W), H. C. Corbett (B), D. A. Jefferson (G), A. R. Jennings (C), P. H. Koelsch (B), B. D. Henry (C), R. M. M. D. Lucas (B), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. RADLEY COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on Wednesday, October 14th, Stowe winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to one goal (5 points).

Stowe were superior in all respects and the score would have been more in our favour had we continued at the pace of the first five minutes, when Merchant scored two tries and Jennings one goal. Nicholl finished our scoring late in the second half.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); A. R. Merchant (C), J. Roche (T), C. D. Earle (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); D. A. Jefferson (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), A. R. Jennings (C), C. W. Dawes (B), B. D. Henry (C), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. OUNDLE SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 17th, Oundle winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nil.

Oundle were superior both in their forwards and their backs. The Stowe tackling was weak and ought to have stopped several of the tries. A disappointing display, though several of the team were away.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); A. R. Merchant (C), J. Roche (T), C. D. Earle (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); A. R. Jennings (C), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), B. D. Henry (C), C. W. Dawes (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), R. M. M. D. Lucas (B), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. RUGBY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Rugby on Saturday, October 24th, Stowe winning by five tries (15 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

In the first half the Stowe forwards had the better of the game, but the backs were weak and the only score was one try by Bartley. Very soon in the second half Rugby scored with a penalty kick, but then Stowe pulled themselves together, and tries were scored by Bartley (2), Nicholl and Keir.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); A. C. Bartley (G), C. D. Earle (B), J. E. D. Chamier (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B); P. R-H. Hastings (T), I. C. S. Munro (B); G. W. A. Keir (W), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), A. R. Jennings (C), C. W. Dawes (B), J. H. Weir (B), K. F. E. Woods (G), P. C. H. Morris (G), R. V. P. Adams (W).

THE SECOND XV v. HAILEYBURY SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Haileybury on Saturday, October 31st, Stowe winning by one try (3 points) to nil.

The game was a complete mud fight from beginning to end, and the ball went from one end of the field to the other, until, in the last ten minutes, Keir scored from a forward rush. The forwards played a great game.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); A. C. Bartley (G), C. D. Earle (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C); T. R. Gaskell (W), J. E. D. Chamier (C); G. W. A. Keir (W), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), M. E. Bardwell (C), M. C. Watson (T), P. H. Koelsch (B), K. F. E. Woods (G), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. HARROW SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 7th, Stowe winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

Although the Harrow forwards were heavier, Stowe were superior in the loose and held them in the tight. The Harrow backs were bigger and faster, but the Stowe defence was good and they never looked like getting through. Tries were scored by Bartley, Gaskell, Ashcroft and Arbuthnot, Jennings converting one.

Team:—B. H. V. Paget (C); M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), J. Roche (T), M. P. Robinson (G), A. C. Bartley (G); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); M. E. Bardwell (C), K. J. S. Ritchie (T), A. R. Jennings (C), J. G. Nicholson (G), P. H. Koelsch (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Wellington on Saturday, November 14th, Stowe winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to one try (3 points).

The Stowe backs were superior in all respects to Wellington. The forwards got the ball in the tight, but the loose play was scrappy. The forwards backed up well. Tries were scored by Bartley (3), Robinson (2), Ashcroft and Weir, Jennings converting two.

Team :—B. H. V. Paget (C); M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), J. Roche (T), M. P. Robinson (G), A. C. Bartley (G); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); M. E. Bardwell (C), P. M. Syrett (C), A. R. Jennings (C), J. H. Weir (B), P. H. Koelsch (B), J. G. Nicholson (G), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV v. BLACKHEATH EXTRA "A."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 21st, Stowe winning by one goal and four tries (17 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

Stowe played well, but experienced some difficulty after Robinson retired hurt in the second half. Scholfield played well and scored three tries, while Frankenburg and Ashcroft each scored one.

Team :—B. H. V. Paget (C); M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C), M. P. Robinson (G), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); A. R. Jennings (C), H. C. Corbett (B), C. W. Dawes (B), P. H. Koelsch (B), J. H. Weir (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE SECOND XV. v. BEDFORD SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 5th, Stowe winning by 18 points to 3 points.

Bedford won the toss and played with the wind first half. At half-time Stowe was leading by 5—3 through a try scored by Oakey and converted by Scholfield. In the second half, Stowe got the upper hand and tries were scored by Dawes (2) and Oakey, of which two were converted by Scholfield.

Team :—B. H. V. Paget (C); A. R. Merchant (C), J. Roche (T), M. B. Scholfield (T), R. R. Oakey (C); T. R. Gaskell (W), C. A. Ashcroft (C); C. W. Dawes (B), P. M. Syrett (C), J. P. Robertson (T), B. D. Henry (C), P. H. Koelsch (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), D. D. Demarest (C).

THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third Fifteen have done very well and at the time of writing have won all their matches, five in number; there are still two to play. Munro has captained the side well and has himself played excellently at scrum half. The combination of him and Hastings laid the foundation early in the term of good back play, in which respect the team has been well above the average standard. The pack, too, well led by Adams, has done its share and has contained one or two very promising forwards.

The results of the matches were as follows :—

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley.	20—0.
v. Maiden Erleigh.	23—0.
v. Harrow 3rd XV.	12—3.
v. Radley 3rd XV.	6—0.
v. Oundle 3rd XV.	6—3.

The scoring was done by the following :—Earle, 3 tries, 2 dropped goals; Merchant, 5 tries; Stobart, 4 tries; Hastings, 2 tries; Munro, Jebb, Weir, McGrigor and Stewart, 1 try each. The goal-kicking was poor, only one try being converted, by Stewart.

The following have played for the Third Fifteen :—
At back, J. Farquharson (C); at three-quarter, A. R. Merchant (C), J. D. W. Stobart (B), C. D. Earle (B), D. R. Foster (C), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), M. Jebb (C); at fly-half, P. R-H. Hastings (T); at scrum-half, I. C. S. Munro (B), R. B. McGrigor (W); at forward, J. P. Robertson (T), P. M. Syrett (C), M. A. Graham (G), C. W. Dawes (B), J. H. Weir (B), R. V. P. Adams (W), P. Spencer-Thomas (W), K. F. E. Woods (G), W. A. M. B. Stewart (T), P. F. Low (C), R. M. M. D. Lucas (B), B. D. Henry (C), M. I. Massy (T).

Late Result. v. Bedford 3rd XV. Won, 20—0.

THE COLTS.

Although only successful in half of their matches, the Colts played hard throughout the season. Even when they were plainly the worse side, they played with such spirit that it was obvious that the opposition would never score very many points against them.

They played attractive football to beat Radley soundly in every department of the game. Against Oundle, they did really well to win for the first time on record. Harrow were a superior and faster side, who played the right game on a very muddy pitch and deservedly beat a disorganized Colts side by a fair margin: had it not been for some very stout defence the score against them would have been doubled.

Neither of the full backs played was entirely satisfactory. Andrews was the better, but he was much handicapped by lack of speed.

The three-quarters did not improve in attack throughout the season although their defence was of a high standard. They were not fast enough to be really dangerous. The halves played well as a pair. Drew was an exceedingly useful link, catching fast passes with amazing success. Way ought to have been a real danger spot to any opposition, but rarely came off.

The forwards were a fine pack at times and were unlucky to lose the services of Rolleston, Kaye and Stewart for some of the matches. Stewart played some thrustful games, while Rolleston and Kaye were very useful in the back row. Hugill led the pack with zest, and had he had a full pack throughout the season would have had better results. Thomson and Waugh got through a lot of useful work in and round about the scrum. Tait and Eastwood were an intelligent second row, and both tried hard in the loose. Henry mi. improved greatly at the end of the season and in filling Kaye's place was as useful as any other member of the pack.

Results :—

v. RADLEY.	Won,	34—0.
v. ST. EDWARD'S.	Lost,	5—8.
v. OUNDLE.	Won,	6—0.
v. RUGBY.	Won,	8—6.
v. HARROW.	Lost,	3—18.
v. WELLINGTON.	Lost,	4—10.

JUNIOR COLTS.

The Junior Colts have again proved a rather disappointing side. They started off well with victories against Radley and Harrow. Against Radley it was mainly the strong running of Gale that won the game. Harrow were a very heavy side and the forwards played well to wear the opposition down. Against Oundle it was a very different story; Oundle were a good hard-running side and aided by shocking tackling by our outsiders scored 14 points before the Stowe forwards woke up. Though bad in the tight scrums (illness had resulted in a very experimental second row), they played stoutly till near the end, when tired out they allowed Oundle to score a further 11 points. Against Bedford we were soundly beaten; the team however deserves congratulation on a very good fight. The forwards, with four changes from the Oundle match, played a keen spirited game and were better together than before, and the backs, particularly Hollington and Musgrave, defended well.

Murdoch was a very promising full-back indeed; Le Bouvier the best three-quarter, as Gale lost his speed during the season. Atkin-Berry, Henderson, Holman, de Burgh and Lucas were prominent in the pack.

Results :—

v. RADLEY.	Won,	11—5.
v. HARROW.	Won,	6—3.
v. OUNDLE.	Lost,	0—25.
v. BEDFORD.	Lost,	3—13.

The Captain of Rugger wishes to thank all Masters who have so kindly helped with the organisation of games this term.

CRICKET

LEAGUES.

Grafton won the leagues after a close struggle with Chandos, and these were obviously the two best sides. The other teams, with the exception of Temple, were quite evenly matched, and some good batting was seen both in A and B Leagues.

Results :—

	A	B	Total.
Grafton ...	48	22	70
Chandos ...	40	24	64
Chatham ...	48	14	62
Bruce ...	28	18	46
Cobham ...	20	22	42
Grenville ...	16	4	20
Walpole ...	16	4	20
Temple ...	8	4	12

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House matches were ruined by rain, and the final had to be decided on the first innings. Temple were a good all round side, with no weak spots. Grenville, a young and inexperienced side, did well to share the same number of points as Temple, but they were badly lacking in bowling. Of the others Walpole were obviously the best side, and it was surprising that a closer match was not seen in the final.

Division A.		Division B.	
Temple ...	10	Walpole ...	12
Grenville ...	10	Grafton ...	6
Bruce ...	5	Cobham ...	5
Chandos ...	5	Chatham ...	5

Winners :—Temple.

Results :—

DIVISION A.—First Round.

Temple v. Bruce. Temple won by 7 wickets.
Bruce 133 (Stobart 28, Walsh 6 for 58).
Temple, 140 for 3 wickets (Beamish 62, Birchall 46*).
Grenville v. Chandos. Grenville won by 92 runs.
Grenville, 181 (Williamson 52, Gregory 36, Tennyson 3 for 7).
Chandos, 89 (Bardwell 37*, Addinsell 6 for 28).

Second Round.

Bruce v. Chandos. Bruce won by 145 runs.
Bruce, 302 for 5 declared (Marshall 88, Weir 80, Pearson 56, Stobart 52).
Chandos, 157 (Drew 36, Tennyson 42, Weir 3 for 36).
Temple v. Grenville. Temple won by 99 runs.
Temple 272 for 9 declared (Simpson-Hunter 89, Hastings 53, Williamson 4 for 60).
Grenville 173 (Addinsell 44, Stafford 39, Simpson-Hunter 8 for 43).

Third Round.

Bruce v. Grenville. Grenville won by 48 runs.
Grenville, 156 (Addinsell 34, Nicholl mi. 5 for 50, Weir 4 for 44).
Bruce, 108 (Davis 42*, Williamson 4 for 15, Wright 3 for 31).
Temple v. Chandos. Chandos won by 16 runs.
Chandos, 166 (Peploe 50, Lunn-Rockcliffe 43, Stewart 4 for 49).
Temple, 150 (Hastings 39, Tennyson 5 for 29).

DIVISION B.—First Round.

Walpole v. Grafton. Drawn.
Walpole, 299 for 7 declared (Webster 130, Lowcock 69, Marten 3 for 44).
Grafton, 149 for 8 (Marten 34*).
Cobham v. Chatham. Chatham won by 3 wickets.
Cobham, 114 (Henry, 3 for 23, Banister 3 for 23).
Chatham, 115 for 7 (Darby 27).

Second Round.

Cobham *v.* Grafton. Cobham won by 1 wicket.
 Grafton, 180 for 9 declared (Darling 64, Hooper 5 for 55).
 Cobham, 181 for 9 (H. Mitchell 39, Fletcher 39, Marten 4 for 53).
 Chatham *v.* Walpole. Walpole won by 107 runs.
 Walpole, 177 (Henry 6 for 50).
 Chatham, 70.

Third Round.

Walpole *v.* Cobham. Walpole won by 126 runs.
 Walpole, 261 for 9 declared.
 Cobham, 135.
 Chatham *v.* Grafton. Grafton won by 114 runs.
 Grafton, 154 (Bartley ma. 51, Henry 3 for 16).
 Chatham, 40 (Marten, 9 for 40).

Final.

Walpole *v.* Temple. Temple won by 176 runs.
 1st innings.—Temple, 262 (Murdoch 53, Birchall 60, Scholfield 41).
 Walpole, 86 (Walsh 5 for 23).
 2nd innings.—Begun but abandoned through rain. Match decided on first innings.

NOMADS.

Only four houses, Bruce, Walpole, Cobham and Grafton could raise respectable sides. Of these there did not seem much to choose between Bruce and Cobham, but the latter proved conclusive winners in the final. In these matches the bowling proved generally stronger than the batting.

Division A.			Division B.		
Bruce ...	...	15	Cobham ...	...	15
Walpole ...	...	10	Grafton ...	...	10
Chandos ...	...	5	Chatham ...	...	5
Grenville ...	...	0	Temple ...	...	0

Winners :—Cobham.

Results :—

DIVISION A.—*First Round.*

Grenville *v.* Walpole. Walpole won by 8 wickets.
 Grenville, 54. Walpole, 70 for 2.
 Bruce *v.* Chandos. Bruce won by one run.
 Chandos, 97. Bruce, 98.

Second Round.

Bruce *v.* Walpole. Bruce won by 72 runs.
 Bruce, 141. Walpole, 69.
 Grenville *v.* Chandos. Chandos won by 7 wickets.
 Grenville, 45. Chandos, 50 for 3.

Third Round.

Walpole *v.* Chandos. Walpole won by 51 runs.
 Walpole, 108. Chandos, 57.
 Bruce *v.* Grenville. Bruce won by 6 wickets.
 Grenville, 44. Bruce, 45 for 4.

DIVISION B.—*First Round.*

Cobham *v.* Chatham. Cobham won by 2 wickets.
 Chatham, 82. Cobham, 249 for 8.
 Temple *v.* Grafton. Grafton won (walk-over).

Second Round.

Grafton *v.* Cobham. Cobham won by 124 runs.
 Cobham, 156. Grafton, 32.
 Temple *v.* Chatham. Chatham won (walk-over).

Third Round.

Temple *v.* Cobham. Cobham won (walk-over).
 Chatham *v.* Grafton. Grafton won by 5 wickets.
 Chatham, 73. Grafton, 224 for 5.

Final.

Cobham *v.* Bruce. Cobham won by 76 runs.
 Cobham, 106 and 44. Bruce, 51 and 23.

YEARLINGS.

Although this competition was sadly affected by rain, some good matches were seen, though there were only four houses capable of producing reasonable teams. The final was an exciting affair, though Walpole were only a two-man side.

Division A.			Division B.		
Walpole ...	...	10	Cobham ...	...	15
Chatham ...	...	10	Grafton ...	...	10
Bruce ...	...	5	Grenville ...	...	5
Chandos ...	...	5	Temple ...	...	0

Winners :—Cobham.

A STOWE MAP

Opposite is printed a coloured map of Stowe Park, made by M. G. F. Ventris (T) with the help of P. G. Whitfield (T).

This will also be published in a paper cover and will be on sale next term at the Stowe Shop.



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FENCING

THERE are signs of a revival both of numbers and ability this term, signalized by a very creditable victory over Cheltenham and a defeat perhaps even more creditable at the hands of a very strong Cambridge team. Tracy has not touched his best form this term, chiefly, it is to be feared, through lack of practice. Falconer has fought consistently well and will be a great loss, but Rutherford makes very slow progress. The newcomers to the team, Peel and Osborne, have both shown very encouraging form, and Blundell is at last developing some speed in attack.

On Thursday, October 22nd, against SALLE BERTRAND "A" at Salle Bertrand. Won, 10—7.

This was an encouraging start to the term. The foil proved an easy victory for the School, but the épée was extremely close. Peel was fighting in his first school match, and after a rather terrier-like first fight settled down to steadier style. Falconer deserves praise for winning all his fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—Salle Bertrand "A" :—Dr. Torrence and Mr. Rawson, two defeats each ; Mr. Grevyspeerdt, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W) and R. A. Rutherford (G), no defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, two defeats.

Epée.—Salle Bertrand "A" :—Mr. Stark and Mr. Grevyspeerdt, one defeat each ; Dr. Torrence, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and M. H. Blundell (G), one defeat each ; R. A. Rutherford (G), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

On Saturday, October 31st, against CAMBRIDGE "A," at Stowe. Lost, 12—15.

Even though we lost this match we put up a very creditable performance, as both Rutherford and Blundell were in the San. We lost the foil by one fight, won the épée, and lost the sabre. Tracy did well to win three fights in the épée.

Scores :—

Foil.—Cambridge "A" :—R. J. R. McDougall, no defeat ; N. C. McClintock, one defeat ; D. MacEwen, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat ; J. A. R. Falconer (W) and C. F. Tracy (W), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—Cambridge "A" :—N. C. McClintock and R. J. R. McDougall, one defeat each ; D. MacEwen, three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), no defeat ; J. A. R. Falconer (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

Sabre.—Cambridge "A" :—N. C. McClintock, no defeat ; D. MacEwen, one defeat ; R. J. R. McDougall, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), two defeats ; D. E. S. Osborne (G), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

On Saturday, November 14th, against CHELTENHAM, at Stowe. Won, 16—11.

This was a very satisfactory result, and avenged our defeat of last year. We lost the foil by one fight, but won the épée by seven fights to two and the sabre by one fight. Blundell is to be congratulated on winning all his fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—Cheltenham :—J. C. Orton, no defeat ; B. C. Pigg and F. W. Tate, two defeats each. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat each ; R. A. Rutherford (G) three defeats. Total, five defeats.

Sabre.—Cheltenham :—M. S. Steptore, one defeat ; F. W. Tate and C. Freeland, two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and J. A. R. Falconer (W), one defeat each ; D. E. S. Osborne (G), two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Epée. Cheltenham :—B. C. Pigg and M. S. Steptore, two defeats each ; J. C. Orton, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Stowe :—M. H. Blundell (G) and R. A. Rutherford (G), no defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), two defeats. Total, two defeats.

On Saturday, November 21st, against OXFORD UNIVERSITY ASSASSINS, at Oxford. Lost, 10—17.

In this match we were beaten by a stronger and much more experienced team, which consisted chiefly of Old Stoics.

Scores :—

Foil.—O.U. Assassins :—F. W. Dix, two defeats ; D. Scott, one defeat ; E. M. Fuller, three defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W), one defeat ; R. A. Rutherford (G) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, five defeats.

Epée.—O.U. Assassins :—P. J. Orde, no defeat ; A. A. H. Radice and E. M. Fuller, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

Stowe :—R. A. Rutherford (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W) and M. H. Blundell (G), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Sabre.—O.U. Assassins :—F. W. Dix, no defeat ; St. G. V. R. Grant, one defeat ; H. C. Buck, two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Stowe :—D. E. S. Osborne (G), one defeat ; J. A. R. Falconer (W), two defeats ; C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

On Saturday, November 28th, against ETON, at Eton. Lost, 9—17.

We made a bad start by losing the foil 7—2. We drew the épée, but unfortunately lost the sabre. Osborne did well to win two fights in the sabre.

Scores :—

Foil.—Eton :—N. L. D. McLean and F. P. Crowder, no defeat ; W. Davies, two defeats. Total, two defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. R. Falconer (W) and R. A. Rutherford (G), two defeats each ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

Epée.—Eton :—F. P. Crowder, one defeat ; N. L. D. McLean and H. W. Leveson Gower, two defeats. Total, five defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; M. H. Blundell (G) and R. A. Rutherford (G), two defeats each. Total, five defeats.

Sabre.—Eton :—F. P. Crowder, N. L. D. McLean and H. W. Leveson Gower, one defeat each. Total, three defeats.

Stowe :—D. E. S. Osborne (G), one defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), two defeats ; J. A. R. Falconer (W), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

SWIMMING

In the Swimming Sports, held at the end of last term, Bruce were winners of the Inter-House Cup by a large margin.

Points were as follows :—1, Bruce, 80 points ; 2, Grafton, 50 ; 3, Cobham, 42 ; 4, Walpole, 41 ; 5, Chatham, 12 ; 6, Grenville, 6 ; equal 7, Temple and Chandos, 0.

The results of the senior events were :—

50 Yards Free Style.—1, P. H. Koelsch (B) ; 2, H. C. Corbett (B) ; 3, D. W. Calder (B). Time, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, L. G. McKean (G) ; 2, P. H. Koelsch (B) ; 3, M. E. Fletcher (C). Time, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Record.

200 Yards Free Style.—1, L. G. McKean (G) ; 2, H. C. Corbett (B) ; 3, M. E. Fletcher (C). Time, 2 mins. 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Record.

50 Yards Backstroke.—1, L. G. McKean (G) ; 2, D. W. Calder (B) ; 3, M. D. V. Browne (G). Time, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Record.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, G. L. Walmsley (C) ; 2, P. R. Spencer (G) ; 3, M. D. V. Browne (G). Time, 37 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs. Record.

Diving.—1, L. C. LaT. Jolivet (B) ; 2, P. Howson (C) ; 3, J. D. F. Penrose (W).

Plunging.—1, P. Howson (C) ; 2, C. F. Tracy (W) ; 3, E. B. S. Hewitt (B). 50 feet.

Cobham won the Elkington Relays, points being as follows :—

1, Cobham, 8 points ; 2, Bruce, 16 ; 3, Chatham, 20 ; 4, Temple, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5, Grafton, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$; equal 6, Chandos and Walpole, 27 ; 8, Grenville, 31.

SQUASH

This year an effort has been made to arrange more fixtures, and a number of good matches have been played.

We opened the season by defeating the Chamber of Commerce Club, Northampton, by 3 matches to 2. Mr. MacCarthy substituted for P. Sherrard (C), who could only play in the Sunday matches owing to Rugger. As Sherrard was a finalist in the Drysdale Cup last Easter, his absence from matches was a serious handicap. The team for other matches was :—1, A. Shaw (C) ; 2, J. P. T. Dawson (C) ; 3, D. R. Barbour (C) ; 4, A. G. Buchanan (W) ; 5, A. F. Tresfon (C). R. S. Darby (C) and J. R. S. Peplow (C) also played once and each won his match.

Results :—

- Saturday, October 10th *v.* NORTHAMPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (at Northampton).
Won, 3—2.
- Wednesday, October 14th *v.* ORATORY SCHOOL. Won, 4—1.
- Sunday, November 1st. *v.* TRINITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE. Won, 5—0.
- Saturday, October 7th *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD (at Oxford). Lost, 2—3.
- Saturday, October 21st *v.* NORTHAMPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Won, 3—2.
- Thursday, October 26th *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD. Won, 3—2.
- Sunday, October 29th *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. Won, 3—2.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The first round of the House matches was played on Friday, November 27th. The draw and results were as follows :—

Walpole	}	Walpole	}	Chatham (4-1)	
Chandos		(5-0)			
Bruce	}	Chatham	}		
Chatham		(3-2)			
Grenville	}	Temple	}		Cobham (5-0)
Temple		(3-2)			
Cobham	}	Cobham	}		
Grafton		(5-0)			

LAURUS CUP 1935-6

Football—House	24	Bruce
—Leagues	9	Temple
—Yearlings	3	Cobham
Cricket—House	16	Temple
—Leagues	9	Grafton
—Nomads	6	Cobham
—Yearlings	5	Cobham
Athletics—Sports	14	Temple
—Cross-Country	12	Grafton
—Relays	10	Cobham
Lawn Tennis—House	7	Grafton
—Leagues	3	Chandos
Swimming—Sports	3	Bruce
—Relays	3	Cobham
—Water-Polo	1	Cobham
Fencing	6	Chandos
Fives	4	Cobham
Golf	4	Cobham
Squash	4	Cobham
P.T.	15	Grafton

TOTAL OF POINTS.

1. Grafton	43	5. Chandos	9	
2. Cobham	40	{	Walpole	0
3. Temple	39		Chatham	0
4. Bruce	27		Grenville	0

BEAGLING

The North Bucks Beagles have visited the Stowe neighbourhood three times this term, with the prospect of a fourth meet later in December. The Christ Church Pack also have had one day from the School.

The first meet was a bye-day at the Water Stratford Lodge on October 7th. There was a moderate field, including over a dozen Stoics, and in spite of only a fair scent good sport was enjoyed. A hare was soon found close to the avenue, and hounds hunted her round for some time. Finally she was lost and a fresh one put up. This ran fairly straight to the north of Water Stratford village, where the line was lost in a flock of sheep, after which several foxes caused complications.

Three weeks later the Christ Church met on the North Front, to be followed by about seventy-five boys and thirty others, of which several were Old Stoics. It was the worst possible day for scent, being cold and windy, and hounds could hardly hunt.

The first hare was found behind Dadford, only to be lost after a few fields, and the second ran straight into Shalstone Wood. Hounds were called off and put on the line of a third which had slipped away on the other side, but hunting very slowly they circled back to the wood. Unfortunately there were several other hares inside, and the hunted one could not be made to quit.

On the following Saturday the North Bucks met at Chackmore, and despite the pouring rain had a good hunt. A hare which had been disturbed by the Grafton passing just before was viewed; hounds worked up to her and hunted her round very fast for nearly forty minutes, but unluckily she was chased by a sheep dog, and after this she kept twisting across the brooks until finally she was lost.

On November 18th the meet was at Shalstone. Scent was excellent and when a hare got up in the midst of the pack they were able to push her hard for over three-quarters of an hour with scarcely a check, but then unfortunately they changed on to a fresh hare. The Master soon stopped them and tried to pick up the line of the hunted one, but he was unsuccessful. This was a really fast hunt, with the hare in full view of the field most of the time. Another two hares were found in the same field as the first, but both ran into Shalstone Wood, where they were left.

We offer our thanks to the Master for coming so far from his own hunting country and we hope that he will be able to visit us again once or twice next term.

P.I.R.M.

O.T.C. NOTES

PROMOTIONS.

To *Sergeant*: Corporals M. C. Watson (T), J. R. S. Peploe (C), J. E. D. Chamier (C), J. G. Nicholson (G).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals B. H. V. Paget (C), H. D. C. Satow (C), R. Law (B), D. D. Demarest (C), K. F. E. Woods (G), D. P. Cooper (W), I. R. Robertson (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. E. R. English (B), M. L. Graeme (T), C. P. O'Farrell (C), P. C. H. Morris (G), H. C. Corbett (B), I. O'D. Preston (C), J. A. Forbes (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), R. V. P. Adams (W).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets R. B. McGrigor (W), P. Sherrard (C), N. S. Brown (G), E. S. Chapman (B), A. Allan (W), E. L. Shannon (C), W. B. Banister (C), R. H. Gethin (C), J. M. Icke (C), P. L. Ingham (W), W. S. Oliver (C), C. M. O'Rorke (C), J. O. H. Beamish (T), P. F. Low (C).

In the November Certificate "A" examination (Part I) 27 out of 31 candidates passed.

CAMP, 1936.

For the first time Stowe, five officers and a full 100 cadets strong, went to Strensall, forming part of "B" Company in No. 3 Battalion commanded by Major J. O. C. Hasted, D.S.O., of the Durham Light Infantry. The week was an unqualified success, the Guard Mounting competition giving Stowe yet another win to its unbroken record, and everything, including the weather, contributing to good training and comfortable camp conditions. The contingent was particularly well represented and earned an excellent report for its work and bearing.

FIELD DAY.

A local Field Day was held on October 13th when the Corps carried out a very useful exercise on ground running North and West of Dadford, by the kind permission of neighbouring landowners. The military lessons were first the action of an Advance Guard moving towards Silverstone from Stowe, and then that of a Rearguard retiring from New Red Ditches on the School. Only a skeleton enemy was provided, but it did its task most effectively. The work was given enough political background to add interest to the general situation. Most arrangements went according to plan, and from every point of view the day was well spent. Before marching in, the Contingent had tea where the battle ended. Two officers from the Depot, The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, lent assistance with umpiring.

THE O.T.C. BAND.

Ever since last year, when a large number of the older members left, the band has been struggling against rather unequal odds. However, under Mr. Geoghegan's excellent and untiring tuition the new members have been improving steadily and it was found possible to give a concert.

The concert took place in the Queen's Temple on Sunday, November 29th. The programme was augmented by music played by the Junior and Hobbies orchestras and the concert was a success.

SHOOTING

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S.M.R.C. COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL O.T.C.'s.

Two teams were again entered for this competition, which was rather harder this year than before. The scores, particularly of the "A" team, were most satisfactory. The results of the competition will not be published till next term.

"A" TEAM.			"B" TEAM.		
	H.P.S.	100		H.P.S.	100
T. R. Gaskell (W)	...	94	C. W. Bartley (G)	...	89
T. L. Martin (G)	...	93	R. A. Rutherford (G)	...	88
J. G. Ratcliff (C)	...	90	B. A. Stewart (C)	...	87
R. E. W. Harland (C)	...	90	J. S. Filleul (G)	...	86
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	...	90	F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	...	86
R. B. McGrigor (W)	...	89	R. C. Roxburgh (W)	...	82
J. R. S. Peploe (C)	...	89	R. C. W. Dampier (T)	...	79
M. H. Franklin (C)	...	87	M. B. Hickling (C)	...	77
Total	...	722	Total	...	674

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The membership of the Club is now larger than ever, and the weekly spoon shoots produce keen competition. The scores, especially in "B" class, have been well up to standard.

Those who have won spoons this term are :—R. J. Musgrave (C) (2), T. L. Martin (G) (2), R. B. McGrigor (W), J. S. Filleul (G), T. R. Gaskell (W), M. C. Alexander (W), M. H. Franklin (C), M. R. Wallace (C), M. B. Hickling (C), The Hon. J. V. Fisher (T), D. A. Braithwaite (G), H. M. Reynard (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), C. D. Drew (C).

R.B.M.

SCOUTS

The summer camp was held near Dulverton in Somerset and was attended by thirty-nine scouts. We were glad to welcome Major R. Archer, who has had long experience of scouting in India. Though the weather was persistently unpleasant, this camp was the best that the troop has yet had; the attendance was better, the standard of camping and scout work was higher, and the site offered greater amenities than any which we have discovered in previous years. Features of the camp were the gaining of five first class badges by the Senior Troop, and a two days' hike over Exmoor by the Junior Troop, who spent the night on the top of Porlock Hill and nearly lost their tents in a gale which sprang up in the early hours of the morning.

This term the Senior Troop has repainted the Scout Hut, substituting green for the original rather drab shade of blue. The ground round the hut has been cleared, and a tree which was excluding a good deal of light has been felled. A. R. Jennings (C) has been in charge of the Senior Troop this term in the absence of Mr. Archer.

Members of the Junior Troop are producing reports on various aspects of the surrounding country to qualify for the Explorer's Badge and have begun work for the Surveyor's Badge. The Field Day on October 13th was devoted to hiking and map reading. The District Commissioner, Captain Robarts, visited the troop on December 8th.

G.G.G-L.

WORKSHOPS

The membership is as high as it has ever been and the metal shop has a record number of members.

In the woodshop many good bits of furniture are being made and it looks as if we should have a good show at the Exhibition next term. Much wood-turning is being done and considerable success is being obtained by many boys.

In the metal shop more metal-turning is being done than ever before. This is good and long may it last. Other activities are copper-beating and the making of twisted metal fire tongs.

The expedition to Morris Motors was a great success.

D.I.B.

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust :
Tudor Church Music. 10 vols.

From Mr. C. A. Goldingham :
The History and Antiquities of Buckingham, by B. Willis, LL.D., 1755.

From the Editor :
The Elegies of Propertius, by Seymour G. Tremenheere.

From the Author :
Only Yesterday, A Play in Three Acts, by Adrian Brunel.

The following books have been bought this term :—

'Art Appreciation' (Margaret Dobson); 'English Art: London Buildings, Paintings and Sculpture' (Frank P. Brown); 'Wood Engraving' (Bernard Sleight); 'The Byzantine Empire' (Norman H. Baynes); 'The Greek Tradition' (J. A. K. Thomson); 'Ancient Rome' (A. W. van Buren); 'Greek Coins' (Charles Seltman); 'Greek Geography' (Eric H. Warmington); 'The Greek Mythology' (Alexander Duthie); 'A History of the Roman World' (Howard H. Scullard); 'Twelve Centuries of Rome' (G. P. Baker); 'A History of Rome down to the Reign of Constantine' (M. Cary); 'The Cambridge Ancient History,' vol. XI.; 'Alexander' (Professor F. A. Wright); 'Nero, Emperor of Rome' (Arthur Weigall); 'Freedom, Farewell!' (Phyllis Bentley); 'The Letters of Sir Walter Scott, 1828—1831' (edited by Sir Herbert Grierson).

THE GEOGRAPHY CLASSROOM.

The Geography Side wishes to express gratitude for the following presentations :—
'A Map of Asia' (Haack Wallmap), presented by F. R. Eaton, Esq.

'A Map of North America' (Haack Wallmap), presented by F. R. Eaton, Esq.
Exhibits of :—Artificial Silk, Natural Silk, Jute, Cotton, Wool, Flax, Ropes, Rubber, presented by W. B. Morison, Esq.

Exhibits of China Clay, presented by P. Carter.

Specimens of Cannel Coal, specimens of Flax, specimens of Various Minerals; Literature and Maps of the Electricity Board, presented by A. R. Jennings.

Specimens of Raw Materials, Woods, Minerals; Canada Year Book; Literature and Maps, sent by the High Commissioner for Canada.

Specimens of Raw Materials, sent by the High Commissioner for India.

Specimens of Minerals; Literature, sent by the High Commissioner for South Africa.

Specimens of Raw Materials, Minerals, Australian Woods; Literature; Map, sent by the High Commissioner for Australia.

MUSIC

As usual the Christmas Term has lived up to its reputation of being the most active musical term in the school year. All musical enthusiasts have had every opportunity of performing or listening to every type of music.

The Subscription Concerts have been better supported by members of the School than ever before.

A detailed account of the various musical activities is given below.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

Six Choruses from Bach's Mass in B Minor have occupied all our time. The difficulty of the music need not be emphasized here. It is sufficient to say that numerous extra practices have taken place in order to master the music. After a disappointing start, the Trebles, nearly all of whom are new this term, have suddenly begun to sing. On the whole, the singing has been well up to standard.

THE ORCHESTRA.

We have been fortunate in having the same players as last term. Two Concerts have been given at which the following music was played:—Coriolan Overture, Beethoven; Casse-Noisette Suite, Tchaikowsky; Meistersinger Overture, Wagner; Brahms-Haydn Variations.

CHAPEL MUSIC.

The change over from the Church Hymnal to Songs of Praise has been most welcome. The new method of seating the School according to voices has not been altogether a success. As was to be expected, there has been a great preponderance of Basses and not enough of Trebles, Altos or Tenors to redress the balance. In addition, it takes a very long time to teach the parts of even a simple chant to non-readers of music. However, a new scheme like this is bound to take time to perfect.

THE HOBBIES ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra has continued its rehearsals under Mr. Geoghegan, and played a selection of music at a Concert on Sunday, November 29th. The standard has remained about the same as last term, nearly all the players being new this term.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

The Society has held two meetings in the Queen's Temple this term. On Wednesday, October 21st, the School Orchestra gave a concert together with the Madrigal Society. The orchestra played Beethoven's Overture to Coriolan and the last three dances of the Casse-Noisette Suite by Tchaikowsky.

Miss Parkinson received well-deserved applause for her playing of Scarlatti's Suite for piano and strings, and the Madrigal Society gave an excellent rendering of Bach's Peasant Cantata.

On Wednesday, November 11th, Mr. Blofeld, Mr. Norman Tucker and Mr. Ivor James gave a splendid recital of music for violin, 'cello and piano. To begin with they played Haydn's Gypsy Rondo. Then Mr. Tucker played Etudes Symphoniques by Schumann, which was greatly enjoyed. They ended their recital with Brahms' Horn Trio, the horn part being played by the 'cello.

An account of the other two meetings of the Society will appear in next term's *Stoic*.

M.J.

THE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA.

The Junior Orchestra has been rehearsing pieces by Handel, Purcell and Haydn with considerable success. Players are still wanted for Bass instruments.

The Sunday evening concerts have been well attended. Various masters have kindly helped in these, and many thanks are due to them.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

During the first half of the term the Society revived Bach's "Peasant Cantata," which was given with most of the solos and recitatives on October 21st at a Music Society Concert. Since then the Society has been practising carols, which will be sung on Friday, December 11th, at a concert in Assembly, and on Sunday, December 13th, at the Carol Service.

K.J.S.R.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS

This term Dr. Huggins again arranged for us a splendid series of concerts. The artists have been virtuosos of the very first rank, and the prices extremely humane. We still suffer from the lack of a good concert-hall or theatre in which performances of this sort can be given—the Gymnasium is draughty, and its acoustics are not very good, and the Library and the Queen's Temple, though excellent, are unfortunately too small.

Especial thanks are due to Dr. Huggins for procuring Moiseiwitsch, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Saturday, October 17th, in the Gymnasium. HARRO SIEGEL'S MARIONETTES.

If the Germans have a national virtue it is thoroughness; and Herr Harro Siegel's performance was a triumph of artistic precision. Behind scenes there was none of that genial chaos which belongs properly to the back-stage. Puppets hung in ordered rows behind a light steel bridge which was literally carried in suitcases. But if order reigned, no one could doubt Mr. Siegel's geniality. It was the spirit of the performance.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society is well on its way towards a complete recovery from its numerous losses during the past year.

The Officers of the Society this term are:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, P. L. D. Frankenburg (C); ex-Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C); Treasurer, N. B. Robinson (T); Librarian, D. R. Barbour (C).

The following have been elected members of the Society:—J. D. Fay (G), D. V. A. Sankey (B), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), D. Gardiner (C), L. G. McKean (G).

The 105th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, October 14th.

Before the Debate, various motions of censure were put to the vote, but lost. The ex-Secretary (C), seconded by H. S. L. Dundas (G), then moved that "in future the Secretary be present to read the Minutes, and refrain from gormandising in the Blue Room." The motion was put to the vote and carried. The Secretary's protest that he had been gormandising in the State Room, and not in the Blue Room, was ruled out of order by the President.

The House then proceeded to debate the Motion that "this House prefers peace to prosperity."

N. B. ROBINSON (T) (Hon. Proposer) was gently persuasive. True Peace, he declared, was no bodily inertia, but a quality of the mind, a calm certainty of ambition, a mental self-confidence which must be considered vastly preferable to a prosperity of many trials. Throughout, the ex-Secretary was made the butt of his subtle humour.

D. R. BARBOUR (C) (Hon. Opposer) reasoned cogently. He held that Peace was stagnant, a lack of activity, the opposite of progress, desirable only as a stepping-stone to prosperity, the greatest happiness of the greatest number. British history was but that of the subordination of Peace to prosperity.

P. L. D. FRANKENBURG (C) had a stab at chatting with the dear old House in his inimitable Wodehouse manner. After ten solid minutes on little women changing the records and putting out the slippers, he carried on all right to the blighted existence of prosperous business chappies in their City haunts.

J. H. FERGUSON (C) emphasized the political meanings of the motion. There were, he said, two kinds of Peace: the one was individual, and the other national. Individual Peace he condemned as apathy; National Peace was ever surrendered in the interests of national prosperity. He was brilliantly plausible.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, S. J. Whitwell (C), B. H. V. Paget (C) (ex-Librarian), P. M. Syrett (C), the Vice-President, J. N. Henderson (W), J. N. Carleton-Stiff (C), D. V. A. Sankey (B), J. D. Fay (G).

Against the Motion, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) (ex-Secretary), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), F. B. Richards (T), Mr. J. C. Dundas (ex-Secretary), H. S. L. Dundas (W), J. R. C. Elmslie (C).



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The Secretary summed up.
On a division being taken, there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 12	For the Motion	35
Against	- 9	Against	19

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 3 votes, and in the Lower House by 16 votes.

The Rugby Debate was held at Rugby on Saturday, October 24th, when the Society was represented by R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) (ex-Secretary, S.S.D.S.) and R. Kee (G). The Motion for Debate was "That in order to obtain happiness a man must be rich."

On a division being taken there voted :

For the Motion	- 17
Against	- 71

The Motion was therefore lost by 54 votes.

The 106th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, November 18th.

Before the Debate the Treasurer, seconded by the ex-Secretary, moved a vote of censure on the Secretary for appearing unshaved at a debate on women. The motion was put to the vote, and carried unanimously. The Treasurer, seconded by R. Kee (G), then moved "That the Secretary, and not the ex-Secretary, should write the Minutes." This, however, was lost by 4 votes.

The House then proceeded to debate the Motion, "That in the opinion of this House, women and children should not be saved first."

J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C) (Hon. Proposer) spoke in the cause of true humanity; his was a calculating kindness. He was sure the House could never condemn the Secretary's little women to a life of lonely sorrow, of yearning for the might-have-been, their lovers drowned at sea. Such sorrow must be borne by the men, gallantly surviving.

F. B. RICHARDS (T) (Hon. Opposer) awed the House with the subtlety of his brilliance. Women had gained all Man's birthright save only that legacy of the first gentleman, good manners. He begged the House still to lay their cloaks in the mud before those to whom they could afford to stoop without the need of conquest; and closed with a delicate passage of satire.

R. KEE (G) held that women without children was power without responsibility. What was woman? His own knowledge was confined to that tyrannical nuisance, the governess. As for babies, they were like April showers, singularly useless and generally damp. Modern chivalry was bogus; men should not die for a worn-out cause in which they had no faith.

T. L. DEWHURST (B) considered the proposal an outrageous reversion to barbarism. All women, like men, were born free, yet the Hon. Proposer would put them everywhere in chains. Certain conventions allowed women various privileges to balance their physical inequality to men; and these must never be permitted to lapse.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, H. S. L. Dundas (W), the Librarian (D. R. Barbour) (C), R. E. W. Harland (C), J. H. Ferguson (C), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), the Treasurer (N. B. Robinson) (T), N. S. Brown (G), M. G. Fox (C), D. Gardiner (C), G. F. Gomme (C), the Secretary (P. L. D. Frankenburg) (C), J. D. Fay (G).



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Against the Motion, the ex-Secretary (R. I. K. Moncreiffe) (C), S. J. Whitwell (C), the Vice-President, P. Johnstone (C), E. Neville Rolfe (B), L. G. McKean (C), the President.

The Hon. Proposer summed up.

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 11	For the Motion	- 29
Against	- 8	Against	- 21

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 3 votes, and in the Lower House by 8 votes.

The 107th Meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, December 9th, and will be reported in next term's issue of *The Stoic*.

P.L.D.F.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

We have unfortunately only been able to have two meetings this term, instead of our usual three.

On Friday, October 23rd, Mr. Vyvyan Adams addressed the Branch on "The League and the Future."

Though all parties in the House of Commons, which was a perfect mirror of national life, were wedded to peace, they all had different opinions as to the method of attaining it. Mr. Adams advocated a policy of collective security on the same lines as a police-force. The League had not yet employed collective security properly, and it was the members, not the system, that were to be blamed; that it might be employed more effectively in future he wished for a strong alliance with France. Force could not, for the present, be excluded from international affairs. As it was, the brief history of the League showed more success than failures. Mr. Adams declared that Germany's and Italy's demands for colonies were but part of dictatorship's need for trophies; Germany had not used her pre-war colonies, nor Italy Eritrea. Dictatorship exercised "the right to rule" by executions, concentration camps and persecution. We must work together with those who really wished for peace, France and Russia; the latter, above all, desired peace, for Communism was no longer an international organization. To prevent utter destruction, we must make another attempt at disarmament, this time on a basis of pooling armaments; the League would thus be provided with an international force, whose personnel would have no national prejudices; we should soon see whether thirty years of flying were to be a curse or a blessing to the world.

On Monday, December 6th, Monsieur G. A. L. Poteau read a paper to the Branch on "The League and the European situation from the Frenchman's point of view." A report of this meeting will appear in next term's *Stoic*.

P.M.S.

ART

On November 15th, Mr. Claude Flight and Miss Edith Lawrence gave a very interesting demonstration on the making of coloured lino-cuts and fabric designs. Mr. Flight brought with him about thirty lino-cuts, by himself and other famous British artists, which were exhibited in the Art School.

The competition to discriminate between good and bad art repeated its former success and proved instructive to the many entrants.

Mr. Dodd has presented the Art School with some statuary from the Bodleian.

The subject for the Sketch Club this term is "Destruction"; the entries are to be judged by Mr. P. F. Millard.

THE PUPPET CLUB.

There has been considerable activity this term. Five puppets have been finished. The scenery for next term's production, a variety show, is almost completed and several additions to the theatre and lighting have been made.

Herr Siegel gave an interesting lecture from which much information on the making of puppets and on general technique was gained. He very kindly showed us behind the scenes of his own theatre before the performance by his company in the Gymnasium.

P.R.B.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB.

The following meetings have been held so far this term:—

On October 23rd, D. D. Demarest (C) read his paper on "Aldous Huxley."

On November 20th, C. B. Cash (C) and R. Kee (C) read their paper on "The Last Duke."

On December 4th, P. E. R. English (B) read his paper on "Caligula."

F.B.R.

MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

The Society met in the President's Rooms on Monday, November 30th, to read "Gallows Glorious."

F.B.R.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

This term we have been fortunate enough to have Mr. and Mrs. Zettl and M. Poteau as honorary members. They have helped considerably by taking parts themselves and thus enabling us to proceed with greater speed and accuracy.

The Society has read two plays during the term, one French and one German: they were Molière's "Tartuffe," and Lessing's "Minna von Barnhelm."
J. A. Forbes (C), G. L. Le Bouvier (T), N. B. Robinson (T) and S. E. Smith (G) have been elected members of the Society.

M.J.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The numbers of the Society have increased considerably this term. Only two meetings were held; both, however, were of great interest. The first, on November 13th, was to hear a paper read by Mr. W. N. Weech, the late headmaster of Sedbergh, on the Roman Provinces. He dwelt chiefly on North Africa, and showed that under the Roman Empire that country reached a very high level of prosperity and civilization. The paper was accompanied by lantern-slides.

At the second meeting, held on December 7th, Mr. R. H. S. Crossman, Fellow of New College, read a 'Platonic Dialogue' on the aims and ends of Modern Education.

P.E.R.E.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The chief activities of the Society this term have been expeditions to Oxford and Northampton. The first was to the Morris Works, and we were accompanied by members of the Workshops. The second was to the Northampton Electric Light Works.

Two lectures were also arranged, but the first had to be postponed owing to the illness of the lecturer. The other will take place on December 11th, and will be delivered by Professor Jennings.

P.H.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Three meetings have been held this term, at the second of which the Society's new President, Mr. R. H. Pott, read the opening paper; at the third, J. E. B. Naumann (C) was the reader. An expedition to the Hope collection of Insects at Oxford had to be postponed until next term, much to everyone's regret.

R.H.G.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Owing to the comparatively small membership of this Society, it is difficult to organize expeditions without their proving too costly. An attempt was therefore made to collaborate with the Natural Science Society on some of their expeditions, but there was no opportunity for taking advantage of this.

The annual exhibition will, as usual, be held on Sports Day next term, and it is hoped that it will be as well supported as ever.

I.R.R.

THE CLAY PIGEON CLUB.

The Clay Pigeon Club is one of the latest and most up-to-date of the many Stowe clubs and societies. It has only been running for two terms, and great strides have been taken this term to make it more efficient and less expensive. There are twenty-two members in the club at present, but new members are always welcome. The standard of shooting has really been very high. At the end of last term the school team won a cup presented by the Princess Galitzine. This term all of the five matches already shot have been won. There are still three more fixtures and there is no reason why we should not repeat our former successes. P. T. B. Harker, B. A. Stewart and H. M. Straker, particularly, have shown good form in the matches.

Major Russell's work for the Club has been invaluable and all members are grateful to him for his untiring help.

A.J.S.B.

THE RIDING CLUB.

This term two horses have been most generously lent for the use of the Riding Club. These have been ridden daily by members. Every Wednesday a party of half a dozen members has kindly been sent by Dr. Huggins to the College of Horsemanship at Helidon where Capt. Meredith has given them some excellent tuition. Also he has come here and given three very instructive lectures and one demonstration on the fundamentals of horsemanship.

Every Saturday a picked team has been sent to Helidon to be specially coached by Capt. Meredith for a forthcoming match against an Oxford team captained by the Earl Haig.

There has again been a very entertaining expedition to Weedon.

A Gymkhana has been arranged for December 14th.

The increased activity of the Riding Club is chiefly due to the enthusiastic attention of Dr. Huggins.

P.S.
J.M.L.

HENRY IV: PART II

A school performance suffers from disadvantages which would be insurmountable to the professional producer. Infection, time-tables, examinations and weather (for an open air production) can turn the firmest libertarian into a fatalist. Consequently, we are prepared to condone the almost inevitable gaucheries associated with the Gymnasium. By finding a new setting, Mr. McElwee has performed miracles. Not one happy performance but two 'professionally' produced plays have been the result; and what may be called 'slickness' of production has not been common at Stowe. Fire we have been given, humour and emotion certainly; but experience and polish, intelligent costume and artistic grouping are rarer features. What is most amazing is that one should instinctively compare this with professional performances: it demands candid criticisms in place of the usual sympathetic allowances.

Henry IV is not one of Shakespeare's best plays. The historical background, which is the reason for the play, is tedious; the speeches are long-winded and the action halting. The piquancy of the comedy scenes is submerged as in a sandwich which has too much bread to be succulent. The handful of interesting characters is drowned in a turgid ocean of political documentation. Little can be done to relieve the boredom of the scenes with the nobles; and after ages of programme fumbling it is with relief that we turn to the brilliant antics of Falstaff and his crew. The producers seem to have realized that little can be done to lighten the shade of the purely 'historical' scenes and they tried to make them simply the background to the more colourful activities of 'human beings.' Drab dresses (as opposed to those of the comics) and acting restrained to the level of routine helped to enhance the effect. The producers made it patent that it was not they but William who was to blame. One wonders why they chose the play in the first place.

Most of the actors could have been more suitably cast, and it could not escape comparison with the excellence of last year's Richard II. Not even the comic highlights could relieve the background. They were merely a penny-worth of sack to an intolerable deal of bread.

F. B. Richards (T) made the best of the unattractive and petulant King, and his quavering death-bed speech was a minor masterpiece. P. J. Orde's (G) Henry was fastidious and sensitive to the point of effeminacy: it was Hamlet rather than Prince Hal, a character which refused to fit into its Agincourt context. "One can hardly forgive Shakespeare," writes Bernard Shaw, "for the wordly phase in which he tries to thrust such a Jingo hero as his Henry V down our throats. The combination of conventional propriety and brute masterfulness in his public capacity with a low-lived blackguardism in his private tastes is not a pleasant one. No doubt he is true to nature as a picture of what is by no means uncommon in English Society, an able young philistine." It is a comprehensive description of the prince, but we find it difficult to reconcile with Orde, although the type should not have been difficult to discover among the nobles. All the outstanding performances, as can be imagined, were among the comics. B. J. R. Moreton's (C) Shallow was a masterpiece of hoary futility and one could not imagine an individual more suited than R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) for the part of Silence. R. Kee (G) was a vociferous and lusty Mistress Quickly; and the Doll Tearsheet of C. B. Cash (G) was admirable. P. Shaw's (C) rumpustian Pistol, W. Kee's (G) charmingly precocious page, and M. E. Bardwell's (C) Bardolph deserve more than mention.

It is Falstaff, however, on whose white wig the burden of the play inevitably falls. In every sense of the word one of the roundest of Shakespeare's characters, he is the only excuse for the Henry IV cycle, the only inducement to go to see it. And P. L. D. Frankenburg (C) doubled the inducement by abandoning all the hackneyed tricks indispensable to the conventional Falstaff. The leers and winks, the boisterous laughter and extravagant gestures were dispensed with: even the breadbasket was unobtrusive. This Falstaff was subdued, philosophic, ironic rather than jovial, and even dignified. The producers have emphasized their point—that Part II is the tragedy of Falstaff. He is slighted on every side. His age is mocked at, his genius neglected, his actions reprimanded by soured prigs, and as the final turn of the screw his former companion turns against him. The conclusion of the play is predestined. Once the train has been laid, the catharsis is inescapable. The priggish denial, "I know you not, old man," comes in this production as an inexorable nemesis. Even Falstaff seems to have had a premonition of what is to come, or so his fatalistic attitude implies. There is

no hope in his reassurance to his followers. He is led away to exile. Prince Hal prepares himself for the jingoist armour of Henry V. And a curtain is drawn on the antics of what should be the best custard-pie comedians of literature.

Perhaps this interpretation errs in stressing too strongly the tragic element of the play. Absorbing as this original conception is, it seems that convention is right after all. Shakespeare patently introduces Falstaff and his companions as comic relief, and compensates for the dull passages with horse-play equally extreme. The Rabelaisian clowning, Falstaff's outrageous puns, Pistol's absurd combination: these are all ingredients of the typical Elizabethan farce, and farce it remains despite the good taste of the producers. The play requires a loud-mouthed Falstaff, even at the risk of inviting comparison with George Robey. In sobering the boisterous ingredients they lessen the value of the climax, which should come as a shock, to Falstaff if not to the audience. Shakespeare relied on a sudden shattering of the merriment for enhanced purgation of the audience. It should be a quick realization of the insecurity of friendship, a reminder that "There but for the Grace of God goes . . ." We were let down too easily last term, were forearmed against what should have been a profound shock.

D.D.D.

MY FIRST DEER

Two kilted figures were crouching in the twilight woods of Cardney. They knelt in so unexpected a clearing that the trees seemed to have been pushed back from around them, much as the police push back the mobs who would surround processing Royalty, and here the great army of heather on the moors above had set an outpost. The taller of the two was a MacGregor by his dark red tartan, while the younger wore the blue and green of the Atholl Murrays. He it was who carried the rifle, with which, from the cover of a moss-grown tree stump, he was endeavouring to take aim at something which stirred in the hollow below. A fallow doe was moving slowly among the slender, silver trees; while out of sight among the woodland, but yet within the hollow, another doe was gambolling up and down, now light on the moss, then heavy among the fallen leaves.

As he had come stalking through the woods, the youth in Murray tartan had missed the swing and thump of his discarded sporran; but now, fearful lest the feeblest sound should warn his quarry, he regretted it no more. It was strange how difficult it seemed to concentrate his thoughts on the all-important present; his mind appeared determined to recapture that far-off day when he had lain among the heather on the slopes of Ben 'a Chait. The most beautiful glen in Atholl had stretched out warm beneath the September sun, as for the first time he had watched the great red stags being driven to their death. He had seen a thousand deer together on the mountain-side, a moving mass of glory, as they had fled through Glentilt that day.

Behind the words that sounded in his mind he heard the melancholy notes of the Lament for MacGregor of Roro, a continual refrain of thoughts within his thoughts, a strange enough accompaniment, and somewhat ill-omened in the presence of the Chief's own nephew. He glanced at his companion. It was almost terrifying, he felt, to think that not two hundred years had past since these same Children of the

Mist, the wild MacGregor outlaws, had been the quarry in many such a scene. What a giant his cousin was, crouching there with his hand on his long knife. That knife, he knew, would be through the doe's heart almost before the shot had died away. And then would come the ghastly business of the gralloch. It was a pity that she was a doe, he would have vastly preferred a buck. Curse these flies, how could he keep motionless and steady. He cautiously shifted his right hand to his leg. The flies at once began to irk his head. He must not forget that the rifle threw low and to the right, but those trees made any correction dangerous.

The doe paused for a moment, a dark brown shadow against the thick green moss, zebra-striped with the silver of the trees.

"Just behind the shoulder," the MacGregor was whispering. "Now."
He took the first pressure.

R.I.K.M.

BYRON: THE LAST PHASE

"If anything was more characteristic of Byron than another," said Disraeli, "it was his rude common sense." This common sense, however, was balanced in Byron's illogical character by sentimentality and a childish love of play-acting. A morbid self-consciousness forced him to the centre of the stage and kept him there. Role after role was assumed only to be cast aside: the wan young Hamlet, disgusted with the vanities of this world, hid himself to an old abbey and drank out of a hollowed skull; the roué descendant of "Mad Jack" Byron invaded the boudoir with a cynical leer and married an heiress for her money; the tender lover, shocked by the looseness of other women, declared his faithful and melodramatic love for his own sister; and the romantic poet of freedom, misunderstood by his fellow-countrymen, went to forget his sorrows on the field of battle. One of his contemporaries said of him, "What a man he will make when he grows up!" Byron attained this long delayed majority in Italy. He found it hard to keep up his pretences in the face of dirt and boredom and *mal du pays*. Boredom is one of the best cures for Romanticism: suffering strengthens it, happiness pampers it, but Byron found that to conjugate the verb *ennuyer* is the beginning of wisdom.

The gilt had worn off his Italian exile. He was irritated by the flies, the dust, the laziness of servants and the discomforts of living abroad. Nauseated with chasing the Countess Guiccioli round Italy because he had once been her *cavaliere servente*, tired of perjuring himself for the Hunts because they were the friends of Shelley, Byron found relief in writing 'Don Juan.'

In it we see for the first time the signs of Byron's manhood, of his emancipation from sentimentality. His self-consciousness lost, he could stand aloof and laugh at himself and others. He took full advantage of this opportunity. There was now an intimacy between the author and his audience; the narrative was interrupted for humorous asides and pieces of worldly wisdom:

"Then their ankles—well

Thank Heaven, I've got no metaphor quite ready,
(And so, my sober Muse, come let's be steady)."

There were useful tips like this:

"The best of remedies is a beefsteak
Against sea-sickness: try it, Sir, before
You sneer, and I assure you this is true,
For I have found it answer—so may you."

(How this would have pleased Lord Chesterfield!).

Byron saw himself for the first time without the robes of melodrama, and laughed:

"But I am but a nameless sort of person,
(A broken dandy, lately on my travels)
And take for rhyme, to hang my rambling verse on,
The first that Walker's Lexicon unravels,
And when I can't find that I put a worse on,
Not caring as I ought for critics' cavils;
I've half a mind to tumble down to prose,
But verse is more in fashion—so here goes!"

When he was not writing poetry Byron found life dull and disappointing. The Guiccioli were troublesome, the children of the Hunts dirty and noisy. He wrote to Mary Shelley: "I have a particular dislike of anything of Shelley's being within the same walls with Mrs. Hunt's children. They are dirtier and more mischievous than Yahoos. What they can't destroy with their filth they do with their fingers."

Leigh Hunt was dependent on him and consequently touchy and suspicious. At one time when he had dropped "My dear Byron" for "Dear Lord Byron" in his letters, the latter replied "Dear Lord Hunt." The frivolity infuriated that sensitive man and Byron had to make a sea-voyage of fifteen miles in silence as a result.

The tedium was finally relieved by the Greek campaign. The Hunts were sent away and a settlement was reached with the Guiccioli. Although Byron had now realized the hypocrisy of his liberator pose, he felt bound to carry on with what he had begun. Besides, it meant activity and perhaps death, both of which were welcome. He was drawn into feverish planning; his fortune was squandered to buy the rebels arms. In ceaseless exertion he tried to forget. We catch glimpses of him here and there: a hectic figure demanding guns, making friends with Greek robber chieftains, arguing with the unsoldierly Stanhope, and remarking sadly, "No, Tita, I shall never go back from Greece. Either the Turks or the Greeks or the climate will prevent that."

In this last period Byron has much in common with T. E. Lawrence. He was devoting himself to a campaign in which he no longer had any faith, because he had begun. He recognized, as Lawrence did, the sentimentality and false romance that had led him into this position and hated it. Lady Blessington said of him, as others have said of Lawrence, that he was constantly analysing his feelings and those of others. This analysis made him mistrust his own motives. His state of mind before his death was much the same as that of Lawrence before Damascus: he no longer had any feelings of trust or affection for the people with whom he was fighting; he knew that they would betray or murder him at the slightest provocation; he considered himself a hypocrite. As with Lawrence, either a sense of duty, or masochism, or fatalism made him continue with the war. He would take no rest.

On April the ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, Byron caught a chill when out riding. Through his own neglect this turned into a dangerous fever, and he died within ten days. A whisper spread through the camp and then all Greece; it reached Goethe in Berlin and Thomas More in London: "Byron is dead." Tennyson wept.

D.D.D.

SOME STOWE NOTES

"The Saloon" (Assembly), at Stowe:—"This apartment, though particularly grand at any time, appears transcendently magnificent when illuminated with the numerous patent lamps which disperse their lights from behind the cornice. At those times the effect is greatly heightened by the melodious strains that issue from a concealed music gallery situated in one corner of the saloon."

From Britton & Brayley's "Beauties of England," published in 1801.

"The Duchess of Buckingham told me that when George the Fourth slept at Stowe in the State Bedchamber (which has a good deal of ebony furniture) it was lighted up with a vast number of wax candles, which were kept burning the whole night."

From Samuel Rogers (1763-1855) in his "Table Talk."

The State Bedchamber is now Chandos Houseroom.

LORD COBHAM.

On the fall of Walpole in 1742, Lord Cobham (who had been deprived in 1733 of all his military commands for his opposition to the Excise Bill, and for pressing for an inquiry into the South Sea Company's affairs) was appointed (Feb. 20, 1742) Lieut.-General of the Office of Ordnance (England being once more at war). The following lines are from a London paper of the same date:—

Then too the noble Cobham, first of Men!
May leave his garden for the Camp again,
Call'd like old Rome's dictator from the Plough
To plant once more the Laurel on his Brow.

On a contemporary caricature:—

"Fighting Dicky,
Who for Bob* has Trick for Trickec."
(*Walpole).

Mrs. Delany to Mrs. Ann Granville, from Brook St., March 3, 1739.
"Lord Cobham talked over the business of the day, and gave me more entertainment than the whole House of Lords; that thin, decayed carcass of his contains a spirit that is surprising."

1739. July 15. Lord Cobham writes to the Ministry (Wilmington?) as Governor of Jersey* on "the necessity of an election of Jurats." "They themselves cannot agree, were it left to their choice, whether they be all or part. I need not observe to your Lordship that as little harmony subsists amongst them at present as formerly . . . a proof that six will act illegally and arbitrarily as well as twelve."

* When Lord Cobham was deprived by Walpole of his military commands, he retained his Governorship of Jersey, this being a life appointment.

BOOK REVIEW

"THE BROTHERS ASHKENAZI," by I. J. Singer (translated from the Yiddish by Maurice Samuel). (Putnam 8/6).

Through its amazing adaptability the Jewish race has held a position of importance in the world for a longer space of time, perhaps, than any other. In every country, from time to time, resistance is made to the growth of the Jewish empire of trade; but in vain, for their nation, like their God, is invisible, unlimited, everywhere. In spite of their readiness to adapt themselves to any circumstances, they are never assimilated or effaced by them; they retain their racial characteristics however diluted the real Jewish blood in them becomes, and their national customs and religion though these may be a great handicap to them. Like every race, from time to time they produce great men; but the Jews' great men are great in a way peculiar to them; it is an essentially commercial greatness.

Of this type was the elder of the Ashkenazi twins, Max. He was cold, far-sighted, ambitious, while his brother Yakob was more alive, more human. The book tells the story of the life-long rivalry between them; they represent warring elements in the human structure. In the background is the quick rise and quicker fall of the town of Lodz, in which both of them reached positions of high importance. Lodz was an industrial town in Poland, whose prosperity had a mushroom growth, until it was utterly destroyed by the economic shock of war and revolution, and with it was destroyed Max; Yakob lived through and thus the feud ended with him victorious.

It is a powerful story, brilliantly written. Occasional slightly stilted sentences are hardly noticeable, and must be put down to the fact that the book is translated from another language.

P.E.R.E.

WHEN ?

(With apologies to the modern poets.)

When ?
When will the mauve sea
Make circles round
The purple moon ?
When, O when
Will the pink elephants
On the bathroom ceiling
Eat the yellow snakes
On the bedroom floor ?
When, O when ?
Yea, when indeed !
When ?

L.T.P.



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